

PBA Spare Shots

RONNIE RUSSELL'S CHAMELEON 300 A "HIT" ON YOUTUBE

If you missed **Ronnie Russell's** 300 game during the shootout round of the PBA Chameleon Championship on ESPN last Sunday, you can join the more than 325,000 who have already checked it out on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02imeWT-3OA>.

Russell, who made three television finals during the recent GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI at South Point in Las Vegas, will be among the five finalists who will compete for the PBA World Championship title live on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 11, at 1 p.m. ET. The two-time PBA Tour champion from Marion, Ind., will be in the World Championship round field along with top qualifier **Wes Malott, Mike Fagan, Todd Book** and **Stuart Williams**.

ARCHER WAS FIRST IN ROLLTECH STRIKE STATS, FOURTH IN CHAMELEON SPARES

During the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, the PBA worked with Rolltech to record unique frame-by-frame, ball-by-ball statistics for the 14 qualifying games. Here's a look at some of the stats for the four players in the Chameleon Championship: top qualifier **DJ Archer, Ronnie Russell, Sean Rash** and **J.R. Raymond**. Archer won the Viper title, defeating Russell in the title match, 241-215. The Chameleon finals aired Sunday on ESPN:

📊 Strike percentage: top qualifier Archer struck on 100 of 156 shots for a 64.10% success rate. Russell was second (60.13%, 95 strikes on 158 attempts), Rash was third (59.88%, 97 of 162) and Raymond was fourth (57.05%, 89 of 156). The 240-player field's strike percentage was 49.01% (9,923 strikes on 20,247 attempts).

📊 Spare percentage: Rash was the leading spare shooter (86.21% successful on 50 of 58 attempts) followed by Raymond (85.48% on 53 of 62 attempts), Russell (81.03% on 47 of 58) and Archer (70.59% on 36 of 51). The field's success rate was 73.48% (7,144 of 9,722 attempts).

📊 Single pin spare conversions: two players were perfect – Raymond with 39 on 39 attempts and Rash with 38 of 38. Archer made 27 of 27 (92.59%) and Russell made 33 of 36 (91.67%). The field's success rate was 94.12% (4,468 spares made on 4,747 attempts).

📊 Multi-pin spare conversions: Archer made 9 of 10 (90%), Raymond made 14 of 16 (87.50%), Russell 12 of 14 (85.71%) and Rash 11 of 13 (84.62%). The field converted 73.68% (2,394 successful spares on 3,249 attempts).

TOM HESS NIPS TEENAGER IN CHAMELEON "SELFIE" CHALLENGE

In the Chameleon Championship edition of the special "take a selfie" promotion sponsored by High 5 Gear during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, Scorpion Championship finalist **Tom Hess** knocked down nine pins to nip 17-year-old **Cameron Collins'** eight-count. The special promotion gave a lucky fan who "tweeted" a selfie an opportunity to participate in a one-ball "showdown" against a PBA star prior to each WSOB telecast. Despite losing the showdown, Collins received the autographed ball Hess used in the contest.

ON TAP FOR SUNDAY: THE PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP ON ESPN

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecast No. 4, the Scorpion Championship finals, will air Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. Top qualifier **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix, Ariz., bidding for his fourth PBA Tour title, will bowl the winner of a three-player shootout match involving No. 2 **Scott Newell**, Deland, Fla.; No. 3 **Martin Larsen**, Sweden, and No. 4 **Tom Hess**, Urbandale, Iowa.

To view a preview of Sunday's telecast, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGWUgaZoVzg>

NEW YEAR WILL BE JOHNNY PETRAGLIA'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY AS PBA COMPETITOR

The 2015 season will mark PBA Hall of Famer **Johnny Petraglia's** 50-year anniversary of competitive involvement with the PBA, including 14 titles won in 763 PBA Tour events, another nine titles in 85 PBA Regionals and eight titles won in 117 PBA50 Tour events. Petraglia also served his fellow players as PBA President, and earned induction into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1982. The only player in PBA history to win national PBA titles in six different decades is still active, and will celebrate his 67th birthday on March 3.

USBC MASTERS PRO-AM ENTRIES, TICKETS AVAILABLE

Pro-Am entries for the United States Bowling Congress Masters at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., are now being accepted. Pro-am squads are scheduled for 4 and 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2. Basic entry fees are \$50 for adults and \$25 for seniors or youth bowlers, or entry fees including a new Brunswick bowling ball are \$150 for adults, and \$125 for seniors or youth bowlers.

To enter the USBC Masters Pro-Am, contact **Dave LaBar** at 920-336-0400 or dave@ashbowl.com.

Tickets for the Masters also are available from Ashwaubenon Bowl. For more information on daily and ESPN tickets, contact **Matt Orvis** at 920-336-0400 or matt@ashbowl.com.

QUICK NOTES

📺 The starting time for the March 29 ESPN telecast of the PBA League Quarterfinals has been adjusted by 30 minutes. The new start time is 5 p.m. ET.

📺 Veteran PBA Regional competitor **Sean Swanson** received good news over the holidays about his on-going battle against a rare form of cancer. The 45-year-old Swanson's story was told in a feature written by Springfield, Mo., News Leader reporter Lyndal Scranton: <http://www.news-leader.com/story/sports/2014/12/28/local-bowling-pro-swanson-strikes-back-cancer/20985163/>

📺 Reminder: Each month MOTIV is giving away a bowling ball to someone who signs up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month promotion is a continuation of the MOTIV promotion which ran during the 2014 GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI when MOTIV gave away one bowling ball a day for the six days of WSOB competition.

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England's Stuart Williams Carries Banner for International Players in PBA World Championship Finals

Williams makes dramatic surge to qualify for live ESPN Finals Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. ET

LAS VEGAS – The road to the stepladder finals of the 55th PBA World Championship is a long one, but it took a dramatic win in the final position round match to vault England's Stuart Williams into the finals.

In that match, Williams advanced from seventh place to fifth with a 258-194 victory over fellow Englishman and defending World Championship winner Dom Barrett at the South Point Bowling Center last October at the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI in Las Vegas.

The stepladder finals for the PBA World Championship – the third major and final tournament of the season– will be televised live on ESPN Sunday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. ET from the brand new South Point Bowling Plaza.

William's run to the finals came after four seven-game qualifying rounds and three eight-game match play rounds conducted on five different lane conditions that culminated with the dramatic position round match.

"It was pretty clear that both Dom and I needed to bowl a huge last game to have a chance," said the 33-year-old Williams. "Because (the standings) were so tight, I think we were both confident we could get into the finals. We were actually pulling for each other knowing that the score was the most important thing.

"After I left a 10 pin in the ninth frame, the pressure began to get a little more intense," Williams added. "After a bad first shot in the 10th I was able to make the spare and regain my composure to throw the strike in the fill frame (last shot in the 10th frame) to confirm my spot on the ladder."

Williams, who became the first player from England to win a PBA Tour title when he captured the 2011 PBA Viper Championship during World Series of Bowling III, will be trying for his second PBA Tour title. He will also be trying to improve upon a previous best major finish of third which came in the 2013 United States Bowling Congress Masters. This season he's had a best Tour finish of third which came in the Kuwait International Open.

As the No. 5 qualifier for the telecast, Williams will have his work cut out for him. He will meet No. 4 qualifier Todd Book of Russells Point, Ohio, in the opening stepladder match and if he wins that one, he will have to win three more matches for the title. Next in line in the stepladder format would be No. 3 qualifier Ronnie Russell, of Marion, Ind.; No. 2 qualifier Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, and top qualifier Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas.

"I have no idea whether the break (between the World Series match play finals and the ESPN telecast) will make it easier or harder for me, but coming in as the fifth seed I figure I have nothing to lose," Williams said. "Since the World Series, I've been traveling the

globe, but I feel like I'm still in really good form. Since Wes has the choice for what condition we'll be bowling on as top qualifier, and it will be my first experience on the new lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza, I'll have to wait to see what my strategy will be when I get there."

The World Championship (formerly called the PBA National Championship from 1960-2001) has distinguished itself as one of the premier showcases for the world's best bowling talent. The Earl Anthony Trophy is awarded to the World Championship winner, named after the late PBA Hall of Famer who holds the record for most World Championship wins with six.

To watch a highlight video of Williams in action click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8ZaB2p3Unc>

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Nev., Sunday, Jan. 11 (live on ESPN, 1 p.m. ET)

Fast Facts about Stuart Williams

1. My all-time favorite movie? Pulp Fiction 2. Favorite food or meal? Filet Mignon 3. My all-time favorite TV show? The Wire 4. Favorite musical group? No real favorite 5. Most memorable bowling moment? Winning the World Ranking masters in 2007, closely followed by my lone PBA Tour title (Viper Open) in 2011 6. Most coveted bowling accomplishment? Winning my PBA title 7. What is your prized possession? My City of Barcelona Open trophy. My first international victory, in the first event I ever played in internationally 8. Hobbies other than bowling? Watching movies and sports, especially sports 9. Occupation I'd love if I wasn't bowling? Professional fantasy football player 10. My all-time sports/bowling hero? Michael Jordan and bowler Choi Bok Eum 11. My most cherished accomplishment outside of bowling? Convincing my wife Tina (former Team USA member Tina Stickney) to marry me 12. Charities I work with that have special meaning to me? Make-A-Wish 13. The No. 1 item on my bowling "bucket list"? Win a second PBA title 14. The No. 1 item on my personal (non-bowling) "bucket list"? To never work a 9-5 job 15. Are you accomplished in any other sports? I was England's Crown Green Bowls (lawn bowling) national junior champion at 14

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JASON BELMONTE'S BIG YEAR TOPS PBA STORIES FOR 2014

Jason Belmonte's back-to-back "major" victories in the USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions on the heels of winning 2012-13 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year honors was the biggest story in another hallmark year for the PBA. For more detailed information about the PBA's top stories in 2014, visit the pba.com summary:

<http://news.pba.com/post/2014/12/30/PBAe28099s-Top-10-Stories-of-2014.aspx>. The year's top stories included:

- ☑ The PBA christened the new South Point Bowling Plaza with its series of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecasts on ESPN;
- ☑ The launch of the PBA Women's Regional program and the introduction of its historic international regional program in Japan;
- ☑ The "Hall of Fame" season on the PBA50 Tour;
- ☑ Silver Lake Atom Splitters winning the PBA League Elias Cup behind the Mark Roth MVP performance of **Chris Barnes**;
- ☑ The launch of the far-reaching multi-media PBA Network;
- ☑ "Perfect" performances on television by **Sean Rash** and **Ronnie Russell**;
- ☑ The ushering in of a new era for the "young guns" on the PBA Tour;
- ☑ An electrifying Badger Open championship match between **Bill O'Neill** and **Brian Valenta**;
- ☑ **Jason Couch** becomes the "comeback kid" in an impressive Delaware Regional victory.

XTRA FRAME RETURNS WITH LIVE COVERAGE OF DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Live Xtra Frame coverage returns Jan. 15-17 with the historic live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational from Tokyo, Japan – the first-ever international tournament covered live by the PBA's online bowling channel.

For a complete schedule of upcoming events on Xtra Frame, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Live/>. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscriptions are available for \$64.99; one-month subscriptions are only \$7.99. Xtra Frame is a major component of the PBA's multi-media PBA Network.

ROLLTECH STATS SAY HAUGEN WAS SCORPION STRIKES AND SPARES LEADER

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📊 Strike percentage: Haugen struck on 100 of 159 shots for a 66.89% success rate followed by Larsen (62.34%, 96 strikes on 154 attempts), Newell (62.03%, 98 of 158) and Hess (59.75%, 95 of 159). The 240-player field's strike percentage was 49.25% (9,892 strikes on 20,086 attempts).

📊 Spare percentage: Haugen was the leading spare shooter (90.74% successful on 49 of 54 attempts) followed by Hess (90.16% on 55 of 61 attempts), Newell (89.09%, 49 of 55) and Larsen (81.48%, 44 of 54). The field converted 74.99% (7,215 of 9,621 attempts).

📊 Single pin spare conversions: two players were perfect – Hess converted on 36 of 36 attempts and Haugen made 30 of 30. Newell made 29 of 30 (96.67%) and Larsen made 34 of 36 (94.44%). The field converted 4,475 of 4,811 (93.02%).

📊 Multi-pin spare conversions: Newell made 10 of 10, Hess 18 of 20 (90%), Haugen 17 of 20 (85%) and Larsen 10 of 12 (83.33%). The field converted 76.14% (2,508 of 3,294 attempts).

TWO-HANDER WARREN PACKER LOSES TO RONNIE RUSSELL'S STRIKE

In the Scorpion Championship edition of the special "take a selfie" promotion sponsored by High 5 Gear during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, Viper, Chameleon and PBA World Championship finalist **Ronnie Russell** rolled a strike to "defeat" 29-year-old two-handed Dallas, Texas bowler **Warren Packer**'s eight-count. The special promotion gave a lucky fan who "tweeted" a selfie an opportunity to participate in a one-ball "showdown" against a PBA star prior to each WSOB telecast. Despite losing the showdown, Packer received the autographed ball Russell used in the contest.

ON TAP FOR SUNDAY: THE PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP LIVE ON ESPN

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecast No. 5, the PBA World Championship finals, will air live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET. Top qualifier **Wes Malott** of Pflugerville, Texas, is bidding for his 10th PBA Tour title and second major. He will bowl the survivor of stepladder battles involving No. 2 **Mike Fagan**, Fort Worth, Texas; No. 3 **Ronnie Russell**, Marion, Ind.; No. 4 **Todd Book**, Russells Point, Ohio, and No. 5 **Stuart Williams**, England.

In addition to profile videos of each of the five finalists that will be posted on the PBA YouTube Channel – a part of the PBA Network – this week, you can watch the dramatic position round of match play that determined the final field:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X4gRvAur2nM>

ENTER THE HOTELPLANNER.COM MONTHLY SWEEPSTAKES

HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, has renewed its sweepstakes program for 2015 and will award a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky winner each month all year. To enter, book a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com using one of the links below before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. You must enter through any link on pba.com, or by using this link: <http://pba.hotelplanner.com/>. Each additional reservation you make through HotelPlanner.com will earn you another free entry into the sweepstakes.

The monthly drawing will take place on the last day of the month. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only. Any incidental charges will be the responsibility of the person using the certificate.

To enter without making a purchase, send a letter to HotelPlanner, attn.: Carlos Diaz, 777 S. Flagler Drive, Suite 800 West Tower, West Palm Beach, FL 33401. Written entries must be received before the end-of-the-month drawing.

QUICK NOTES

📊 **Ronnie Russell**'s "perfect game" in the 2014 PBA Chameleon Championship shootout round has now exceeded 410,000 views on the PBA YouTube Channel. To watch the 24th nationally-televised 300 game in PBA history, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02imeWT-3OA>

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Mike Fagan Wins PBA World Championship for Fifth Tour Title and Second Major

In battle of Texans, No. 2 qualifier Fagan defeated top qualifier Wes Malott 252-212 in championship match

LAS VEGAS (Jan. 11, 2015) - In a championship match battle between two players from Texas, Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, prevailed to win the Professional Bowlers Association World Championship Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza for his fifth PBA Tour title.

Fagan, who qualified second for the stepladder finals, defeated top qualifier Wes Malott from the Austin suburb of Pflugerville, 252-212, in the title match to also record his second major title after winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters in 2012.

"The majors are where you can separate yourself from everyone else," said Fagan, who is originally from Long Island, New York.

"These opportunities don't come around too often so you always have to consider yourself fortunate to be in a position to win and the take advantage of the opportunity you worked so hard for.

"Making it into the (PBA) Hall of Fame is one of my goals," he continued. "I've thought about my place in the sport and while winning my second major is another step in getting there, it's a big step for sure."

In the title match, Fagan and Malott traded strikes in the first four frames but then a turning point came when Malott, trying for his 10th Tour title, left the 2-10 split in the fifth which he failed to convert. Fagan had a moment of his own when he left an 8-10 split in the eighth frame but was able to finish strong and hold off Malott for the win.

"As much as you try to relax it's still very stressful," Fagan said. "I was concentrating so hard I didn't know what frame I was in or what the score was. I just wanted to make good shots."

Malott, who was also trying for his second major after winning the U.S. Open in 2013, admitted to having problems figuring out the left lane in the second half of the game.

"The left lane transitioned a lot for me and I made a move that I was confident in making but I missed my break point," said Malott, who also finished second in the 2009 World Championship. "Of all the things that could go wrong, that's something I didn't think I would do."

In the semifinal match, Fagan defeated No. 5 qualifier Stuart Williams of England, 219-206, to advance to the championship match.

Williams, who was trying to win his second Tour title and become the second consecutive player from England to win the World Championship (Dom Barrett was the first winning last year's World Championship), opened the stepladder by defeating No. 4 qualifier Todd Book of Russells Point, Ohio, who was trying for his first Tour title, 236-211. Williams then went on to defeat Ronnie Russell of Marion, Indiana, who was trying for his third title, in the second match, 259-248, to advance to the semifinal.

As the third major and final tournament of the season, the World Championship (formerly called the PBA National Championship from 1960-2001), has distinguished itself as one of the premier showcases for the world's best bowling talent. In addition to the \$50,000 first prize, Fagan took home the Earl Anthony Trophy named after the late PBA Hall of Famer who holds the record for most World Championship wins with six.

Malott earned \$25,000 for second, Williams, \$15,000 for third, Russell, \$12,000 for fourth and Book \$10,000 for fifth.

The five finalists advanced to the finals after preliminary qualifying and match play rounds conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling last October at the South Point. The finalists competed in a total of 52 games on five different lane conditions to reach the finals.

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's Final Results

At South Point Bowling Plaza

Las Vegas

Final Standings: 1, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$50,000. 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$25,000. 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$15,000. 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$12,000. 5, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, \$10,000.

Playoff Results: Match One – Williams def. Book, 236-211. Match two – Williams def. Russell, 259-248. Semifinal – Fagan def. Williams, 219-206. Championship match – Fagan def. Malott, 252-212.

PBA Challenge Finals Puts Spotlight on Other PBA Divisions Sunday at 3 p.m. ET on ESPN
PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional tours and youth players take center stage in unique championship telecast

LAS VEGAS (Jan. 14, 2015) -- The spotlight shifts to the Professional Bowlers Association's other divisions when the PBA Challenge Finals presented by the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum airs on ESPN Sunday at 3 p.m. ET from the South Point Bowling Plaza. The PBA Challenge will include four one-game matches featuring the best of the PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional Tour, PBA Women's Regional Tour and top youth bowlers battling for the Teen Masters Grand Championship. Concluding the telecast, the four winners will compete in a unique one-ball knock-out round finale.

In the PBA50 Tour finals, PBA Hall of Famer and defending champion Walter Ray Williams Jr. will face off against fellow Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli. Monacelli and Williams finished one-two in an eight-game match play qualifying event for the 2014 season's top eight PBA50 Tour players based on competition points. The match play event preceded the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI in October.

The PBA's Regional programs will take center stage when Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Arizona, representing the PBA's West Region, and EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, representing the PBA Central Region, battle it out in the PBA Regional finals. Both players earned their spots in an eight-game qualifier made up of the top 2014 regional point-earners from the PBA's eight regions. Blanchard and Tackett, both former PBA Rookies of the Year (Blanchard 2011-12 and Tackett 2012-13), are examples of players who honed their skills in PBA regional competition.

In the new PBA Women's Regional finals will be standouts Clara Guerrero, a Colombia native living in Pflugerville, Texas, representing the PBA Southwest Region, against Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California, who won the PBA West Region berth in the women's qualifying event.

While not officially affiliated with the PBA, the Teen Masters Grand Championship match will put a focus on possible future PBA stars. The Teen Masters Grand Championship, presented by PBA, opens the show with 2014 Teen Masters boys' division winner Michael Coffey, who bowls for Lindenwood University in St. Louis, bowling against Teen Masters girls' division winner Kelly Skalacki of Corem, New York, who competes for Webber International University.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI action concludes on ESPN2 on Sunday Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. ET with the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA, 1 p.m. ET.

Bowling fans can follow all the World Series of Bowling action through the PBA Network which includes wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>

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FIVE MORE CHINESE "PIONEERS" QUALIFY FOR PBA MEMBERSHIP

Longmarch Bowling founder **Frank Zhao** has confirmed five more Chinese players have qualified for PBA membership during the fourth edition of his Longmarch Pioneers League program. The three-day "league" session – this one at Longmarch Bowling Center in Shanghai over New Year's weekend – included 36 bowlers from Philippine, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and several areas in the mainland China.

All players bowled two six-game sessions each day for three days in an attempt to establish a minimum 200 average. The five who were successful will bring China's PBA membership rolls up to 27 members after applications are submitted and approved. A select few from that group plan to participate in PBA World Series of Bowling VII at South Point in Las Vegas in 2015.

Zhao said six women bowled in the most recent "pioneer league," bringing the total of women qualifiers to 10 over the past two years. None have achieved the 200 milestone yet, he said, but two averaged over 190.

ROLLTECH STATS SAY PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALISTS OUT-STRUCK THE FIELD

According to Rolltech's frame-by-frame, ball-by-ball statistics for the combined 28 PBA World Championship qualifying games for all four animal pattern championships, the ultimate measure of success for finalists **Wes Malott, Mike Fagan, Ronnie Russell, Todd Book** and **Stuart Williams** was their significant advantage on strikes thrown across the gamut of lane conditions.

The PBA World Championship aired live on ESPN Sunday. Stats recorded from the qualifying rounds held during the GEICO PBA WSOB VI at South Point Bowling Center in October showed the following:

▣ While the 240-player World Series field struck on only 51.20% of its strike attempts (37,846 strikes on 73,916 attempts), all five World Championship finalists out-performed the field by a significant margin. The strike leader was Williams, who struck on 205 of 319 attempts (64.26%), followed by Russell (62.85%, 198 of 315), Malott (62.26%, 198 of 318), Book (61.20%, 194 of 317) and Fagan (59.94%, 190 of 317).

During the individual animal pattern qualifying rounds, the field struck at a 57.92% rate on the 35-foot Cheetah pattern, 49.93% on the 37-foot Viper pattern, 49.25% on the 41-foot Scorpion pattern and 49.01% on the 39-foot Chameleon pattern.

▣ Spare percentage: Malott was the best overall in spare conversion, making 105 of 119 attempts (88.24%), followed by Russell (84.96%, 96 of 113), Fagan (83.33%, 100 of 120), Book (78.07%, 89 of 114) and Williams (71.43%, 75 of 105). The field converted on 73.04% of its attempts (24,826 of 33,991).

During qualifying, the field converted 74.99% of its spare attempts on the Scorpion, 73.48% on the Chameleon, 73.16% on the Cheetah and 71.84% on the Viper.

▣ Single pin spare conversions: Malott made 98.80% of his single-pin spare attempts (82 of 83), followed closely by Fagan (98.44%, 63 of 64). Book made 96.67% (58 of 60), Russell 94.44% (68 of 72) and Williams 93.65% (59 of 63). The field's success rate was 92.67% (15,818 of 17,070 attempts).

The field fared the best with a 94.12% single-pin conversion rate on the Chameleon followed by 93.22% on the Viper, 93.02% on the Scorpion and 91.67% on the Cheetah.

▣ Multi-pin spare conversions: Russell led in multi-pin spares (92.59%, 25 of 27) followed by Malott (86.96%, 20 of 23), Fagan (84.62%, 33 of 39), Book (76.32%, 29 of 38), and Williams (69.57%, 16 of 23). The field made 74.08%, converting on 8,105 of 10,941 attempts.

The field was most successful in multi-pin spare conversions on the Scorpion pattern (76.14%) followed by 75.33% on the Cheetah, 73.68% on the Chameleon and 73.23% on the Viper.

▣ Splits took their toll on the field, as expected. Overall, the field left 6,566 splits and converted only 993 times (a 15.12% success rate). The conversion rate was best in the Chameleon qualifying (16.34%) followed by 14.49% in the Viper round, 15.30% in the Scorpion round and 13.06% in the Cheetah round.

PBA STARS AGAIN DOMINATE TEAM USA FOR 2015

Veteran PBA Tour stars will again dominate Team USA in 2015, following the Team USA trials and National Selection Committee announcements in early January. During the trials, 16-year-old amateur **Kamron Doyle** of Brentwood, Tenn., won the national championship, defeating PBA Rookie of the Year contender **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., in the title match, 234-206. Wichita State collegiate bowler **AJ Chapman** of Oswego, Ill., finished third in the stepladder finals. The top three finishers automatically earn Team USA berths.

The men's selections based on resumes and Trials performance were PBA Tour competitors **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa., **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill.; **John Szczerbinski** of Tonawanda, N.Y.; **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, and **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C. along with amateurs **John Janawicz** and **Devin Bidwell**.

PBA Women's Series titlist **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Kettering, Ohio, won the women's title with a 246-222 win over amateur **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y. PBA record-setting **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., finished third. Women's team selections included PBA champions **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif.; **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., and **Stefanie Johnson** of Grand Prairie, Texas, along with amateurs **Brittni Hamilton**, **Josie Earnest**, **Bryanna Caldwell** and **Erin McCarthy**.

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Zhao said six women bowled in the most recent "pioneer league," bringing the total of women qualifiers to 10 over the past two years. None have achieved the 200 milestone yet, he said, but two averaged over 190.

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Baker Team Pairings (live on Xtra Frame following Scotch Doubles finals)

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Chris Barnes Wins DHC PBA Japan Invitational for 18th PBA Tour Title

Future hall of famer rolls 300 in semifinal match for \$43,032 bonus

TOKYO, Japan (Jan. 17, 2015) – Future Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, enjoyed one of the most rewarding days in his career Sunday, winning the DHC PBA Japan Invitational at Tokyo Port Bowl for his 18th career PBA Tour title after rolling a 300 game in his semifinal round match.

The championship round was video streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame bowling channel, completing historic start-to-finish online live coverage of an international PBA Tour event.

Barnes, 44, won the \$43,032 (5 million yen) first prize with a 206-196 victory over top qualifier Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, who was trying for back-to-back titles after winning the PBA World Championship seven days earlier in Las Vegas. Barnes also won a \$43,032 bonus for rolling a championship round perfect game in eliminating England's Stuart Williams, 300-225, in the semifinal match. For the day, Barnes earned 10 million yen, or \$86,064 U.S. dollars.

Williams, the No. 4 qualifier, ended the first-title hopes of two-handed player Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, 242-237, in the first stepladder match, and Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 245-222, in the second match.

Earlier Sunday, Australia's Jason Belmonte and partner Yang Hyeong Kyoo of Japan won the \$5,164 first prize in the Scotch Doubles special event with a 236-204 victory over England's Dom Barrett and Manae Kameshima of Japan. The doubles competition paired a member of the international contingent with a PBA Japan player.

International Team B (Fagan, Sean Rash, Dom Barrett and Barnes) won the Baker team special event with a 239-184 victory over International Team A (Wes Malott, Williams, Eddie Van Daniker and Belmonte), and shared a \$10,328 bonus prize. The team event involved four International teams and four Japanese teams bowling eight Baker format games with the top two advancing to the final match.

Barrett won a \$4,303 prize in a special "last man standing" event that closed the tournament program.

The DHC PBA Japan Invitational was a cooperative venture between the PBA, the new PBA Japan Region, Japan Bowling Promotions and DHC Corporation, a multi-faceted company that produces cosmetics, health foods and pharmaceuticals among its diverse product line. It featured a field of 16 international players and 16 Japanese players, and it was the first international tournament covered live by the PBA's exclusive online video streaming channel, Xtra Frame (complete coverage is available in the Xtra Frame archives under "archived tournaments").

Xtra Frame's next live event will be comprehensive coverage of the 2014 PBA Tour Awards presentations (Monday, Jan. 26 at 5:30 p.m. ET) followed by live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds of the PBA Players Championship and PBA Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship from AMF Bowlero Lanes in suburban Milwaukee, Tuesday, Jan. 27 thru Friday, Jan. 30. For a complete schedule of upcoming Xtra Frame programming, click on the Xtra Frame link under the "Schedules" tab on pba.com.

DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Sunday, Jan. 18

Final Standings (prize money converted from Yen to U.S. dollars:

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$43,032.
- 2, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, \$21,516.
- 3, Stuart Williams, England, \$11,188.
- 4, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$9,467.
- 5, Shawn Maldonado, \$8,606.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Williams def. Maldonado, 242-237. **Match Two:** Williams def. Johnson, 245-222. **Semifinal Match:** Barnes def. Williams, 300-225. **Championship:** Barnes def. Fagan, 206-196.

Final Match Play Standings (after 32 games of match play, includes match play bonus pins; top five advanced to stepladder finals:

- 1, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 23-9, 8,036.
- 2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 21-11, 7,708.
- 3, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 21-11, 7,612.
- 4, Stuart Williams, England, 20-11-1, 7,603.

5, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 20-12, 7,590.

Other Cashers:

6, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 18-13-1, 7,516, \$6,630.

7, Shusaku Asato, Japan, 20-11-1, 7,485, \$5,800.

8, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 22-10, 7,469, \$4,975.

9, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 16-16, 7,425, \$4,560.

10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 17-15, 7,405, \$4,145.

11, Dom Barrett, England, 18-14, 7,382, \$3,730.

12, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 16-16, 7,360, \$3,315.

13, Daisuke Yoshida, Japan, 20-12, 7,304, \$3,110.

14, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 14-18, 7,276, \$2,900.

15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 18-14, 7,180, \$2,695.

16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 16-15-1, 7,140, \$2,485.

17, Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 15-16-1, 7,112, \$2,070.

18, Cho Young Seon, Korea, 14-18, 7,031, \$1,990.

19, Manae Kameshima, Japan, 15-17, 7,015, \$1,905.

20, Patrick Girard, Canada, 18-14, 6,999, \$1,825.

21, Koichi Takahashi, Japan, 15-17, 6,931, \$1,740.

22, Shogo Wada, Japan, 16-16, 6,924, \$1,660.

23, Yuki Akiyoshi, Japan, 15-17, 6,858, \$1,575.

24, Mayumi Naito, Japan, 16-16, 6,749, \$1,490.

25, Yang Hyeong Kyoo, Japan, 15-17, 6,737, \$1,410.

26, Ryogo Tsurumi, Japan, 12-20, 6,662, \$1,325.

27, Takashi Yamazaki, Japan, 8-23-1, 6,576, \$1,240.

28, Naoshi Ishimine, Japan, 12-20, 6,477, \$1,160.

29, Takashi Fujimura, Japan, 12-20, 6,467, \$1,075.

30, Miku Urano, Japan, 9-21-2, 6,459, \$995.

31, Yumi Nakajima, Japan, 11-21-0, 6,354, \$910.

32, Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 5-27-0, 6,202, \$830.

ALTERNATE-SHOT SCOTCH DOUBLES

Championship:

Jason Belmonte, Australia/Yang Hyeong Kyoo, Japan (\$5,164) def. Dom Barrett, England/Manae Kameshima, Japan (\$2,582), 236-204.

Semifinal Round:

Barrett/Kameshima def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas/Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan (\$1,291), 194-181.

Belmonte/Kyoo def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas/Koichi Takahashi, Japan (\$861), 188-167.

Final Match Play Standings (after three games; winner of each quad advanced to finals):

1, Quad A: Malott/Tsuchiya, 3-0, 821.

2, Quad D: Belmonte/Kyoo, 2-1, 704.

3, Quad B: Maldonado/Takahash, 3-0, 701.

4, Quad C: Barrett/Kamashima, 2-1, 669.

Other Cashers (\$430 each team):

Quad A: Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Yumi Nakajima, Japan, 1-2, 618.

Quad B: Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif./Takashi Yamazaki, Japan, 1-2, 601.

Quad C: Patrick Girard, Canada/Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 1-2, 623.

Quad D: Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Takashi Fujimara, Japan, 2-1, 664.

BAKER TEAM

Championship:

International Team B (Mike Fagan, Sean Rash, Dom Barrett, Chris Barnes) (\$10,328) def. International Team A (Wes Malott, Stuart Williams, Eddie Van Daniker and Jason Belmonte) (\$5,164), 239-184.

Other Cashers (after 8 Baker team games):

3, International Team C (Ronnie Russell, Scott Norton, Patrick Girard, Mika Koivuniemi), 1,793, \$\$1,721.

4, International Team D (Todd Book, Shawn Maldonado, Liz Johnson, Cho Young Seon), 1,785, \$861.

LAST MAN STANDING SPECIAL EVENT

(One shot, low score eliminated)

Dom Barrett, England (\$4,303).

Monacelli Avenges PBA50 Tour Loss to Williams in PBA Challenge Finals

Missy Parkin, Josh Blanchard, teenager Michael Coffey win special-event matches

LAS VEGAS – Venezuelan native Amleto Monacelli defeated fellow Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., with a near-perfect game, 277-219, to win the PBA50 Tour Finals as part of a four-match PBA Challenge presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame at the new South Point Bowling Plaza.

The PBA Challenge Finals presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame aired Sunday on ESPN. The PBA Challenge was a GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI showcase for four different aspects of PBA competition – youth, seniors, women and regional. PBA50, PBA Women’s Regional and PBA Regional qualifying events were held earlier in the World Series, with the top two players advancing to the finals. The Teen Masters boys’ and girls’ division winners were decided during the summer in Tamarac, Fla.

In the opening PBA50 Tour Finals match between 2013 finalists, Monacelli avenged his 224-204 loss to Williams. Monacelli just missed a perfect game, leaving the 3-6-10 in the eighth frame, for his only mistake.

“I told myself this morning that I should shoot 300 on TV,” Monacelli said. “That would have been nice. I shot 287 against Mark Roth one time, but I was really focusing on what I needed to do to win the match. It’s a nice way to end the season.”

Monacelli said he lost his focus in the eighth frame when he rushed himself to avoid a shot clock violation.

“But I don’t use that as an excuse because I know what I was supposed to do when things like that come up,” he said, “and I just didn’t do what I needed to do. It’s my own fault.”

In the Teen Masters Grand Championship that followed, Michael Coffey, 19, of Melbourne, Fla., defeated 18-year-old Kelly Skalacki of Corem, N.Y., 202-156, in a match that involved a long oil pattern on the left lane and a shorter application on the right. In addition, all Teen Masters players are limited to using one “old-school” plastic ball and/or one urethane ball, placing emphasis on player skill over technology.

Coffey, who is bowling for Lindenwood University in St. Louis, started with three strikes and had only one open frame – a missed 10 pin in the sixth frame. Skalacki, a member of the Webber International collegiate team in Lake Wales, Fla., struggled with the demanding environment and didn’t strike until the eighth frame.

Both Teen Masters gender division winners were making their national television debuts.

“I was a lot less nervous than I thought I would be because I prepared really hard and this is something I want really badly,” Coffey said. “It’s like being around family; you’re not nervous when you’re around family and I feel like this is where I belong.”

Is PBA competition part of his future plans? He answered emphatically, “Yes.”

Parkin won match three easily, 266-202. Parkin, who represented the PBA West Region in the inaugural PBA Women’s Regional finals, defeated PBA Southwest Region representative Clara Guerrero of Pflugerville, Texas. Parkin struck on nine of her first 10 shots, while back-to-back 4-6-7 splits in the seventh and eighth frames ended Guerrero’s hopes.

“I was extremely excited when I heard about the PBA Women’s Regional program,” Parkin said, “so I jumped on the opportunity right away. I actually cancelled a big trip to Costa Rica in order to bowl one of the regionals, so this definitely made it worthwhile. It was really a great opportunity to be able to come to the World Series.

“On top of that, my focus was on making the TV show,” she continued. “I practiced a lot getting ready and I bowled really well to make it to TV. That’s the grandest stage of all, the reason we all bowl. Today, I came out remembering why we bowl – because we love our sport. I wanted to have fun and I did and the pins cooperated, so it all worked out.”

Match four pitted 2012 PBA Rookie of the Year Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., representing the PBA Northwest Region, against 2013 Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., representing the Central Region, in the PBA Regional Finals.

Blanchard took the lead with a spare followed by three strikes while Tackett struggled with pin carry in the early frames. Tackett made a ball change in the sixth frame and got lined up, but Blanchard was lined up as well, putting the match away with a late string of five strikes to win, 258-236.

"I had a good ball reaction the whole match," Blanchard said. "I used a ball I hadn't thrown until my last shot in practice. I struck with it and made all the right moves, so it made it easy to bowl. I knew (EJ) was going to bowl a good game and the other balls I used in practice, it seemed like I'd bowl a 210, 200, so I needed something different. After that one shot, I knew I was going to stick with it the whole match."

Blanchard also made it into the PBA Regional field by winning the final Northwest Region event of the season.

"I was supposed to go to (fellow PBA competitor) Andres Gomez's wedding, but I cancelled – and I ended up winning the regional to get into the field," he said.

While winning the Regional Finals wasn't the same as winning his first PBA Tour title, Blanchard feels like he's getting closer to that goal.

"I've been out here for two years and I'm still working at it," he said. "I change my game every year trying to find the 'it' factor to get my first win. Usually when guys do that, they'll win two or three times, and keep moving along. I'm still waiting for that 'it' factor."

Closing the telecast, the four winners participated in a special one-shot, low-player-out Bonus Knockout Round. Parkin won the event with a strike in the third round to eliminate Blanchard, who left a 10 pin. Coffey was eliminated in the first round and Monacelli was knocked out in the second.

The World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA, the final event conducted during the GEICO PBA WSOB VI, will air Sunday, Jan. 25, on ESPN2 at 1 p.m. ET. The WBT event will be contested using an experimental "best frame" scoring system that is being tested by World Bowling. Finnish native Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Jason Belmonte of Australia will bowl for the WBT Men's title. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J.; Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Sandra Andersson of Sweden will compete in the WBT Women's final.

PBA CHALLENGE

**presented by International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas**

PBA50 Tour Final: Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela (\$8,000) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., (\$4,000), 277-219.

Teen Masters Grand Championship: Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla. (\$10,000 scholarship) def. Kelly Skalacki, Corem, N.Y., (\$7,500 scholarship), 202-156.

PBA Women's Regional Final: Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. (\$8,000) def. Clara Guerrero, Pflugerville, Texas (\$4,000), 266-202.

PBA Regional Final: Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz. (\$8,000) def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind. (\$4,000), 258-236.

PBA Spare Shots

LUCKY FAN COULD WIN A CHANCE TO BOWL WITH NBA STAR CHRIS PAUL IN 2016

NBA star Chris Paul, host of the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, is offering a lucky fan an opportunity to bowl with the Los Angeles Clippers' all-star guard during the 2016 celebrity fundraiser in Los Angeles. The winning fan and a friend will win an expenses-paid trip to Los Angeles, free hotel accommodations, and a chance to meet Paul and his celebrity friends.

To enter, you need to pick the finalists and winner in the 2015 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational. You need to visit this link:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/cp3foundation> and click on the "Donate and Play for a chance to win" link where you will be asked to select the two celebrity finalists and the winner. A "Player Bios" link also will give you some insight into the celebrity bowlers' backgrounds.

For each \$10 contribution you make to Paul's CP3 Foundation, you get one entry into the contest. Entries close at 12 p.m. PT on Sunday, Feb. 1. The CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational will air on ESPN on Super Bowl Sunday at 2 p.m. ET.

XTRA FRAME TO COVER PLAYER, ROOKIE OF THE YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS MONDAY

Xtra Frame will kick off five days of extensive live coverage of the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play rounds with a live presentation show Monday at 5:30 p.m. ET, when PBA

Commissioner **Tom Clark** will announce the 2014 GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner and the winner of the 2014 Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

PBA Players and Doubles Championship coverage will follow from AMF Bowlero in Milwaukee starting Tuesday at 11 a.m. ET and continuing through Friday. The PBA Network will have full coverage of the competition throughout its diverse media outlets.

For a complete schedule of upcoming events on Xtra Frame, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Live/>. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Full year Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscriptions are available for \$64.99; one-month subscriptions are only \$7.99. Xtra Frame is a major component of the PBA's multi-media PBA Network.

TICKETS FOR ESPN TELECASTS IN INDIANAPOLIS NOW AVAILABLE

Tickets for the live ESPN telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, and finals of the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, over the Feb. 14-15 weekend at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis are now on sale on pba.com.

The "tripleheader" ESPN weekend begins with the finals of the PBA Players Championship on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. ET for delayed broadcast on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET. The Tournament of Champions stepladder finals will air live on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. The Roth/Holman Doubles finals will be contested at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday for telecast on Sunday, March 1, at 1 p.m. ET.

For ticket information, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Tickets/>.

PBA NETWORK SIGNS SPONSORSHIP PACT WITH LEAGUE PALS

PBA Network, the PBA's multi-platform media service, has signed a sponsorship agreement with League Pals, a new service that is designed to automate and streamline the cash flow of league bowling. The unique platform enables bowlers and bowling centers to track weekly payments, view stats and standings, search nearby leagues, create and fill teams, receive payments electronically, and more.

"It's 2015 and there are over \$2.25 billion in league bowling dues being tracked and collected each year with a paper envelope and a pencil," said LeaguePals co-founder and CEO Bill Savastano. "LeaguePals set out to introduce much needed technology in a unique and inclusive way to an industry we have a deep and unwavering passion for. We feel LeaguePals will breathe new life into leagues across the nation by starting with the most important pieces - the bowlers, the centers, and how they pay and get paid."

For a preview of what League Pals has to offer, view the introductory video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x2mbQFIJmI>

As part of the sponsorship package, League Pals will have a rotating ad on pba.com throughout February, presenting sponsor and other visibilities on PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame, throughout the USBC Masters (Feb. 2-7 in Green Bay, Wis.), and prominent links on PBA's Facebook page and Twitter account.

For information about how to enroll in the League Pals program, visit: www.leaguepals.com.

BARRETT, KULICK TOP WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS LISTS AT END OF 2014

At the conclusion of the 2014 season – including the finals of the PBA World Championship – England's **Dom Barrett** is the World Bowling Tour men's points leader, and for the first time since the cooperative PBA-World Bowling international competition began four years ago, Finnish native **Mika Koivuniemi** is not among the top three men.

Koivuniemi is the defending WBT Men's champion and the only male to win that title twice.

Barrett made his move to the top of the two-year, rolling points list with a 10th-place finish in the PBA World Championship, a successful defense of his Qatar Open title and a fifth-place finish in the Kingdom International Open in Saudi Arabia to close the year with 588 WBT points. Reigning PBA World Champion **Mike Fagan** is second with 582 points, **Sean Rash** third with 560, Australia's **Jason Belmonte** fourth at 532 and Koivuniemi is fifth with 531 in the race for the top three positions for the 2015 WBT Men's Finals which will be held as part of PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Las Vegas in the fall. Rounding out the men's top 10 with a full schedule of PBA International-World Bowling Tour events yet to come in 2015 are **Tommy Jones** (467), Finland's **Osku Palermaa** (444), Sweden's **Martin Larsen** (394), **Chris Barnes** (378) and England's **Stuart Williams** (338).

Two-time defending WBT Women's champion **Kelly Kulick** has a big lead on the women's points list (698), 149 points head of **Liz Johnson** (559). Sweden's **Sandra Andersson** is third (421) followed by Singapore's Jazreel Tan (394) and Shayna Ng (348), Missy

Parkin (318), Colombia's Clara Guerrero (286), Singapore's Cheri Tan (283), Danielle McEwan (253) and Sweden's Joline Persson Planefors (251).

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: TOURNAMENT ACTIVITY BACK IN FULL SWING IN FEBRUARY

PBA Regional activity returns to full swing in February, following the end-of-month Don Vay Memorial Regular/PBA50 Doubles Central Classic presented by Ebonite at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jan. 23-25.

☞ The Feb. 6-8 weekend includes the Break Point Alley South Challenge presented by DV8, a tournament for non-title winners, in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at River Rand Lanes in Des Plaines, Ill.

☞ The Feb. 20-22 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by Ebonite in Spartanburg, S.C.; the Lakewood Colorado Southwest Open at Holiday Bowling and Billiards; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort West Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Lynwood Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, a non-titlists event, at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☞ 2014 PBA Regional Challenge winner **Josh Blanchard** and wife Aimee are the proud new parents of Madalyn Marie Blanchard, who arrived at 1:13 p.m. on Jan. 16. Vital statistics: Madalyn weighed in at 7 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21 inches long.

☞ PBA Hall of Famer **Brian Voss**, who has competed extensively in Europe over the past three years, added the 27th Irish Open title to his collection on Jan. 18, defeating fellow American **Ron Hurt**, 439-386, in the two-game title match at Leisureplex Stillorgan in Dublin, Ireland. Voss, a 25-time PBA Tour titlist, earned 5,000 Euros (roughly \$5,600) along with his fourth European Bowling Tour title.

☞ Reminder: if you missed Sunday's ESPN telecast of the PBA Challenge presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, all GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecasts are archived on Xtra Frame three days after they air on ESPN. Click on the "2014 WSOB archives" tab on the left side of the Xtra Frame home page for a complete listing of archived shows.

☞ Reminder: HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, has renewed its sweepstakes program for 2015 and will award a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky winner each month all year. To enter, book a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com using one of the links below before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The monthly drawing will take place on the last day of the month. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

PBA Hall of Fame Charter Member Chuck Pezzano Dies

Internationally recognized bowling journalist, historian was one of a kind

CHICAGO (Jan. 23, 2015) – Chuck Pezzano of Clifton, N.J., a charter member of the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame and widely recognized as the dean of bowling journalists, died Friday of cardiac arrest while undergoing a stent procedure at St. Mary's Hospital, Passaic, N.J. He turned 86 on Jan. 14.

Since the formation of the PBA in 1958, no one has contributed more to the organization in so many different ways than Pezzano, a founding member of the organization.

Born in Paterson, N.J., in 1929, Pezzano lived his entire life in New Jersey. After graduating from Rutgers University, he started his writing career with the Paterson Morning Call in 1952 and continued writing for The Record in Bergen County until his death, more than 60 years later. Over the years, he contributed to more than 100 publications round the world and he authored or co-authored more than a dozen books about bowling.

Pezzano first became involved with the PBA as a top-flight competitor. He was the first collegiate bowler in the United States to bowl an 800 series. One of his proudest accomplishments as a bowler was joining his four sons – Charles Jr., Craig, Curt and Clay – as the first father and four sons to bowl 300 games.

But his legacy off the lanes far surpassed his credentials as a player as he evolved into the most prolific bowling writer in history.

In the 1960s, Pezzano and fellow New Jersey entrepreneur/PBA Hall of Famer Frank Esposito created the PBA Regional program, creating a close-to-home, affordable competition arena for thousands of would-be professional bowlers to develop their skills.

He was the first Meritorious Service inductee in the inaugural PBA Hall of Fame class in 1975, and later inducted into the United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Writers Association of America Halls of Fame, among his 12 halls of fame.

In addition to his prolific writing contributions, Pezzano was a television pioneer, working with hall of fame broadcasters Mel Allen, Chris Schenkel, Jack Buck, Brent Musberger, Al Trautwig and others. He worked as a consultant on television, movie and instructional videos, and traveled the country serving as an emcee and guest speaker at hundreds of bowling functions.

Pezzano also was heavily involved in PBA business affairs, running the PBA East Region for 20 years. He was secretary of the PBA Hall of Fame for nearly 20 years, and served as the organization's official historian for longer than that. He helped open the door for women bowling writers to join the previously all-male Bowling Writers Association of America (which later named its scholarship program in his honor) and he was a lifelong advocate for high school and collegiate bowling. He was actively involved in charitable fundraisers, and worked closely with curator Bruce Pluckhahn in planning exhibits for the "new" International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame in St. Louis.

When the PBA dedicated its pressroom in his honor in 2011, Pezzano said, "It was Will Rogers who noted that he never met a man he didn't like. I won't go that far but I will say that I never met someone in bowling that I didn't like something about.

"Through bowling I have traveled more than three million miles, visited every state, and places such as Las Vegas and Reno more than 150 times, delved into the history of the sport, learning about the roles of women, minorities, bowling communications and halls of fame. Writing, broadcasting, speaking, serving on special committees (18 hall of fame committees) being involved in major innovations to and for the sport that provide endless fodder for all bowling involvements. The goal always is to just do everything a little better than it has been done."

Failing health had limited his travel in recent years, but Pezzano never stopped wanting to help.

"Chuck called me a week ago, still trying to help the PBA," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said Friday. "He's an icon, prolific and multi-talented. There will never be another like him. He'll be greatly missed."

Pezzano is survived by his four sons, grandchildren Amanda Rose Pezzano and Jarod Charles Pezzano, and brothers Russell and Arnold Pezzano. He was preceded in death by his wife Lila (nee Grosser) in 1983, brother William and sister Joan.

Services are pending.

Koivuniemi, Kulick Win World Bowling Tour Finals Titles

Experimental match play scoring system unveiled during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI

LAS VEGAS – Experimental scoring system or not, veteran professional champions Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., and Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., proved great bowling prevails as winners of the fourth annual World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the Professional Bowlers Association, at the new South Point Bowling Plaza.

The World Bowling Tour Finals, presented by the Professional Bowlers Association, was the concluding event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI. It featured three men and three women who earned their berths in the finals through a two-year global competition points race conducted jointly by World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling, and the PBA. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Koivuniemi, a Finnish native and 14-time PBA Tour champion, won his second WBT Men's title in a tightly-contested 1-up, 12-frame battle against Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., while Kulick won her second consecutive WBT Women's Finals title with a 3 & 2 decision over Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

The scores, reminiscent of Ryder Cup golf competition, were based on a "best frame" scoring system where the primary goal was to win each frame, and then win more frames than your opponent can possibly win in a 12-frame contest. For example, a strike by Player A would win the frame of an opponent who got nine pins on his/her first ball, and if Player A wins seven frames with only five remaining, he/she would win the match, 7 & 5.

The “best frame” system is being tested by World Bowling as an alternative for international match play competition, to make scoring in bowling more easily understood by the non-bowling public and, hopefully, more attractive to the International Olympic Committee.

In the Koivuniemi-Rash match, both players struck in six of their first seven shots to stand “all-square” with five frames to go. Koivuniemi struck in the eighth and ninth while Rash got eight and nine pins, respectively, to take a 2-up lead. Rash got back to within one point when he won the 10th frame, 9-7. Both struck in frame 11. Koivuniemi, protecting his fragile lead, matched Rash’s strike in the 12th frame for the 1-up victory.

In the men’s semifinal match, Rash eliminated Australia’s Jason Belmonte, 3 & 2, taking a 3-point lead after six frames and throwing another string of four strikes to shut out the reigning PBA Player of the Year with two frames to go.

Kulick’s string of three strikes early in the women’s final match gave her a 1-up lead after six frames, and she gained a 2-up edge with a 9-8 win in frame eight followed by a strike-7 win to go 3-up after nine frames. Both players went nine/spare in frame 10 to give Kulick a 3 & 2 victory.

The women’s semifinal match might have been the most dramatic contest under the new system. Andersson struck on six of her first seven shots to take a 3-up lead over Johnson, but Johnson answered with her own string of five strikes to pull the contest to all-square after 12 frames, and then won the match, 1-up in the 13th frame, with a strike while Andersson left a 4 pin.

The six players involved in the WBT Finals had varying viewpoints about the scoring system.

Koivuniemi said, “It was pretty easy to strike on this (lane conditioning) pattern, but you probably have a little more pressure on every shot in this format than normal because every shot means a little more. It’s still bowling and I like to throw more spares because I usually find a way to grind when conditions are tough. I keep myself close by throwing spares.

“I don’t mind (the format), but I’d like to see it on a tougher pattern to see how it goes. Right now, nobody throws spares, but this (format) is made for more non-bowlers. If they like and it helps save bowling, I have nothing against it. But I personally don’t think scoring is the problem (with the sport).”

Rash said, “I liked and enjoyed how every frame had pressure which kept me focused. I don’t have a conclusion because this was a test run and I’m sure there will be a few tweaks to help make it even better going forward. The change I hope that is made is to add the spare shooting somehow.

“Overall, I look forward to the changes and look forward to being a part of a future show. If this will help bring more sponsors, more fans, more TV and publicity to our sport, I am all for it.”

Belmonte said, “My strategy, no matter what the scoring format is, is to strike. So from that standpoint, I don’t think it had any impact. I was very open-minded to this scoring system. I didn’t have any preconceived thoughts. I wanted to give it every possible chance to influence my thoughts without bias.

“My personal feeling is that I don’t believe the scoring system has anything to do with the decline in popularity of bowling. It fell a little flat for me, because I didn’t think the fans were into a regular-scored match. What I loved about it was that the World Bowling isn’t afraid to try new things. I admire and respect the leaders of World Bowling and I will always support the organization, even if my personal opinions are different than theirs.”

Kulick said, “Kulick – You still have to show up, you still have to make shots. Every shot is precious. Usually, under conventional scoring, if you get a three-bagger and get a little ahead, your swing gets loosened up a bit, but frame-for-frame, every shot is crucial.

“As a player, my adrenaline was higher than if we were keeping score normally. I don’t know what my score would have been. Maybe I would have been up by 30 pins or so going into the 10th frame, but frame-for-frame, it comes down to execution. Maybe a little luck, but mostly execution.”

Johnson said, “It was definitely exciting. I honestly wasn’t all for it because I didn’t know much about it, but in the first match, it worked in my favor because I had a 4-9 and a 5-7 (splits that only counted as one lost point). Once I got to the end of the first match, I liked it a little better.

"It kept things exciting for the fans. I don't know if I'm a fan of it for every week, personally, but it definitely adds a little excitement to the mix. If that's what it takes to (get put into the Olympic Games program), if that's what it takes to get more fans for bowling, then, yeah, I'm for it."

Andersson said, "It was different. I haven't made up my mind about how I feel about it. But my mindset was still the same. It was one shot at a time. I tried to repeat my shots. As long as I throw it good, there's nothing more I can do."

"It was hard for me to keep up with the scoring system. I really didn't know what was going on while I was bowling. It's new, but it's missing out on one important thing, and that's making spare shots. For me, if you can't make your spare shots, you're not going to win. That's bowling in my eyes."

The PBA Tour returns to action Jan. 19-25 with qualifying and match play rounds in the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at AMF Bowlero in Wauwatosa, Wis. Preliminary rounds will be covered live by PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

The ESPN-televised championship rounds in both events will be contested Feb. 14-15 as part of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions celebration at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The Players Championship will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET and the Doubles Championship will air on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS
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MEN'S FINALS

Championship: Mika Koivuniemi, Finland-Hartland, Mich. (\$20,000) def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (\$10,000), 1-up in 12 frames.
Semifinal Match: Rash def. Jason Belmonte, Australia (\$5,000), 3 & 2.

WOMEN'S FINALS

Championship: Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J. (\$20,000) def. Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y. (\$10,000), 3 & 2.
Semifinal Match: Johnson def. Sandra Andersson, Sweden (\$5,000), 1-up in 13 frames.

UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIMENTAL WORLD BOWLING "FRAME PLAY" SCORING SYSTEM

The experimental system impacts how the sport is scored as well as the format for singles match play competition. It was used during the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI on a trial basis to help gather player, fan and news media input. Here's how the system works:

- 1) A match will involve 12 frames.
- 2) In each frame, each player will throw one shot.
- 3) If Player A gets a higher pin count than Player B, he/she will win the frame.
- 4) If both players strike, the frame will be tied.
- 5) If neither player strikes, but each has the same pin count, each player will try to convert the spare. If both successfully convert their spares, the frame will be a tie. If one player has a higher pin count than the other after two shots, that player will win the frame.
- 6) Scoring for the match will reflect who has won the most frames (example, 1 up, 2 up, etc. All-square means the match is tied).
- 7) At the point one player has won more frames than frames remain (example: 3 up after 10 frames), he/she will be declared the winner.
- 8) If a match is "all-square" after 12 frames, the tie will be broken using the single-frame format described above until the tie is broken.

Australia's Jason Belmonte Wins Second Consecutive PBA Player of the Year Award
Kent is Rookie of Year; Spangler wins Nagy Sportsmanship Award, Parkin wins Reyes Award

MILWAUKEE (Jan. 26, 2015) -- With another outstanding record in 2014 PBA Tour major championships, Australian two-handed competitor Jason Belmonte picked up where he left off in 2012-13 to earn his second consecutive GEICO Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award.

Belmonte, along 2014 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Brett Spangler of Niles, Ohio, and Tony Reyes PBA Community Service Award winner Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., were recognized during a presentation webcast live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel Monday in advance of the PBA Players

Championship/Mark Roth—Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship preliminary rounds which get underway Tuesday at AMF Bowlero in suburban Milwaukee.

An overwhelming winner in balloting among his fellow competitors and a panel of veteran bowling journalists over Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., Belmonte won three PBA Tour titles in 2014 including back-to-back majors in the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions and United States Bowling Congress Masters. He also won the Oklahoma Open during the Grand Casino Resort Summer Swing, and led the PBA Tour in earnings (\$163,788), average (226.71) and competition points (136,454).

He is the only two-handed player to win the PBA Player of the Year award. He joined Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli (1989 and '90) as the second international player to win PBA Player of the Year honors in back-to-back years, and he joined Monacelli and Finland's Mika Koivuniemi as the third foreign-born player to win PBA's highest annual honor. Belmonte is the sixth player to win the POY award in consecutive years. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Earl Anthony (twice) and Mark Roth all won the honor three years in a row.

During the 2014 season, Belmonte defeated Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, with a strike on his last shot to win the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions by a single pin in January at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., 219-218. A month later, he defeated top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntingon, Ind., 221-177, to become the third player to win back-to-back Masters titles, joining Hall of Famers Billy Welu (1964 and 1965) and Dick Hoover (1956 and 1957) in that exclusive club. The 31-year-old Australian then won four straight matches on a demanding Bear lane condition to win the Oklahoma Open, defeating Tackett in the title match, 193-145, for his 10th career title.

"The PBA boasts the best bowlers in the world and we aspire to be the best of the best," Belmonte said. "To be standing here, holding this award again, is very special.

"I don't put myself in the category of the other guys who have won Player of the Year back-to-back," he added, "but one day I hope I can join that elite group.

"I also want to thank the haters," Belmonte said of those who criticize his two-handed style. "It seems like the more you hate, the better I bowl, so keep it up."

Kent, one of the Tour's top young stars at age 23, won the Saudi Arabia Kingdom International Open in December for first PBA Tour title. He defeated Sweden's Martin Larsen, 257-206, in championship match. Prior to joining the PBA in the summer of 2014, Kent won the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, as an amateur.

Kent, a former collegiate star at Robert Morris-Illinois University, also finished fourth in the Badger Open, his first television appearance as a PBA member, losing to Brian Valenta in the second stepladder match, 236-165. He dominated PBA rookies for the season, earning \$32,528 and averaging 217.03 in only a half season as a professional.

"(Winning Rookie of the Year) was the main goal when I joined and to be able to accomplish that feels great," Kent said. "It's an honor and a privilege, and to get my first title, too, makes it even better. It was just in time for me to bowl in the 50th anniversary PBA Tournament of Champions."

Also during the Xtra Frame webcast, PBA awarded its prestigious Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award, selected by PBA Tour players, to Brent Spangler of Niles, Ohio. The 33-year-old, nine-year PBA member has gained the respect and admiration of his fellow competitors not only on the lanes, but for his help as a representative for MOTIV bowling balls.

"Winning (the Nagy award) was a surprise. Actually, being nominated was a surprise," Spangler said. "I've worked really hard on my physical game in order to become competitive, but the thing I really wanted to do when I came out on tour was to exemplify the principles I believe in – being nice to other people, earning respect, that kind of thing. I guess at least some people took notice."

In Nagy voting among PBA Tour players, Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., and four-time Nagy winner Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., tied for second place behind Spangler.

Established in 1966, the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award is named after the late PBA Hall of Famer and founding members of the PBA. A colorful and talented performer, Nagy made such an impact on his fellow pros that the award was established shortly after his death.

Parkin, a three-time PBA Regional titlist, earned the second Tony Reyes Award which recognizes a PBA member for outstanding community service, charitable and/or educational contributions over the course of a PBA Tour season. The first woman to join the PBA when the opportunity became available in 2004, Parkin was recognized largely for her work in organizing the Baby Reesa Foundation fundraiser which supports families with children born with Krabbe Disease and has raised more than \$20,000.

Parkin is a staunch supporter of the sport, serving as a volunteer USA Bowling and Junior Gold instructor. She regularly donates her time organizing other charity bowling tournaments. She also provides autographed jerseys, bowling balls and photos that are auctioned for charities such as BVL, Ronald McDonald Foundation, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, and Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"I'm very surprised," Parkin said. "Just the fact that the award is named after Tony makes it very special. He was a special guy. His smile would light up any room he walked into. To receive an award named for him is such an honor."

The Reyes award is named after the popular PBA Tour titlist who died in September 2012 of injuries sustained in a traffic accident near his home in San Bruno, Calif. Parker Bohn III was the first Tony Reyes award recipient in 2014.

For a complete list of PBA Players of the Year, click here: <http://news.pba.com/post/2014/01/17/Australiae28099s-Jason-Belmonte-Named-2012-13-Chris-Schenkel-PBA-Player-of-the-Year.aspx>

For a complete list of PBA Rookies of the Year, click here: <http://news.pba.com/page/Harry-Golden-PBA-Rookie-of-the-Year-Award.aspx>

For a complete list of Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winners, click here: <http://news.pba.com/page/Steve-Nagy-Sportsmanship-Award.aspx>

Ronnie Russell Rolls into PBA Players Championship Lead

Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Smallwood take early lead in Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (Jan. 27, 2014) – Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., arguably the hottest player on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour, caught fire after an opening 212 game and rolled into the first round lead in the PBA Players Championship Tuesday at AMF Bowlero.

Russell, who is trying for his third PBA Tour title, finished the eight-game opening round with games of 268, 289, 259, 234, 247, 238 and 269 for a 2,016 pinfall total – a 252 average – and a 135-pin lead over DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas. Newly-crowned PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, who threw one of the eight 300 games bowled during the opening round, was third with 1,964 pins.

Russell, a 35-year-old, 11-year PBA Tour veteran, is coming off a stellar-year when he won the PBA Bear Open and was the only player to qualify for three television shows during the recent GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling. He said his hot streak is a matter of confidence and relaxation.

"I'm just throwing it and taking full advantage of it over everything," he said. "I'm very loose. I feel good. I'm enjoying bowling. I threw 212 the first game, but I didn't panic. I just kept throwing it, figured it out and pins started falling.

"The players out here are so good, if you start putting expectations on yourself, you're going to get yourself in trouble," he said. "'I'm just letting things happen."

In the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying which is being held concurrently with the Players Championship, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and his partner, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., combined for 3,855 pins – a composite 240.94 average – to take a 56-pin lead over Russell and his partner, Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, who finished with 3,799 pins.

The final four games of Players Championship and Roth/Holman Doubles qualifying will take place at 8 a.m. CT Wednesday, with the top 24 individuals and top 12 doubles teams advancing to match play. Players Championship finalists will bowl three eight-game match play rounds Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with the top five after 36 games advancing to the stepladder finals on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

The top 12 teams will bowl two six-game, Baker format match play rounds at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT on Friday. After a composite total of 36 qualifying and Baker games, the top five teams will advance to the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals on Sunday, Feb. 15, at Woodland Bowl, following the live 1 p.m. telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions finals.

The PBA Players Championship finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET. The PBA Doubles show will air on ESPN on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the Players Championship and PBA Doubles are being covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA PLAYER CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 17

First Round (after 8 games)

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,016.
- 2, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,981.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,964.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,943.
- 5, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,920.
- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,912.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 1,889.
- 8, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,886.
- 9, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,876.
- 9, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,876.
- 11, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,875.
- 12, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 1,874.
- 13, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 1,863.
- 14, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 1,859.
- 15, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,858.
- 16, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 1,857.
- 17, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,852.
- 18, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 1,850.
- 19, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 1,849.
- 20, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,844.
- 21, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 1,841.
- 22, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,830.
- 23 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,829.
- 25, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,824.
- 26, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,819.
- 27, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,816.
- 28, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,811.
- 29, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,810.
- 30, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,809.
- 31 (tie), Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,807.
- 33, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,806.
- 34 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,799.
- 36, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonowanda, N.Y., 1,798.
- 37, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,792.
- 38, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,790.
- 39, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,783.
- 40, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,779.
- 41, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,775.
- 42, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,774.
- 43, Mike DeVaney, San Diego, Calif., 1,770.
- 44, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,768.
- 45, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,767.
- 46, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,763.
- 47 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,761.

49 (tie), Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas; Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,760.
 52, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,752.
 53, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,745.
 54, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,743.
 55, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,742.
 56, Paul Moor, England, 1,741.
 57, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,740.
 58, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,733.
 59, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 1,728.
 60, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,717.
 61, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,716.
 62 (tie), J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., and John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,713.
 64, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,712.
 65 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,711.
 67, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,710.
 68, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,704.
 69 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,702.
 71 (tie), Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,694.
 73, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,688.
 74, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,680.
 75, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,668.
 76, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,660.
 77, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,647.
 78 (tie), Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, and Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,643.
 80, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,639.
 81, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,632.
 82, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,630.
 83, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,627.
 84, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 1,606.
 85, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,599.

300 Games (8): Mike Fagan, Dave Wodka, Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Josh Blanchard, Brian Himmeler, Chad Roberts.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round (after 16 composite games)

1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,855.
 2, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,799.
 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,709.
 4, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,692.
 5, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 3,683.
 6, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz./Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,649.
 7 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Jonathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,634.
 9, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich./Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,633.
 10, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas/Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,628.
 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,619.
 12, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill./John Szczerbinski, Columbus, Ohio, 3,608.
 13, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla./Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 3,599.
 14, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,591.
 15, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,585.
 16, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla./Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,583.
 17, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa./John Furrey, Freehold, N.J., 3,574.
 18, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,569.
 19, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix/Stuart Williams, England, 3,560.
 20, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich./Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 3,558.
 21, Thomas Larsen, Denmark/Paul Moor, England, 3,533.

22 (tie), John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y./John VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and Mike Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,532.
 24, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga./Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,522.
 25, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas/Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,521.
 26, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa./Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,518.
 27, Dave Wodka, Columbus, Ohio/Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 3,517.
 29, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa/Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,515.
 30, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,495.
 31 (tie), Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas/Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and David Haynes, Las Vegas/Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3,478.
 33, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,456.
 34, Blake DeMore, Springfield, Mo./Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 3,443.
 35, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,414.
 36, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif./Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3,412.
 37, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,374.
 38, Julio Cesar Blancas/Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 3,246.

DJ Archer Bids for Second Title as PBA Players Championship Leader

'Odd couple' Williams, Smallwood lead Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles finalists into match play

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (Jan. 28, 2015) – After 12 years and 159 tournaments before winning his first title, DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, put himself into position for a second Professional Bowlers Association Tour title Wednesday as the leader in the PBA Players Championship at AMF Bowlero.

Archer, 34, won his break-through title in the PBA Chameleon Championship during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI in early November in Las Vegas, and used his new-found confidence to take the lead in the PBA Players Championship, winning seven of his first eight matches and averaging 244.25 to finish with 5,065 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins.

Archer will take a 42-pin lead over Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who is going through a similar career renaissance, into the final two rounds of match play Thursday. Australia's Jason Belmonte was third with 4,997 pins followed by Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., with a 4,881 total and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in fifth place with a 4,879 total.

"I have a lot of making up to do," Archer said with a smile. "I feel more confident, more relaxed knowing I've been there. I know what the feeling (of winning a title) is.

"Tomorrow is going to be one of those days when I'm not going to worry about matches, but I'll try to bowl 240 and see what happens. It's just confidence bowling against these guys. If you're relaxed, your ball reaction comes along.

"It's very much the same way with Ronnie Russell right now," Archer added. "I figure we'll go back and forth tomorrow, and hopefully when the day is over, I'll be in the same place. It's kinda like a football game where the last team with the ball wins."

In the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying which is being held concurrently with the Players Championship, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and his partner, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., combined for a 5,760 pinfall total – a composite 240 average – to maintain their lead with a 72-pin margin over Belmonte and his partner, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., who finished with 5,688. The top 12 teams after 24 combined games advanced to the match play rounds which will be held Friday.

Williams and Smallwood are an "odd couple" pairing, considering the 55-year-old Williams favors a "straighter is greater" bowling style while Smallwood is a high-rev player who prefers to hook the ball a lot. Williams holds the PBA Tour record with 47 titles while Smallwood, 37, is a two-title winner, including the 2009 PBA World Championship.

"I haven't been bowling that well the past couple of years so I was pleasantly surprised when (Smallwood) asked me to bowl with him," said Williams, who hasn't made a TV show since 2013 and hasn't won a PBA Tour title since the 2010 USBC Masters. "We're doing two different things, but we're making it work. (Smallwood) is able to take advantage of the inside shot as the lane break down and I'm able to stay outside and stay effective there. We're able to learn some things that we can both benefit from even though we're playing two different parts of the lane."

Smallwood said he was surprised that Walter Ray was still available as a doubles partner, so he jumped at the chance to bowl with the Tour's all-time leader.

"I had already assumed he had a partner, but when I found out he was available I jumped at the opportunity," Smallwood said. "When Walter Ray's available you call him. It's as simple as that.

"We're basically playing in two different zip codes (on the lanes)," Smallwood added. "Even though we're playing two different parts of the lane, our adjustments are still surprisingly similar, two boards here, two boards there. We're just doing what we do best."

The PBA Players Championship finalists will bowl their final two eight-game match play rounds Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT, with the top five after 36 games advancing to the stepladder finals on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

The top 12 doubles teams will bowl two six-game match play rounds at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT on Friday. After a composite total of 36 qualifying and match play games, the top five teams will advance to the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals on Sunday, Feb. 15, at Woodland Bowl, following the live 1 p.m. telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions finals.

The PBA Players Championship finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET. The PBA Doubles show will air on ESPN on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

All match play rounds of the Players Championship and PBA Doubles are being covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, and on pba.com's "live scoring" feature. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 28

Third Round Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 6-2, 5,065.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-2-1, 5,023.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3-4-1, 4,997.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5-1-2, 4,881.
- 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-3, 4,879.
- 6, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 4-4, 4,861.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-3, 4,841.
- 8, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 4-4, 4,808.
- 9, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3-5, 4,778.
- 10, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 2-5-1, 4,777.
- 11, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 2-5-1, 4,763.
- 12, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5-3, 4,750.
- 13, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6-2, 4,741.
- 14, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5-2-1, 4,717.
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 4-4, 4,704.
- 16, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 4,689.
- 17, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 4-4, 4,679.
- 18, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 3-5, 4,629.
- 19, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 4-4, 4,619.
- 20, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 2-6, 4,594.
- 21, x-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-5, 4,567.
- 22, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2-5-1, 4,561.
- 23, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 4-4, 4,558.
- 24, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 3-5, 4,529.

Failed to advance (after 12 games)

- 25, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,728
- 26, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2,723.
- 27, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,722.
- 28, Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 2,721.
- 29, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,718.

30, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 2,717.
31, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,716.
32, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,714.
33 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 2,713.
35, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,700.
36, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,699.
37, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 2,697.
38 (tie), Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,691.
40, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,689.
41, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 2,688.
42, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2,684.
43, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,678.
44, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,676.
45, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 2,673.
46, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonowanda, N.Y., 2,671.
47, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,665.
48, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,664.
49, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,656.
50, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,647.
51, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,646.
52, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 2,645.
53, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,644.
54, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,641.
55, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,638.
56, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,632.
57, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 2,629.
58, Mike DeVaney, San Diego, Calif., 2,628.
59, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,624.
60, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,623.
61 (tie), Stuart Williams, England, and John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 2,616.
63, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,615.
64 (tie), John Furey, Freehold, N.J., and Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 2,613.
66, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,609.
67, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 2,595.
68, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,591.
69, Paul Moor, England, 2,586.
70, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,579.
71, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,564.
72, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 2,563.
73, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,562.
74, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,561.
75, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,557.
76, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 2,550.
77, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 2,490.
78, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 2,486.
79, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 2,472.
80, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 2,469.
81, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 2,447.
82, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 2,434.
83, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 2,429.
84, Missy Parkin, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,417.
85, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,008.

x-McCune def. Fagan, 217-166 in roll-off to advance to match play

300 Games (2): Chris Loschetter, Stuart Williams.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Final Qualifying Standings (after 24 composite games; top 12 advance to match play)

- 1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,760.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,688.
- 3 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,627.
- 5, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 5,532.
- 6, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 5,514.
- 7, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 5,490.
- 8, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,473.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,432.
- 10, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,424.
- 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Brian Himmler, 5,413.
- 12, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 5,410.

Failed to advance:

- 13, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz./Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5,404.
- 14, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla./Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,395.
- 15, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y./John VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 5,377.
- 16, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,374.
- 17 (tie), Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas/Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich./Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,372.
- 19, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa./Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,361.
- 20, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix/Stuart Williams, England, 5,348.
- 21, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,341.
- 22, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa./Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,336.
- 23 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa/Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich./Kurt Pilon, Warren, Mich., 5,334.
- 25, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas/Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,327.
- 26, Dave Wodka, Columbus, Ohio/Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 5,326.
- 27, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill./John Szczerbinski, Columbus, Ohio, 5,316.
- 29, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla./Mike DeVaney, San Diego, 5,312.
- 30, David Haynes, Las Vegas/Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 5,295.
- 31, Andres Gomez, Colombia/Martin Larsen, Sweden, 5,267.
- 32, Blake DeMore, Springfield, Mo./Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 5,238.
- 33, Thomas Larsen, Denmark/Paul Moor, England, 5,195.
- 34, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga./John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 5,167.
- 35, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif./Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 5,151.
- 36, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas/Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 5,058.
- 37, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico/Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4,898.
- 38, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (Koivuniemi withdrew, injury).

Parker Bohn III Wins Top Berth for PBA Players Championship Finals

PBA Hall of Famer climbs from 69th after round one to lead top five into stepladder finals

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (Jan. 29, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., won seven of his eight matches and tied the other Thursday afternoon at AMF Bowlero to complete a rally from 69th place after round one to claim the top berth for the PBA Players Championship stepladder finals.

Bohn, a 33-time PBA Tour champion, threw games of 248, 287, 266, 258, 247, 279, 238 and 270 during the final round of match play to finish the Players Championship with a 36-game total of 9,222 pins, claiming the lead for the first time when he defeated Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., 270-220, in the final position round game. Russell, who had led most of the day, finished second with 9,170 pins.

Also advancing to the stepladder finals, which will be contested on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m. ET at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis as part of the PBA's 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions week, were two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia; 37-time PBA Tour winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

The finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET.

"Tonight was one of those nights when I put it into cruise control and just let things happen," the 51-year-old Bohn said. "After the first eight games, I went to dinner with Ryan Ciminelli, my doubles partner, and we just decided we had to try something different. We were just trying to figure out how we could make the doubles field. We were so far out of it, we had no plans to make singles."

During the 12 qualifying games, bowlers also were competing concurrently for the top 12 spots in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, which moves into its match play finals Friday. Bohn and Ciminelli made the cut in ninth place, but a huge final four games by Bohn moved him up from 69th to 23rd place for the singles match play finals, and he just kept going.

"After every block you bowl, you have to analyze what's going on, and try to figure out where things are going to happen in the future," Bohn said. "If your guesses are correct, you stand to be one step ahead of everyone else."

"Today, I was an escalator ahead of everyone," he added. "Everything worked out. In my match against Belmonte, he threw a 279, which would normally win, and I struck out to tie. Go figure."

Having to wait until Valentine's Day for the stepladder finals in Indianapolis doesn't bother Bohn a bit.

"It's okay that I have to wait a couple of weeks," he said. "My kids are at home right now, but they're already making plans to come to Indy. I'm going to hope I win the tournament, but no matter what, when you get up on the lanes and you mathematically have a chance to win, it isn't over. We'll see."

Competition continues Friday with the match play final rounds in the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and his partner, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., will take a 72-pin lead over Belmonte and his partner, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., into Friday's six-game rounds at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. CT.

In Friday's doubles matches, the leadoff and anchor bowler from each team will compete head-to-head for 10 bonus pins against the opposing team in each match, and the teams will compete for 30 bonus pins for winning each match, in addition to their actual pinfall totals.

The Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship finalists will meet in a five-game Baker format stepladder finals on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. ET at Woodland Bowl, following the live 1 p.m. telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions finals. The PBA Doubles show will air on ESPN on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

Both doubles match play rounds Friday will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, and on pba.com's "live scoring" feature. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 29

Final Match Play Standings (after 36 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis)

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 15-6-3, 9,222.
- 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 14-9-1, 9,170.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-8-2, 9,110.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 15-9, 9,107.
- 5, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 11-12-1, 9,070.

Other Cashers (after 36 games)

- 6, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 16-8, 8,989, \$7,000.
- 7, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 15-9, 8,945, \$6,000.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 14-10, 8,901, \$5,000.
- 9, Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 12-11-1, 8,878, \$4,500.
- 10, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 9-15, 8,742, \$4,000.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-13, 8,725, \$3,800.
- 12, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 11-12-1, 8,672, \$3,600.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 11-13, 8,659, \$3,400.
- 14, Dan MacLelland, Saginaw, Mich., 11-13, 8,516, \$3,200.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7-16-1, 8,485, \$3,000.
- 16, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 13-10-1, 8,472, \$2,800.

- 17, Patrick Girard, Canada, 14-10, 8,462, \$2,700.
- 18, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 11-12-1, 8,438, \$2,600.
- 19 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 12-12, and Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 9-15, 8,434, \$2,450.
- 21, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 8-16, 8,427, \$2,300.
- 22, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 12-12, 8,363, \$2,200.
- 23, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 10-14, 8,288, \$2,100.
- 24, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 7-17, 8,286, \$2,000.

300 Games (6): Tom Daugherty 2, Scott Norton, Parker Bohn III, Wes Malott, Norm Duke.

PBA Spare Shots

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR GREATEST PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TELEVISED MOMENT

What was the greatest moment in PBA Tournament of Champions television history? In celebration of the 50th anniversary tournament which gets underway on Tuesday, Feb. 11, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, you are invited to vote on your favorite, starting Sunday, by clicking on the special "TOC Poll" link at the top of the pba.com home page.

Fans can vote until Monday, Feb. 9. The top three moments, based on fan voting, will be aired as part of the live ESPN telecast of the TOC finals on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. ET.

Below is a list of 12 of the Tournament of Champions' most historic moments, listed in order of when they happened. Go to the online poll to cast your vote, or visit PBA on Facebook or Twitter if you have another special moment you think the PBA's panel of experts missed.

- 1967** - Jack Biondolillo shoots the first TV 300 game in PBA history.
- 1970** - Don Johnson shoots 299 in the title match.
- 1971** - Johnny Petraglia makes four straight TV shows and wins three straight titles, culminating with the T of C.
- 1984** - Mike Durbin becomes the first player to win three T of C titles (1972, 1982 & 1984).
- 1986** - Marshall Holman wins 2nd T of C and surpasses \$1 million in career earnings (3rd player to do so).
- 1991** - A bomb scare temporarily halts the telecast; David Ozio eventually wins the title.
- 1993** - George Branham wins the last Firestone T of C and becomes first African-American to win the event.
- 1995** - Mike Aulby wins to complete Bowling's Triple Crown and Grand Slam.
- 2002** - Jason Couch wins his third straight T of C title to become the only "three-peat" winner in the event.
- 2010** - Kelly Kulick becomes the first female to win a PBA Tour title.
- 2011** - Mika Koivuniemi shoots 299 vs. Tom Daugherty's 100 in the semifinal match, then wins the event and a PBA record \$250,000 first prize.
- 2013** - Pete Weber becomes the oldest player to win the event at age 50 (his second T of C win).

ESPN NIXES KNICKS IN FAVOR OF PBA'S CP3 CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL

The traditional Super Bowl Sunday telecast of Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational got a boost into an even better time slot on ESPN (Sunday at 2 p.m. ET) and an extension from a 90-minute show to two hours thanks to a struggling New York Knicks team.

As New York Post reporter Marc Berman wrote: "The Knicks' scheduled nationally televised games are falling like bowling pins. A matinee clash with the (Los Angeles) Lakers on Super Bowl Sunday on ESPN was pulled by the network — not for another NBA showdown — but for a celebrity bowling event, an NBA source told The Post.

"The Chris Paul-hosted celebrity bowling event has been deemed more appetizing than the bumbling Lakers (12-31) visiting the bumbling Knicks (7-36) in Derek Fisher's first game as coach against his former club."

Speaking of Sunday's Chris Paul PBA event, here's a link to a special preview of the CP3 show:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NzLOlIkGA9U>

TACKETT WINS "SELFIE CHALLENGE;" FLAVOR FLAV MAKES GUEST APPEARANCE

Thirteen-year-old **Ryan Knippel** was mildly surprised he was going to bowl against 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., in the final one-shot High 5 Gear "Selfie Challenge" of GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, but he was even more surprised when hip-hop artist **Flavor Flav** joined the fun.

Tackett set the bar high with a strike on his shot. Knippel managed only a three-count. And Flav, who frequently dropped by to watch the action at South Point Bowling Center during the week, rolled a shot straight down the middle to knock down eight pins. Knippel received an autographed ball from Tackett for participating in the challenge, which took place during the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals presented by the PBA.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BOHN, ALLEN WIN CENTRAL OVER/UNDER DOUBLES EVENT

PBA Hall of Famer and PBA50 Tour competitor Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and partner **Patrick Allen** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., defeated the Ohio duo of **Mike Henry** of Brunswick and **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match to win the PBA Don Vay Memorial Regular/Senior Doubles Central Classic presented by Ebonite at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Sunday.

The first PBA Regional tournament of the 2015 season featured teams of one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was Bohn's and Allen's first of the year in the PBA Central Region. It also was Bohn's 22nd career PBA Regional title and Allen's 24th. They split a \$4,000 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Bohn and Allen blanked **Dale Csuhta** of Wadsworth, Ohio, and **Dave Wodka**, newly located in Columbus, Ohio, 2-0, while Henry and Dombrowski swept **Jim Pencak** of Parma, Ohio and **Brandon Tarabek** of Cleveland, 2-0, to set up the championship match.

☐ The Feb. 6-8 weekend includes the Break Point Alley South Challenge presented by DV8, a tournament for non-title winners, in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at River Rand Lanes in Des Plaines, Ill.

☐ The Feb. 20-22 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by Ebonite in Spartanburg, S.C.; the Lakewood Colorado Southwest Open at Holiday Bowling and Billiards; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort West Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Lynwood Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, a non-titlists event, at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ For the latest in PBA-logoed merchandise, visit the PBA Tour Store on pba.com:
<https://www.kotisdesign.com/estore/landing.asp?estore=pbastore>

☐ Reminder: Tickets for the live ESPN telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, and the finals of the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, over the Feb. 14-15 Valentine's Day weekend at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis are now on sale on pba.com. For ticket information, click here:
<http://www.pba.com/Tickets/>.

☐ Reminder: if you missed Sunday's ESPN telecast of the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by the PBA, all GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecasts are archived on Xtra Frame three days after they air on ESPN. Click on the "2014 WSOB archives" tab on the left side of the Xtra Frame home page for a complete listing of archived shows.

☐ Reminder: HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, has renewed its sweepstakes program for 2015 and will award a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky winner each month all year. To enter, book a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com using one of the links below before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The monthly drawing will take place on the last day of the month. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

Duke, Malott Team Up to Win No. 1 Berth for Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship Finals *ESPN finals set for Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, February 15*

WAUWATOSA, Wis. (Jan. 30, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and partner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, will try to repeat as Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship winners after racing away to the No. 1 qualifying position for the stepladder finals on Feb. 15 in Indianapolis.

Duke, who stands 5-foot-6, and Malott, his 6-foot-4 partner, dominated Friday's match play rounds at AMF Bowlero, averaging a combined 238.44 for 48 games of qualifying and match play to finish with 11,835 pins. The 2011 Roth/Holman doubles champions –

the last time the event was held – finished 343 pins ahead of Dino Castillo of Carrollton, Texas, and his partner, Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Also qualifying for the Baker format stepladder finals which will be held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis on Sunday, Feb. 15, are Australia's Jason Belmonte and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; No. 4 D.J. Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, and No. 5 Dom Barrett of England and Osku Palermaa of Finland.

Throughout the doubles event, Duke was the dominant player, playing a straight down the outside of the lane while most of the field – including Malott – played a big hook, inside-angle power game. Among the field of finalists, three are high-rev two-handed players – Belmonte, Maldonado and Palermaa – and Daugherty gets his power with a “thumbless” release.

The finalists also include two players trying for their first PBA Tour title (Castillo and Maldonado), and two one-time winners (Daugherty and Archer).

“We’re so different, but we just go about our business, and enjoy bowling with each other,” Duke said. “I have so much respect for Wes. I wanted to do well just because of that.”

“What made it work for us is that Norm bowled his butt off and I kinda went along for the ride,” Malott, a nine-time PBA Tour titlist, said. “I know he hasn’t necessarily bowled great the past couple of years, but I have a lot of faith in him and he certainly showed why this week. To have a chance to defend our title is an honor.”

Duke, a 37-time PBA Tour champion, will head to Indianapolis as a finalist in the PBA Players Championship as well as the doubles event. He will have two chances to break his tie for third place on the PBA all-time titles list with fellow hall of famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. Duke and Weber trail all-time titles leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47) and the late Earl Anthony (43).

Neither Duke nor Malott is concerned about the two-week interval between Friday’s match play and the Feb. 15 finals, which will be contested at Woodland Bowl at 7 p.m. ET, following the live ESPN finals of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions at 1 p.m. ET.

“Milwaukee has been good to me. I’ve made a lot of TV shows here, but I haven’t won that many times,” Duke said. “It would be nice to stay here, but if we have to go somewhere for the finals, I’d go to Indy. I’ve closed the deal a few times down there.”

Malott felt the same way.

“With all of the bowling we’re going to be doing the next couple of weeks, having a little time before the finals is a good thing,” Malott said, “and I think I’ll be able to strike a little more in Indy.”

The Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship will air on ESPN on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA Tour players headed north to Green Bay where they will compete in the United States Bowling Congress Masters Tuesday through Sunday, Feb. 8. The Masters finals will air live on ESPN at 3 p.m. ET. All qualifying and match play rounds of the Masters will be covered live on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for subscription information).

The 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions follows, Feb. 11-15, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies will kick off the week on Feb. 10. All qualifying and match play rounds of the Tournament of Champions also will be covered live on Xtra Frame.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP AMF Bowlero, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 30

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 48 combined games, includes combined individual and team match play records and bonus pins)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 23-13, 11,835.
- 2, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 24-12, 11,492.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 16-20, 11,481.
- 4, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 21-15, 11,431.
- 5, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, 21-14-1, 11,396.

- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 21-15, 11,372, \$6,000.
- 7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 17-19, 11,334, \$5,000.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 12-24, 11,319, \$4,500.
- 9, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 19-17, 11,261, \$4,000.
- 10, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 13-23, 11,228, \$3,500.
- 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y./Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 15-20-1, 11,157, \$3,000.
- 12, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y./Rhino Page, Dade City, Fla., 13-23, 11,007, \$2,500.

50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Set to Begin in Indianapolis

PBA legend Pete Weber, Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, Indiana's Ronnie Russell among entrants

INDIANAPOLIS – Woodland Bowl, the host for some of the most memorable championships in Professional Bowlers Association history, will continue that tradition as host of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, the second major of the 2015 season, Feb. 11-15.

The 50th anniversary Tournament of Champions will culminate with the live ESPN stepladder finals at 1 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 15, as part of an ESPN "tripleheader" to conclude the historic week.

Throughout its history, Woodland Bowl has hosted 30 PBA Tour events including four U.S. Opens, two PBA World Championships, two PBA Touring Players Championships and, most recently, the 2013 PBA Tournament of Champions which was won in historic fashion by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber. Weber also won the 1991 U.S. Open and 1992 PBA Touring Players Championships at Woodland.

Weber tied Earl Anthony for most PBA majors when he defeated Australia's Jason Belmonte, 224-179, to win the 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, becoming the oldest player ever to win at the TOC at age 50 and becoming the only player in PBA history to complete the PBA Triple Crown (TOC, U.S. Open and PBA World Championship) twice. Belmonte, who recently earned his second consecutive Player of the Year honor, will return to Indianapolis as defending TOC champion after winning the 2014 title in Allen Park, Mich.

Also among the champions competing in the season's second major will be two-time PBA Tour winner and Indianapolis native Ronnie Russell who now makes his home in Marion, Ind., and 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind. Russell had a productive 2014 season winning the Bear Open, and most recently, a fourth-place finish in the PBA World Championship. He also made PBA history by becoming the 24th player to bowl a televised 300 game in the Viper Championship where he finished second. Tackett, an emerging star in professional bowling, is a four-time PBA Regional champion, but is still trying for his first win on the national tour.

Also in the field will be 81-year-old Carmen Salvino of Chicago, the only living player who bowled in the original TOC (he finished third) and 66-year-old Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., the 1971 TOC winner and the only player in PBA history to win national titles in six different decades.

The return of the TOC to Indianapolis is significant because the tournament originated at Play Bowl in 1962 in Indianapolis and Indianapolis was the home to title sponsor Barbasol when it was invented as the first commercial shaving cream in 1919.

Tournament of Champions week will begin with PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Indianapolis Marriott North. It will conclude over the Feb. 14-15 weekend with not only the live TOC finals on Sunday at 1 p.m., but with the finals of the PBA Players Championship on Saturday at 7 p.m. and the finals of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship on Sunday at 4:30 p.m. Both of those finals will air on a delayed basis on ESPN.

The PBA Players Championship finalists, determined during preliminary qualifying rounds in Milwaukee last week, will be top qualifier Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; No. 2 Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.

The Roth/Holman Doubles finalists will be No. 1 Duke and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Dino Castillo of Carrollton, Texas, and Daugherty; Belmonte and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and England's Dom Barrett with Osku Palermaa of Finland. Roth and Holman, both PBA legends, are expected to be in attendance.

A field of more than 100 PBA champions will begin competition on Wednesday, Feb. 11, with eight-game qualifying rounds at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Every PBA member who has ever won a PBA title – PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, PBA International Tour, PBA Regional or PBA Women’s Series – will be eligible to participate.

After a third qualifying round Thursday morning, the top 24 players will advance to eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday and Friday to determine the five stepladder finalists.

Ticket and pro-am entry information is available by visiting pba.com or by calling Woodland Bowl at (317) 844-4099.

BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 10-15, 2015

(All times Eastern)

Tuesday, Feb. 10

1 p.m. – Official practice session

6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies and dinner (Indianapolis Marriott North)

Wednesday, Feb. 11

10 a.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players

5 p.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players

Thursday, Feb. 12

10 a.m. – 8 games qualifying, all players

Top 24 after 24 games advance to round-robin match play

5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play

Friday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play

5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games round-robin match play

Top five after 48 games advance to stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 14

9:30 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

7 p.m. – PBA Players Championship stepladder finals (top five qualifiers, for delayed telecast on ESPN)

Sunday, Feb. 15

1 p.m. – Tournament of Champions ESPN stepladder finals (top five qualifiers live)

4:30 p.m. – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship stepladder finals (top five teams, Baker format, for delayed telecast on ESPN)

PBA Spare Shots

CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE GREATEST PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS TV MOMENT

In celebration of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions which gets underway on Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, you are invited to vote on your favorite moment by clicking on the special “TOC Poll” link at the top of the [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) home page (<http://www.pba.com/Vote/>).

Voting will be open until midnight ET on Monday, Feb. 9. The top three moments, based on fan voting, will be aired as part of the live ESPN telecast of the TOC finals on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 1 p.m. ET.

Below is a list of 12 of the Tournament of Champions’ most historic moments in order of when they happened. If you think the PBA’s panel of experts missed a key TOC television moment, visit PBA on Facebook or Twitter to submit your favorite.

1967 - Jack Biondolillo shoots the first TV 300 game in PBA history.

1970 - Don Johnson shoots 299 in the title match.

1971 - Johnny Petraglia makes four straight TV shows and wins three straight titles, culminating with the T of C.

1984 - Mike Durbin becomes the first player to win three T of C titles (1972, 1982 & 1984).

1986 - Marshall Holman wins 2nd T of C and surpasses \$1 million in career earnings (3rd player to do so).

1991 - A bomb scare temporarily halts the telecast; David Ozio eventually wins the title.

1993 - George Branham wins the last Firestone T of C and becomes first African-American to win the event.

1995 - Mike Aulby wins to complete Bowling's Triple Crown and Grand Slam.

2002 - Jason Couch wins his third straight T of C title to become the only "three-peat" winner in the event.

2010 - Kelly Kulick becomes the first female to win a PBA Tour title.

2011 - Mika Koivuniemi shoots 299 vs. Tom Daugherty's 100 in the semifinal match, then wins the event and a PBA record \$250,000 first prize.

2013 - Pete Weber becomes the oldest player to win the event at age 50 (his second T of C win).

CHRIS PAUL INVITATIONAL PULLS LARGEST ESPN AUDIENCE SINCE 2012

The ESPN broadcast of **Chris Paul's** CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Bowlmor AMF averaged 1.1 million viewers on Super Bowl Sunday, the largest audience for any PBA telecast since 2012. The two-hour show, a fund-raiser benefiting the CP3 Foundation and featuring 10 PBA stars, also had a strong rating amongst the highly sought-after 18-49-year-old male and female audience, garnering the highest rating in that demographic for a PBA telecast since 2010.

For those who may have missed it, the sixth CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational was won by the team of **Ronnie Russell** and rapper **French Montana**, 150-139, over perennial favorites **Jason Belmonte** and host **Chris Paul**. Bowlmor AMF hosted the event at AMF Bowl-O-Drome in Torrance, Calif. Montana, an admitted bowling novice, used a straight-down-the-middle approach and became an instant media darling across the hip hop landscape. Montana, on his own, has more than three million Twitter followers.

The CP3 ratings came on the heels of an announcement that audiences for the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI telecasts were up by just over 18 percent over the previous year.

NEW "GRATEFUL DEAD" PBA PROMO, PETE WEBER "THIS IS SPORTS CENTER" SPOT DEBUT

ESPN's family of stations are now airing a new PBA promotional spot for Sunday's live telecast of the USBC Masters finals (1 p.m. ET). The new spots feature the Grateful Dead song "Franklin's Tower" and its lyrics, "roll away..." The PBA on ESPN tagline remains "Love The Lanes."

PBA fans also should watch for the debut Sunday of a new "This Is Sports Center" spot featuring PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber**.

SPECIAL PBA LEAGUE BOWLING BALLS TO DEBUT ON "PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE" GAME

Concrete Software will begin to debut PBA League team balls into the PBA Bowling Challenge game over the next eight weeks, leading up to the PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League logoed bowling balls will be available for use by the legion of PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game users beginning today (Feb. 4) with the introduction of the Dallas Strikers ball. The other PBA League balls and their debut dates are: New York WTT KingPins (Feb. 12), Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Feb. 19), Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Feb. 26), Motown Muscle (March 5), L.A. X (March 12), BROOKLYN STYLES (March 19) and Philadelphia Hitmen (March 26).

The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook. The mobile device game, a segment of the multi-media PBA Network, has more than 11 million regular users.

KUWAIT, THAILAND EVENTS NO LONGER ON WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

The PBA has learned the previously-announced PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kuwait Open, scheduled for March 10-14, and the WBT Thailand, a to-be-announced event, are no longer on the 2015 WBT schedule. The announcement was made on Feb. 3 by World Bowling President Kevin Dornberger.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: "CHALLENGE," PBA50 EVENTS ON THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

The PBA Regional schedule for the Feb. 6-8 weekend includes the Break Point Alley South Challenge presented by DV8, a tournament for non-title winners, in Tavares, Fla., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at River Rand Lanes in Des Plaines, Ill.

☐ The Feb. 20-22 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by Ebonite in Spartanburg, S.C.; the Lakewood Colorado Southwest Open at Holiday Bowling and Billiards; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort West Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Lynwood Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, a non-titlists event, at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ Every month, MOTIV is giving away a bowling ball to someone who signs up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month promotion is a continuation of the MOTIV promotion which ran during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI. January’s winner of a new MOTIV ball was **Marcus Garcia** of Burlington, Iowa.

☐ Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. The January winner is **Mark Nance** of Grove City, Ohio. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

☐ Reminder: Tickets for the live ESPN telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, and the finals of the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, over the Feb. 14-15 Valentine’s Day weekend at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis are now on sale on pba.com. For ticket information, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Tickets/>.

The PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremonies on Tuesday, Feb. 10, will be covered live on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, from Marriott Indianapolis North beginning at 7:30 p.m. ET. The PBA’s 2015 Hall of Fame class includes PBA50 Tour standout **Bob Glass**, former Microsoft executive **Chris Peters** who, in partnership with **Rob Glaser** and **Mike Slade**, purchased the PBA in 2000, and **Barb Wilt**, the longest-tenured employee in PBA history. Tickets to attend the Hall of Fame ceremonies are available for \$125 (<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/50th-barbasol-pba-tournament-of-champions-tickets-15182445102>).

Xtra Frame (along with all other elements of the PBA Network) will cover all qualifying and match play rounds of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Wednesday-Saturday at nearby Woodland Bowl. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

For Tournament of Champions television tickets, use the ticket link above.

For pro-am information, click here: http://pba.com/content/files/pro-ams/TOC_2015_fnl_2.pdf

Pete Weber Stars in New “This Is SportsCenter” Commercial *Iconic ESPN promotional spot features PBA Hall of Famer in starring role*

CHICAGO (Feb. 8, 2015) – For the first time in the 21-year history of ESPN’s iconic “This Is SportsCenter” commercial series, a bowler is playing a starring role and that bowler is the sport’s most recognizable star, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Pete Weber.

The Pete Weber promotional spot made its debut Sunday in conjunction with the live ESPN telecast of the United States Bowling Congress Masters. Weber qualified for the Masters telecast as the No. 4 player in the five-man stepladder finals in his bid for a record 11th PBA major title and a win that would allow him to join Mike Aulby and Norm Duke as the third player to complete the PBA Grand Slam (PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, U.S. Open and Masters).

In keeping with the tradition of This Is SportsCenter’s light-hearted humor, the spot portrays Weber as a stereotypical league bowler. He emerges from a side door and follows ESPN broadcast star Kenny Mayne toward the exit of ESPN’s Los Angeles offices carrying a vintage one-ball bowling bag and stopping at the reception desk to exchange a pair of rental shoes for his street shoes. And it concludes with the receptionist spraying the rental shoes with disinfectant.

The “TSIC” promotional series made its debut in 1994, and has featured a Who’s Who roster of legendary stars from almost every sport, except bowling, until Weber’s appearance. The spot can be seen on YouTube (<http://youtu.be/xT7GHff1FSM>).

While Weber had appeared on television nearly 150 times during his career, it was the first time the 37-time PBA Tour champion has done a nationally-televised commercial. It was, in his words, “Wonderful. Everyone in Los Angeles looked at me and said, ‘Hey, that’s Pete Weber.’”

“I admit, I get a thrill when other celebrities recognize me,” Weber added. “Everyone in Bristol (ESPN’s Connecticut base) knows me because I’ve been around there a lot, but I had never been to the Los Angeles offices before.”

The project had been in planning stages for months, and when Weber's schedule finally matched up with ESPN's shooting schedule, he made the trek to Los Angeles with little idea what to expect.

"I went in on Wednesday evening, met Chantre (Camack, the talent director for the project) and basically had all day Thursday free. When we were walking over to ESPN, Chantre asked me if I'd like to do the Sports Nation show. I said, sure, but I didn't know it was live. Otherwise I might not have displayed my middle finger." He laughed.

"Then we watched (Golden State Warriors star) Steph Curry shoot his commercial, where he was in the buffet line. I also met (Houston Rockets star) James Harden. We started shooting about 4:30 and were done by 6."

During his bantering with Mayne – noted for his offbeat sense of humor – Weber said, "Kenny asked me if I'd ever bowled a game over 300. I told him as a matter of fact, I bowl in a mixed handicap league with my wife Tracy and I shot a 300 with three pins of handicap, so I had a 303 game.

"I talked with Kenny for about a half hour," he said. "What a nice guy, very intelligent. Everyone was first class, A-one, as nice as can be. It was an honor to be part of it."

Rhino Page Takes First Round Lead in 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions
Painful memories of 2009 TOC loss provide "steam" for opening round performance

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 11, 2015) – Propelled by memories of his painful loss in the 2009 Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions title match, Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., set a blistering pace as the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions got underway at Woodland Bowl Wednesday afternoon, averaging 252 for his first eight games to take a 19-pin lead over Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Page, the 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year is now 31 and still recovering from wrist surgery in July of 2013. But on his way to an opening-round 2,016 pinfall total, he said, "I didn't look at the scoreboard all day. I just tried to stay in my own world.

"I should thank the PBA," added with a smile. "Last night at the hall of fame dinner, I watched the video of that shot (in 2009) a dozen times and it kinda put a little steam in me for today.

"That shot" was Page's 10th-frame four-count in the 2009 Tournament of Champions title match, which cost him a victory. "I'd be lying if I said it doesn't still hurt. It's tough to revisit, but I've got a lot of years ahead of me."

More painful, actually, has been his comeback from chronic wrist pain since his surgery two years ago.

"I couldn't throw full-weight ball until the 2014 Masters," Page continued. "It hasn't been until last few months that I've felt really healthy enough to do the kind of things I used to do. For the past couple of years, I was throwing the ball with the idea of 'that didn't hurt, this didn't hurt,' but now I'm feeling pretty good."

Right on Page's heels was Johnson, the only woman in PBA history to qualify for two television finals, and who is trying to join 2010 Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., as the second woman ever to win a PBA Tour title. Johnson finished at 1,997 pins, followed by Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, with a 1,976 total, Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., at 1,955 and 2012 TOC winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.

Defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia was in a tie for 21st place after the opening round, 154 pins behind Page. Belmonte, who won his third consecutive United States Bowling Congress Masters title Sunday in Green Bay, Wis., is the two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year.

Qualifying continues Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. ET before the field of 113 is reduced to the top 24 players for three eight-match rounds of match play Thursday at 5 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The top five players after 48 games will compete for the \$50,000 first prize and the second major title of the 2015 season Sunday at 1 p.m., live on ESPN.

All qualifying and match play rounds are covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Free live scoring throughout the event also is available on pba.com.

50TH BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 11

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,016.
- 2, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 1,997.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,976.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,955.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,950.
- 6, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,947.
- 7, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,943.
- 8, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 1,937.
- 9, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,930.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,923.
- 11, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,909.
- 12, Dom Barrett, England, 1,907.
- 13, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,898.
- 14, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,890.
- 15, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,878.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,875.
- 17, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,874.
- 18, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,871.
- 19, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,865.
- 19, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,865.
- 21, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,862.
- 21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,862.
- 23, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,855.
- 24, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,854.
- 25, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,850.
- 26, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,849.
- 27, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,845.
- 27, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,845.
- 29, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,842.
- 29, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,842.
- 31, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 1,840.
- 32, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,839.
- 33, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,837.
- 34, Stuart Williams, England, 1,835.
- 35, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,830.
- 36, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,820.
- 36, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 1,820.
- 36, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,820.
- 39, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,816.
- 40, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,815.
- 41, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,814.
- 41, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,814.
- 43, Paul Moor, England, 1,813.
- 44, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,811.
- 45, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,806.
- 45, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,806.
- 47, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,802.
- 48, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,801.
- 49, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,795.
- 50, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,794.
- 51, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,791.
- 52, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,789.
- 52, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,789.
- 54, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,787.
- 55, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,786.

56, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif. , 1,785.
57, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 1,784.
58, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,779.
59, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,771.
60, Robert Smith, Moorpark, Calif., 1,769.
61, Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 1,767.
62, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,763.
62, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,763.
64, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,762.
65, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, TX, 1,759.
66, Dave Wodka, Columbus, Ohio, 1,757.
67, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,749.
68, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,746.
69, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,744.
70, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,743.
71, George Branham III, Indianapolis, 1,735.
72, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,732.
73, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 1,731.
74, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 1,729.
75, B.J. Moore II, Apex, N.C., 1,728.
75, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,728.
77, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,727.
78, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,720.
79, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,719.
80, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,717.
81, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,716.
82, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,714.
83, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,710.
84, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,708.
85, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,704.
86, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,696.
87, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 1,694.
88, Lee Vanderhoef, Rising Sun, Md., 1,690.
89, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 1,688.
90, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,687.
91, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 1,685.
92, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,678.
93, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,672.
94, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,666.
95, Tom Sorce, Richmond, Va., 1,655.
96, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 1,654.
97, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,640.
98, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 1,628.
99, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,624.
100, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,623.
101, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 1,621.
102, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,615.
103, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,611.
104, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 1,602.
105, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,600.
106, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,596.
107, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,573.
108, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,572.
109, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 1,557.
110, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 1,533.
111, Larry Montgomery, Safety Harbor, Fla., 1,522.
112, Kevin Vostry, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,506.
113, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,481.

300 Games (5): Brian Voss, Dom Barrett, Scott Norton, Travis Celmer, Lonnie Waliczek.

PBA Spare Shots

BARBASOL OFFERS GREAT PRIZES IN PBA "CLEAN SWEEP-STAKES"

Tweet #PBACleanSweep to @Barbasolshave to be entered to win prizes in the newly-announced PBA CleanSweep-Stakes which will begin February 15 and end on April 19.

The rewards will be weekly prizes of free AMF Bowling and Barbasol swag. At the end of the promotion period, Barbasol will randomly choose one grand prize winner to receive a full year of AMF Bowling and a full year's worth of Barbasol along with other PBA and Barbasol merchandise (t-shirts, hats, etc.).

Like the bowling sweep clearing the pins, Barbasol gives you a clean, close shave. And the grand prize winner will sweep up with fabulous prizes. All you have to do to enter is tweet #PBACleanSweep to @Barbasolshave.

"KINGPINS" PBA LEAGUE BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

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PBA League logoed balls will be available for use by the more than 11 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

PBA FOUNDING MEMBER BILL LILLARD SET TO BREAK HISTORIC USBC RECORD

Houston's **Bill Lillard**, one of the original PBA founding members in 1958, is expected to break the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships total pinfall record, one of the most cherished records in USBC history, on March 30-31 when he competes in his 68th consecutive Open Championships at the El Paso, Texas, Convention Center.

Lillard, who currently trails the late Joe Norris' all-time pinfall record of 123,770 pins, needs 853 pins to break the record Norris set in 71 tournament appearances. Lillard, 87, has averaged 197 in USBC Open competition since bowling in his first event in 1948. He will bowl team event on March 30, and is expected to break Norris' record during his doubles event on Tuesday, March 31.

Lillard, a star in the golden era of "beer team" competition and a one-time member of the famous Budweisers of St. Louis, won his only PBA title in the 1966 Miller High Life Open in Milwaukee.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BORESCH WINS PBA50 MIDWEST/CENTRAL TITLE

Lennie Boresch of Kenosha, Wis., defeated **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., 225-219, to win the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at River Rand Bowl in Des Plaines, Ill., Sunday.

Boresch won his first PBA50 Regional title of the 2015 season, the 29th overall regional title of his career, and the \$1,500 first prize. In the semifinal round, Boresch defeated **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas, 270-235, and Baker edged **Tony Majcher** of Rolling Meadows, Ill., 214-203.

☞ **Brandon Bivens** of East Ridge, Tenn., defeated **Cody Mullis** of Crystal River, Fla. 211-159, to win the third annual PBA Tavares South Challenge title at Breakpoint Alley in Tavares, Fla., Sunday.

Bivens had just completed bowling in the USBC Masters in Wisconsin and decided to drive the long distance to Florida where he earned \$2,300 along with his first PBA Regional title. Mullis earned \$1,300. PBA Challenge tournaments are open only to players who have never won a PBA title.

☞ The Feb. 20-22 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by Ebonite in Spartanburg, S.C.; the Lakewood Colorado Southwest Open at Holiday Bowling and Billiards; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort West Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Lynwood Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, a non-titlists event, at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill.

▣ A busy March schedule of regional activity begins Feb. 27-March 1 with the PBA50 Pensacola (Fla.) South Open at New Liberty Lanes.

▣ The March 6-8 regional calendar includes the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global in Galion, Ohio; the Sunday-only PBA50 Thunderbowl Midwest Open presented by Hammer in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and the PBA West/Northwest Sands Regency Winter Challenge, Winter Classic and PBA50 Winter Classic at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

▣ The March 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes only one event – the joint PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Track in Virden, Ill.

▣ A heavy slate of PBA Regional action is on tap over the March 20-22 weekend, including the PBA50 Fayetteville (N.C.) Open at Fayette Lanes; the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the joint PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA Odessa (Texas) Southwest Open at Astro Bowl; the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open in Grants Pass, Ore.

▣ Wrapping up the March PBA Regional schedule over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

▣ Reminder: Tickets for the live ESPN telecast of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, and the finals of the PBA Players Championship and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, over the Feb. 14-15 Valentine’s Day weekend at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis are now on sale on pba.com. For ticket information, click here:

<http://www.pba.com/Tickets/>.

Rhino Page Retains Second Round Lead in 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions

Memories of painful 2009 TOC loss provides “steam” for opening round performance

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 11, 2015) – Propelled by memories of his painful loss in the 2009 Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions title match, Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., set a blistering pace as the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions got underway at Woodland Bowl Wednesday, averaging 249 for his first 16 games to take an 18-pin lead over Canada’s Dan MacLelland into Thursday’s third and final qualifying round.

Page, the 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year is now 31 and still recovering from wrist surgery in July of 2013. But on his way to a 16-game 3,984 pinfall total, he said, “I didn’t look at the scoreboard all day. I just tried to stay in my own world. When the scoring pace is as high as it is, you can’t afford to get caught up in the drama.”

While his injured left wrist has been a constant source of pain over the past three seasons, Page also has lingering memories of that 2009 loss.

“I should thank the PBA,” he said with a smile. “Last night at the PBA Hall of Fame dinner, I watched the video of that shot (in 2009) a dozen times and it kinda put a little steam in me for today.”

The “shot” was a four-count in the 10th frame of the 2009 TOC title match which handed the victory to Patrick Allen. “I’d be lying if I said it doesn’t still hurt,” Page said. “It’s tough to revisit, but I’ve got a lot of years ahead of me, and that shot isn’t going to define my career.”

More painful, literally, has been his comeback from the chronic wrist pain he has experienced since his surgery two years ago.

“I couldn’t throw full-weight ball until the 2014 Masters,” Page continued. “It hasn’t been until last few months that I’ve felt really healthy enough to do the kind of things I used to do. For the past couple of years, I was throwing the ball with the idea of ‘that didn’t hurt, this didn’t hurt,’ but now I’m feeling pretty good.”

MacLelland, who temporarily held the lead Wednesday night, finished with 3,966 pins in his bid for his first PBA Tour title. Right behind MacLelland was 50-year-old Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, with a 3,894 total and Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., with 3,868 pins.

MacLelland, a former Saginaw Valley State collegiate star, won his only PBA Regional title in 2010, but he has been close on the national tour, making eight television shows and finishing second in the 2010 Shark Championship plus fourth in last year's TOC.

"I'm not frustrated; I'm just trying to give myself chances," the 29-year-old MacLelland said. "You have to roll with it, or you'll hinder yourself. The last few shows I've made, I think I've been doing the right things. I'm getting closer and closer. I won the gold medal (in the World Bowling Men's World Championships) in Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates in December) against the same guys I'm bowling against now, so I know I can do it. It's just a matter of time."

Defending TOC winner Jason Belmonte of Australia advanced from 21st after the opening round to fifth place, 141 pins behind Page. Belmonte, who won his third consecutive United States Bowling Congress Masters title Sunday in Green Bay, Wis., is the two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year, and he's trying for his fifth major title in three years.

Also in contention is Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in sixth place, 36 pins behind Belmonte. Johnson is the only woman ever to qualify for two PBA Tour television finals. She hopes to join 2010 Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick of Union, N.Y., as the second woman ever to win a PBA Tour title. Kulick also was in the hunt, sitting in 29th place heading into Thursday's final qualifying round.

Qualifying concludes Thursday, beginning at 10 a.m. ET. After 24 games, the field of 113 will be reduced to the top 24 players for three eight-match rounds of match play Thursday at 5 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The top five players after 48 games will compete for the \$50,000 first prize and the second major title of the 2015 season Sunday at 1 p.m., live on ESPN.

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Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 11

Second Round Standings (after 16 games)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3,984.
- 2, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 3,966.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,894.
- 4, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,868.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,843.
- 6, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 3,807.
- 7, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,803.
- 8, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,790.
- 9, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,780.
- 10, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 3,777.
- 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,774.
- 12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,773.
- 13, Dom Barrett, England, 3,751.
- 14, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 3,749.
- 15, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,737.
- 16, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,726.
- 17, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,723.
- 18, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,721.
- 19 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,720.
- 21, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,715.
- 22 (tie), Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,712.
- 24, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,707.
- 25, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,686.
- 26 (tie), Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,679.
- 28, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,673.
- 29, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 3,669.

30, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3,663.
31, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,661.
32, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,660.
33 (tie), Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,656.
35, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,651.
36 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,648.
38, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 3,645.
39, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 3,636.
40, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,633.
41, Paul Moor, England, 3,625.
42, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,623.
43, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,617.
44, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,612.
45 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 3,604.
47, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,603.
48, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 3,600.
49 (tie), Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,593.
51, Dave Wodka, Columbus, Ohio, 3,585.
52, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,583.
53, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,566.
54 (tie), Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,565.
56, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,548.
57, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 3,545.
58, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,539.
59, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 3,536.
60, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 3,527.
61, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 3,526.
62, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,524.
63, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 3,522.
64, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3,515.
65, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,512.
66 (tie), John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., and Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 3,511.
68, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 3,503.
69, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,499.
70, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,498.
71, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,497.
72, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 3,490.
73, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 3,486.
74, George Branham III, Indianapolis, 3,478.
75, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,476.
76, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,474.
77 (tie), Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., and Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 3,469.
79, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3,467.
80, Stuart Williams, England, 3,466.
81, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,445.
82, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 3,433.
83, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3,423.
84, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 3,420.
85, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,419.
86, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 3,418.
87, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,415.
88, B.J. Moore II, Apex, N.C., 3,407.
89, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,401.
90, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,391.
91, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 3,389.
92, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 3,385.
93, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 3,373.
94, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 3,371.

95, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,349.
96, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 3,344.
97, Tom Sorce, Richmond, Va., 3,333.
98, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,331.
99, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,329.
100, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 3,315.
101, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,307.
102, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 3,292.
102, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 3,292.
104, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 3,289.
105, Lee Vanderhoef, Rising Sun, Md., 3,273.
106, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 3,193.
107, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 3,179.
108, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 3,166.
109, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 3,152.
110, Larry Montgomery, Safety Harbor, Fla., 3,150.
111, Kevin Vostry, Bolingbrook, Ill., 3,130.
112, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 3,007.
113, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,723.

300 Games (7): Brian Voss, Dom Barrett, Scott Norton, Travis Celmer, Lonnie Waliczek, Kyle Troup, Chad Lusche.

PBA Telecast of USBC Masters on ESPN Reaches More Than 3.5 Million Viewers
Ratings increase by 62 percent over last year's telecast

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Professional Bowlers Association Tour telecast of the United States Bowling Congress Masters on ESPN was the most-watched cable sports program on Sunday, reaching more than 3.5 million viewers.

The telecast, which featured two-handed Australian bowler Jason Belmonte winning a historic third-straight Masters title, averaged 1.17 million viewers in the last quarter-hour of the telecast. The two-hour telecast averaged a 0.60 household U.S. rating representing a 62 percent increase versus the 2014 USBC Masters telecast.

"Viewership numbers for the PBA on ESPN have been very encouraging," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. "The USBC Masters was another historic, action-packed spectacular. Sports fans nationwide are tuning in which is great for our sponsors, players and the game. When more people see bowling on TV, more people go bowling, become interested in bowling, become inspired by the best."

The Masters telecast was part of a positive household U.S. ratings increase for the PBA on ESPN this year, up 20 percent year-over-year when compared to the 2013-14 season-to-date.

The television success comes following a partnership between PBA and USBC to include the USBC Masters as part of the PBA Tour schedule in 2015 and 2016. The event had previously been planned for late summer.

"We want to thank our great partners in Green Bay for the flexibility to host the USBC Masters in the prime of bowling season," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "The move ultimately benefited the PBA, the players and product manufacturers with tremendous national exposure. USBC is committed to making decisions in the best interest of the future for the sport and this is a prime example."

Belmonte became the first bowler in the sport's history to win the Masters three consecutive years. He won a drama-filled semifinal against Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Missouri, before defeating AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, for the title.

The USBC Masters drew a sold-out field of 336 of the best bowlers in the world and awarded more than \$250,000 in prize money.

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INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 12, 2015) – Left-hander Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., trying for his first Professional Bowlers Association title in five years, led a field of 24 finalists into the match play portion of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday at Woodland Bowl.

Page, the 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year, averaged 246.5 through 24 games of qualifying for a total of 5,916 pins and a 78-pin lead over 50-year-old Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas. During Thursday’s final eight-game qualifying round, Page rolled games of 243, 256, 232, 260, 246, 232, 235 and 228 in pursuit of his first title since the 2009 Viper Championship in Allen Park, Mich.

Scroggins, who will make his debut as a rookie on the PBA50 Tour later in the year after celebrating his 50th birthday on March 12, is an eight-time PBA Tour titlist including two majors (2005 USBC Masters and 2009 U.S. Open). He hasn’t won since the 2010 Don Johnson Eliminator.

Scroggins finished with 5,838 pins. Rounding out the top five heading into the first round of match play Thursday evening were Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., with 5,828 pins; Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., at 5,778, and Canadian Dan MacLelland in fifth with a 5,772, five pins ahead of defending TOC winner Jason Belmonte of Australia.

Also advancing to match play in 13th place was Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., the only woman who has ever qualified for two PBA television finals. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., who won the 2010 Tournament of Champions, is the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title. Kulick made a run at the top 24, but dropped back to finish 34th.

Three eight-match rounds of match play are scheduled for at 5 p.m., and Friday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The top five players after 48 games will have a chance to win the \$50,000 first prize and the second major title of the 2015 season Sunday at 1 p.m. ET, live on ESPN.

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Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 12

Third Round Standings (after 24 games; top 24 advance to round-robin match play)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 5,916.
- 2, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,838.
- 3, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 5,828.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 5,778.
- 5, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5,772.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,767.
- 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,752.
- 8, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5,748.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 5,724.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5,710.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 5,692.
- 12, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,684.
- 13, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 5,672.
- 14, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 5,638.
- 15, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 5,630.
- 16, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,629.
- 17, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,584.
- 18, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5,564.
- 19, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,563.
- 20, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 5,560.
- 21, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 5,553.
- 21, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 5,553.
- 23, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5,545.
- 24, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,544.

Did not advance

- 25 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 5,537, \$1,950.
- 27, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5,536, \$1,800.
- 28, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,512, \$1,700.
- 29, Paul Moor, England, 5,504.
- 30, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,495.
- 31, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,493.
- 32, Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 5,491.
- 33, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 5,488.
- 34, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,483.
- 35, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 5,478.
- 36 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,453.
- 38, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,451.
- 39, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 5,450.
- 40, Stuart Williams, England, 5,436.
- 41, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5,432.
- 42, Dave Wodka, Columbus, Ohio, 5,430.
- 43, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,426.
- 44, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5,423.
- 45, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,417.
- 46, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,404.
- 47, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5,403.
- 48 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 5,402.
- 50, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,387.
- 51, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 5,384.
- 52, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 5,383.
- 53, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 5,355.
- 54, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 5,344.
- 55, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 5,338.
- 56, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,332.
- 57, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 5,327.
- 58, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 5,326.
- 59, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 5,321.
- 60, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 5,317.
- 61, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5,305.
- 62, Sean Swanson, Springfield, Mo., 5,303.
- 63, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5,287.
- 64, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 5,282.
- 64 (tie), Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 5,282.
- 66, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,279.
- 67, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 5,260.
- 68, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 5,247.
- 69, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 5,241.
- 70, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 5,237.
- 71, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif. , 5,233.
- 72, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 5,225.
- 73, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 5,224.
- 74, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5,217.
- 75, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,216.
- 76, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 5,209.
- 77, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5,208.
- 78, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,204.
- 79 (tie), Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,189.
- 79, Chris Hartung, Goshen, Ind., 5,189.
- 81, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5,164.
- 82, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 5,163.
- 83, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 5,162.
- 84, George Branham III, Indianapolis, 5,160.

85, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 5,152.
 86, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,148.
 87, Chad Lusche, Arvada, Colo., 5,133.
 88, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 5,103.
 89, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 5,073.
 90, B.J. Moore II, Apex, N.C., 5,056.
 91, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 5,037.
 92, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 5,033.
 93, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 5,026.
 94, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 5,020.
 95, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 5,015.
 96, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 4,979.
 97, Chris Spoo, Boyton Beach, Fla., 4,978.
 98, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 4,959.
 99, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 4,952.
 100, Lee Vanderhoef, Rising Sun, Md., 4,948.
 101, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4,942.
 102, Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 4,925.
 103, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 4,894.
 104, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 4,848.
 105, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 4,847.
 106, Kevin Vostry, Bolingbrook, Ill., 4,765.
 107, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago, 4,672.
 108, Larry Montgomery, Safety Harbor, Fla., 4,611.
 109, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., withdrew.
 110, Tom Sorce, Richmond, Va., withdrew.
 111, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., withdrew.
 112, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., withdrew.
 113, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., withdrew.

300 Games (6): Chris Barnes, Anthony LaCaze, Sean Rash, Stuart Williams, Dennis Horan Jr., Steven Arehart.

Page Rallies to Retain Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Lead

Final 16 games of match play Friday to decide Sunday's ESPN stepladder finalists

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 12, 2015) – After temporarily surrendering the lead, Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., rallied Thursday night at Woodland Bowl to regain a 109-pin lead over Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., heading into Friday's final two rounds of match play in the 50th anniversary Barbasol Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions.

Page, who trying for his fourth career title and first since the 2009 Viper Championship, won six of his eight matches Thursday night and averaged 246.63 to finish with a 32-game total of 8,072 pins, including 30 bonus pins for each match play win, to retain the lead he has held since the first round. Norton won his first seven matches to move into second with 7,963 pins, followed by defending Tournament of Champions winner Jason Belmonte of Australia with a 7,868 total, and Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., with 7,861 pins. Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., moved into fifth place with 7,791 pins, 16 ahead of England's Dom Barrett who rolled a pair of 300 games in round four.

"This is stressful," Page, the 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year, said of his battle to stay ahead of the field. "Anyone who thinks this is easy is out of his brain."

"Coming out of the gate tonight, I had better focus than I did this morning (he started the night with a 289 game), but there was so much (bowling) traffic on the left side of the lanes tonight, I'm going to have to think about a new strategy for tomorrow. The top four starting the night were all lefties and we kept hitting the same pairs, and we all kind of struggled (with changing lane conditions)."

Holding the lead is nice, Page added, but "there are 16 more games and with this high-scoring environment, I'm not terribly worried about (being in first place). It feels good to lead, but it can go away in a second. The thing is, I put myself in the spot I want to be in, and now it's just a matter of keeping on going."

The final two eight-match rounds of match play are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Friday. After 48 games, the top five players will advance to Sunday's live ESPN stepladder finals where they will compete for the \$50,000 first prize and the second major title of the 2015 season at 1 p.m. ET.

Friday's match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame online video streaming channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Free live scoring throughout the event also is available on pba.com.

50TH ANNIVERSARY BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 12

Fourth Round Standings (after 32 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6-2, 8,072.
- 2, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 7-1, 7,963.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 4-4, 7,868.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 6-2, 7,861.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4-4, 7,791.
- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 4-4, 7,775.
- 7, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 5-3, 7,735.
- 8, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-4, 7,718.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5-3, 7,696.
- 10, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, 7,675.
- 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 4-4, 7,663.
- 12, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 4-4, 7,637.
- 13, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3-5, 7,614.
- 14, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 3-5, 7,600.
- 15, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 6-2, 7,598.
- 16, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2-6, 7,517.
- 17, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 4-3-1, 7,494.
- 18, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 4-4, 7,473.
- 19, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3-5, 7,463.
- 20, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4-4, 7,435.
- 21, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-4-1, 7,407.
- 22, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3-5, 7,374.
- 23, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3-5, 7,292.
- 24, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 0-8, 7,212.

Other Cashers (after 24 games)

- 25 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,537, \$1,950.
- 27, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 5,536, \$1,800.
- 28, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,512, \$1,700.

300 Games (9): Chris Barnes 2, Anthony LaCaze, Sean Rash, Stuart Williams, Dennis Horan Jr., Steven Arehart, Dom Barrett 2, DJ Archer.

Rhino Page Takes Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Lead into Final Round

Final 8 games of match play Friday night to decide Sunday's ESPN stepladder finalists

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2015) – Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., again held off his challengers to take a 137–pin lead over defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia into Friday night's final round of match play in the 50th anniversary Barbasol Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions.

Page, who is hoping to win the Tournament of Champions title that evaded him in 2009, has won 11 of his first 16 matches and tied another, averaging 245.23 for 40 games for a 10,154 pinfall total. He has led the tournament since the opening round.

Belmonte, who has been lurking in the shadows the entire tournament, closed his Friday morning round with a 300 game to move into second place with 10,017 pins, 87 pins ahead of 2009 TOC winner Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla. Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., was fourth with 9,917 pins and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., held the fifth spot for Sunday's ESPN finals with 9,833 pins, six ahead of Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

"It's a good thing I'm not watching the rearview mirror," Page said. "The lanes were a little different today. I struggled the first three games, and luckily won a couple of them. If I'd been watching in the rearview mirror, panic might have set in. But once I got a good read, I got more comfortable and got things back under control."

Not only is the two-handed Belmonte, the two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year, not on Page's heels, but so is Allen, who won the 2009 TOC title over Page, 267-263, when Page made an errant shot in the 10th frame, knocking down four pins to hand Allen the title. A rematch with Allen in the title match here is a possibility.

"I have not given a single thought to a repeat match with (Allen)," Page said. "When you've got a guy like Belmo chasing you – he's the best there is right now and he made a big move this afternoon – it's hard to think about a rematch with P.A."

Belmonte, who won the United States Bowling Congress Masters for a record third consecutive time last Sunday, is trying for his fifth major title in three years. He also has a chance to become the first player to win both the Masters and Tournament of Champions back-to-back.

The final eight games of match play begin at 5 p.m. ET today with at least 10 players in contention for the five stepladder finals berths. After 48 games, the top five will advance to Sunday's live ESPN finals where they will compete for the \$50,000 first prize and the second major title of the 2015 season at 1 p.m. ET.

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Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 13

Fifth Round Standings (after 40 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 11-4-1, 10,154.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 9-7, 10,017.
- 3, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 11-5, 9,930.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 11-5, 9,917.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 7-9, 9,833.
- 6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7-8-1, 9,827.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9-7, 9,789.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 10-6, 9,776.
- 9, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 10-6, 9,767.
- 10, Dom Barrett, England, 8-8, 9,705.
- 11, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 12-3-1, 9,699.
- 12, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 8-7-1, 9,657.
- 13, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 9-7, 9,635
- 14, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 8-8, 9,628.
- 15, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 10-6, 9,519.
- 16, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5-11, 9,517.
- 17, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 8-7-1, 9,440.
- 18, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 5-11, 9,335.
- 19, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 7-9, 9,302.
- 20, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 5-11, 9,258.
- 21, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-11-1, 9,257.
- 22, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 7-9, 9,170.
- 23, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 6-10, 9,153.
- 24, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-14, 9,094.

300 Games (3): Jason Belmonte, Patrick Allen, Dan MacLelland.

Rhino Page Holds on to Claim Top Berth for 50th Anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Finals

Jason Belmonte, Ryan Ciminelli, Sean Rash, Scott Norton complete stepladder field

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 13, 2015) – Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., survived a heated challenge Friday night at Woodland Bowl to hold on to the top qualifying position for Sunday's finals in the 50th anniversary Barbasol Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions by 45 pins over defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia.

Page, who is hoping to win the Tournament of Champions title that evaded him in 2009, won 15 of his 24 matches and tied another, averaging 243.9 for 48 games for a 12,172 pinfall total. Belmonte, who hounded Page the entire tournament, closed his Friday morning round with a 300 game to move into second place and stayed there, finishing with 12,127 pins.

Page, the 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year and a three-time title winner, is trying for his first title since 2009 and hopes to erase the memory of his errant four-count in the 10th frame of the 2009 TOC title match that cost him a 267-263 loss to Patrick Allen.

"It was a lot more exciting than I hoped it would be," Page said. "I don't think I've ever led from start to finish before, but now it doesn't matter who I bowl, I get a little payback for the 2009 show. I know I'm going to bowl for the title, no matter what the other guys do."

"That 2009 show doesn't bother me as much as people think," he continued. "It doesn't define my career. It was one bad shot. If people want to call that a choke, then everyone chokes."

Qualifying No. 1 after undergoing potential career-ending wrist surgery two years ago is what Page thinks about more than that bad shot five years ago.

"When you're going through surgery, there are some scary moments when you don't know if you'll ever be back," he said. "To perseverer through all of that and be bowling in the TOC title match? Tears almost flowed. It's surreal. I just hope it's the start of things to come."

Belmonte, who won the United States Bowling Congress Masters for a record third consecutive time last Sunday, is again in position to make history. The Australian two-handed player is trying for his fifth major title in three years, and he also has a chance to become the first player in PBA history to win back-to-back titles in both the Masters and Tournament of Champions.

Also advancing to Sunday's finals are two-time PBA Tour titlist Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; 2012 TOC winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who won that title with a 239-205 victory over Ciminelli, and Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., who threw the final five strikes in his 48th game to nip Allen by two pins to capture the fifth berth.

The five-player stepladder finals will be televised live on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET. First prize is \$50,000 and the second major title of the 2015 season.

The Tournament of Champions finals Sunday are part of a PBA-ESPN tripleheader weekend. The finals of the PBA Players Championship will be held Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Woodland Bowl for telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET. The finalists, determined during a qualifying event earlier in the month in Milwaukee, will be top qualifier Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., a PBA Hall of Famer and 33-time title winner; two-time PBA Tour titlist Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Belmonte; PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time winner Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and one-time titlist Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.

At 4:30 p.m. Sunday, following the live TOC finals, the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship will be contested for telecast on Sunday, March 1, at 1 p.m. ET. The Baker-format doubles finals – in which players will bowl alternate frames – will include top qualifiers Duke and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, the defending champions; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, and Daugherty; Belmonte and partner Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, bowling with Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, and England's Dom Barrett with Osku Palermaa, Finland. Among the 10 finalists, Castillo and Maldonado are the only players who have not won a PBA Tour title.

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Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 13

Final Match Play Standings (after 48 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advance to ESPN stepladder finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET)

- 1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 15-8-1, 12,172.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 14-9-1, 12,127.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 12-11-1, 11,944.
- 4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 13-11, 11,911.

- 5, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 15-9, 11,878.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10-13-1, 11,859, \$7,000.
- 7, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 14-10, 11,833, \$6,000.
- 8, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 12-10-2, 11,713, \$5,200.
- 9, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, New York, 13-10-1, 11,649, \$4,600.
- 10, Dan MacLelland, Canada, 12-12, 11,639, \$4,200.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 12-12, 11,634, \$4,000.
- 12, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 14-10, 11,612, \$3,800.
- 13, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 15-8-1, 11,574, \$3,600.
- 14, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 12-12, 11,525, \$3,500.
- 15, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 8-16, 11,450, \$3,400.
- 16, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 12-11-1, 11,405, \$3,300.
- 17, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 11-12-1, 11,391, \$3,200.
- 18, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 9-15, 11,319, \$3,100.
- 19, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 12-12, 11,279, \$3,000.
- 20, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 12-12, 11,229, \$2,900.
- 21, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 8-16, 11,110, \$2,800.
- 22, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 6-18, 11,036, \$2,700.
- 23, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 9-15, 10,989, \$2,600.
- 24, x-Osku Palermaa, Finland, 6-2, 10,862, \$2,500.
- 25, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 7-9, 9,170, \$1,950.

x-Palermaa replaced Fagan, who withdrew due to injury.

300 Games (3): Jason Belmonte, Patrick Allen, Dan MacLelland.

Belmonte Repeats as Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions Winner
Nationally-televised finals feature historic 300 game by Sean Rash

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 15, 2015) – Australian two-handed player Jason Belmonte continued his astonishing run in Professional Bowlers Association major champions Sunday, successfully defending his title in the 50th anniversary Barbasol Professional Bowlers Association Tournament of Champions with a 232-214 victory over top qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., at Woodland Bowl for his fifth major title in the past three years.

Belmonte, the No. 2 qualifier, struck on seven of his first eight shots to lock up his victory over Page, who failed to double until the eighth and ninth frames. In addition to winning his 12th career title, Belmonte earned his second \$50,000 check in two weeks. Last Sunday, he made bowling history by winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters, also a major championship, for a record third consecutive time.

Over the past four seasons, Belmonte has advanced to the television finals in 10 of 12 PBA major championships, winning five of them.

"I don't know what's going on, but I'm going to stay on the ride as long as I can," Belmonte said. "I can't believe it myself. The ball is striking and I'm throwing great shots."

The 31-year-old Australian, already a leading contender for a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year award, started slowly in his semifinal match against Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who also made history by throwing the PBA's 25th nationally-televised 300 game in defeating Ryan Ciminelli, 300-214, in the second match of the day.

Belmonte fell behind in his match against Rash, striking once in the first five frames. But he made a key ball change and threw six strikes in a row to end Rash's title bid, 235-203. Rash's critical error was leaving a 2-8-10 split in the eighth frame, which he was unable to convert.

"I made the ball change to a more aggressive surface and once I saw it go through the pins, I knew it was the right ball," Belmonte said. "I knew Sean was capable of striking a lot, so I didn't want to come out of this tournament saying I wish I had made the change. Sometimes you're put into a position where it's all or nothing, and that kind of brings the best out of people."

Against Ciminelli, Rash became the first player to bowl to two nationally-televised 300 games in PBA Tour competition. It was only the second 300 game ever in the TOC finals and the first since Jack Biondillilo bowled the first nationally-televised perfect game in PBA history in the 1967 finals at the TOC's long-time former home, Riveria Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. Rash bowled his first televised 300 game in the Wolf Open in Shawnee, Okla., in 2014.

Rash won the opening match, starting with four strikes and taking advantage of Scott Norton's pin carry problems to eliminate the Mission Viejo, Calif., left-hander, 237-215.

The PBA on ESPN continues next Sunday with the finals of the PBA Players Championship at 1 p.m. ET. The finalists, determined during a qualifying event earlier in the month in Milwaukee, will be top qualifier Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., a PBA Hall of Famer and 33-time title winner; two-time PBA Tour titlist Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.; Belmonte; PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time winner Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and one-time titlist Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.

50TH ANNIVERSARY BARBASOL PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, Feb. 15

Final Standings: 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$50,000. 2, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$25,000. 3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$13,000. 4, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$11,000. 5, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., \$10,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Rash def. Norton, 237-215. Match Two – Rash def. Ciminelli, 300-214. Semifinal Match – Belmonte def. Rash, 235-203. Championship – Belmonte def. Page, 232-214.

PBA Spare Shots

WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. FULFILLS WISH FOR 14-YEAR-OLD IOWA BOWLER

It isn't often that an aspiring youth bowler has a chance to bowl one of the world's greatest bowlers and then beats him in a match. But that's exactly what 14-year-old **Matt Brauckman** of Carroll, Iowa did.

Brauckman, who has Hodgkin's lymphoma, had the opportunity to bowl **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, the site of the 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, as a result of a Make-A-Wish Foundation grant. After some practice and a few tips from Williams, Brauckman beat the PBA's all-time titles leader (47) in a one-game match, 213-206.

"He's the best ever in my opinion," said Brauckman, who carries a 176 average. "I've always admired his game and how he throws the ball. Just to be able to bowl with him was great, but to beat him was something I didn't expect."

Prior to the match, Brauckman had a brand new Brunswick ball drilled with some help from Williams and then it was off to the lanes to try it out.

"When he said he was a 176 average, I didn't believe it," Williams said. "He's got everything you want at his age – great fundamentals, ball control, timing. Like all of us, he probably needs to make sure not to forget to work on the spares, but I was pretty surprised at how well he threw the ball."

The spare advice was well-taken as Matt missed a 10 pin in the 10th frame, even though he still won the match.

Brauckman bowls in a youth league and is an avid tournament bowler in Iowa. Last year he finished ninth in his division in the Iowa State Youth BA singles. Brauckman was accompanied to Indianapolis by his mother Karen, father Douglas and teammate Tyler Mohr.

KULICK'S HISTORIC VICTORY TOPS "TOP TOC TELEVISION MOMENTS" POLL

Kelly Kulick's historic victory in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions was an easy winner in fan voting to determine the "top moment in Tournament of Champions television history." The results of the special online poll conducted as part of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA TOC celebration were announced during the live ESPN telecast Sunday.

Kulick, who became the first woman to win a PBA Tour title in that event at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, received 27 percent of the votes cast to beat **Pete Weber's** second TOC victory, at age 50, in the 2013 finals at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. Weber received 16 percent of the votes. Third was **Mika Koivuniemi's** 299-100 win over **Tom Daugherty** in 2011, followed by his championship match victory over Tom Smallwood to claim the record \$250,000 first prize (13 percent). **Don Johnson's** memorable 299 game in 1970 and **Jason Couch's** "three-peat" victory in 2002 finished in a tie for fourth (8 percent).

“ATOM SPLITTERS” PBA LEAGUE BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

As part of a continuing series, Concrete Software will debut the Silver Lake Atom Splitters PBA League team ball into the PBA Bowling Challenge game this week. The Dallas Strikers ball was introduced on Feb. 4 and the GEICO New York WTT KingPins ball was unveiled on Feb. 12. The remaining five PBA League balls will be added, one a week, leading up to the PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League logoed balls will be available for use by the more than 12 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

FOR THE SAKE OF CLARIFICATION

Sean Rash became the first player in PBA history to bowl two nationally-televised 300 games in recognized PBA Tour events when he bowled his perfect game during the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions finals Sunday. He was the third player to bowl two nationally-televised 300s, but the other two cases involved PBA special events and therefore were not recognized as part of official PBA records.

Wes Malott was the first to bowl two 300s on national television when he performed the feat during the “made-for-television” King of Bowling Powered by Amp Energy series in 2009. **Ryan Shafer** was the second with two televised 300s. He bowled his first one in the 2007 Pepsi Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, but his second came during a made-for-television special event, the 2011 Lumber Liquidators PBA Summer Series at 10pin bowling lounge in Chicago. Because Malott’s 300s and Shafer’s second 300 did not occur during PBA Tour competition, they were not eligible for PBA Tour records consideration.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ACTIVITY HEATS UP THIS WEEKEND

PBA Regional activity heats up again over the Feb. 20-22 weekend in a schedule that includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open presented by Ebonite in Spartanburg, S.C.; the Lakewood Colorado Southwest Open at Holiday Bowling and Billiards; the Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort West Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., and the Lynwood Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, a non-titlists event, at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill.

☐ A busy March schedule of regional activity begins Feb. 27-March 1 with the PBA50 Pensacola (Fla.) South Open at New Liberty Lanes.

☐ The March 6-8 regional calendar includes the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global in Galion, Ohio; the Sunday-only PBA50 Thunderbowl Midwest Open presented by Hammer in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and the PBA West/Northwest Sands Regency Winter Challenge, Winter Classic and PBA50 Winter Classic at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

☐ The March 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes only one event – the joint PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Track in Virden, Ill.

☐ A heavy slate of PBA Regional action is on tap over the March 20-22 weekend, including the PBA50 Fayetteville (N.C.) Open at Lafayette Lanes; the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the joint PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA Odessa (Texas) Southwest Open at Astro Bowl; the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open in Grants Pass, Ore.

☐ Wrapping up the March PBA Regional schedule over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ For a preview video for Sunday’s PBA Players Championship finals on ESPN, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-pqZbFOmtc>. The PBA Players Championship telecast at 1 p.m. Sunday on ESPN will include top qualifier **Parker Bohn III**, **Ronnie Russell**, **Jason Belmonte**, **Tom Daugherty** and **Norm Duke**.

Bohn Wins PBA Players Championship in Overtime, Ties Roth with 34th Title
Strike on second sudden-death shot ends dramatic championship match

INDIANAPOLIS – Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., struck on his second shot in sudden-death to win the Professional Bowlers Association Players Championship at Woodland Bowl, earning his 34th career title and moving into a tie for fifth place on the all-time PBA career titles list with legendary star Mark Roth.

The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Bohn, a PBA Hall of Famer, rebounded from a pocket 7-10 split in the first frame of the championship match, throwing nine strikes on his next 11 shots to tie hometown favorite Ronnie Russell of nearby Marion, 237-237, at the end of 10 frames. The 51-year-old left-hander then threw two strikes in the one-ball sudden-death roll-off, defeating Russell when the Indiana native struck on his first attempt, but left a 10 pin on his second shot.

"I was only 16 when I met Mark Roth," Bohn said, "and I had no idea I'd be standing here tied with him with 34 titles. He obviously got there much faster than I did, but when you think about Roth, he single-handedly revolutionized the sport. Anyone who hooks the ball today does it because of what Mark did in the late 1960s and '70s. I couldn't be happier to share this distinction with him."

Roth, who was in Indianapolis for the anniversary TOC weekend, said, "It was just a matter of time before Parker caught up with me. We went about it in different ways, but it couldn't have been a nicer guy to do it."

Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the all-time PBA Tour titles leader with 47, followed by the late Earl Anthony with 43, and Norm Duke and Pete Weber who are tied for third with 37 each. Among left-handed players, Bohn trails only Anthony in career titles.

Bohn, who qualified No. 1 for the Players Championship finals two weeks earlier in Milwaukee, said he had an issue with his grip in the first few frames, but "once I figured out how to keep my hand dry, I was in good shape."

Bohn also accomplished another personal goal with his win.

"I've been coming to Woodland Bowl for 34 years, and I don't have a championship banner hanging up here," Bohn said of the bowling center's tradition of recognizing its past champions. "I've been assured that after tonight, my banner will be hanging up here."

As rewarding as the victory was for Bohn, it was equally disappointing for Russell, who was trying for his third PBA Tour title. Leaving a 10 pin standing on his second shot in the 10th frame denied him an outright win against Bohn, and his seventh 10 pin in two games ended his dream of winning in front of his family and hometown fans.

"This is the second time I've finished second at Woodland," Russell said. "It's heartbreaking."

Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla., started the championship round with a 225-212 victory over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and he then eliminated red-hot Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte, 245-227 in the second match. In winning that match, Daugherty denied Belmonte a shot at a PBA record-tying third consecutive title (he had previously won the USBC Masters and 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions), and he ended Belmonte's streak of 13 consecutive match wins on television, three shy of the PBA record set by Jim Pencak between 1989 and 1991.

Russell ended Daugherty's bid for a second PBA Tour title, 216-214, with a clutch strike on his first shot in the 10th frame of the semifinal match.

The PBA Tour on ESPN continues next Sunday when the finals of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship airs at 1 p.m. ET. The Baker-format doubles finals – in which teammates will bowl alternate frames – will include top qualifiers and defending champions Duke and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, and Daugherty; Belmonte and partner Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, bowling with Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, and England's Dom Barrett with Osku Palermaa, Finland. Among the 10 finalists, Castillo and Maldonado are the only players who have not won a PBA Tour title.

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, ESPN telecast on Feb. 22

Final Standings: 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$25,000. 2, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$13,000. 3, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., \$11,000. 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$10,000. 5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$9,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Daugherty def. Duke, 225-212. Match Two – Daugherty def. Belmonte, 245-227. Semifinal Match – Russell def. Daugherty, 216-214. Championship – Bohn def. Russell, 237-237, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

PBA, Rolltech Announce Exclusive Technology Partnership

Statistical analysis, real-time scoring, Pro interaction to enhance PBA fan experience

CHICAGO (Feb. 23, 2015) – Rolltech Inc., an advanced bowling technology firm that is bringing new levels of insight and connection into the sport, and the Professional Bowlers Association have joined forces to change the way fans interact with the sport and their favorite bowlers.

Rolltech has been working with the PBA to provide enhanced live scoring and statistical data for PBA Tour events over the past two years. The company is now the PBA's exclusive provider of mobile and web applications related to tracking individual, league and event bowling scores and statistics as well as connecting bowlers for real-life borderless competition.

In addition to providing its statistical and real-time scoring services to the PBA for use on the multi-media PBA Network platforms, Rolltech offers similar services to the grassroots bowling public.

"At Rolltech, bowling is our life," said founder and CEO Rich Belsky. "Rolltech is a work of passion and a work in progress. We set out to find an easier way for bowlers to connect with the sport and improve by using detailed statistics based on how they perform. Our journey has been long and arduous, but we're proud of the tool we've created, and we're extremely excited to work with the PBA in showcasing how Rolltech can work for casual and league bowlers as well as the world's most skilled professionals."

By tapping into the automatic scoring systems at PBA Tour events, Rolltech is able to provide precise frame-by-frame live scoring and statistical analysis, which is being used on pba.com, the PBA's official website; Xtra Frame, the PBA's online video streaming service; ESPN telecasts, and through the other media outlets that compose the PBA Network. Additionally, superstars like Jason Belmonte, Mike Fagan and Bill O'Neill have recorded their games using Rolltech and shared them, in real-time, with fans; including a recent 300 game by Belmonte.

"Rolltech is an amazing platform that allows me to engage with my performance and fans like never before. This is the future of the sport," said Belmonte.

"The PBA has worked closely with Rolltech to develop an entirely new level of insight into the sport by tracking statistics that we've never seen before," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. "With Rolltech's assistance, we're helping our fans better understand the intricate aspects of our sport."

Rolltech offers both automatic and manual score tracking, making its product available to bowlers around the world. Rolltech is currently in use in more than 2,500 bowling centers in 36 countries. Rolltech offers a "pro" plan that includes additional services to bowlers using Rolltech's mobile application, which is available on iTunes or Google Play.

About the PBA

The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) is an organization of more than 3,200 of the best bowlers from 27 countries who compete in PBA Tour, PBA International Tour, PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour events. The PBA is in its 56th consecutive year of nationally-televised competition, reaching more than one million American households and thousands more around the world who watch PBA activities on Xtra Frame, the PBA's exclusive online bowling channel. PBA sponsors include Barbasol, Bowlmor AMF, Brunswick, Concrete Software, Ebonite International, GEICO, HotelPlanner.com, MOTIV, Storm Products and the United States Bowling Congress, among others. For more information, log on to www.pba.com.

About Rolltech

Lifelong bowlers forged Rolltech from their passion for the lanes and vision for the future of the sport. What started as a simple desire to track performance has evolved into a big-data driven platform for bowlers to earn, track and compete as well as connect and foster real-time competition with bowlers at home and around the world. Rolltech also provides centers with powerful analytics and real-time communication tools that make lasting connections between bowler and center. Rolltech has forever changed the way the world plays, watches and interacts with the sport of bowling. For additional information about the company and its services, visit rolltechbowling.com.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA STARS HEAD EAST FOR THREE PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR EVENTS

PBA stars from around the world are heading east for a three-tournament PBA International-World Bowling Tour series, beginning with the H.H. Emir Cup, which is underway at Qatar Bowling Centre in Doha, Qatar, and ends Friday. The Qatar event will be followed by the Kingdom of Bahrain Open at Ozone Entertainment Centre in Manama, Bahrain, March 2-7, and the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, March 14-22.

Fans can follow the H.H. Emir Cup and Bahrain Open on the Asian Bowling Federation website: <http://abf-online.org/>. Brunswick Euro Challenge results will be available on its website: <http://brunswickeurochallenge.com/>.

Chris Barnes is defending champion in the Emir Cup, but will not defend his title due to weather-related travel delays that caused him to cancel his travel plans. **Shaker Al Hassan** of the United Arab Emirates won the 2014 Bahrain title. Eventual PBA Rookie of the Year **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., is defending Brunswick Euro Challenge champion. Kent won the 2014 event as an amateur.

Heading into the three-tournament swing, Barrett is the WBT men's points leader in the two-year, rolling points system, with 588 points. **Mike Fagan** is second with 582 points. **Kelly Kulick** is the WBT women's points leader with 698 points, comfortably ahead of fellow American **Liz Johnson** (559).

"JACK RABBITS" PBA LEAGUE BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

Number four in the continuing series, Concrete Software will debut the "virtual" Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits PBA League team ball into the PBA Bowling Challenge game on Thursday (Feb. 26). PBA League-logoed team balls for gaming play currently available to PBA Bowling Challenge players include the Dallas Strikers ball, GEICO New York WTT KingPins ball and the Silver Lake Atom Splitters ball. The remaining four PBA League balls will be added to the PBA Bowling Challenge arsenal, one a week, leading up to the PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League-logoed balls can be used by more than 12 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BLANCHARD HOLDS OFF AMATEUR LOW FOR SUTTER CREEK TITLE

Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., defeated 17-year-old amateur **Wesley Low Jr.** of Palmdale, Calif., 235-224, to win the PBA West Region's Jackson Rancheria Casino Resort Championship at Gold Country Lanes in Sutter Creek, Calif., Sunday.

Along with his seventh PBA Regional title, Blanchard earned \$2,500. Low, who became the youngest player ever to win a PBA Regional in a PBA Challenge event at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas two years ago at age 15, earned \$1,300 for his SMART scholarship account. The two-handed left-hander also bowled the only 300 game of the tournament.

PBA Regional Challenge events are open only to players who have not won a PBA event.

☞ In an all-Baker title match, PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., defeated **Stoney Baker** of Canton, Ga., 192-188, 173-243, 256-230, in the best-of-three-game title match to win his 31st PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota Southern Open presented by Ebonite at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., Sunday.

Tom gained the advantage in game one before Stoney found his shot in game two and tied the match. Tom got lined up in game three, winning the title and the \$2,300 first prize while Stoney pocketed \$1,200 as the runner-up. The Bakers are not related.

☞ **Kyle Bigelow** of Troy, Ohio, defeated amateur **Ari Wilson** of University Park, Ill., 257-218, to win his first title in the PBA Lynwood Bowl Midwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Ill., Sunday.

Bigelow earned \$1,500 along with his title. PBA Challenge events are open to players who have never won a PBA title. Bigelow defeated **Gerald Marrs** of Huntley, Ill., 229-223, and Wilson edged **Mitchell Kratic** of Whiting, Ind., 203-177, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

☞ Wichita State University star **Matt McNeil** of Chanhassen, Minn., defeated **Kris Koeltzow** of Wheat Ridge, Colo., 213-201, to win the \$2,500 first prize in the third annual PBA Lakewood Storm Southwest Open at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., Sunday.

After rallying in the final two games of the casher's round to grab the 12th and last spot in the single-elimination match play finals, McNeil eliminated fellow amateur **Rick Shafer** of Arvada, Colo., 2-1; **George Brooks** of Loveland, Colo., 2-0, and **Jason Duran** of Littleton, Colo., 228-227, to advance to the title match. McNeil doesn't receive credit for a PBA title because he is not a member.

Koeltzow got to the title match by eliminating **Ed Petrie** from Clint, Texas, 2-0; PBA Hall of Famer **Brian Voss**, now living in Centennial, Colo., 2-0, and **Scott Christensen** of Evergreen, Colo., 266-156, in his semifinal match.

☐ As PBA Regional players continue their pursuit of season-long points championships in their respective regions, which will mean berths in the PBA Regional Challenge Finals along with paid entries into PBA World Series of Bowling VII at South Point in Las Vegas, a busy March schedule of PBA Regional activity gets started Feb. 27-March 1 with the PBA50 Pensacola (Fla.) South Open at New Liberty Lanes.

☐ The March 6-8 regional calendar includes the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global in Galion, Ohio; the Sunday-only PBA50 Thunderbowl Midwest Open presented by Hammer in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and the PBA West/Northwest Sands Regency Winter Challenge, Winter Classic and PBA50 Winter Classic at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

☐ The March 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes only one event – the joint PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Track in Virden, Ill.

☐ A heavy slate of PBA Regional action is on tap over the March 20-22 weekend, including the PBA50 Fayetteville (N.C.) Open at Lafayette Lanes; the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the joint PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA Odessa (Texas) Southwest Open at Astro Bowl; the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open in Grants Pass, Ore.

☐ Wrapping up the March PBA Regional schedule over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ A commemorative special edition “**Jason Belmonte** USBC Masters Three-Peat” t-shirt is now available through the official online PBA Store. Click on the “Shop” link on pba.com or click here: (<https://www.kotisdesign.com/estore/landing.asp?estore=pbastore>).

☐ For a preview video for Sunday’s Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals on ESPN, click here: <http://youtu.be/xzquWhtBZHI>. The Roth-Holman Doubles Championship telecast airing at 1 p.m. Sunday on ESPN will include top qualifiers **Norm Duke** and **Wes Malott**, the defending champions, along with teams of **Dino Castillo** and **Tom Daugherty**, **Jason Belmonte** and **Bill O’Neill**, **DJ Archer** and **Shawn Maldonado**, and **Dom Barrett** and **Osku Palermaa**.

GEICO PBA WSOB Action Moves to ESPN2 Sunday With WBT Finals at 1 p.m. ET Finals to feature experimental World Bowling scoring system

LAS VEGAS - The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI concludes with the introduction of an experimental scoring system being used by World Bowling during the telecast of the World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals presented by the PBA from the South Point Bowling Plaza Sunday (Jan. 25) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN2.

PBA stars Sean Rash and Kelly Kulick will try to defend their titles from last season after earning their berths in the 2014 finals, based on a rolling two-year points ranking involving a series of PBA International Tour-World Bowling Tour tournaments held around the world.

Sunday’s telecast will introduce an experimental “best frame” scoring system called “Frameplay,” developed by a World Bowling panel of bowling experts from around the world, exclusively for the WBT Finals. The new system was designed as a possible alternative for international competition with the goal of making the sport more attractive and easier to understand for casual bowling fans, media and other audiences. World Bowling, the international governing body for bowling, hopes an easier-to-understand scoring system for non-bowlers will help in its quest to grow the sport and get bowling accepted as an official Olympic Games sport.

In the last of seven telecasts from WSOB VI, the women’s finals will begin with PBA women’s star Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Swedish standout Sandra Andersson, who finished second in 2011, bowling the opening match for the right to meet Kulick, the top qualifier and defending champion, for the title.

Johnson is making her third WBT Finals appearance. She finished third last year, losing to Missy Parkin in the semifinal, 198-195, and second in 2012, losing to Parkin in the title match, 238-190.

Kulick, also making her third WBT Finals appearance, won last year's title by defeating Parkin, 267-194, in the title match. She also finished third in 2012, losing to Johnson in the semifinal.

The men's final will feature three of the PBA's top stars: Rash and reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte will face off in the semifinal match, with the winner meeting top qualifier Mika Koivuniemi.

Rash won last year's men's final by defeating Mike Fagan in the title match, 255-231. He also finished second in 2011 losing to Koivuniemi, 237-224, in the title match. Belmonte will be trying for his first WBT Finals title after a best finish of third in 2011.

Koivuniemi, the only player to reach all four WBT Finals telecasts, won the 2011 title by defeating Rash, 237-224, in the title match. He finished second in 2012, losing to Chris Barnes in the title match, 244-228, and in 2013, finished third, losing to Fagan in the semifinal match, 279-233.

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To catch a replay of last year's WBT Finals click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtYlOeoW1Hk>.

Catch Wall-to-Wall Xtra Frame Coverage of PBA Players Championship, Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Preliminary Rounds Jan. 26-30

MILWAUKEE – The world's best bowlers will return to Milwaukee Jan. 26-30 to compete in the preliminary rounds of two Professional Bowlers Association championship tournaments – the PBA Players Championship and the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship – leading into a mega-television weekend in Indianapolis as part of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Bowling fans will be able to catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. An annual subscription to Xtra Frame is \$64.99 or \$7.99 per month. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba>

Longtime PBA host AMF Bowlero Lanes in suburban Wauwatosa will host the special competitions before the players head north to Green Bay to compete in the United States Bowling Congress Masters – the first major championship on the 2015 PBA schedule – which is scheduled for Feb. 2-8 at Ashwaubenon Bowl.

The Milwaukee stop will involve concurrent qualifying rounds on Tuesday, Jan. 27, and Wednesday, Jan. 28, for the Players Championship and the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship. All players will bowl two qualifying rounds totaling 12 games with the top 24 individuals and the top 12 doubles teams advancing to round-robin match play.

The Players Championship finalists will then bowl three eight-game match play rounds Wednesday at 1:30 p.m., and Thursday at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., with the top five after a total of 36 games advancing to the stepladder finals which will be conducted for delayed telecast on ESPN on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis in conjunction with the 50th Tournament of Champions. The PBA Players Championship finals will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m.

The PBA returns to an old-school format for the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship, which is named in honor of two PBA legends who also bowled together as one of the sport's most successful doubles teams. The doubles teams will use their combined 12-game qualifying totals to determine the 12 teams advancing to the match play finals.

The finalists will then bowl two six-game, Baker format match play rounds at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. ET on Friday, Jan. 30. After a composite total of 36 qualifying and Baker games, the top five teams will advance to the PBA Doubles Championship finals which will be conducted on Sunday, Feb. 15, at Woodland Bowl following the live 1 p.m. telecast of the Tournament of Champions finals. The PBA Doubles show will air on ESPN on March 1 at 1 p.m. ET.

Defending champion in the PBA Players Championship is Australia's Jason Belmonte. Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., are defending Roth/Holman PBA Doubles champions. Both events were last conducted during the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas.

As a bonus, Xtra Frame will air presentations of the 2014 PBA Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship award and Tony Reyes Community Service award at 5:30 p.m. ET on Monday, Jan. 26 from AMF Bowlero.

Admission for the Milwaukee stop is \$10 each day and \$5 with an AMF League Card. Contact AMF Bowlero at (414) 258-9000 for additional admission details.

PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP/MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN DOUBLES SCHEDULE AMF Bowlero Lanes, Wauwatosa, Wis., Jan. 26-30 All times are Eastern

Monday, Jan. 26
3 p.m. – Official practice session

Tuesday, Jan. 27
11 a.m. – Players Championship/PBA Doubles qualifying, 8 games

Wednesday, Jan. 28
9 a.m. – Players Championship/PBA Doubles qualifying, 4 games
Top 24 individuals advance to Players Championship match play and top 12 teams advance to PBA Doubles match play
2:30 p.m. – Top 24 Players Championship, 8 games round-robin match play

Thursday, Jan. 29
9 a.m. - Top 24 Players Championship, 8 games round-robin match play
2 p.m. - Top 24 Players Championship, 8 games round-robin match play
Top five after 36 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals at 12:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, Feb. 14, at Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (finals air Sunday, Feb. 22, at 1 p.m. ET)

Friday, Jan. 30
9 a.m. – Top 12 doubles teams, 6 games round-robin match play (Baker format)
2 p.m. - Top 12 doubles teams, 6 games round-robin match play (Baker format)
Top five doubles teams advance to ESPN stepladder finals at 4:30 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 15, at Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis (finals air Sunday, March 1, at 1 p.m. ET)

ESPN's Super Bowl Sunday Telecast of Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Moves to 2 p.m. ET

TORRANCE, Calif. – ESPN has moved up the time for airing of Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Bowlmor AMF from 4:30 p.m. ET to 2 p.m. ET on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 1). The telecast will also be increased from 90 minutes to two hours.

The CP3 fundraiser, which will again include a diverse group of celebrities and PBA Tour stars, has become a tradition on Super Bowl Sunday and will air from AMF Bowl-O-Drome in the Los Angeles suburb of Torrance, Calif. Proceeds from the special event benefit charities supported by Paul's CP3 Foundation.

In addition to Paul, the celebrities competing in the made-for-TV event include comedian/radio and television personality Nick Cannon, comedian/talk-show/podcast personality Chris Hardwick, former NFL All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens, Grey's Anatomy star Jesse Williams and rapper/hip-hop artist French Montana.

PBA Tour players competing will feature the five PBA World Championship finalists (winner Mike Fagan plus, Wes Malott, Stuart Williams, Ronnie Russell and Todd Book, who finished second through fifth respectively) and PBA stars Pete Weber, PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time PBA Tour winner; Jason Belmonte, reigning PBA Player of the Year and 10-time PBA Tour winner; Chris Barnes, 2007-08 Player of the Year and 18-time PBA Tour winner; Sean Rash, 2011-12 Player of the Year and eight-time Tour winner, and Bill O'Neill, a five-time Tour winner and 2010 U.S. Open winner.

The telecast includes the Celebrity Super Clash round where all six celebrities compete in a one-ball eliminator round with the bowler with the lowest pinfall eliminated. The PBA players will bowl the PBA Super Clash which will determine the top four PBA/Celebrity doubles pairings that will compete for the title.

Paul, an accomplished bowler, founded his CP3 Foundation in 2005 as a tribute to his late grandfather, Nathaniel Jones, and the Winston-Salem, N.C., community where he grew up. The foundation has provided funding for activities ranging from a scholarship program to food drives to recreational support programs for children in under-served communities.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include fellow NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Jack Del Rio and Reggie Bush; hip-hop stars Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Lil Wayne and Nelly, and comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart.

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Chris Paul CP3 Celebrity Invitational Past Winners

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

Ronnie Russell, Rapper French Montana Team Up to Win Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational

TORRANCE, Calif. -- The unique pairing of two-time PBA Tour champion Ronnie Russell and rapper/hip-hop star French Montana teamed up to win the sixth CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Bowlmor AMF at AMF Bowl-O-Drome in a traditional Super Bowl Sunday special event presented by the PBA.

In a dramatic comeback performance in the Baker doubles format championship match seen on ESPN, the Russell and Montana team defeated two-time champions Paul and his partner, two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, 150-139, for the title.

Paul and Belmonte, who were paired up as the result of both players finishing first in their respective one-ball Celebrity and PBA Super Clash rounds, earned a bye directly into the championship match. They jumped out to the early lead by marking in the first three frames with Russell and Montana opening in the first and third frames.

Russell and Montana found their stride, however, striking in the next three frames while the Paul/Belmonte duo opened in three of four frames evening the match. In the ninth frame, Russell and Montana held a two-pin lead with Russell making a spare and nine count on the fill ball in the 10th to force Belmonte to double in his 10th frame for the win. The Australian two-handed player fell short, leaving the 3-6.

"I left it in the hands of God," said Montana. "As the game went on, we collaborated - I helped Ronnie out and he helped me out. I was trying to learn from him (Russell).

"It's been five years since I last bowled, but I have to start bowling again because I hope I can come back and defend the title next year."

Going into the event, Russell was just planning to have a good time and wasn't really worried about the end result but he found things got serious as the show went on.

"I just wanted to enjoy the experience but it got competitive, believe me," Russell said. "I didn't know what our chances were going to be but I think we had to be considered a longshot.

"When we got to the championship match it was going to be a challenge for Jason and I because the lanes were pretty fried after all the bowling we had done in the preliminary rounds. I think French probably had the best shot because he was just trying to keep it in play by throwing it down the middle."

Hosted by L.A. Clippers star and bowling enthusiast Chris Paul, the 2015 edition of the CP3 Foundation fundraiser featured other celebrities including comedian/radio and television personality Nick Cannon, comedian/talk-show/podcast personality Chris

Hardwick (the son of the late PBA Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick), former NFL All-Pro receiver Terrell Owens, who starred in this season's *Celebrity Apprentice*, and *Grey's Anatomy* star Jesse Williams.

In addition to Russell, the PBA Tour field included the four other PBA World Championship finalists winner Mike Fagan, Wes Malott, Stuart Williams and Todd Book, along with Hall of Famer Pete Weber, Sean Rash, Chris Barnes and Bill O'Neill.

The Russell and Montana pairing advanced from the semifinal shootout round with a 193 game, out-scoring Hardwick and Barnes (188) and Rash and Cannon (123).

The telecast started with the *Celebrity Super Clash* round featuring all six celebrities bowling a one-ball eliminator competition where the bowler with the lowest pinfall is eliminated. The PBA players also bowled a one-ball PBA Super Clash which determined the top four PBA/Celebrity doubles pairings.

Chris Paul CP3 *Celebrity Invitational* Winners

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

New Match Play Format, Expanded Xtra Frame Coverage, PBA/PBA50 Doubles Event on Tap for 2015 PBA50 Tour Season

CHICAGO (Feb. 4, 2015) - The PBA begins its 12-tournament 2015 PBA50 Tour season in April with expanded Xtra Frame coverage, a new match play format and a new PBA/PBA50 Tour doubles event.

Also, for the third consecutive year, a season-long point competition will qualify the top eight PBA50 Tour players for the PBA Challenge which will be conducted during the PBA World Series of Bowling VII later this fall.

All PBA50 Tour events (except the USBC Senior Masters) will be streamed live in their entirety on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame, enabling bowling fans to watch all PBA50 Tour events live from start to finish.

For the third consecutive year, the season begins with the PBA50 Pasco County Open at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., April 11-14, and concludes with a PBA50/PBA60 doubleheader from Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Aug. 8-15.

New to the schedule for 2015 will be the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by Brunswick hosted by Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., May 2-5 and the Fountain Valley (Calif.) Open presented by Track at Fountain Bowl June 7-10. Another new event will be the PBA Tour/PBA50 Doubles South Shore Open presented by DV8 which will be held at perennial PBA50 Tour host Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind.

The Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm is scheduled for May 31-June 5 at the Suncoast Hotel and Casino for the lone stop in Las Vegas because the USBC Senior Masters, which will be streamed on USBC's BowlTV video service, moves from its traditional spot in Las Vegas to Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., July 27-Aug. 1.

For tournaments other than the Senior Masters and Senior U.S. Open, the qualifying format will retain its traditional two-day eight-game block format. However, an additional bowl-in qualifying round will be conducted on the third day prior to match play where cashers outside of the top 24 – including all PBA60 cashers – will vie for eight spots that will advance to the match play field.

Match play will consist of single game head-to-head modified round-robin matches replacing the previous best-of-five and best-of-three game formats. The top five players will then advance to a stepladder final except the Senior U.S. Open which will be a four-player stepladder.

"We had a couple goals in mind in making the changes which were made with player input and approved by the PBA50 Player Committee," said PBA50 Tour Tournament Director John Weber. "First, we wanted to advance as many players as possible into match play. Secondly, while players generally liked our original elimination match play format, the new round-robin head-to-head format enables players to bowl more games. In the previous elimination format a player might only bowl two games and be eliminated.

"The excitement of an elimination-style format will still be there because the field will continue to be pruned after each of final-day match play rounds," Weber added.

Also new for 2015 will be a \$1,000 minimum guaranteed payout for all cashers including PBA60 cashers and a \$25 entry fee increase. PBA is now accepting entries for 2015 PBA50 Tour events on pba.com.

An Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription is \$64.99 (12 months) or fans can enroll for \$7.99 per month. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, click on <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba>.

2015 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

April 11-14 - PBA50 Pasco County Open, Lane-Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (Xtra Frame) April 18-21 - PBA50 Sun Bowl in The Villages presented by Radical, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. (Xtra Frame) April 26-29 - PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300, George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C. (Xtra Frame) May 2 – 5 – PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, presented by Brunswick, Farmingdale, N.Y. (Xtra Frame) May 31-June 5 - Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (Xtra Frame) June 7-10 – PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track, Fountain Valley, Calif. (Xtra Frame) June 14-17 - PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif. (Xtra Frame) July 19-22: PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip, Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn. (Xtra Frame) July 27-Aug. 1 - USBC Senior Masters, Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wis. (BowITV) Aug. 4-7: PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles presented by DV8, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. (Xtra Frame) Aug. 8-11: PBA50 Pro Bowl West Fort Wayne Classic presented by Ebonite, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Xtra Frame) Aug. 13-15: PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic presented by Hammer, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Xtra Frame)

Glass, Peters, Wilt Inducted into PBA Hall of Fame During Ceremonies in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS – PBA Senior standout Bob Glass, former PBA owner Chris Peters and longtime PBA staff member Barb Wilt were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame Class of 2015 Tuesday evening at the Marriott Indianapolis North in conjunction with the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Glass was elected in the PBA50 Performance category while Peters and Wilt were recognized in the Meritorious Service category for their extraordinary contributions behind the scenes to advance the PBA.

Glass, one of the first true power players on the PBA50 Tour, competed as a senior between 1997 and 2007 when he won nine titles and finished in the top five 38 times in 78 tournaments, earning just shy of a half-million dollars. He won a pair of majors – the 2000 Brunswick PBA Senior Championship and 2001 United States Bowling Congress Seniors Masters – and earned PBA50 Player of the Year honors in 2000, 2001 and 2004.

"The Senior Tour was an opportunity to do something I always wanted to do," Glass said. "It has provided a lot of guys like me an opportunity to combine their career with the tremendous experience of bowling competitively at a high level and meeting a lot of wonderful people. I miss bowling and the people.

"I'm a very analytical person, but through bowling on the Senior Tour I learned the importance of intuition," he continued during his acceptance speech. "I also learned that there were similarities between bowling on the Senior Tour and my regular job. Success is gained not only through experience but also from the knowledge and what I could learn from young people."

Glass, 67, who holds a PhD in economics and has a law degree, lives in Lawrence, Kansas, and currently is Chief of Economics and Rates with the Kansas Corporation Commission in nearby Topeka.

Peters, an early employee of Microsoft who later became an executive with the company, led the effort to purchase the PBA with partners and fellow Microsoft executives Mike Slade and Rob Glaser in 2000.

Peters and his partners provided an infusion of capital to ensure a solid foundation for the organization while at the same time providing vision and innovative ideas to enhance the fan experience especially in the areas of event presentation and online coverage. The introduction of a professionally-designed "arena" style set for TV finals, including professional presentation of signage and an overall enhanced image, helped the PBA generate more new non-bowling corporate sponsorships than the PBA had seen in several years.

Peters also introduced Strike Pass, the forerunner of PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame, and the PBA Exempt Tour creating an "elite" tour to better showcase PBA Tour players and provide the Tour's most successful players with guaranteed opportunities to make a living by including increased prize money for standard events.

"First, I share this honor with Mike and Rob and couldn't have done it without them," Peters said. "When the opportunity presented itself (to purchase the PBA) all I could think of was how wasteful it would have been for this prestigious 40-year-old sports organization to just go away. My motivation was to prevent something so valuable from being just tossed away."

Wilt, who joined the PBA staff in 1970, retired to North Carolina in 2014 after 44 years of service to the organization. Her duties ranged from processing all PBA Tour entries to managing all of the PBA's statistical records, and virtually every other hands-on office chore over her extensive career.

When the PBA was sold in 2000, the new owners asked Wilt to assist with the transition to the new headquarters in Seattle, so she moved to Seattle and continued to work to make improvements in membership, entries and statistical processes.

"When a 20-year-old walks into the PBA for the first time it's just a job, but it would become much more than that," Wilt said. "More than 40 years later this is the last place I imagined I would be."

Twice during her tenure with PBA, Wilt had left the organization but was asked to return when her replacements didn't work out.

"I did a job I loved to do, and worked with great people and terrific athletes," she added. "I'm especially grateful to have had the opportunity to work with (PBA founder) Eddie Elias and all the commissioners who followed him."

She was the face of the PBA among most of its thousands of members over four-plus decades, providing a familiar and friendly voice to help them with their needs, and she was conduit between PBA's national and regional tournament directors in bridging the gap between the office and the road. She also became the organization's unofficial historian and served as a guardian of old records, photographs and historical information.

Also during the ceremony, emcee Nelson Burton Jr., paid tribute to his fellow Hall of Famer Chuck Pezzano who died Jan. 23 at the age of 86. Pezzano, a PBA charter member and bowling historian was widely recognized as the dean of bowling journalists among many other accomplishments in the sport.

Career Milestones on the Line in PBA Players Championship Finals Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN

INDIANAPOLIS – Two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, and Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III and Norm Duke highlight the field of five finalists for this Sunday's (Feb. 22) PBA Players Championship at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

As top qualifier, Bohn will wait in the wings at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis as the opening stepladder match will feature No. 4 qualifier Duke meeting one-time Tour winner and No. 5 qualifier Tom Daugherty.

Duke will be hoping to win his 38th PBA Tour title, which would move him into third place on the all-time Tour win list by himself. He is currently tied with fellow Hall of Famer Pete Weber with 37 wins. Daugherty's first Tour title came in the Bowlers Journal Scorpion Championship in 2012.

The winner of the first match will meet 12-time PBA Tour titlist Belmonte who will be trying to win a record-tying third consecutive PBA Tour title after winning the Barbasol Tournament of Champions and USBC Masters in back-to-back weeks. Belmonte, who became the first player to win the Masters and Tournament of Champions in back-to-back seasons, will also be trying to win his 14th consecutive match on television as he pursues the PBA record of 16 consecutive TV wins set by Jim Pencak between 1989 and 1991. PBA legends Dick Weber and Johnny Petraglia are the only players to have won three consecutive PBA Tour events in the same season.

The winner of the second match will advance to the semifinal match to bowl against two-time Tour winner and Indianapolis native Ronnie Russell. Russell hopes to continue the momentum of a breakout 2014 season in which he won his second Tour title.

The semifinal winner will then advance to meet Bohn in the title match. Bohn rallied from 69th place after the first round of qualifying and rocketed to the top spot after averaging 261 in the final match play round where he won seven of eight matches.

Bohn, who ranks sixth on the all-time Tour win list with 33 titles, will try for his first win since the 2013 PBA World Championship. With a win, he will tie fellow Hall of Famer Mark Roth for the fifth-most titles in PBA history behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47), Earl Anthony (43) and Duke and Weber (37).

Fans can follow PBA action through the PBA Network which includes wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>

Defending Champions Duke and Malott are Top Qualifiers for Sunday's Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship on ESPN Telecast to feature three of the Tour's 'two-handed' players

INDIANAPOLIS -- The PBA Tour brings back its traditional doubles format when the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals air Sunday (March 1) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Named in honor of PBA legends Mark Roth and Marshall Holman who won three doubles titles together during their Hall of Famer careers, the Doubles Championship returns to the PBA Tour for the first time since 2011 with defending champions Norm Duke, a PBA Hall of Famer and owner of 37 PBA Tour titles, and nine-time Tour winner Wes Malott trying to repeat from their position as top qualifiers. The finals take place at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

Four other doubles pairs, including three of the Tour's two-handed players, will battle it out in the alternate frame stepladder final beginning with international standouts Dom Barrett of England and two-hander Osku Palermaa of Finland meeting Texans DJ Archer and two-hander Shawn Maldonado in the opening match.

Both Barrett and Palermaa will be trying for their fifth Tour titles while Archer will be trying for his second Tour title and Maldonado his first in his television debut.

The winner of the opening match will take on the powerful doubles team of Bill O'Neill and two-hander and two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte. Belmonte, who recently won a record third consecutive USBC Masters and then became the first player to win both the Masters and Tournament of Champions in back-to-back seasons, will be making his fourth consecutive television appearance. The Australian two-handed star will be trying to win his third title of the young 2015 season and 13th of his career. Belmonte kept his TV streak going with a fourth-place finish in last Sunday's PBA Players Championship. O'Neill, whose last title came in the 2014 Badger Open, will be trying for his sixth Tour title.

The second match winner will take on the team of Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla. and Dino Castillo of Carrollton, Texas in the semifinal. Daugherty is making his second consecutive TV appearance after finishing third in the Players Championship. He will be trying for his second career title. Castillo will try for his first PBA Tour title.

The semifinal winner will then take on Duke and Malott who won the doubles championship in 2011 by defeating the doubles team of Ronnie Russell and Sean Rash in the championship match, 193-167. Currently tied with Pete Weber on the PBA's all-time titles list, Duke will be trying to move into third alone if he gets his 38th win. Malott will be trying for his 10th career title which would make him eligible for PBA Hall of Fame consideration in the future.

Mark Roth and Marshall Holman Were Fierce Rivals But Perfect Doubles Partners

INDIANAPOLIS -- The individual accomplishments of Mark Roth and Marshall Holman are things of legend. Roth, a four-time player of the year, ranks tied for fifth all-time with 34 titles. Holman, the 1987 player of the year, ranks 11th all-time with 22 titles. They are credited with revolutionizing the sport with the power games they introduced to bowling.

But among their 56 combined titles are three doubles championships. When it came to teaming up as doubles partners, both players were a force to be reckoned with at the annual PBA Tour doubles events.

In honor of the PBA Hall of Famers, Sunday's Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship on ESPN from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis bears the name of the two greats who also made their mark as one of the top doubles teams in PBA history. Only the team of Hall of Famers Mike Aulby and Steve Cook has as many doubles titles as Roth and Holman.

Roth and Holman won their first doubles title in the 1977 PBA Doubles Classic at Saratoga Lanes in San Jose, Calif., where they combined for a 7-4-1 match play record and 15,528 pinfall total to outscore runners-up Paul Colwell and Don Johnson by 416 pins.

In 1979, as the top-qualifying team, Roth and Holman won the Columbia Doubles Classic in San Jose with a combined 406 championship match total, defeating Larry Laub and Palmer Fallgren, who combined for a 374 pinfall.

And in 1984 Roth and Holman captured the Showboat Doubles Classic in Las Vegas by defeating Dave Husted and Ted Hannahs in a low-scoring alternate frame championship match, 169-160.

Though fierce rivals on the PBA Tour, it was evident both players had a chemistry that made them successful doubles partners.

“Our bowling styles complemented each other,” said the 60-year-old Holman, who now owns a tax service business in his hometown of Medford. “We played a similar part of the lane which made it easy to line up off each other. From my perspective, I could always count on Mark making a good shot and then it was just a matter of me taking in that information to make a good shot.

“We looked forward to bowling doubles because on Tour you were always alone competing by yourself,” Holman added, “so it was always a nice change of pace to be in a kind of team environment where you could pull for each other.”

The 63-year-old Roth, who continues to make progress in his recovery after a stroke in 2009 which partially paralyzed his left side, also enjoyed the divergence from individual competition while keeping in mind a PBA Tour title was at stake.

“It was always lot of fun and we always looked forward to it,” said Roth. “We were both at the top of our games at the time so we knew we would always be a tough pair to beat.

“We worked well as a team – he helped me out and I helped him out. Even though it was something we had fun with, you had to remember to take it seriously and stay focused because there was a PBA title on the line.”

Xtra Frame subscribers were treated to several hours of commentary by Roth and Holman during the match play rounds of the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions at Woodland Bowl earlier in February, and both will be on hand for Sunday’s doubles telecast at 1 p.m. ET.

The doubles pair to beat Sunday will be top qualifiers and defending champions Norm Duke, a Hall of Famer and 37-time PBA Tour winner, and 2008-09 PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott. The tandem won the 2011 Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship at the South Point complex in Las Vegas, the last time the event was held.

Also making up Sunday’s stepladder finals lineup will be No. 2 qualifiers Tom Daugherty and Dino Castillo, No. 3 Bill O’Neill and Jason Belmonte, No. 4 DJ Archer and Shawn Maldonado, and No. 5 Dom Barrett and Osku Palermaa.

Field of 32 Qualifiers Advance to H.H. Emir Cup Step Finals in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar – Bahrain’s Yousif Falah averaged 229.59 over 16 games of qualifying to lead the field of 32 players who advanced to final rounds of the H.H. Emir Cup at Qatar Bowling Centre Wednesday.

Falah along with Team USA member Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y.; Mika Koivuniemi of Finland; Cherie Tan of Singapore; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Martin Larsen of Sweden were the top six qualifiers, earning automatic berths in the Step 2 Finals Friday.

The other 26 players, including two Qatar youth bowlers, two Qatar adults who finished outside the top 24, and four players who advanced out of the one-game last-chance “desperado” squad, will drop all qualifying pins and bowl a six-game Step 1 Finals round Thursday. The top 10 from Step 1 will join the top six qualifiers for a six-game Step 2 Finals round Friday morning. The top four will

then advance to a two-game total pinfall Step 2 (semifinal) round, with the two winners then meeting in a two-game Step 4 (championship round) title match.

The H.H. Emir Cup is a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event. First prize is US\$25,000. The winner – if he is a PBA member – will earn a PBA Tour title. None of the six women who advanced to the Step Finals are eligible for PBA title consideration because they receive eight handicap pins per game under tournament rules. In 2014, Singapore's New Hui Fen finished second to Emir Cup winner Chris Barnes, who was unable to defend his title due to weather conditions in the Dallas area that forced him to cancel his travel plans.

H.H. EMIR CUP

Qatar Bowling Centre, Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Feb. 25

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top 6 advance to Step 2 Round)

- 1, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,755.
- 2, f- Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,704.
- 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,651.
- 4, f- Cherie Tan, Singapore, 2,627.
- 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,610.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,600.

Positions top 7-24 (advance to Step 1 Round)

- 7, f-New Hui Fen, Singapore, 2,598.
- 8, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,585.
- 9, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,577.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,566.
- 11, Naif Oqab, UAE, 2,563.
- 12, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. 2,556.
- 13, f-Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J. 2,553.
- 14, Salem Al Hajras, Kuwait, 2,549.
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,545.
- 16, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,537.
- 17, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,531.
- 18, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,531.
- 19, f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 2,524.
- 20, Ghanim Aboujassoum, Qatar, 2,519.
- 21, Hazeem Al-Muraikhi, Qatar, 2,517.
- 22, Mansour Al-Hajri, Qatar, 2,511.
- 23, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,511.
- 24, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,504.

Positions 25-26: Top 2 Qatari Youth bowlers advance to Step 1 Finals

- 25, Bader Al-Deyab, Qatar, 2,392.
- 26, Mohammed Al-Merekhi, Qatar, 2,273.

Positions 27-28: Top 2 Qataris outside top 24 advance to Step 1 Finals

- 27, Yousef Al-Jaber, Qatar, 2,495.

- 28, Khaled Al-Dossari, Qatar, 2,451.

Positions 29-32: Desperado Squad (1 game, top 4 advance to Step 1 Finals)

- 29, Yaqoub Al Shatti, Kuwait, 289.
- 30, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 245.
- 31, Tom Sorce, Charlottesville, Va., 242.
- 32, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 237.

f-denotes female competitors who receive 8 handicap pins per game in addition to actual pinfall totals.

THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE

Step 1 Finals: Qualifiers 7-32, 6 games (no carryover pins); top 10 advance to Step 2 Finals

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Step 2 Finals: Qualifiers 1-6 plus top 10 from Step 1, 6 games (no carryover pins); top 4 advance to Step 3 Finals

Step 3 Finals (Semifinal Round): No. 1 Qualifier vs. No. 4 Qualifier, No. 2 Qualifier vs. No. 3 Qualifier; two games, total pinfall.

Step 4 Finals (Championship): Two Step 3 Finals winners, two games, total pinfall.

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Top 10 Step 1 Players Advance to H.H. Emir Cup Final Rounds in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (Feb. 26, 2015) – Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, averaged 226.17 over six games Thursday to lead the field of 10 players who advanced from the Step 1 round to Friday's final rounds of the H.H. Emir Cup at Qatar Bowling Centre.

Thursday's top 10 will join preliminary qualifying leaders Bahrain's Yousif Falah, Team USA member Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y.; Mika Koivuniemi of Finland; Cherie Tan of Singapore; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., and Martin Larsen of Sweden in the Step 2 Finals Friday.

After the six-game Step 2 round Friday, the top four players will advance to a two-game total pinfall Step 3 (semifinal) round, with the two winners then meeting in a two-game Step 4 (championship round) title match.

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H.H. EMIR CUP

Qatar Bowling Centre, Doha, Qatar, Wednesday, Feb. 25

Step One Final Standings (after 6 games, top 10 advance to Step Two on Friday)

- 1, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,357.
- 2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,324.
- 3, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,318.
- 4 (tie), Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 1,309.
- 6, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,306.
- 7, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,305.
- 8, Naif Oqab, UAE, 1,280.
- 9, Khaled Al-Dossari, Qatar, 1,277.
- 10, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,252.

Failed to Advance (listed by final finishing position)

- 17, Yousef Al-Jaber, Qatar, 1,239, \$1,800.
- 18, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,238, \$1,800.
- 19, Mansour Al-Hajri, Qatar, 1,237, \$1,800.
- 20 (tie), Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,227, \$1,800.
- 22, Salem Al Hajras, Kuwait, 1,196, 1,300.
- 23, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,188, \$1,300.
- 24, Bader Al-Deyab, Qatar, 1,186, \$1,300.
- 25, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,177, \$1,300.
- 26, Ghanim Aboujassoum, Qatar, 1,161, \$1,300.
- 27, Mohammed Al-Merekhi, Qatar, 1,150, \$1,300.
- 28, f-New Hui Fen, Singapore, 1,137, \$1,300.
- 29, Yaqoub Al Shatti, Kuwait, 1,122, \$1,300.
- 30, f-Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 1,121, \$1,300.
- 31, Hazeem Al-Muraikhi, Qatar, 1,100, \$1,300.
- 32, Tom Sorce, Charlottesville, Va., 1,081, \$1,300.

f-denotes female competitors who receive 8 handicap pins per game in addition to actual pinfall totals.

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

Step 2 Finals: Qualifiers 1-6 (Yousif Falah, Bahrain; f- Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; f- Cherie Tan, Singapore; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Martin Larsen, Sweden) plus top 10 from Step 1, 6 games (no carryover pins); top 4 advance to Step 3 Finals

Step 3 Finals (Semifinal Round): No. 1 Qualifier vs. No. 4 Qualifier, No. 2 Qualifier vs. No. 3 Qualifier; two games, total pinfall.

Step 4 Finals (Championship): Two Step 3 Finals winners, two games, total pinfall.

Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper Wins H.H. Emir Cup in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (Feb. 27, 2015) – Former Wichita State University star Tannya Roumimper of Indonesia defeated home country favorite Khaled Al-Dossari, 516-430 in the two-game total pinfall final match, to win the H.H. Emir Cup Friday at Qatar Bowling Centre.

Roumimper rolled games of 287 and 229, including 8 handicap pins per game awarded to women entered in the tournament, to handily top Al-Dossari's 184 and 246 games. But the former collegiate All-American needed her handicap pins in eliminating UAE's Naif Oqab in the Step 3 semifinal round, 437-428. Top qualifier Danielle McEwan, a Team USA member from Stony Point, N.Y., was eliminated in the other Step 3 match, losing to Al-Dossari, 441-405.

The H.H. Emir Cup is a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event. Roumimper will not be credited with a PBA title because she received eight handicap pins per game and she is not a PBA member.

PBA International-WBT competition continues with the Kingdom of Bahrain Open at Ozone Entertainment Centre in Manama, Bahrain, March 2-7, and the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, March 14-22. PBA fans can follow the action in Bahrain by visiting abf-online.org and in Munich by visiting brunswickeurochallenge.com.

H.H. EMIR CUP

Qatar Bowling Centre, Doha, Qatar, Friday, Feb. 27

Championship (two games, total pinfall; women entrants receive 8 handicap pins per game)

f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia (\$25,000) def. Khaled Al-Dossari, Qatar (\$12,000), 516-430.

Step 3 Final Standings (two games, total pinfall; winners advance to Step 4 championship, losers earned \$6,000)

f-Roumimper def. Naif Oqab, United Arab Emirates, 437-427.

Al-Dossari def. f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 441-405.

Step 2 Final Standings (after 6 games, top 4 advance to Step 3 semifinal round)

- 1, f-McEwan, 1,368.
- 2, f-Roumimper, 1,362.
- 3, Oqab, 1,333.
- 4, Al-Dossari, 1,306.
- 5, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,302, \$2,700.
- 6, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,276, \$2,700.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,273, \$2,700.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,258, \$2,700.
- 9, f-Cherie Tan, Singapore, 1,257, \$2,300.
- 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,254, \$2,300.
- 11, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,249, \$2,300.
- 12, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,244, \$2,300.
- 13, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 1,240, \$2,100.
- 14, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,236, \$2,100.
- 15, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,219, \$2,100.
- 16, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,149, \$2,100.

f-denotes female competitors who receive 8 handicap pins per game in addition to actual pinfall totals

Malott Helps Duke Win 38th Title in Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship

PBA's "odd couple" successfully defends 2011 title; Duke moves into third place on all-time PBA Tour titles list

INDIANAPOLIS – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., with the help of partner Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, successfully defended their Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Woodland Bowl, giving Duke his 38th career title and sole possession of third place on the all-time PBA titles list.

The doubles event aired Sunday on ESPN with the hall of fame namesakes in the crowd, watching the action.

Duke, who stands 5-foot-6 and weighs 128 pounds, teamed up with Malott, at 6-foot-4, 250 pounds, to defeat international stars Dom Barrett of England and Osku Palermaa of Finland, 228-203, for a victory that also gave Malott 10 career titles and eligibility for future PBA Hall of Fame consideration.

The 2011 Roth-Holman Doubles champions entered the finals as top qualifiers, and they bowled a game that was four single-pin spares away from perfection despite their contrasting physiques and bowling styles. Duke played a relatively straight line up the outside of the right lane, leaving and converting three of the four single-pin spares, but never missing the pocket. Malott played an inside angle on the left lane with his power game, striking on six of his seven shots.

"On day one in Milwaukee (where qualifying rounds for the doubles event took place two weeks earlier), there was so much traffic I had to play straight," Duke said. "I couldn't go around (the big-hook players), but the shot I found looked great and I told myself to remember that, because I figured that's what we would face in the TV finals if we got that far, and that's exactly what happened."

Malott followed Duke's lead.

"We discussed the situation and decided I'd finish the game on the left lane, where I could stand far to the left on the approach and wouldn't have to deal with the ball return," Malott said. "We had to let the conditions develop, but Norm was okay on the right lane, and I was okay on the left. Norm told me some past history about leaving single pins on the right lane and I wanted to make sure he remembered what he told me."

As predicted, Duke left back-to-back single pins in his first two frames of the Baker-format contest. He said he was contemplating a ball change in hopes of striking, but Malott talked him out of it.

"Wes told me to just live with it," Duke said. "He told me, stick with the plan. We got a couple more nine-counts, but he just sat on that left lane and pounded the pocket. That's the reason we worked together so well. He believed in me and I believed in him, and it worked."

While breaking his tie with Pete Weber for third place on the PBA career titles list (behind Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 and Earl Anthony with 43) was memorable, Duke was subdued about the accomplishment.

"I don't think anyone believes Pete is done winning titles," the 50-year-old Duke said. "I don't like to think that I'm done, either. This is part of a process in building a career. I'm glad to be part of helping Wes build with his career, and I'm certainly glad he's helping with mine, because without him, I'm probably still chasing Pete. But to be ahead of Pete for even one day is a remarkable achievement, and something I truly value."

Malott, 38, felt the same about winning his 10th title, which will earn him a spot on the PBA Hall of Fame ballot in seven years, when he competes in his 20th year of membership.

“Winning the doubles title in 2011 after struggling for a couple of years after I won Player of the Year for the 2008-09 season kind of kick-started me again,” Malott said. “Winning my 10th title and being eligible for the hall of fame someday is a huge honor, but I really don’t think it’ll set in until that day that it’s announced I’m going to be put into the hall of fame. I’m very proud and humbled by what I’ve been able to accomplish, but right now it’s mind-boggling to me.”

Barrett and Palermaa – the 2013 and 2010 PBA World Championship winners respectively – defeated DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and two-hander Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas, 237-179, in the opening stepladder match, spoiling Maldonado’s television debut and bid for his first title. In the second match, the Finnish two-handed player and his English partner took advantage of back-to-back splits by Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte and partner Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pa., to win 178-168.

Barrett and Palermaa started the semifinal match with six consecutive strikes and took advantage of back-to-back open frames by Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla., and partner Dino Castillo of Carrollton, Texas, to post a 220-201 victory and a berth in the title match.

PBA Tour players will compete in a trio of PBA International-World Bowling Tour events in Qatar, Bahrain and Germany over the next month before heading to Portland, Maine, March 28-31 for PBA League Elias Cup competition and the Xtra Frame Maine Event at Bayside Bowl. PBA League quarterfinal, semifinal and championship rounds will air over four consecutive Sundays beginning March 29. The Maine Event will be covered live, exclusively on PBA’s online video streaming channel, Xtra Frame.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP **Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, ESPN telecast March 1**

Final Standings: 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$22,000. 2, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermaa, Finland, \$12,000. 3, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla./Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, \$10,000. 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$9,000. 5, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, \$8,000.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Barrett/Palermaa def. Archer/Maldonado, 237-179. Match Two – Barrett/Palermaa def. Belmonte/O’Neill, 178-168. Semifinal Match – Barrett/Palermaa def. Daugherty/Castillo, 220-201. Championship – Duke/Malott def. Barrett, Palermaa, 228-203.

Wheaties Signs on as Sponsor of PBA League, L.A. X Team *General Mills brand to debut during PBA League Elias Cup playoffs in Portland, Maine*

CHICAGO (March 2, 2015) – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Wheaties have reached an agreement to have the General Mills brand come on as a sponsor for both the 2015 PBA League playoffs and as presenting sponsor of team L.A. X later this month at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The sponsorship package will include on-site signage during the PBA League Elias Cup Playoffs, as well as 30-second commercials on the four ESPN telecasts originating from the event. PBA League quarterfinal, semifinal and Elias Cup Finals shows will air on ESPN on March 29, April 5, April 12 and April 19.

“Wheaties is an iconic brand, and to have it attach its name to the PBA is very exciting,” said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. “The PBA has a lot of momentum. Large audiences have been riveted to compelling action on the lanes.”

Wheaties’ deal with the PBA comes as the Tour’s television series is enjoying a 22 percent increase in year-over-year audience ratings on ESPN.

“The PBA is a high-energy organization, and bowling has really grown in popularity, so it was a great opportunity for us,” said Jamie Lyon, associate marketing manager for Wheaties. “We have a history with working with so many iconic athletes. There’s something about bowling that’s very classic.”

Shamrock Sports & Entertainment, the PBA's strategic marketing and sales agency, negotiated the agreement.

"The PBA is experiencing historic popularity via double digit increases in ratings on ESPN and Wheaties is eager to tap into that passion and performance," Shamrock President Brian Corcoran said. "We are confident this initial partnership between PBA and Wheaties only scratches the surface of many shared values and championship celebrations to come."

Wheaties will sponsor the PBA League's L.A. X, a team founded by Los Angeles Clippers all-star Chris Paul and featuring a roster that includes two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia; England's Stuart Williams, Sweden's Martin Larsen, Colombia's Andres Gomez and Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla. Andrew Cain is team manager.

The PBA League portion of the PBA's schedule has a unique attraction to potential sponsors, Clark said, because it features teams competing rather than individuals.

"During the traditional season, a brand can sponsor a player or multiple players and gamble on that player making the ESPN finals," he said. "During the PBA League competition, you know for a fact that your team is going to have visibility on ESPN."

PBA Spare Shots

STAR-STUDDED FIELD SET FOR PBA LEAGUE PLAYOFFS, MAINE EVENT; LIMITED ENTRIES STILL AVAILABLE

With a field of PBA Tour champions including USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions winner Jason Belmonte, PBA Players Champion Parker Bohn III and Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Champions Norm Duke and Wes Malott already entered, the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout March 29-31 at Bayside Bowl in Portland has a few more spots available to PBA members on a first-come basis.

The entry fee for the tournament, which will be covered exclusively from start to finish on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, is \$500 with a 1:2 cashing ratio. The tournament offers a \$10,000 first prize, a last-to-cash payout of \$1,000 for players who win one match and a PBA Tour title will be awarded to the winner.

The format consists of best-of-three-game, single-elimination match play rounds from start to finish, beginning on Monday, March 30, with four Round of 64 squads, followed by two Round of 32 squads Monday evening for the winners. The 16 Round of 32 winners will advance to Tuesday's final rounds.

On Tuesday, two Round of 16 rounds will narrow the field to the top eight for the quarterfinal round, followed by the semifinal and championship rounds Tuesday evening.

The Maine Shootout will be covered live, start to finish, by PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

To enter or for additional information, contact PBA Central Region Manager Bobby Jakel at bobby.jakel@pba.com.

"MOTOWN MUSCLE" PBA LEAGUE VIRTUAL BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

Number five in the continuing series, Concrete Software will debut the "virtual" Motown Muscle PBA League team ball into the PBA Bowling Challenge game on Thursday (March 5). PBA League-logoed team balls for gaming play currently available to PBA Bowling Challenge players include the Dallas Strikers, GEICO New York WTT KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters and Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits. The remaining three PBA League balls will be added to the PBA Bowling Challenge arsenal, one a week, leading up to the PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League-logoed balls can be used by more than 12 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WILLIAMS WINS BATTLE OF SOUTH REGION PBA50 STARS

In a best-of-three-game final between PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., and 2014 South Region PBA50 Player of the Year **Gary Morgan** of Atlanta, Ga., Williams was victorious, 246-235, 195-189, in winning his 37th career PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Pensacola South Open at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Fla., Sunday.

Williams, who won all 11 games he bowled during the single-elimination match play finals, earned \$1,900 while Morgan earned \$1,000 as the runner-up.

- As PBA Regional players continue their pursuit of season-long points championships in their respective regions, which will mean berths in the PBA Regional Challenge Finals along with paid entries into PBA World Series of Bowling VII at South Point in Las Vegas, a busy March schedule kicks into gear this weekend with the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global in Galion, Ohio; the Sunday-only PBA50 Thunderbowl Midwest Open presented by Hammer in Council Bluffs, Iowa; and the PBA West/Northwest Sands Regency Winter Challenge, Winter Classic and PBA50 Winter Classic at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

- The March 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes only one event – the joint PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Track in Virden, Ill.

- A heavy slate of PBA Regional action is on tap over the March 20-22 weekend, including the PBA50 Fayetteville (N.C.) Open at Lafayette Lanes; the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the joint PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA Odessa (Texas) Southwest Open at Astro Bowl; the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open in Grants Pass, Ore.

- Wrapping up the March PBA Regional schedule over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Reminder: If you’re not already an Xtra Frame subscriber, you might win a valuable prize if you enroll today. Every month, MOTIV is giving away a bowling ball to someone who signs up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month promotion is a continuation of the MOTIV promotion which ran during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI. The February MOTIV ball winner is **Johnny Smithey** of Metairie, La.

- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

Marshall Kent Leads PBA Contingent into Bahrain Open Finals

Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper bids for second straight title in Sitra

SITRA, Bahrain (March 5, 2015) – Fresh off her victory Saturday in the H.H. Emir Cup in Doha, Qatar, former Wichita State University star Tannya Roumimper of Indonesia carried her bid for a second straight World Bowling Tour title into Friday's elimination rounds of the 13th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open as top qualifier by 62 pins over 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.

Roumimper, who received 7 handicap pins per game as a woman participant, finished the qualifying round at Ozone Entertainment Centre with a 12-game total of 2,826 pins. Kent had a 2,764 total. Also among the top six qualifiers who earned byes all the way to Round 5 were Tim Mack, Indianapolis; Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz; Kuwait's Khaled Al Dubyyan and Bahrain's Yousif Falah. The Indonesia star won the H.H. Emir Cup last Sunday when she defeated Qatar's Khaled Al-Dossari, 516-430, in the two-game title match.

The 13th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open, a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event, continues Friday and concludes Saturday. To follow the daily action, visit: <http://abf-online.org/index.html>.

Men and women in Bahrain are competing for World Bowling Tour points on a rolling two-year points list that will result in the top three in each division competing in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by PBA at the 2015 PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Las Vegas next fall. In addition, a PBA Tour title will be awarded to the winner if he is a PBA member (all women finalists in Bahrain are accepting the traditional 7 handicap pins per game, which makes them ineligible for PBA title consideration).

Here's how Bahrain Open format works: The top six players, including one Bahraini, automatically advance to Friday's Round 5. Qualifiers 7-12 advance to Round 4. Qualifiers 13-18 advance to Round 3. Qualifiers 19-30, including two Bahrainis and one woman, will begin Friday's competition in Round 2. Each six-game round will begin from scratch; no carryover pins, but the women finalists receive 7 handicap pins per game. The top six after rounds 2 through 4 will advance to the next round along with higher qualifiers; the top 4 after Round 5 will advance to the semifinals:

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING 13TH KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN OPEN Ozone Entertainment Center, Sitra, Bahrain, March 5, 2015

Final Qualifying Standings (after 6 games; top six advance to Round 5):

- 1, f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 2,826.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,764.
- 3, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2,709.
- 4, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,707.
- 5, Khaled Al Dubyyan, Kuwait, 2704.
- 6, Yousif Falah, Bahrain, 2,498 (qualifies as top Bahraini in the field)

Qualifiers 7-12 advance to Round 4:

- 7, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 2,703.
- 8, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 2,696.
- 9, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,678.

10 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,658.

12, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,656.

Qualifiers 13-18 advance to Round 3:

13, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,653.

14, f-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 2,642.

15, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,639.

16, f-Bernice Lim, Singapore, 2,636.

17, Muhammad Jaris Goh, Singapore, 2,635.

18, f-Cherie Tan, Singapore, 2,634.

Qualifiers 19-30 advance to Round 2:

19, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 2,632.

20, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,628.

21, f-New Hui Fen, Singapore, 2,606.

22, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 2,602.

23, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,583.

24, Rakan Al Ameer, Kuwait, 2,582.

25, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,554.

26, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 2,550.

27, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,549.

Top 2 Bahraini players below the cut line advance

28, Mohammed Janahi, Bahrain, 2,483.

29, Abdulla Karim, Bahrain, 2,437.

Top woman below the cut line advances

30, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 2,546

f-designates female competitor; women receive 7 handicap pins per game

FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE

- Round 2 (Friday morning): Qualifiers 19-30 bowl six games, top six advance to Round 3.
- Round 3 (Friday afternoon): Qualifiers 13-18 plus top six from Round 2 bowl six games, top six ● advance to Round 4.

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

- Round 4 (Saturday morning): Qualifiers 7-12 plus top six from Round 3 bowl six games, top six advance to Round 5.
- Round 5 (Saturday afternoon): Qualifiers 1-6 plus top six from Round 4 bowl six games, top four advance to championship rounds.
- Semifinal Match (immediately after Round 4): Qualifier 3 vs. Qualifier 2, one game. Winner bowls Qualifier 1 (semifinal winner must win two one-game matches to win the title).

PBA Network Creates Historic Interaction with Fans Around the World

ESPN viewership, Xtra Frame subscriptions, mobile game play all show significant increases

CHICAGO (March 6, 2015) – In the five months since the inception of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Network prior to last October's GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI, the PBA has seen sharp year-over-year increases in television ratings and viewership numbers on ESPN, live-streaming subscription numbers on Xtra Frame, game play on the PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game, digital video views on its YouTube Channel and unique users of its web site PBA.com.

For the past five PBA telecasts on ESPN airing on consecutive Sundays, February 1 through March 1, ratings are up 66% from last year's same period and viewership is up 74% from last year. Average viewership is over 920,000 for those five shows including the

CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational (at 1.1 million average viewers the highest for a PBA telecast since 2012), the USBC Masters (up 62% over 2014), the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship and Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

"Our fans are connecting with the action in more ways than ever, and our media partners ESPN, Google, Concrete Software and NeuLion have all helped tremendously to drive larger audiences and interaction," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. "Over the past five weeks the PBA has been near the top of the list of most-watched sports programs airing on Sundays on cable TV and our sponsors are reaping the benefits of this tremendous exposure."

Clark said once fans have connected with the PBA, they are becoming riveted to the action.

"Our PBA players are providing compelling drama on the lanes as they always do, and our content producers and on-air talent both on TV and online are doing an expert job of storytelling, bringing the fans closer to the challenges players face and the history that's on the line," Clark said.

Across the PBA Network, the fan statistics are on an impressive rise:

- PBA on ESPN: Ratings for the 2014-15 season's 12 telecasts, including the WSOB are up 30%. This pace would mark the highest year-over-year percentage increases in ratings and viewership in PBA history.
- PBA on Xtra Frame: Subscription numbers to the PBA's online live streaming video service have increased by 39% since September, exceeding 7,000 for the first time.
- PBA YouTube Channel: During the period from the WSOB VI in October to date, there have been more than 4 million views of PBA content, a dramatic increase over roughly 200,000 views during that time frame one year ago. The 2014 WSOB PBA World Championship finals won by Mike Fagan that aired live on ESPN in January had more than 150,000 views over the past few weeks.
- PBA Bowling Challenge mobile game: There have been more than 12 million downloads of the popular Concrete Software game, enhanced in recent months by real PBA Product Registered bowling balls and new interactive challenges for gamers.
- PBA.com web site: Since September more than 1 million unique users have had almost 8 million page views on pba.com, the daily hub of activity, news and information pertaining to the PBA Network.

Among other things, Clark attributes much of the positive momentum to social media.

"When the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational aired on Super Bowl Sunday, Twitter activity spiked like never before and viewership numbers in the coveted 18-49 year-old age group were the highest we've seen in five years," Clark said. "Likewise social media exploded and drove people to their TVs during the heated Pete Weber vs. Jason Belmonte match on the USBC Masters telecast and during Sean Rash's perfect game at the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions."

Fanning the flames, the PBA's official Facebook page and Twitter accounts have also increased in activity and followers by more than 20% since October and the PBA has kept die-hard fans (more than 200,000 signed up to receive direct email notifications) informed of programming opportunities with regular communications.

On-site, the WSOB VI opened the new South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas with overflow crowds, and the CP3 PBA event in Torrance, Calif.; USBC Masters in Green Bay, Wis., and the 50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in Indianapolis were all sold out well in advance. The upcoming PBA Maine Event in late March which includes the PBA League Elias Cup Playoffs and Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, is already sold out for onsite attendance.

PBA highlights have aired on three of the past few weeks on ESPN SportsCenter, and a new "This Is SportCenter" ad airing across ESPN platforms features a bowler for the first time, PBA star Pete Weber.

Internationally, cooperative ventures with the World Bowling Tour and the creation of PBA Japan have resulted in increased fan interaction globally. Australian Jason Belmonte is the two-time PBA Player of the Year and winner of three straight USBC Masters and two straight PBA Tournament of Champions, resulting in more bowling coverage in Australia than ever before.

The PBA on ESPN continues Sunday, March 29, with quarterfinal round coverage in the PBA League Playoffs from Portland. The PBA League, featuring eight teams of PBA stars in pursuit of the third Elias Cup, airs four consecutive Sundays ending April 19. The next PBA singles national title also will be decided in Portland during the Xtra Frame Tour Maine Shootout, which will be covered from start to finish March 30-31 including the championship match, exclusively on XtraFrame.TV.

More information can be found on pba.com. Follow the PBA on its official Facebook page at Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and on Twitter @PBATour.

Svensson, Malott, Four Women Advance to Bahrain Open Final Rounds

Top qualifier Roumimper, nine additional PBA members remain in the hunt

SITRA, Bahrain (March 6, 2015) – Jesper Svensson, a 20-year-old two-handed player from Sweden, and newly-crowned Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Champion Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, were PBA members who advanced from Friday's elimination rounds of the 13th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open to Saturday's final rounds at Ozone Entertainment Center.

Svensson, Malott and four women advanced from Friday's Round 3 to Saturday's elimination Round 4 where they will compete along with Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Martin Larsen, Sweden, who earned byes based upon their preliminary qualifying positions. The women who advanced from Round 3 are Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y.; Bernice Lim of Singapore, Jazreel Tan of Singapore, and Cherie Tan of Singapore.

The top six from the six-game Round 4 will advance to Round 5 where they will be joined by Tannya Roumimper of Indonesia, the winner of last week's H.H. Emir Cup in Qatar, along with Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Tim Mack, Indianapolis; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; Khaled Al Dubyyan, Kuwait, and Yousif Falah, Bahrain, who also earned byes as the top six qualifiers earlier in the event.

Round 5 will determine the three players who will remain in contention for the title and \$25,000 first prize. Qualifiers 2 and 3 will bowl a one-game semifinal match with the winner bowling Qualifier No. 1 for the title (the semifinal round winner must defeat the top qualifier twice in order to win the title).

The 13th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open, a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event, continues Friday and concludes Saturday. To follow the action, visit: <http://abf-online.org/index.html>.

Men and women in Bahrain are also competing for World Bowling Tour points on a rolling two-year points list that will result in the top three in each division competing in the World Bowling Tour Finals presented by PBA at the 2015 PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Las Vegas next fall. In addition, a PBA Tour title will be awarded to the winner if he is a PBA member. None of the women finalists, who each receive 7 handicap pins per game, are PBA members.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING 13TH KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN OPEN Ozone Entertainment Center, Sitra, Bahrain, March 6, 2015

Round 3 (after six games, top six advance to Round 4 Saturday; players eliminated each earned \$1,500):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,423.
- 2, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,313.
- 3, f-Bernice Lim, Singapore, 1,287.
- 4, f-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,284.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,274.
- 6, f-Cherie Tan, Singapore, 1,266.

Failed to advance:

- 7, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,229.
- 8, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,225.

- 9, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,222.
- 10, Rakan Al Ameer, Kuwait, 1,220.
- 11, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,186.
- 17, Muhammad Jaris Goh, Singapore, 1,138.

Round 2 (after six games, top six advanced to Round 3; players eliminated earned \$1,200):

- 1, Svensson, 1,439.
- 2, Al Ameer, 1,369.
- 3, Angelo, 1,335.
- 4, Gomez, 1,315.
- 5, Mak, 1,309.
- 6, f-McEwan, 1,272.

Failed to advance:

- 7, f-New Hui Fen, Singapore, 1,261.
- 8, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,252.
- 9, Mohammed Janahi, Bahrain, 1,139.
- 10, Abdulla Karim, Bahrain, 1,132.
- 11, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,111.
- 12, Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,095.

f-designates female competitor; women receive 7 handicap pins per game

SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

- **Round 4:** Qualifiers 7-12 (Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla.; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Martin Larsen, Sweden) plus top six from Round 3 (Jesper Svensson, Sweden; f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.; f-Bernice Lim, Singapore; f-Jazreel Tan, Singapore; Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas; f-Cherie Tan, Singapore); six games, top six advance to Round 5.
- **Round 5:** Qualifiers 1-6 (1, f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Tim Mack, Indianapolis; Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela; Khaled Al Dubyyan, Kuwait; Yousif Falah, Bahrain) plus top six from Round 4; six games, Qualifiers 2 and 3 advance to semifinal match, No. 1 Qualifier advances to championship match.
- **Semifinal Match (immediately after Round 5):** Qualifier 3 vs. Qualifier 2, one game. Winner bowls Qualifier 1 (semifinal winner must win two one-game matches to win the title).

SITRA, Bahrain (March 7, 2015) – Sweden's Jesper Svensson, who turned 20 a month ago, won an international battle of two-handed players Saturday, defeating Australia's Jason Belmonte, 258-244, to win his first PBA International Tour title in the 13th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open at Ozone Entertainment Center.

After qualifying in 20th place earlier in the week, Svensson, a left-handed two-hander, dominated the six-game single elimination rounds, averaging 239, 237, 244 and 243 in four 12-player preliminary rounds and ran away with the top qualifying berth for the three-player stepladder finals by 82 pins over Belmonte. Svensson, who joined the PBA in August 2014, earned \$25,000 and became eligible to participate in the 2015 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Belmonte, the two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year, earned \$12,500 after barely surviving Round 4 when he rolled a 158 in his sixth game, holding off Tom Daugherty of Tampa, Fla., by three pins after Daugherty closed his round with a 257 game. Long-time international star Mika Koivuniemi, a Finnish native now living in Hartland, Mich., finished third after advancing to the semifinal round by winning a one-game roll-off over Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz, 216-183.

The next PBA International Tour-World Bowling tournament will be the Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, March 14-22. PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., won the 2014 title as an amateur.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING 13TH KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN OPEN
Ozone Entertainment Center, Sitra, Bahrain, March 7, 2015

Final Standings:

1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$25,000. 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$12,500. 3, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, \$8,000.

Stepladder Results: Semifinal Match – Belmonte def. Koivuniemi, 214-206. Championship – Svensson def. Belmonte, 258-244.

Round 5 (after six games, top three advanced to championship rounds):

- 1, Svensson, 1,459.
- 2, Belmonte, 1,377.
- 3, x-Koivuniemi, 1,351.
- 4, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,351, \$6,000.
- 5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,349, \$5,000.
- 6, Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 1,310, \$3,500.
- 7, f-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 1,253, \$3,000.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,245, \$2,800.
- 9, Khaled Al Dubyyan, Kuwait, 1,227, \$2,700.
- 10, Yousif, Falah, Bahrain, 2,221, \$2,600.
- 11, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,168, \$2,500.
- 12, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,112, \$2,250.

x-Koivuniemi def. Ruiz, 216-183, in a one-game roll-off for the No. 3 position in the semifinal round.

Round 4 (after six games, top six advanced to Round 5; players eliminated each earned \$2,000):

- 1, Svensson, 1,467.
 - 2, Fagan, 1,383.
 - 3, Malott, 1,339.
 - 4, Koivuniemi, 1,333.
 - 5, Larsen, 1,305.
 - 6, Belmonte, 1,288.
- Failed to advance:*
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 1,285.
 - 8, f-Cherie Tan, Singapore, 1,266.
 - 9, f-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,257.
 - 10, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,251.
 - 11, f-Bernice Lim, Singapore, 1,139.

f-designates female competitor; women receive 7 handicap pins per game

Cusuhta Wins PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open

Galion, Ohio (March 8, 2015) – Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio, defeated Tom Baker of King, N.C. by 70 pins to win the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global at Victory Lanes Sunday.

Csuhta finished with a 7-5 match play record and a total of 4,893 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Csuhta's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his ninth overall PBA Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

The PBA Central Region's next event will be held at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, March 20-22.

PBA50 VICTORY LANES CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY 900 GLOBAL
Victory Lanes, Galion, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 7-5, 4,893, \$1,500.

- 2, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 9-3, 4,823, \$1,000.
- 3, Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 9-3, 4,693, \$800.
- 4, a-Michael Craig, Columbus, Ohio, 7-5, 4,685, \$750.
- 5, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 6-6, 4,642, \$700.
- 6, David E. Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 6-6, 4,630, \$650.
- 7, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3-9, 4,553, \$600.
- 8, a-Scott Sustar, Medina, Ohio, 5-7, 4,479, \$580.
- 9, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 4-8, 4,370, \$560.
- 10, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 6-6, 4,361, \$540.
- 11, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 6-6, 4,316, \$520.
- 12, Bill Burns, Elizabeth, Pa., 4-8, 4,301, \$500.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA FANS INVITED TO VOTE ON BEST TRICK SHOT EVER

PBA fans are invited to vote on the best bowling trick shots ever in a special poll now underway on pba.com. The “contest” features four great trick shots: Norm Duke’s “spinning ball spare,” Chris Barnes’ “Flying Eagle,” Osku Palermaa’s “over the chair strike” and the late Andy Varipapa’s “three-ball split conversion.”

Voting on pba.com will close on Friday, March 20 at 8 p.m. ET. The results will be revealed on ESPN telecasts of PBA League competition from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, beginning with the No. 4 video on the Sunday, March 29, coverage of PBA League quarterfinal round 1; No. 3 on the April 5 coverage of PBA League quarterfinal round 2, the two finalists will be shown on the April 12 PBA League semifinal telecast for another “best of all-time” fan vote, and the winner will be revealed during the PBA League Elias Cup finals telecast on Sunday, April 19.

To vote, visit pba.com and click on the Trick Shot Poll link (<http://www.pba.com/Vote/>).

“L.A. X” PBA LEAGUE VIRTUAL BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

Number six in the continuing series, Concrete Software will debut the “virtual” L.A. X PBA League team ball into the PBA Bowling Challenge game on Thursday (March 12). PBA League-logoed team balls for gaming play currently available to PBA Bowling Challenge players include the Dallas Strikers, GEICO New York WTT KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits and Motown Muscle. The two remaining PBA League balls will be added to the PBA Bowling Challenge arsenal, one a week, leading up to the PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League-logoed balls can be used by more than 12 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WEBER OVERCOMES ACCIDENTAL BALL SWITCH TO WIN

Overcoming an accidental ball switch, **Pete Weber** of St. Ann, Mo., defeated **Toby Contreras** of Lee’s Summit, Mo., 223-177, to win the PBA50 Thunderbowl Midwest Open at Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday.

Weber had just defeated **Greg Shields** of Independence, Mo., in the semifinal round, 2-0 in a best-of-three-game contest and was preparing for the title match when he discovered that Shields had accidentally taken the wrong ball off the ball return, and had immediately left the building. The ball included a removable thumb insert that Weber had used all day, but he picked up another ball and used a different thumb insert to win his fourth PBA50 regional title.

- **Dale Csuhta** of Wadsworth, Ohio, defeated **Tom Baker** of King, N.C. by 70 pins to win the PBA50 Victory Lanes Central Open presented by 900 Global at Victory Lanes in Galion, Ohio, Sunday.

Csuhta finished with a 7-5 match play record and a total of 4,893 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Csuhta’s first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his ninth overall PBA Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

- Amateur **Darren Tang** of San Francisco posted a 7-2-1 match play record and a 18-game total of 4,589 pins Sunday to win the PBA Sands Regency Winter Classic, capping a weekend tripleheader of PBA regional competition presented by Storm.

Tang, who won the standard regional event by 167 pins over **Brad Bufkin** of Citrus Heights, Calif., earned \$2,000 but because he is an amateur, he does not receive a PBA title.

In the companion PBA50 Sands Regency Winter Classic, amateur **Chip Aki** of Grand Prairie, Texas went 8-2 and knocked down 4,619 total pins for 18 games. Aki earned \$1,500 for his 84-pin victory over **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas in an event for players 50 and older.

Leading into the weekend tripleheader, **Hernan Ramirez** of Venezuela defeated **Don Cospers** of Reno, Nev., 257-225, to win Friday's Sands Regency Challenge Winter Classic. The Challenge was open to players who had never won a PBA title. Ramirez earned \$1,500 along with his first PBA title.

- The March 13-15 PBA Regional schedule includes only one event – the joint PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open presented by Track in Virden, Ill.
- A heavy slate of PBA Regional action is on tap over the March 20-22 weekend, including the PBA50 Fayetteville (N.C.) Open at Lafayette Lanes; the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Open in Elmira, N.Y.; the joint PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio; the PBA Odessa (Texas) Southwest Open at Astro Bowl; the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open presented by MOTIV at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open in Grants Pass, Ore.
- Wrapping up the March PBA Regional schedule over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

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QUICK NOTES

- PBA Charter Member **Fred Riccilli** of Seal Beach, Calif., died on Monday, March 2, at age 93. The long-time proprietor of Champion Lanes in Orange County, Calif., never won PBA title, but he did win the 1952 Petersen Classic in Chicago and was the first player drafted in the short-lived National Bowling League in 1960.
- Former PBA member **Chuck Lammlein** of Camden, Mo., died on March 3 at age 90. An accomplished bowler and long-time proprietor of Coachlite Lanes in Rolla, Mo., Lammlein was credited with participating in the sponsorship of PBA events held at Dick Weber Lanes in St. Louis, and as an innovator in promoting bowling on outdoor lanes which led to Weber's appearance on several “Late Night with David Letterman” shows.
- **Jerod Hromek**, the son of retired three-time PBA Tour champion **Justin Hromek**, won his second straight Kansas state high school singles title and led Wichita Circle High to its first Class 5-1A team title at Northrock Lanes in Wichita on March 5. Jerod, a junior, became the first bowler in the 11-year history of Kansas' state high school bowling championships to win two state titles. He won the individual title behind games of 298, 207 and 247 for a 752 series.
- With 2015 PBA League competition set for the last weekend of March, PBA League fans are invited to purchase special PBA League-logoed t-shirts to support their favorite team(s). Visit “shop” at pba.com for details. The entire PBA League “Maine Event” will air on four consecutive weekends on ESPN beginning Sunday, March 29, at .
- PBA fans can earn a discount on an Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription with the purchase of a new bowling ball through a special limited-time arrangement with Bowling Infinity Group. Visit <http://offthetrailer.com/> for details on how to earn a \$25 discount and free shipping on the bowling ball-Xtra Frame Season Ticket package now through April 30.
- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only. February's HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes winner was **Kerry Davis** from Atlanta.

PBA Spare Shots

TV FINALS TICKETS NOW ON SALE FOR PBA GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SUMMER SWING

Tickets for the CBS Sports Network finals of five PBA Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Summer Swing events are now available. The finals of the Wolf, Badger, Bear, PBA Oklahoma Open, and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event will be contested in the Grand Casino Event Center in Shawnee, Okla., on Saturday and Sunday, May 16-17.

Individual day passes can be purchased at <http://www.grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=66> for \$25. Day passes are for general admission seating in the balcony overlooking the two-lane bowling installation, and are good for all telecasts happening the day of purchase. Weekend passes can be purchased at <http://www.grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=65>. Tickets are \$60 each, allow access to all finals conducted over the weekend, and will be good for general admission seating on the first floor bleachers next to the lanes.

The May 16 schedule includes the Wolf Open finals at 11 a.m. (CT), Bear Open at 2:30 and Badger Open at 5:15. The May 17 schedule includes the Oklahoma Open finals at noon and the King of the Swing at 3:30 p.m.

Summer Swing qualifying rounds will be held at nearby Firelake Bowling Center May 11-14. Defending champions are **Sean Rash**, Wolf Open; **Ronnie Russell**, Bear Open; **Bill O'Neill**, Badger Open, and **Jason Belmonte**, Oklahoma Open. O'Neill also won the King of Swing special event to conclude the 2014 Summer Swing.

For players and fans who are planning to travel to the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort & Hotel for the event, rooms can now be booked at <http://www.grandresortok.com/hotel/> or by calling reservations at (405) 964-7777. Grand Casino Resort is a full-service complex featuring the 262-room Grand Hotel, restaurants, golf course and many other amenities.

Bowling fans also are invited to bowl with the pros in the pro-am program on Saturday, May 9, at Firelake. To enter contact the FireLake Bowling Center at (405) 275-0404.

"BROOKLYN STYLES" PBA LEAGUE VIRTUAL BOWLING BALL DEBUTS THIS WEEK

Number seven in the series of PBA League "virtual" bowling balls being introduced into Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge game on Thursday (March 19) will be the BROOKLYN STYLES. PBA League-logoed "virtual" team balls for gaming play already available to PBA Bowling Challenge players include the Dallas Strikers, GEICO New York WTT KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, Motown Muscle and L.A. X. The final remaining PBA League virtual ball, featuring the Philadelphia Hitmen logo, will be added to the PBA Bowling Challenge arsenal on March 26, just ahead of the start of PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

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BRUNSWICK STARS TO CONDUCT "MINI CAMPS" IN MAINE, NEW YORK, RHODE ISLAND

An all-star lineup of Brunswick pro staff players will participate in a series of four Brunswick Mini Camps in Maine, New York and Rhode Island in the weeks ahead, starting with a session at Sparetime Recreation in Hallowell, Maine, prior to start of the PBA's "Maine Event" program in Portland.

Beginning with the Hallowell program on Thursday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., the mini camp program will include instruction programs on lane play and ball layout involving Brunswick/DV8 staff members PBA Hall of Famers **Parker Bohn III**, **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** and **Johnny Petraglia**; former PBA Player of the Year **Sean Rash**; PBA Tour champions **Tom Smallwood**, **Jason Sterner**, **Tom Hess** and **Ryan Ciminelli**; two-handed veteran **Brian Valenta**, and Brunswick/DV8 ball rep **Chuck Gardner**.

Additional mini camps are scheduled for April 1 at Thunderbird Lanes in Syracuse, N.Y.; April 2 at Pat Tarsio Lanes in Newburgh, N.Y., and April 4 at East Providence Lanes in Rumford, R.I., on April 4. The basic tuition fee is \$225. An additional upgrade fee includes a Brunswick/DV8 ball. To reserve your spot, contact Sean Rash (316-250-2980 or email: seanrashfan@gmail.com), or go to BrunswickBowlingCamp on Facebook.

ANGELO WINS KUWAIT OPEN; PBA STARS HEAD TO MUNICH

Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., defeated **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., 257-191, to win the \$25,000 first prize in the Kuwait International Open Saturday in Kuwait City. The tournament was not a PBA International-World Bowling Tour approved event.

In the stepladder finals, Hong Kong's **Michael Mak** eliminated Finland's **Mika Koivuniemi** in match one, 223-201; **DJ Archer** of Friendswood, Texas, defeated Mak in match two, 226-223, and Jones ousted Archer in the semifinal match, 234-173, to advance to the title match. Other PBA members who finished among the top 15 modified match play finalists were Sweden's **Robert Andersson**; **John Szczerbinski** of N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; **Dom Barrett** of England; **Ildemaro Ruiz** of Venezuela; **Jason Sterner** of Covington, Ga., and **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash.

PBA players will complete a three-event PBA International-World Bowling Tour series this week at Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, site of the Brunswick Euro Challenge, which ends Sunday. Kent is defending champion. First prize will be \$12,000 and a PBA International Tour title if the winner is a PBA member. PBA fans can follow the action in Munich on the official tournament website, <http://brunswickeurochallenge.com/results-2015/>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BORESCH WINS MILESTONE 30TH REGIONAL TITLE

Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., defeated **Mike Mineman** of St. Louis, 234-218, to win the PBA50 Showtime Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Virden, Ill., Sunday for his 30th overall regional title. Along with his second PBA50 Midwest title of the year, Boresch also took home the \$1,500 first prize.

Boresch defeated amateur **Ken Galitsky** of Plainfield, Ind., 2-0 in the best of three-game semifinal round while Mineman edged **Brad Sipes** of Bloomington, Ill., 2-1, in the other semifinal round match.

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PBA Returns to ESPN on March 29 to Begin Four-Week PBA League Series

Eight all-star teams ready to battle for Elias Cup in PBA's first national tour visit to Maine

CHICAGO – The stars of the Professional Bowlers Association return to ESPN on Sunday, March 29 at 5 p.m. ET with the first in a four-week series of PBA League telecasts, concluding with the Elias Cup finals on Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m. ET. All PBA League

competition will take place at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, as part of a six-day “Maine Event” which gets underway on Thursday, March 26.

The PBA’s first national tour visit to Maine will be an extended fan-oriented weekend hosted by an upscale bowling facility, beginning with an opportunity for grassroots bowlers in Maine to bowl alongside the world’s greatest bowlers in a special pro-am event on Thursday, March 26. Friday’s schedule is dominated by practice sessions for individuals and teams, giving fans and the news media a chance to meet players for autographs, photos and interviews.

Competition officially gets underway on Saturday, March 28, with two PBA League quarterfinal round elimination matches. PBA League elimination matches will be best-of-two-game Baker format matches. If a match ends in a tie, a one-ball sudden-death roll-off will determine the winner.

The 2015 Elias Cup competition will begin with the 2013 Elias Cup-champion GEICO New York City WTT KingPins, led by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, bowling the first PBA League quarterfinal match at noon against the BROOKLYN STyLES, led by 2012 PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash. Immediately following the KingPins-STyLES match, the defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters, led by 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes, will meet the Philadelphia Hitmen, led by England’s Dom Barrett. Both matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, March 29, at 5 p.m. ET.

At 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, quarterfinal competition will continue with the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, led by former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott, meeting the Dallas Strikers, led by player-manager and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke (who ironically teamed with Malott to win the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in February). Closing the quarterfinal round will be a match between Detroit’s Barbasol Motown Muscle, led by 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett, vs. Wheaties L.A. X, led by two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte. Both matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 5, at 3:30 p.m. ET.

On noon on Sunday at Bayside Bowl, the KingPins-STyLES winner will bowl the winner of the Hitmen-Atom Splitters match, followed by the second semifinal round battle between the Jack Rabbits-Strikers winner vs. the Muscle-L.A. X winner. The Elias Cup, named in honor of PBA founder Eddie Elias, will be decided in a special singles, doubles, trios and Baker team showdown at 3:30 p.m. between the two semifinal round winners. The semifinal round matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. ET and the Elias Cup finals will air on Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m. ET.

The Maine Event continues Monday and Tuesday, March 30-31, with the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, a best-of-three-game single-elimination singles match play tournament that will be covered exclusively on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. It will be open to a field of 64 players, and it will involve four rounds of eight matches in the Round of 64 starting at 9 a.m. ET, followed by two rounds of eight matches in the Round of 32 on Monday. Competition continues with two rounds of four matches in the Round of 16, starting at 10 a.m. ET, followed by a Round of 8, a semifinal round and a championship match on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The winner will earn a PBA Tour title.

The Maine Shootout will be part of hundreds of hours of PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and regional action in 2015 available exclusively to Xtra Frame subscribers at a monthly rate of \$7.99, or for a 12-month XF Season Ticket price of only \$64.99 (less than \$5.50 per month). Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for complete details. Extensive coverage of all PBA activities also will be available through the PBA Network (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, PBA.com and more).

For admission ticket and pro-am information for the Maine Event weekend, contact Bayside Bowl at 207-791-2695.

EDITOR’S NOTE: UNDERSTANDING THE “BAKER FORMAT”

For those who may not be familiar with the “Baker format” used in PBA League competition, here’s some basic information. The Baker format was created by American Bowling Congress Secretary-Treasurer Frank Baker in the 1950s to provide a fast-paced, exciting way to present team bowling on television, rather than traditional team competition which took an hour to bowl one game. The Baker format requires each member of a five-man team to bowl two frames: the leadoff bowler bowls the first and sixth frames, the No. 2 player in the lineup bowls the second and seventh frames, etc., with the anchor bowler responsible for the fifth and 10th frames. It’s much faster and requires exceptional team work.

In the PBA League’s “best of two games” matches, if the two teams each win one game, the match is settled in a dramatic one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

2015 PBA MAINE EVENT SCHEDULE

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (all times listed are Eastern)

Thursday, March 26

7 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Friday, March 27

10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Open practice session (interviews, photo and autograph sessions included)

6:15-6:45 p.m. – BROOKLYN STyLES, GEICO New York City WTT KingPins team practice

7-7:30 p.m. – Philadelphia Hitmen, Silver Lake Atom Splitters team practice

7:45-8:15 p.m. – Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, Dallas Strikers team practice

8:30-9 p.m. – Detroit Barbasol Motown Muscle, Wheaties L.A. X team practice

Saturday, March 28 (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

Noon – Quarterfinal Match One: Brooklyn STyLES vs. GEICO NYC WTT Kingpins

Quarterfinal Match Two: Philadelphia Hitmen vs. Silver Lake Atom Splitters

3:30 P.M. – Quarterfinal Match Three: Pittsburgh Jackrabbits vs. Dallas Strikers

Quarterfinal Match Four: Detroit Barbasol Motown Muscle vs. Wheaties L.A. X

Sunday, March 29

Noon – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two (best of two games, Baker 1 format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

3:30 p.m. – Elias Cup Finals: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two, total pinfall (singles, 1 point; alternate-shot doubles, 1 point; trios, 1 point; Baker team, 3 points; one-ball roll-off if necessary to break tie)

PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 29

7 p.m. – Match Play Draw Party (to determine Maine Shootout match play bracket pairings; live coverage on Xtra Frame)

Monday, March 30

9 a.m. – Round of 64, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

11 a.m. – Round of 64, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

1:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round three (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

3:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round four (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

6 p.m. – Round of 32, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)

8 p.m. – Round of 32, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)

Tuesday, March 31

10 a.m. – Round of 16, round one (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)

11:30 a.m. – Round of 16, round two (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)

2 p.m. – Round of 8 (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Semifinal Round)

6 p.m. – Semifinal Round (2 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Championship Match)

7:30 p.m. – Championship Match (best-of-three-games)

PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS

BROOKLYN STyLES (manager Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Parker Bohn III, Jason Sterner, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (manager Tim Mack): Wes Malott, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Osku Palermaa, Bryon Smith.

Wheaties L.A. X (manager Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen, Patrick Allen, Andres Gomez.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen, Craig Nidiffer.

Philadelphia Hitmen (manager Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter, Dave Wodka, Ryan Shafer, Rhino Page.

Barbasol Motown Muscle (manager Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Ronnie Russell, Josh Blanchard, John Szczerbinski, Mike DeVaney.

Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke): Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones, Michael Haugen Jr., Norm Duke, Shawn Maldonado.

GEICO New York City WTT KingPins (manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Mike Fagan, DJ Archer, Scott Norton, Amleto Monacelli.

Josh Blanchard Wins First PBA Tour Title in Brunswick Euro Challenge

PBA Tour returns to action in Portland, Maine March 28-29 with PBA League Elias Cup Playoffs

MUNICH, Germany (March 22, 2015) – Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., won his first PBA Tour title Sunday, defeating Malaysia's Li Jane Sin, 248-211, in the title match of the 12th Brunswick Euro Challenge at Dream-Bowl Palace.

Blanchard, a 27-year-old fourth year PBA player and PBA's 2011-12 Rookie of the Year, was the top qualifier following the six-game Step 2 qualifying round and a seven-game Step 3 match play round. Sin, one three women to advance to the Step 3 round, defeated Sweden's young two-handed star, Jesper Svensson, 225-214, in the semifinal match.

The Brunswick Euro Challenge was a PBA International-World Bowling Tour event. Competition points were earned by men and women in the event, leading toward three berths in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, which will be contested during PBA World Series of Bowling VII at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas this fall.

The PBA Tour returns to action March 28-29 with the PBA League Elias Cup playoffs at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, followed by the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout March 30-31, also at Bayside Bowl. The Elias Cup playoffs will air on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays, beginning March 29 at 5 p.m. ET, and the Maine Shootout will air live, from start to finish, on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

12TH BRUNSWICK EURO CHALLENGE

Dream-Bowl Palace, Munich, Germany, March 22

Championship: Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz. (\$12,000) def. f-Li Jane Sin, Malaysia (\$9,000), 248-211.

Semifinal Match: Sin def. Jesper Svensson, Sweden (\$6,000), 225-214.

Step 3 final match play standings (after 13 games, includes match play bonus pins; top 3 advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Blanchard, 5-2, 3,135.
- 2, Svensson, 2-5, 3,104.
- 3, f-Sin, 4-3, 3,084.
- 4, f-Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 2-5, 3,045, \$3,000.
- 5, Magnus Johnson, Sweden, 4-3, 2,983, \$2,800.
- 6, f-Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 4-3, 2,955, \$2,600.
- 7, Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia, 4-3, 2,930, \$2,400.
- 8, James Gruffman, Sweden, 2-5, 2,918, \$2,200.

Step 2 (failed to advance after 6 games; top 8 advanced to Step 3 match play)

- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,310, \$2,000.
- 10, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,306., \$2,000.
- 11, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,297, \$2,000.
- 12, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 1,297, \$2,000.
- 13, Petteri Salonen, Finland, 1,294, \$1,800.
- 14, f-Safiyah Amirah Siti, Malaysia, 1,281, \$1,800.
- 15, Dom Barrett, England, 1,276, \$1,800.
- 16, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,275, \$1,800.
- 17, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,272, \$1,700.
- 18, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 1,267, \$1,700.
- 19, Stuart Williams, England, 1,260, \$1,700.
- 20, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,256, \$1,700.
- 21, f-Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 1,252, \$1,600.
- 22, Dirk Dreyer, Germany, 1,250, \$1,600.
- 23, Patrick Backe, Sweden, 1,237, \$1,600.
- 24, Carsten Warming Hansen, Denmark, 1,223, \$1,600.
- 25, Richard Teece, England, 1,207, \$1,500.
- 26, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,180, \$1,500.
- 27, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,156, \$1,500.
- 28, Stephan Unger, Germany, 1,104, \$1,500.

Step 1 (failed to advance after 6 games; top 16 advanced to Step 2)

29, Olsson, Mattias, SWE, M, 1,301, \$1,200.
30, Jesper Agerbo, Denmark, 1,295, \$1,200.
31, Manuel Mrosek, Germany, 1,294, \$1,200.
32, f-Hui Fen New, Singapore, 1,289, \$1,200.
33, f-Ida Andersson, Sweden, 1,285, \$1,200.
34, f-Sharon Koh, Malaysia, 1,284, \$1,200.
35, f-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,283, \$1,200.
36, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 1,280, \$1,200.
37, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,275, \$1,200.
38, Steven Gill, Scotland, 1,271, \$1,000.
39, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,263, \$1,000.
40, Mohd Nur Aiman, Malaysia, 1,260, \$1,000.
41, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,259, \$1,000.
42, Christopher Hachin, France, 1,255, \$1,000.
43, Kim Andersson, Sweden, 1,251, \$1,000.
44 (tie), DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Yoan Alix, France, 1,249, \$1,000.
46, Tobias Börding, Germany, 1,248, \$1,000.
47, Glenn Morten Pedersen, Norway, 1,244, \$900.
48, f-Syaidatul Afifah, Malaysia, 1,243, \$900.
49, f-Jelena Brandt, Latvia, 1,238, \$900.
50, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,237, \$900.
51, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,233, \$900.
52, Mattias Möller, Sweden, 1,225, \$900.
53, Adrian Ang, Malaysia, 1,219, \$900.
54 (tie), Tim Friedrichs, Germany, and Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 1,217, \$900.
56, Alexander Medveditskov, Russia, 1,198, \$800.
57, Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 1,178, \$800.
58, f-Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark, 1,155, \$800.
50, f-Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia, 1,124, \$800.
60, Kim Bolleby, Sweden, 1,104, \$800.
61, f-Shayna Ng, Singapore, 1,094.
62, Andreas Bösiger, Switzerland, 1,084, \$800.
63, f-Joey Yeo, Singapore, 1,051, \$800.
64, f-Sabrina Laub, Germany, 1,026, \$800.

f-denotes female (women bowlers received 8 handicap pins per game)

PBA and PWBA Form New Strategic Partnership

Agreement includes PWBA Tour Xtra Frame coverage, player services and new PWBA regional events culminating in PBA World Series of Bowling, berths on ESPN telecast

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Professional Women’s Bowling Association (PWBA) have formed a new strategic partnership to provide new events, exposure and services for women’s bowling.

Highlights of the new partnership include:

- Seven new PWBA regional events to complement the PWBA Tour
- Player services transportation and mobile pro shop for the PWBA Tour
- Exclusive live coverage of the PWBA Tour through the Xtra Frame, PBA’s online video streaming service
- Eligibility for PWBA members to bowl in all PBA events

- Expanded points program for women bowling in PBA regionals culminating in the ESPN-televised PWBA Regional Challenge at the PBA World Series of Bowling VII

“Advancing opportunities for women professional bowlers has been a goal of the PBA for years and this partnership reinforces that commitment,” PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. “We also are thrilled to add PWBA to the Xtra Frame schedule to provide more programming for our subscribers and valuable content from a business perspective.”

The seven new PWBA regional events are women-only competitions conducted by PBA’s respective regional managers and will have a \$10,000 prize fund based on a minimum of 40 entries. Host centers and cities for the new events include:

- June 5-7 – Bowlium Lanes, Montclair, Calif. (West Region)
- June 12-14 – Secoma Lanes, Federal Way, Wash. (Northwest Region)
- June 26-27 – Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Central Region)
- July 4-6 – Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C. (South Region)
- Sept. 25-27 – Tomball Lanes, Tomball, Texas (Southwest Region)
- Sept. 27 – Liberty Lanes, Carpentersville, Ill. (Midwest Region)
- tba – (East Region)

The new PWBA regional events will complement the PWBA Tour schedule. The 10 events on the PWBA Tour will have \$60,000 in guaranteed prize money per event with a \$10,000 first-place prize. The PWBA Tour schedule:

- May 13-19 – USBC Queens, Green Bay, Wis. (major)
- July 9-12 – PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, Sacramento, Calif.
- July 16-19 – PWBA Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas
- July 23-26 – PWBA Wichita Open, Wichita, Kan.
- Aug. 6-9 – PWBA Topeka Open, Topeka, Kan.
- Aug. 13-16 – PWBA Lincoln Open, Lincoln, Neb.
- Aug. 20-23 – PWBA Minnesota Open, Welch, Minn.
- Aug. 27-30 – PWBA Detroit Open, Canton, Mich.
- Aug 31- Sept. 6 – Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women’s Open (major), North Brunswick, N.J.
- Sept. 10-13 – PWBA Tour Championship, location TBD (major)

“This agreement further demonstrates the bowling industry’s commitment to the success of competitive women’s bowling,” Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America Executive Director Frank DeSocio said. “Thanks to the PBA’s partnership, we are able to offer women bowlers the same top-level player services as men, plus additional events in more regions of the country.”

The PBA Women’s Regional points program, started by the PBA in 2014, will expand to include more than 70 additional PBA standard regional tournaments. These events will award points in tournaments across the United States and Japan under the PWBA name during the 2015 season.

Regional events afford women a professional environment close to home as part of weekend PBA Regional competition. The top points earners in each of eight regions will earn paid entries into this fall’s PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Las Vegas and will have the opportunity to advance to the ESPN-televised PWBA Regional Challenge.

“I want to thank Tom Clark and the PBA for their leadership in helping put the pieces of this partnership in place,” United States Bowling Congress Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “This agreement benefits the entire industry, including the ball brands, centers, fans and players. It is another example of working together to do what is in the best interest of bowling as we continue to build a future for the sport.”

Additional details about the PWBA regional point system events will be released soon.

2015 PWBA REGIONAL POINTS EVENTS SCHEDULE

(For complete tournament schedules and entry fee information, visit pba.com and click on the Schedules tab/Regional Tours)

EAST REGION

April 10-12 - Rockaway, N.J.

April 17-19 - Ellicott City (Baltimore), Md.

June 5-7 - Yonkers, N.Y.

June 19-21 - Howell, N.J.

May 15-17 - Syracuse, N.Y.

July 23-25 - Lebanon, Pa.
Aug. 6-8 - York, Pa.
Aug. 21-23 - Middletown, Del. (Xtra Frame)
Aug. 28-30 - Deptford, N.J.

CENTRAL REGION

March 20-22 - Hubbard, Ohio
April 11-12 - Kokomo, Ind.
April 18-19 - Elkhart, Ind.
May 8-10 - Lorain, Ohio
May 15-17 - Grove City, Ohio
June 19-21 - Wooster, Ohio
July 17-19 - Fishers, Ind.
July 24-26 - Angola, Ind.
Aug. 14-16 - Coldwater, Ohio
Sept. 11-13 - Wapakoneta, Ohio
Sept. 18-20 - Troy, Ohio
Oct. 3-4 - Kokomo, Ind.
Oct. 10-11 - Muskegon, Mich.
Dec. 11-13 - Allen Park, Mich. (Xtra Frame)

SOUTH REGION

April 10-12 - Bluffton, S.C.
May 15-17 - Marion, N.C.
June 5-7 - Easley, S.C.
June 19-21 - Pensacola, Fla. (Xtra Frame)
July 3-5 - Gastonia, N.C.
Aug. 14-16 - Spring Hill, Fla.
Aug. 28-30 - Fayetteville, N.C.
Oct. 16-18 - Franklin, Va.
Nov. 13-15 - Gloucester, Va.
Dec. 4-6 - Merritt Island, Fla.

MIDWEST REGION

June 5-6 - Richton Park, Ill.
June 13-14 - Elk Grove Village, Ill.
June 20 - Tinley Park, Ill.
June 21 - Tinley Park, Ill.
July 11 - St. Charles, Mo.
July 12 - St. Charles, Mo.
Aug. 8 - Lockport, Ill.
Sept. 5-6 - Peru, Ill.
Sept. 19-20 - Dubuque, Iowa
Sept. 25-26 - Carpentersville, Ill.
Oct. 9-11 - Council Bluffs, Iowa (Xtra Frame)

SOUTHWEST REGION

Feb. 20-22 - Lakewood, Colo.
March 20-22 - Odessa, Texas
April 10-12 - Shawnee, Okla.
May 1-3 - Junction City, Kan. (joint with Midwest)
June 12-14 - Jonesboro, Ark. (joint with Midwest)
June 26-28 - Lubbock, Texas (Xtra Frame)
July 17-19 - Fort Sill, Okla.
July 31-Aug. 2 - Houston, Texas (mixed doubles, Xtra Frame)
Aug. 7-9 - Killeen, Texas
Aug. 21-23 - Greenville, Texas
Sept. 11-13 - McAlester, Okla.

Sept. 25-27 - Tomball, Texas
Oct. 9-11 - Austin, Texas
Nov. 13-15 - Colorado Springs, Colo.
Nov. 20-22 - Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 27-29 - Beaumont, Texas

WEST REGION

Feb. 20-22 - Sutter Creek, Calif.
April 10-12 - Dublin, Calif. (joint with Northwest)
April 26-28 - Kona, Hawaii (joint with Northwest)
April 29 - Schofield Army Barracks, Hawaii (joint with Northwest)
May 1-3 - Hickam AFB, Hawaii (joint with Northwest)
March 6-8 - Reno, Nev. (joint with Northwest)
June 5-7 - Montclair, Calif.
June 19-21 - Modesto, Calif.
Aug. 7-9 - Gilbert, Ariz.
Sept. 25-27 - Tuolumne, Calif.
Oct. 16-18 - Reno, Nev. (joint with Northwest)
Dec. 11-13 - Reno, Nev. (joint with Northwest)

NORTHWEST REGION

May 22-24 - Puyallup, Wash.
Aug. 14-16 - Milwaukie, Ore.
March 20-22 - Grants Pass, Ore.
June 12-14 - Federal Way, Wash. (joint with West)
July 31-Aug. 2 - Boise, Idaho (joint with West)

JAPAN REGION

Dates and locations to be announced

Jordon Wins PBA Trumbull County Tourism Bureau Central/East Open

Hubbard, Ohio (March 22, 2015) – Top qualifier Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio defeated Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind., 199-193, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Trumbull County Visitors Bureau Central/East Open presented by DVB and his first PBA Regional title at Bell-Wick Bowl Sunday.

Jordon, who is now eligible to bowl in the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions, also earned \$2,500.

McCune defeated Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 260-224, to advance to the championship match. Patrick Dombrowski, of Parma Ohio started the stepladder finals by eliminating Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., 206-199, before falling to McCune, 199-193, in the second match.

McCune earned \$1,400 for second place, Troup won \$1,100 for third, Dombrowski \$950 for fourth and Graham \$850 for fifth.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is Kokomo, Ind., April 11-12.

PBA TRUMBULL COUNTY VISITORS BUREAU CENTRAL/EAST OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8 Bell-Wick Bowl, Hubbard, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, \$2,500.
- 2, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$1,400.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$1,100.
- 4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, \$950.
- 5, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., \$850.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Dombrowski def. Graham, 206-199.

Match Two - McCune def. Dombrowski, 199-193.

Semifinal Match – McCune def. Troup, 260-224.

Championship – Jordon def. McCune, 199-193.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play records):

- 1, Jordon, 8-4, 5,010.
- 2, Troup, 6-6, 4,965.
- 3, McCune, 6-6, 4,915.
- 4, Graham, 7-5, 4,899.
- 5, Dombrowski, 7-5, 4,870.
- 6, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4-8, 4,866, \$800.
- 7, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 7-5, 4,827, \$780.
- 8, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 5-7, 4,798, \$760.
- 9, Chad Roberts, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 7-5, 4,738, \$740.
- 10, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 5-7, 4,700, \$720.
- 11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5-7, 4,657, \$700.
- 12, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 5-7, 4,641, \$680.
- 13, Rocio Restrepo, Columbia, 7-5, 4,581, \$660.
- 14, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 3-9, 4,516, \$640.
- 15, a-Robert Harvischak, Campbell, Ohio, 3-9, 4,355, \$620.
- 16, Jeffrey Voght, Canajoharie, N.Y., 2-10, 4,295, \$600.

a-denotes amateur

PBA Spare Shots

ENTRIES OPEN APRIL 1 FOR GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SUMMER SWING

Entries into the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Summer Swing in Shawnee, Okla., May 9-17, will open to the PBA general membership on a first-come, first-served basis on Wednesday, April 1. A capacity field of 120 players is expected for the multi-event summer series.

For a \$750 entry fee, players will be entered into the PBA Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open tournaments, plus they will be eligible to advance to the King of the Swing special event if they qualify during the tournament. All five events will be televised by CBS Sports Network; broadcast dates and times will be announced later.

The third annual Summer Swing offers 18 cashing spots and a \$10,000 first prize for the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens – all of which will be contested on special “animal pattern” lane conditions. Based on combined qualifying pinfall totals for those three events, 40 players will cash in the Oklahoma Open, which will pay \$20,000 to the winner. The King of the Swing will include the winners of those four events plus a “wild card” player, and will pay a top prize of \$10,000. Complete tournament details are listed on pba.com under the “schedules” tab.

Entries must be submitted to Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com or call her: 206-332-9688.

The Grand Casino Hotel & Resort is offering a discounted \$89 room rate to the PBA Summer Swing bowlers. Reservations can be made online at www.grandresortok.com/hotel/. When booking your room, enter the code 150508PBA in the Group Code under “Advanced Options.”

BOHN, RASH ACHIEVE ELITE PBA MILLIONAIRE MILESTONES

The most current statistical analysis of PBA players shows PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., has joined **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, **Pete Weber** and **Norm Duke** as the fourth player in PBA history to surpass \$3 million in career earnings.

With his 34th career victory in the PBA Players Championship, Bohn increased his career earnings to \$3,000,056. Williams, the only player to exceed \$4 million in PBA earnings, is currently at \$4,580,444 followed by Weber at \$3,825,313 and Duke at \$3,188,263.

Also reaching a career milestone is **Sean Rash** who recently cracked the \$1 million barrier and currently ranks 41st (\$1,048,976). Rash, 32, made the elite club over a span of 278 PBA Tour events in his seven-year career and is one of 44 PBA "millionaires."

Chris Barnes (\$2,317,949) has moved past **Amleto Monacelli** (\$2,289,389) into sixth place on the all-time earnings list, and **Mika Koivuniemi** has moved into the top 10 with \$1,900,311, bumping **Jason Couch** (\$1,791,702) into 11th place.

BARRETT, KULICK RETAIN LEADS IN WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS

After three weeks of World Bowling Tour competition in Qatar, Bahrain and Germany, England's **Dom Barrett** and the **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., maintained their positions at the top of the rolling two-year WBT points standings. Both took part in all three events.

Barrett leads the men's rankings with 608 points after earning one point in Qatar, eight in Bahrain and 20 in Germany. **Mike Fagan** of Fort Worth, Texas, is second with 564 points followed by Australian **Jason Belmonte** with 549 points.

Kulick extended her lead after picking up 25 points in Qatar, 15 in Bahrain and 40 in Germany. With 638 points, she's comfortably ahead of **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (526), and **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., who picked up 100 points over the three events to make her first appearance in the top three with 433 points.

The top three men and three women on the WBT points lists will compete in the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, during PBA World Series of Bowling VII next fall at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The next event on the WBT schedule is the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Summer Swing's PBA Oklahoma Open in Shawnee, Okla., May 9-17.

"PHILADELPHIA HITMEN" VIRTUAL BOWLING BALL COMPLETE PBA LEAGUE SET

The eighth and final PBA League "virtual" bowling ball will be introduced into Concrete Software's PBA Bowling Challenge game on Thursday (March 26) when the Philadelphia Hitmen-logoed ball joins the lineup for gaming play for PBA Bowling Challenge players. Balls already available include the Dallas Strikers, GEICO New York WTT KingPins, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, Motown Muscle, L.A. X and BROOKLYN STyLES. The final virtual ball will be introduced just ahead of the start of PBA League Elias Cup competition March 28-29 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA League virtual balls are in play for the more than 12 million people who play PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on a regular basis. The PBA Bowling Challenge by Concrete Software app is available on Google Play, Apple iOS, Amazon App Store and Nook.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BOHR WINS 19TH REGIONAL TITLE IN ODESSA

Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, turned back amateur **Chris Kaiser**, 258-172, to claim his 19th PBA Regional title Sunday in the fourth annual PBA Odessa Southwest Open at Astro Bowl. Bohr started the championship match with a spare followed by seven strikes to coast to the \$2,500 winner's check.

Bohr, who finished the qualifying rounds in fifth place, received a bye to the best-of-three-game Round of 12 where he started his road to victory by edging West Texas State amateur **Tyler Albracht**, 2-1, eliminating Albracht, 20-18, in a two-frame roll-off to win the deciding game. Bohr then eliminated PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston and qualifying leader **Clint Land** of Richmond, Texas, in the semifinal round, 220-177.

- PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., defeated **Steve Ferraro** of Kingston, N.Y., 265-175, 257-205, in the best-of-three-game title match to win his 33rd overall PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Fayetteville Southern Open at LaFayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday. Baker earned \$1,600.

- **Mike Danielson** of Portland, Ore., defeated **Brian Tinsley** of Medford, Ore., 237-218, to win his fifth regional title and \$2,000 in the PBA Northwest/West DV8 Open at Caveman Bowl in Grants Pass, Ore., Sunday.

- Top qualifier **Kelly Jordon** of Marion, Ohio, defeated **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind., 199-193, to win the PBA Trumbull County Visitors Bureau Central/East Open presented by DV8 for his first PBA Regional title at Bell-Wick Bowl in Hubbard, Ohio, Sunday. Jordon earned \$2,500.

- **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., defeated **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., 269-216, to win the PBA50 Rossi Lanes Eastern Open at Rossi Lanes in Elmira, N.Y., Sunday, for a \$2,500 first prize and his 25th career regional title.

- **Curt Aemisegger** of Wauconda, Ill., defeated **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 276-228, to win the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., on Saturday. It was Aemisegger's third career PBA regional title and earned him a \$1,500 first prize.

- Wrapping up the March regional calendar over the 27-28 weekend will be the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open presented by DV8 at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Correction: The Malaysian bowler who finished second to **Josh Blanchard** in the Brunswick Euro Challenge is **Sin Li Jane**, not Li Jane Sin as noted in the PBA release. Our apologies for the confusion over her name.
- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

Brooklyn, Silver Lake Advance to PBA League Semifinal Round *Maine bowling fans cheer non-stop as opening matches go to sudden-death roll-offs*

PORTLAND, Maine – With a sold-out crowd cheering loudly throughout the competition, the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES and Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters each won a one-ball sudden-death roll-off at Bayside Bowl to advance to the semifinal round of the PBA League Elias Cup playoffs.

The opening round of PBA League competition aired Sunday on ESPN.

Bowling in the state of Maine for the first time in PBA history, and in a 12-lane bowling center converted into a two-lane arena for the PBA League team competition, a raucous, fun-loving crowd of bowling fans cheered non-stop throughout two best-of-two-game team matches, both of which were decided by one pin in one-ball roll-offs.

In the first match, the 2013 Elias Cup champion GEICO New York City WTT KingPins, anchored by PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, struggled to a 182-171 victory over the STyLES in a game marred by four missed single-pin spare conversion attempts between the two teams.

“That was a display of spare shooting like you’ve never seen before,” STyLES anchor bowler Parker Bohn III said sarcastically. But the STyLES found the pocket in game two, putting together strings of three strikes three times to win, 247-148, and send the match into sudden-death where Bohn’s strike beat Weber’s nine-count.

“That shot was for the entire team,” Bohn said of his winning strike. “My teammates put their trust in me and I was able to come through.”

“I thought that shot would be flush in the pocket,” Weber said of the 7 pin he left in the roll-off, “but it just kept going.”

In the second match, the Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters couldn’t put two strikes back-to-back, but they bowled an otherwise flawless game to win the first game, 192-179. The key to the win was Mika Koivuniemi’s rare 2-8-10 split conversion which energized his team, and proved especially important when the High 5 Gear Philadelphia Hitmen caught fire, running away to a 265-205 win in game two to force the roll-off.

The defending Elias Cup champion Atom Splitters moved on to the semifinal round when Hitmen anchor Rhino Page left the 4-7 on his first shot, and Atom Splitters’ anchor Dick Allen left only a 10 pin for the 9-8 win.

“I make the 2-8-10 a few times a year,” Koivuniemi said of his pivotal shot, “but I’ve never made it on TV. I was trying to make it by throwing the 2 pin into the 10 and hoping it would bounce across. That’s what happened, but it’s always lucky to make it. It kind of took (the Hitmen’s) hopes away.”

The atmosphere in Maine was unique, with fans cheered loudly and music blaring in the background throughout the competition, and the players loved the high level of enthusiasm.

“It was electrifying to the max,” Bohn said. “We used to bowl in an arena in Erie, Pennsylvania with 4,000 noisy fans, but that was nothing compared to this. I think the people in Erie could hear the fans in Maine.”

“It was really fun,” Weber added. “I’ve never seen anything like it. Never.”

The third and fourth quarterfinal matches in the PBA League series will air next Sunday on ESPN at 3:30 p.m. ET when the HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits, led by former PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott, meet the Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers, led by player-manager and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke. The fourth quarterfinal match is between Detroit’s Barbasol Motown Muscle, led by 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett, vs. Wheaties L.A. X, led by two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte.

The four quarterfinal round winners will advance to the semifinal round on ESPN on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. ET. The semifinal round winners will bowl for the Elias Cup in a single, doubles, trios and Baker team finale on Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP PLAYOFFS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, March 28

Quarterfinal Match One (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: GEICO New York City WTT KingPins (Amleto Monacelli, DJ Archer, Scott Norton, Mike Fagan, Pete Weber) def. Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III), 182-171.

Game Two: STyLES def. KingPins, 247-148.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: STyLES (Parker Bohn III) def. KingPins (Pete Weber), 10-9.

Quarterfinal Match Two (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Craig Nidiffer, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen) def. High 5 Gear Philadelphia Hitmen (Ryan Shafer, Chris Loschetter, Dave Wodka, Dom Barrett, Rhino Page), 192-179.

Game Two: Hitmen def. Atom Splitters, 265-205.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: Atom Splitters (Dick Allen) def. Hitmen (Rhino Page), 9-8.

Pairings Set for PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

PORTLAND, Maine - The Professional Bowlers Association’s Maine Event at Bayside Bowl continues Monday and Tuesday with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, a best-of-three-game single-elimination singles match play tournament that will be covered exclusively on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

It will be open to a field of 64 players, and it will involve four consecutive rounds of eight matches in the Round of 64 starting at 9 a.m. ET, followed by two rounds of eight matches in the Round of 32 Monday starting at 6 p.m.

Competition continues with two rounds of four matches in the Round of 16, starting at 10 a.m. ET Tuesday, followed by a Round of 8, a semifinal round and a championship match on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. The winner will earn \$10,000 and a PBA Tour title.

The Maine Shootout will be part of hundreds of hours of PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and regional action in 2015 available exclusively to Xtra Frame subscribers at a monthly rate of \$7.99, or for a 12-month XF Season Ticket price of only \$64.99 (less than \$5.50 per month). Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for complete details. Extensive coverage of all PBA activities also will be available through the PBA Network (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, PBA.com and more).

PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT SCHEDULE

9 a.m. – Round of 64, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

1 – Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.
Vs. 64 – Martin Larsen, Sweden
32 – Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga.
Vs. 33 – Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.
17 – Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas
Vs. 48 – Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.
16 – Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J.
Vs. 49 – Stuart Williams, England
9 – E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind.
Vs. 56 – Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.
24 – Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.
Vs. 41 – Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.
25 – Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio
Vs. 40 – Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.
8 – Jeremy Allen, Augusta, Maine,
Vs. 57 – Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn.

11 a.m. – Round of 64, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

5 – Stephen Babb, Augusta, Maine
Vs. 60 – Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.
28 – Osku Palermaa, Finland
Vs. 37 – Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C.
21 – Aaron Thiboutot, Brunswick, Maine
Vs. 44 – Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.
12 – Sav Telesco, Stamford, Conn.
Vs. 53 – Scott Moore, Lewiston, Maine
13 – Justin Rollins, Sidney, Maine
Vs. 52 – Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa.
20 – Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass.
Vs. 45 – Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.
29 – Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa
Vs. 36 – Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif.
4 – Nicholas Wells, Newburgh, N.Y.
Vs. 61 – Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio

1:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round three (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

2 – Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich.
Vs. 63 – Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J.
34 – Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y.
Vs. 31 – Jimmy Clark, Upsham, Maine
18 – Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa.
Vs. 47 – Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.
50 – Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
Vs. 15 – Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.
10 – John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.
Vs. 55 – Joseph Colcord, Portland, Maine
42 – Shawn Maldonado, Houston
Vs. 23 – Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn.
26 – Richard Campbell, Phippsburg, Maine
Vs. 39 – Dan MacLelland, Canada
58 – Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.
Vs. 7 – Terrence Robinson, Gray, Maine

3:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round four (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

6 – Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y.
Vs. 59 – Dom Barrett, England
38 – Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif.
Vs. 27 – Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela

22 – Jason Belmonte, Australia
Vs. 43 – Tony Fernandez, Gorham, Maine
54 – Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.
Vs. 11 – William Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J.
14 – Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y.
Vs. 51 – Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I.
46 – Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix
Vs. 19 – Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.
30 – Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.
Vs. 35 – Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y.
62 – Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas
Vs. 3 – Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.

Monday's Round of 32 Schedule

6 p.m. – Round of 32, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)
8 p.m. – Round of 32, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)

Tuesday, March 31

10 a.m. – Round of 16, round one (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)
11:30 a.m. – Round of 16, round two (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)
2 p.m. – Round of 8 (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Semifinal Round)
5 p.m. – Semifinal Round (2 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Championship Match)
7:30 p.m. – Championship Match (best-of-three-games)

16 Survivors Advance in PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

Upsets highlight opening round as four PBA Hall of Famers, former Players of Year fall

PORTLAND, Maine (March 30, 2015) – Sixteen players survived the opening two rounds of the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl Monday, but four PBA Hall of Famers and four former PBA Players of the Year were sidelined in the first best-of-three-game, single-elimination matches.

The Maine Shootout, the first-ever PBA Tour event held in Maine, ends Tuesday when the 16 players who advanced from Monday's competition will continue to bowl best-of-three matches until a winner is decided. All of the competition will be covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

In Monday's opening round, four PBA Hall of Famers were eliminated in 2-0 matches: Jason Sterner of Covington, Ga., toppled Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; Rick Graham of Lancaster, Pa., ousted Parker Bohn of Jackson, N.J., 2-0; amateur Terrence Robinson of Gray, Maine, knocked out 47-time PBA Tour titlist Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., and Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., swept Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli.

Former PBA Players of the Year also were eliminated, including Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, who was stunned by Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz. After beating Blanchard in game one, 270-202, Blanchard won back-to-back 258-256 decisions over Malott. EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., threw the day's only 300 game on his way to a 2-1 verdict over Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Tim Mack of Indianapolis stepped in for PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who withdrew due to a back injury, and dispatched Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich., 2-0, and Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla., swept Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 2-0.

Local favorite Scott Moore, an amateur from Gray, Maine, eliminated another former PBA Player of the Year, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 2-1, in the Round of 32. The final two PBA Players of the Year – two-time reigning POY Jason Belmonte of Australia and former POY Patrick Allen of Wesley Chapel, Fla. – each won their first two matches and advanced to Tuesday's Round of 16.

PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, March 30 (all times Eastern)

Round of 32 (best of three games, single-elimination match play; winners advance to Round of 16, losers each earned \$1,000)

Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., def. Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2-0 (216-190, 235-218).

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 2-0 (201-189, 262-247).

Shawn Maldonado, Houston, def. John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2-1 (256-182, 185-199, 227-179).
 Dan MacLelland, Canada, def. Terrence Robinson, Gray, Maine, 2-1 (228-181, 213-224, 232-187).
 Osku Palermaa, Finland, def. Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2-1 (212-247, 268-225, 185-182).
 Scott Moore, Lewiston, Maine, def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2-1 (236-213, 224-232, 208-195).
 Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., def. Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2-0 (191-157, 236-168).
 Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2-1 (234-279, 288-213, 243-235).
 Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2-1 (268-223, 225-259, 204-169).
 Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., def. Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2-0 (248-178, 196-139).
 E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., def. Tim Mack, Indianapolis, 2-0 (232-164, 224-202).
 Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., def. Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2-0 (205-197, 233-192).
 Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., def. Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2-0 (243-207, 227-208).
 Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2-0 (181-140, 265-255).
 Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 2-1 (226-226, 221-175, 232-220).
 Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2-0 (214-203, 216-205)

Round of 64 (best of three games, losers eliminated)

Russell def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2-1 (217-218, 264-203, 233-187).
 Sterner def. Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-0 (212-196, 222-208).
 Blanchard def. Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1 (202-270, 258-256, 258-256).
 Ostrander def. Stuart Williams, England, 2-0 (257-178, 221-182).
 Tackett def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2-1 (213-244, 300-224, 246-236).
 Mack def. Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2-0 (236-206, 242-161).
 Smith def. Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2-1 (205-254, 215-201, 233-222).
 Faulkner def. Jeremy Allen, Augusta, Maine, 2-0 (214-206, 210-149).
 Nidiffer def. Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J., 2-1 (195-188, 200-217, 234-184).
 Pepe def. Jimmy Clark, Topsham, Maine, 2-0 (259-258, 229-223).
 Graham def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2-0 (207-191, 227-200).
 Smallwood def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2-1 (208-204, 209-212, 237-213).
 Szczerbinski def. Charlie Mitchell, Portland, Maine, 2-0 (207-165, 235-133).
 Maldonado def. Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 2-0 (217-213, 227-188).
 MacLelland def. Richard Campbell, Phippsburg, Maine, 2-0 (219-166, 203-188).
 Robinson def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-0 (219-203, 234-194).
 Malone def. Dom Barrett, England, 1-1 (225-191, 190-199).
 Norton def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-0 (191-146, 251-181).
 Belmonte def. Tony Fernandez, Gorham, Maine, 2-0 (226-155, 213-199).
 Shafer def. William Vidulich, Parsippany, NJ, 2-0 (224-135, 241-181).
 Haines def. Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 2-1 (277-231, 194-221, 258-227).
 Daugherty def. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2-0 (197-162, 222-222).
 Ciminelli def. Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 2-0 (204-198, 280-173).
 P. Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., def. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2-0 (247-191, 179-177).
 Page def. Stephen Babb, Augusta, Maine, 2-0 (245-144, 211-199).
 Palermaa def. Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2-0 (214-175, 220-185).
 Rash def. Aaron Thiboutot, Brunswick, Maine, 2-1 (169-196, 235-149, 236-227).
 Moore def. Sav Telesco, Stamford, Conn., 2-0 (186-179, 203-190).
 Paluszek def. Justin Rollins, Sidney, Maine, 2-0 (191-150, 203-172).
 Edwards def. Alex Aguiar, N. Dartmouth, Mass., 2-0 (224-158, 229-169).
 Hess def. Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 2-1 (233-247, 238-205, 236-221).
 Wodka def. Nicholas Wells, Newburgh, N.Y., 2-0 (221-158, 198-174).
 x-Mack replaced Norm Duke who withdrew due to injury.

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

10 a.m. – Round of 16 Squad A pairings (best-of-three-games; winners advance to Round of 8, losers earn \$1,500 each)

Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., vs. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.
 Shawn Maldonado, Houston, vs. Dan MacLelland, Canada.
 Osku Palermaa, Finland, vs. Scott Moore, Lewiston, Maine.
 Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., vs. Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio.

11:30 a.m. – Round of 16 Squad B pairings (best-of-three-games; winners advance to Round of 8, losers earn \$1,500 each)

Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., vs. Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.
E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., vs. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore.
Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., vs. Jason Belmonte, Australia.
Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., vs. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.

2 p.m. – Round of 8 (four best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Semifinal Round)**6 p.m.** – Semifinal Round (two best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Championship Match) 7:30 –

Championship Match (best-of-three-games)

300 Game: EJ Tackett.

Nine Days Later, Josh Blanchard Wins Again in PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

PORTLAND, Maine (March 31, 2015) – Nine days after winning his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in Germany, Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., made it back-to-back titles, winning the PBA's Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl Tuesday with a 2-1 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte in the best-of-three-game title match.

The Maine Shootout, the first PBA Tour event held in Maine, was a best-of-three-game, single-elimination match play tournament that was covered live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Blanchard, fresh off his first career win in the Brunswick Euro Challenge, won five consecutive best-of-three-game matches, including a stunning Round of 64 decision over Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, on his way to the title. In his first match, Malott won the first game, 270-202, but the 2011-12 PBA Rookie of the Year then rallied for consecutive 258-256 victories to begin his march to the title. He then eliminated Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2-0; Jason Sterner of Covington, Ga., 2-0; Bryon Smith of Roseburg, Ore., 2-0, and Osku Palermaa of Finland, 2-0, to reach the title match against the two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year where he won the first game, 243-180, lost the second, 204-234, and started with six strikes en route to a 249-211 in the deciding game.

"I just decided to stop trying to hook the ball," Blanchard said of his career-changing strategy. "I decided I just don't have the ball rotation to hook the ball with these guys, so I went back to playing it straight, and I think I'll keep doing it for awhile."

For his victory, Blanchard earned \$10,000 and he denied Belmonte a third 2015 title.

The PBA Tour will resume competition May 9-17 in Shawnee, Okla., with Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel and Resort PBA Summer Swing at Firelake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Event Center. The Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open titles will be decided, along with a King of the Swing special event. Preliminary rounds will be covered live on Xtra Frame and the finals of all five events will air on CBS Sports Network on dates to be announced.

PBA XTRA FRAME MAINE SHOOTOUT Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, March 31

Championship

Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz. (\$10,000) def. Jason Belmonte, Australia (\$6,000), 2-1 (243-180, 204-234, 249-211).

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers earned \$4,000)

Blanchard def. Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2-0 (255-247, 245-204).

Belmonte def. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2-1 (191-214, 226-198, 220-168).

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$2,500)

Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Dan MacLelland, Canada, 2-0 (214-209, 234-219).

Osku Palermaa, Finland, def. Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-1 (226-235, 242-225, 200-138).

Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., def. Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 2-0 (257-201, 257-192).

Jason Belmonte, Australia, def. Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2-0 (214-193, 257-201).

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers earned \$1,500)

Smallwood def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-0 (279-247, 207-191).

MacLelland def. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2-1 (237-258, 258-247, 195-177).

Palermaa def. Scott Moore, Lewiston, Maine, 2-0 (226-224, 212-191).
Wodka def. Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 2-0 (259-222, 235-231).
Blanchard def. Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2-0 (211-183, 217-183).
Smith def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-0 (221-181, 232-208).
Belmonte def. Eric Malone, Brewster, N.Y., 2-0 (191-171, 237-211).
Daugherty def. Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2-0 (245-190, 249-218).

PBA League Quarterfinal Action Continues Sunday on ESPN at 3:30 p.m. ET

PORTLAND, Maine -- The road to the PBA League Elias Cup continues with quarterfinal action Sunday, April 5 on ESPN from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The third and fourth quarterfinal matches will air at 3:30 p.m. ET when the HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits meet the Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers followed by the fourth quarterfinal Baker format match between Detroit's Barbasol Motown Muscle and Wheaties L.A. X.

Competing for the Jack Rabbits in the third quarterfinal will be Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland and Osku Palermaa. Competing for the Strikers will be Bill O'Neill, Michael Haugen Jr., Shawn Maldonado, Tommy Jones and Norm Duke.

Competing in the fourth quarterfinal match will be Motown Muscle's E.J. Tackett, Josh Blanchard, Mike DeVaney, Ronnie Russell and John Szczerbinski. Bowling for L.A. X will be two-time reigning Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, Martin Larsen, Andres Gomez, Stuart Williams and Patrick Allen.

Last Sunday, the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STYLES (Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Smallwood and Jason Sterner) and Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Craig Nidiffer, Mika Koivuniemi and Dick Allen) each won dramatic one-ball sudden death roll-offs to advance to the semifinals.

The four quarterfinal round winners will advance to the semifinal round on ESPN on Sunday, April 12, at 2 p.m. ET. The semifinal round winners will bowl for the Elias Cup in a singles, doubles, trios and Baker team finale on Sunday, April 19, at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR ADD ROUND 1 WORLD OPEN IN TOKYO TO SCHEDULE

World Bowling and the PBA have announced the addition of a lucrative new PBA International-World Bowling Tour tournament, the Round 1 World Open, which will be held July 9-12 in a multi-center environment in Tokyo, Japan. First prize will be an estimated US\$83,000.

Competition will be held at the Minamisuma Bowling Arena in the Shinagawa Prince Hotel and the Makuhari Messe will have a temporary lane construction to house the main portion of the tournament. The tournament will be open to men and women.

While details have not yet been announced, including entry policies, the tournament will include singles competition and a unique mixed doubles competition featuring teams of players from Eurasia, Africa, the Americas and Japan in exhibition matches.

WHEATIES' ANDY VARIPAPA COMMERCIALS AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

Special Wheaties commercials featuring the late bowling trick shot artist **Andy Varipapa** debuted in the PBA League telecasts on ESPN, and also are available for viewing on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLdrOm40JM5hfBoXOKrWfK8H_Y_7HJIWD2

Wheaties is a sponsor of the PBA League telecast, and sponsor of the league's L.A. X team, led by two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte**.

SEAN RASH FULFILLS MAKE-A-WISH FOR ILLINOIS BOY

Sean Rash fulfilled a dream for Make A Wish kid **Demetri Przybylinski**, a 12-year-old from Mokena, Ill., who has a cardiology/single ventricle issue. Przybylinski and his family attended all of the PBA League shows in Portland, Maine, met and bowled with Rash, toured the behind-the-scenes of a PBA Tour stop including ESPN and PBA trucks, and he received a new Radical ball from Rash.

PBA FANS INVITED TO ENTER BARBASOL PBA CLEAN SWEEP PROMOTION

PBA fans can win free bowling for a year by entering the Barbasol PBA Clean Sweep Promotion by no later than April 19. To enter, click on the Barbasol Clean Sweep Promotion graphic on the pba.com homepage or on pba's facebook page and simply provide your name and email address. Winners will be submitted in a random draw that also includes a Barbasol PBA Clean Sweep Prize Pack that includes a bowling ball, PBA Jersey and Barbasol shaving cream. Entrants must be 16 years or older.

PBA CHARTER MEMBER BILL LILLARD BREAKS USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS RECORD

PBA charter member **Bill Lillard** of Houston, Texas, broke one of the USBC Open Championships' most prestigious records Tuesday before a standing-room-only crowd of family, friends and fans at the El Paso Convention Center in El Paso, Texas.

Needing 106 pins in singles to become the all-time tournament pinfall leader, the 87-year-old Lillard threw a strike in the eighth frame to break the record of 123,770 pins held by the late USBC Hall of Famer **Joe Norris**. Hampered by a slow recovery from a recent knee replacement, Lillard used an abbreviated approach and a 12-pound ball to shoot 422 in singles, 387 in doubles and 360 in team for a 1,169 all-events total, raising his career-record pinfall total to 124,087 pins. Lillard competed in his 68th consecutive USBC Open Championships, three shy of the participation record jointly held by Norris and the late **Bill Doehrman**.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AEMISEGGER WINS BACK-TO-BACK PBA50 TITLES

Curt Aemisegger of Wauconda, Ill., defeated **Dave Traber** of Hebron, Ill., 235-183, to win his second consecutive PBA50 title Saturday, March 28, in the Tony Allstate Agent Midwest/Central Open at Willowbrook Lanes in Willowbrook, Ill.

Aemisegger, who won the PBA50 Boys & Girls Club Midwest/Central Open at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville a week earlier, won \$1,500 and his fourth career PBA regional title.

Aemisegger defeated Dave Traber's younger brother, **Darryl Traber** of Waterford, Wis., 2-0 in the best-of-three-game semifinal round, while Dave Traber edged **Tracy Teeters** of Eugene, Ore., 2-0, in the other semifinal match.

- A heavy slate of regional competition gets underway over the April 3-5 weekend, which begins with the Houston Del Mar Lanes U Can Bowl 2 Southwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip in Houston, Texas, and the South Point West Challenge presented by Ebonite on Friday, followed by the South Point West Member/Non-Member Doubles at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas.
- The April 10-12 PBA Regional calendar includes a PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial Classic doubleheader at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.; the FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Open presented by Hammer in Shawnee, Okla.; the Station 300 Bluffton South Open in Bluffton, S.C.; the Rockaway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Storm in Rockaway, N.J., and a pair of one-day reduced entry fee Fun Time Center Central/Midwest Open events in Kokomo, Ind.
- On the April 15-17 PBA Regional calendar is the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla. The April 17-19 weekend includes the Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Hammer at Brunswick Zone Normandy in Elliott City, Md.; back-to-back one-day reduced entry fee Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Opens in Elkhart, Ind., and the Tacoma Speedometer Member/Non-Member Doubles, a reduced entry fee event presented by Pawnbrokers Northwest, at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood, Wash.
- Another mid-week PBA50 event is the PBA50 Tarheel Lanes South Open April 23-25 in Hendersonville, N.C. Players will then head to Hawaii for the annual tripleheader beginning April 26-27 with the Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kailua-Kona followed by the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Scofield Air Base on April 29, and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open May 1-3.
- Also leading off the month of May over the May 1-3 weekend will be the Junction City (Kan.) Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Radical, and the Pro Bowl West Tri-Region Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by the Proprietor's Cup in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **William Brown** of Atlanta is the recipient of a new MOTIV Graffiti Tag bowling ball as the March winner in MOTIV's monthly sweepstakes, awarding to a new ball to a new Xtra Frame subscriber. Every month, MOTIV is giving away a new bowling ball to someone who signs up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month promotion will continue every month through 2015.
- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the "Book Hotel" link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only. The March winner is **Allen Brooks** from West Virginia.
- PBA fans can earn a discount on an Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription with the purchase of a new bowling ball through a special limited-time arrangement with Bowling Infinity Group. Visit <http://offthetrailer.com/> for details on how to earn a \$25 discount and free shipping on the bowling ball-Xtra Frame Season Ticket package now through April 30.

Norm Duke Turns Sights to Defending PBA50 Player of the Year Crown

Hall of Famer embraces new chapter of his career as 2015 PBA50 Tour season starts in New Port Richey, Fla. April 11-14

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. – Prior to making his PBA50 Tour debut in the Pasco County Florida Open to kick off the 2014 PBA50 season, Hall of Famer Norm Duke was quick to point out that starting another new chapter in his legendary career on the so-called PBA senior tour was something he was going to take very seriously. It wasn't going to be some kind of leisurely hobby.

He's lived up to his word.

In 2014 Duke went on to become only the second player to earn PBA50 Player of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year in the same season, winning two titles including the Senior U.S. Open.

The Clermont, Fla., resident will begin his POY title defense when he joins a field of approximately 120 50-and-older players who will compete in the 2015 season-opening PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., April 11-14.

The 2015 PBA season marks Duke's 33rd season in PBA competition. His career dates back to 1983 when, at age 18, he won the Cleveland Open to become the youngest player ever to win a PBA Tour title. Since then he has amassed a PBA career that puts him among the PBA's elite.

"You know how it is when you're young you think you're going to take the world by the horns," Duke said of his early days on Tour. "But I quickly learned that as good as I thought I was, I had a lot to learn, not only about bowling, but life in general.

"I learned some lessons along the way and am pretty proud about the body of work I've been able to put together on the PBA Tour. I hope I can continue to build it on the PBA50 Tour."

The latest milestone for the 51-year-old was teaming with Wes Malott to win the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in February to move into third place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list with 38 wins, trailing only all-time leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 wins and Earl Anthony with 43.

"Obviously, myself and some of the other guys who have been around a long time can't compete with the players of today using the power game, so we have become what I like to call 'craft players,'" Duke said. "Through all the years you develop your ability so much that it becomes a craft where you take your experiences and techniques and draw on them to stay competitive, rather than just being able to rely on one particular dimension of your game. It's something that has just naturally prepared me well for the PBA50 Tour."

Once again Duke will be among a field of PBA legends competing in New Port Richey who compete full time on both the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour. They include fellow Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III and Pasco County Open defending champion Amleto Monacelli.

"I'll say one thing, on both Tours there's no 'just getting by days,' Duke said. "You need to be strong day in and day out if you want to be successful.

"When I was young I never saw myself competing on the PBA50 Tour but now I'm embracing it," he added. "I've accepted that this is another stage in my career and I need to build on that."

The Pasco County Florida Open begins on Sunday, April 12 with qualifying rounds at 10 a.m. Qualifying continues on April 13. Match play rounds will take place on April 14 with the stepladder finals getting underway at approximately 7 p.m. Practice and pro-ams will be conducted on Saturday, April 11.

The Pasco County Open will be covered start-to-finish on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Fans can follow PBA action through the entire PBA Network which includes wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>

For Pasco County admission and pro-am entry information contact Lane Glo Bowl at (727) 376-1164.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN SCHEDULE Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (All times Eastern)

Saturday, April 11

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Pittsburgh, L.A. X Complete PBA League Semifinal Round Field

Two more quarterfinal round matches decided in sudden-death roll-offs

PORTLAND, Maine – The semifinal field for the third annual Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup playoffs was completed when the HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits and Wheaties L.A. X won one-ball sudden-death roll-offs before a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The final two quarterfinal round matches of PBA League competition aired Sunday on ESPN. With their victories, Pittsburgh and L.A. will join the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES and defending champion Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters in the semifinal round, which will air next Sunday at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Bowling in the 12-lane Bayside Bowl which was converted into a two-lane arena for PBA League competition, fans lined both sides of the lanes, chanting and cheering every shot as both best-of-two-game team matches ended in 1-1 ties, forcing the one-ball roll-offs which were both decided by a single pin.

In the first contest, the Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers struck on five of their first six shots and raced away to a 201-168 win as Pittsburgh was unable to roll back-to-back strikes. The Jack Rabbits figured out the lane conditions in game two, however, with Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Osku Palermmaa and anchor bowler Wes Malott finishing the game with nine consecutive strikes to run away with a 270-208 victory to force the roll-off.

In the roll-off, Malott gave Dallas anchor Shawn Maldonado a chance to win when he left a 10 pin, but Maldonado's shot was light in the pocket, leaving the 2-5 and handing Pittsburgh a 9-8 victory.

"I got my shot inside a little and fortunately had enough roll on the ball to get nine pins," Malott said. "It looked to me like Shawn did the same thing and only got eight pins. We were coming off a big game, but you still have to make quality shots in the end."

Malott and his teammates also embraced the non-stop roar of the crowd.

"Who wouldn't like it?" he said. "It's a little different kind of atmosphere, but we could get used to it. When the money's on the line, it's still about making shots, but it's also about having fun with your team. I hope we come back next year and do it again."

L.A. X had game one in hand in the second match against the Barbasol Motown Muscle, despite both teams having difficulties finding the pocket. Trailing by 11 pins after eight frames, Motown anchor Ronnie Russell was unable to convert Mike DeVaney's ninth-frame strike into a double to take the lead when he left a 10 pin on his first shot in the 10th frame. Russell converted the spare, forcing L.A. X anchor Jason Belmonte to get a mark for the win, Belmonte left the 2-4-8 and missed the spare to hand Motown a 182-179 win.

Both teams battled for the lead in game two before L.A. X broke it open with back-to-back strikes by Andres Gomez and Martin Larsen. Belmonte's three strikes in the 10th clinched the 228-192 decision to force the roll-off where Belmonte threw a strike and Russell left a 10 pin.

"In the 10th frame of the first game, my left hand slipped off the ball in my backswing," Belmonte, a two-handed player, said. "I should have stopped, but I figured we had a second game and if it got down to one shot, I'd redeem myself. When you perform as badly as I did the first time, you'd better make sure when you get a chance to make up for it, you throw the best shot of your life."

Next Sunday's Elias Cup semifinal round matches will also be decided in best-of-two-game Baker format team matches. The two winners will advance to the Elias Cup finals on ESPN on Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m., where the title will be decided in a single, alternate-ball doubles, Baker trios and Baker team competition. The singles, doubles and trios matches each will be worth one point, and the Baker team match will be worth three points.

PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP PLAYOFFS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, March 28 (aired April 5)

Quarterfinal Match Three (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: Shipyard Brewery Dallas Strikers (Michael Haugen Jr., Norm Duke, Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones, Shawn Maldonado) def. HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Osku Palermmaa, Wes Malott), 201-168.

Game Two: Pittsburgh def. Dallas, 270-208.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: Pittsburgh (Wes Malott) def. Dallas (Shawn Maldonado), 9-8.

Quarterfinal Match Four (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: Barbasol Motown Muscle (John Szczerbinski, Josh Blanchard, EJ Tackett, Mike DeVaney, Ronnie Russell) def. Wheaties L.A. X (Stuart Williams, Andres Gomez, Martin Larsen, Patrick Allen, Jason Belmonte), 182-179.

Game Two: L.A. def. Motown, 228-192.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: L.A. (Jason Belmonte) def. Motown (Ronnie Russell), 10-9.

PBA League Semifinal Matches Air Sunday at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN
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Both the Jack Rabbits (Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland and Osku Palermaa) and L.A. X (Jason Belmonte, Martin Larsen, Andres Gomez, Stuart Williams and Patrick Allen) won one-ball sudden-death roll-offs in the quarterfinals before a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, to advance.

In next Sunday's best-of-two-game Baker format team matches, the Jack Rabbits will meet L.A. X while the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES (Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Smallwood and Jason Sterner) will battle the defending champion Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Craig Nidiffer, Mika Koivuniemi and Dick Allen). The STyLES and Atom Splitters won their quarterfinal matches on ESPN on March 29.

The two semifinal winners will advance to the Elias Cup Finals on ESPN Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m. ET, where the title will be decided in a contest involving singles, alternate-ball doubles, Baker trios and Baker team matches. The singles, doubles and trios matches each will be worth one point, and the Baker team match will be worth three points.

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Former MLB Pitcher John Burkett Looking Forward to Second Sports Career as PBA50 Tour Player
Pasco County PBA50 Florida Open to start 2015 season April 11-14 in New Port Richey

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. -- Former major league pitching star John Burkett's career as an athlete enters a new chapter when the two-time all-star begins his professional bowling career in earnest in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open.

Burkett, an accomplished bowler for most of his life, is not a stranger to bowling in PBA competition, having bowled in a handful of Tour events since making his debut in 1990 in Pinole, Calif. He also competed in several regionals along the way, and most recently, he competed in PBA's 2014 Oklahoma's Grand Resort Summer Swing and the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI as part of the process to get ready for PBA50 competition.

On April 12 he will join a field of approximately 120 players 50 years of age and older in the Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., which kicks off the 2015 PBA50 Tour season. The entire event will be streamed live exclusively on Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line bowling channel.

"I've been practicing and working out," Burkett said. "More recently I've been working on getting my rev rate back up by changing my grip. I have a tendency to squeeze it and the ball knuckles off my hand, but I'm starting to turn that problem around."

The 50-year-old Burkett pitched for the San Francisco Giants, Florida Marlins, Texas Rangers, Atlanta Braves and Boston Red Sox during a 16-year career that began in 1987 and ended with his retirement in 2003 at age 38. He posted a 166-136 record with 1,766 career strikeouts. He was an all-star with the Giants in 1993 (when he contended for the National League Cy Young Award with a 22-7 record) and in 2001 with the Braves.

Now that he plans to make the commitment to bowl a majority of the PBA50 Tour events this season, Burkett likes his chances of putting together a successful season, although he is hesitant to make any specific goals.

"I have high expectations and I believe in myself, but I'm not kidding myself that it won't be a work in progress," said Burkett, who plans to bowl seven or eight stops this year. "For most of the guys, making the right adjustments and ball moves is second nature, where for me it's going to be more of a continual learning experience."

"Being an athlete and bowling more competitive games on a regular basis should produce some good results," he added. "What I'm going to have to guard against is getting too anxious and going into panic mode when I get lost. If there's an area that I really need to concentrate on, that would probably be it."

Burkett's introduction to the sport came as a youngster when his first job was setting pins at Wedgewood Lanes, a duckpin center which converted to tenpins, in his hometown of Beaver, Pa. A career as a professional bowler might have been in his future had he not also found he had exceptional skills throwing a baseball at a young age. Now, after a successful professional baseball career, he can return his sights to his other passion of bowling.

"I'm so excited and blessed to be able to do it," he said. "I want to bowl and get to know the guys that I've admired for so many years. I'm just looking forward to the whole experience."

Also scheduled to compete in the Pasco County Florida Open will be many of bowling's legends including Floridians Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford and Norm Duke of Clermont. Other Hall of Famers entered include defending champion Amleto Monacelli, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Brian Voss, Tom Baker and Dale Eagle.

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PBA Spare Shots

ESPN 30 FOR 30'S "BAD BOY OF BOWLING" DEBUTS AT FILM FESTIVALS

After months in the making, the ESPN "30 for 30" documentary about PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber**, "The Bad Boy of Bowling," is making its debut at film festivals around the country on its way to a yet-to-be-announced premier as part of ESPN "30 for 30" series.

"It's been a secret until now, but we are happy to announce that our film, "The Bad Boy of Bowling," will be making its way into the world in the upcoming months," said **Bryan Storkel**, director/producer with SideStilt Films. "The film tells the story of Pete Weber, the self-declared 'bad boy of bowling' and the first rock star of the sport."

The film will make its formal debut at the Ashland Independent Film Festival in Ashland, Ore., April 10, 11, 12 and 13, followed by showings at IFF Boston April 22-29 and the San Francisco International Film Festival at Sundance Kabuki Cinemas April 25 and May 5. Additional film festival showings will be announced later. The ESPN "30 for 30" premier also will be announced later.

MIKE J. LANESIDE TO MAKE "DEBUT" IN PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

On the heels of celebrating his 50th birthday during the PBA League competition in Portland, Maine, Mike Jakubowski, also known as Mike J. Laneside, the voice of Xtra Frame, will make his PBA competitive debut as a competitor in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open in Port St. Lucie, Fla., starting Sunday.

Jakubowski will relate his experiences as a PBA50 Tour participant to the Xtra Frame audience following the qualifying rounds Sunday and Monday at Lane Glo Bowl – and beyond if he's able to make the cut to match play. During the 2015 PBA50 Tour season, all tournaments (except the USBC Senior Masters) will be covered start-to-finish live on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

MONACELLI, LEARN FORM NEW COACHING SERVICES COMPANY

PBA Hall of Famer **Amleto Monacelli**, a 19-time title winner and 33-year veteran of PBA competition, and five-time PBA Tour champion **Bob Learn Jr.** have formed a new coaching services company, Bowling Revolutions.

Both players, who are long-time friends, have been actively involved in coaching for several years and join a growing group of PBA champions who are entering the coaching business. Learn's background includes former positions with the USBC Coaching Department, where he worked with Team USA for five years, and work with the Turbo 2n1 Grips' Turbo Tech Training Center for five years. For information about upcoming events, go to: www.BowlingRevolutions.com

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: VILLANUEVA, RUFFNER, FORKEL WIN AT SOUTH POINT

Amateur **Steven Villanueva** of North Las Vegas defeated fellow non-member **Bobby Hornacek** of Redlands, Calif., 213-203, to win the PBA South Point West Challenge at South Point Bowling Center on Friday, April 3, and amateur **Darris Ruffner** of Visalia, Calif., and **Eric Forkel** of Henderson, Nev., teamed up to win the companion PBA South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles on Sunday April 5.

Villanueva earned \$1,800, but doesn't get credit for a PBA title because he is not a PBA member. PBA Challenge events are open to non-champions only. Both weekend tournaments were presented by Ebonite.

Ruffner and five-time PBA Tour titlist Forkel defeated non-member **Gary Estep Jr.** of Peoria, Ariz. and **Jim Pratt** of Glendale, Ariz., 470-341, in the title match to claim the \$3,600 first prize in the doubles event.

● **Josh Maxson** of Killeen, Texas, defeated former member **C.J. Thomas** of Shreveport, La., 217-194, to win his first PBA Regional title and the \$2,000 first prize in the PBA U Can Bowl 2 Houston Southwest Challenge presented by Roto Grip, at Houston's Del-Mar Lanes Sunday. PBA Challenge events are limited to bowlers who have never won a PBA event.

● The April 10-12 PBA Regional calendar includes a PBA and PBA50 Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial Classic doubleheader at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl in Dublin, Calif.; the FireLake Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Open presented by Hammer in Shawnee, Okla.; the Station 300 Bluffton South Open in Bluffton, S.C.; the Rockaway Lanes Eastern Open presented by Storm in Rockaway, N.J., and a pair of one-day reduced entry fee Fun Time Center Central/Midwest Open events in Kokomo, Ind.

● On the April 15-17 PBA Regional calendar is the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla. The April 17-19 weekend includes the Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Hammer at Brunswick Zone Normandy in Elliott City, Md.; back-to-back one-day reduced entry fee Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Opens in Elkhart, Ind., and the Tacoma Speedometer

Member/Non-Member Doubles, a reduced entry fee event presented by Pawnbrokers Northwest, at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood, Wash.

- Another mid-week PBA50 event is the PBA50 Tarheel Lanes South Open April 23-25 in Hendersonville, N.C. Players will then head to Hawaii for the annual tripleheader beginning April 26-27 with the Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kailua-Kona followed by the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Scofield Air Base on April 29, and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open May 1-3.

- Also leading off the month of May over the May 1-3 weekend will be the Junction City (Kan.) Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Radical, and the Pro Bowl West Tri-Region Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by the Proprietor's Cup in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Reminder:** You could win free bowling for a year by entering the Barbasol PBA Clean Sweep Promotion by no later than April 19. To enter, click on the Barbasol Clean Sweep Promotion graphic on the pba.com homepage or on pba's facebook page and simply provide your name and email address. A random draw from all entries will determine the winner of a Barbasol PBA Clean Sweep Prize Pack that includes a bowling ball, PBA Jersey and Barbasol shaving cream. Entrants must be 16 years or older.

PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

CHICAGO -- The PBA has announced it is now accepting applications for the 2015 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in the sport of bowling.

The winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. Applications must be postmarked by June 15.

The scholarship was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic excellence. Welu, who passed away in 1974, was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

The application is in two parts and can be retrieved by downloading both files using this link:

<http://www.pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships> The application is a PDF file and requires Acrobat Reader to view and print. For those who don't have the current version of Acrobat Reader, it can be downloaded for free [Adobe Acrobat Reader here](#). Nominations can be sent to scholarships@pba.com or through the U.S. mail at PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60124.

PBA Offers New 3-Day Subscription Option For Xtra Frame

CHICAGO --PBA fans now have yet another subscription option to catch PBA coverage on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

In addition to the yearly option (\$64.99) and the monthly option (\$7.99), Xtra Frame will provide fans with a new "3-Day Pass" subscription option for the price of \$3.99. The three-day option is ideal for fans who want to watch coverage of upcoming PBA50, PBA Xtra Frame and PWBA events this spring and summer which are generally three days or less in length.

Fans can sign up for the three-day subscription by clicking on the Xtra Frame logo on the pba.com homepage, or by clicking on <https://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/secure/registerform>

While fans can sign up at any time, and as often as they like, for the “3-Day Pass” option, it is important to note the subscription is only good for 72 hours from the time the subscription is purchased. Therefore, if the “3-Day Pass” is being purchased with the idea of using it for coverage of a specific event, fans should plan the activation of the subscription accordingly.

The “3-Day Pass” option is already available, just in time for complete coverage of the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., that begins this Sunday and is the first event of the 2015 PBA50 Tour season.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters, L.A. X Advance to PBA League Elias Cup Finals

Two more sudden-death roll-offs needed to decide championship finalists

PORTLAND, Maine – The defending champion Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters and the Wheaties L.A. X survived an intense semifinal round, capped by two more sudden-death roll-offs, to advance to the third annual Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup Finals at Bayside Bowl. The finals will air Sunday (April 19) at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

The semifinal round, which aired last Sunday on ESPN, completed a highly-competitive Baker team series at Bayside Bowl which saw all six best-of-two-game elimination matches decided by sudden-death roll-offs.

Bowling in front of a loud, enthusiastic crowd of Maine bowling fans, Silver Lake won a chance to defend its Elias Cup title by rallying to defeat the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES while L.A. X came from behind to edge the HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits.

In the first semifinal match, Silver Lake rolled four strikes out of the gate, but Brooklyn answered with a string of five strikes and clinched a 244-230 victory when Sean Rash and Parker Bohn III put together three strikes in the final two frames. Silver Lake anchor bowler Dick Allen could have given the Atom Splitters a 1-0 lead with a strike on his first shot in the 10th frame, but he left the 1-2-4-6-10 to end his team’s hopes.

In game two, both teams struggled to carry back-to-back strikes. A double by Mika Koivuniemi and Chris Barnes gave Silver Lake a temporary 12-pin lead in the seventh frame, but Craig Nidiffer’s 4-6-10 split helped Brooklyn get back in the game. The match came down to the 10th frame where Allen threw three strikes to lock up a 204-192 decision and send the match into a roll-off where his strike gave Silver Lake the win, 10-9, after Bohn left a 10 pin.

It was a match where Silver Lake manager Mark Baker front-loaded his lineup with proven stars Koivuniemi (15 career titles) and Barnes (18 titles), followed by Nidiffer (no title), Tom Daugherty (one title) and Allen (three titles) because “Mika and Chris throw the ball the straightest,” Baker said. “I thought the lane condition would break down more than it did.”

The surprising lineup put Allen in position to deal with the 10th-frame pressure, but it was situation he embraced.

“In the first game, I picked up the wrong ball,” Allen said of his five-count shot in the 10th frame. “But I got loose and picked up the right ball the next time, and that was the key.

“I knew (the roll-off) shot was good when I let it go,” he added. “I like being in that position. I want to be there. That’s what makes you a better bowler.”

In the second semifinal match, Pittsburgh started with a pair of single-pin spares followed by a string of five strikes, running away with a 234-197 win. But game two also turned into a struggle for both teams to throw back-to-back strikes. The Jack Rabbits filled every frame, but managed only two strikes. L.A. X got the lead when Sweden’s Martin Larsen, Australia’s Jason Belmonte and England’s Stuart Williams threw consecutive strikes in the middle of the game, and held on for a 202-190 decision to send the match into sudden-death.

In the roll-off, Pittsburgh’s Wes Malott (4 pin) and Belmonte (10 pin) bowled first and tied, 9-9. Pittsburgh’s Ryan Ciminelli and L.A. X’s Williams each threw strikes. On the third roll-off shot, Larsen struck and the Jack Rabbits’ Osku Palermaa left a 10 pin to send L.A. X into the Elias Cup finals.

“That’s why you practice hour after hour, and travel so much, and leave your family – for moments like this,” Larsen said. “It’s great when you do it for yourself, but it’s five times more fun when you do it for your team.”

Next Sunday's Elias Cup title match will consist of singles, alternate-ball doubles and Baker trios matches – each worth one point – and a Baker team match that will be worth three points. If the match ends in a 3-3 tie, the title will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

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Semifinal Match One (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: Concrete Software BROOKLYN STyLES (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III) def. Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Craig Nidiffer, Tom Daugherty, Dick Allen), 244-230.

Game Two: Silver Lake def. Brooklyn, 204-192.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: Silver Lake (Dick Allen) def. Brooklyn (Parker Bohn III), 10-9.

Semifinal Match Two (best-of-two-game Baker team format)

Game One: HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Osku Palermmaa, Wes Malott) def. Wheaties L.A. X (Stuart Williams, Andres Gomez, Martin Larsen, Patrick Allen, Jason Belmonte), 234-197.

Game Two: L.A. def. Pittsburgh, 202-190.

One-Ball Sudden-Death Roll-Off: L.A. (Jason Belmonte) tied Pittsburgh (Wes Malott), 9-9; L.A. X (Stuart Williams) tied Pittsburgh (Ryan Ciminelli), 10-10; L.A. X (Martin Larsen) def. Pittsburgh (Osku Palermmaa), 10-9.

Amleto Monacelli Averages 232 to Lead After PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open First Round

Defending Champion leads field of 116 players in opening PBA50 Tour tournament of the season

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. -- As the 2015 PBA50 Tour season gets underway, defending champion Amleto Monacelli averaged 232 to take the first round lead Sunday in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl.

The Hall of Famer, who owns 19 PBA Tour and three PBA50 Tour titles, fired a 1,856 eight-game pinfall with games of 278, 203, 275, 192, 246, 194, 262 and 206.

"I really feel I'm in a good place with my game mentally and physically," the 53-year-old Venezuelan said. "Even though I had a couple 190 games they really weren't that bad. I bowled well but just didn't get the (pin) carry.

"It was a little bit of a guessing game moving from pair to pair (of lanes) because you didn't know what you were going to get but I was able to stay focused on my game and what adjustments I needed to make."

In 2014, Monacelli defeated fellow Hall of Famer and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., 259-190, in the championship match to win his third PBA50 title.

Monacelli holds an eight-pin lead over amateur Jerry Brunette Jr. of Rochester, N.Y. in second, who is bowling in his first PBA tournament. Brunette bowled 1,848 with games of 236, 195, 232, 222, 248, 259, 238 and 218.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,839; Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,838 and Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,825. Duke finished the first round in sixth with 1,819.

The 116-player field returns Monday for another eight-game qualifying round which will determine the top 24 players who will advance to Tuesday's match play rounds and 46 players who will advance to Tuesday morning's five-game Cashers Round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals.

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- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,839.
- 4, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 1,838.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,825.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,819.
- 7, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,809.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,788.
- 8, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,788.
- 10, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,784.
- 11, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,777.
- 12, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,749.
- 13, (tie) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,746.
- 15, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,726.
- 16, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,723.
- 17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,721.
- 18, (tie) Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., and Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,717.
- 20, (tie) Joe Salvemini, Henderson, Nev., and Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,715.
- 22, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,711.
- 24, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,706.
- 25, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,694.
- 26, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,676.
- 27, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,675.
- 28, Kenneth Bland Jr., Cibolo, Texas, 1,673.
- 29, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,671.
- 30, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,670.
- 31, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,669.
- 32, Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 1,667.
- 33, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,664.
- 34, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,657.
- 35, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,650.
- 36, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,649.
- 37, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,647.
- 38, a-Widmar Vargas, Riverview, Fla., 1,642.
- 39, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,635.
- 40, a-Tim Maiseroulle, Buford, Ga., 1,634.
- 41, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 1,633.
- 42, (tie) Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., and William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 1,632.
- 44, a-Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,629.
- 45, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,627.
- 46, Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,626.
- 47, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,624.
- 48, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,616.
- 49, Tommy King, Oakdale, N.Y., 1,615.
- 50, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 1,613.
- 51, (tie) Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,608.
- 53, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,607.

54, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,604.
55, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,597.
56, Larry Barwick, Wauchula, Fla., 1,584.
57, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,583.
58, a-Stan Sprow, Lakeland, Fla., 1,580.
59, a-Joe Barna, Plantation, Fla., 1,576.
60, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,574.
61, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1,572.
62, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,570.
63, James Knoblauch, Waukesa, Wis., 1,569.
64, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,567.
64, a-Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 1,567.
66, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,562.
67, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,559.
68, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,555.
69, Scott Smith, Warrenville, Ill., 1,549.
70, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,547.
71, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,546.
71, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,546.
73, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,545.
74, a-Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 1,532.
75, Larry Montgomery, Safety Harbor, Fla., 1,527.
76, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,520.
77, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,516.
77, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 1,516.
79, Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 1,505.
80, (tie) Gary Morgan, Atlanta, and Barry Warshafsky, Peabody, Mass., 1,487.
82, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,486.
83, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,484.
84, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,472.
85, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,469.
86, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,465.
87, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,462.
88, Dan Howsmon, Lutz, Fla., 1,452.
89, Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 1,441.
90, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,439.
91, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 1,435.
92, Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 1,434.
93, (tie) Charles Brush, Pinellas Park, Fla., and William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,431.
95, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,429.
96, (tie) Steve Petroff, Concord, N.C., and Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,428.
98, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,418.
99, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,416.
100, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,409.
101, Don Torok, South Bend, Ind., 1,408.
102, Frank Barnett, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,405.
103, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 1,403.
104, Patsy DellaPenna, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,383.
105, Jim Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 1,379.
106, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,378.
107, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,363.
108, Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 1,351.
109, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,321.
110, a-Rick Johnson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1,319.
111, a-William Medina, Whites Creek, Tenn., 1,317.
112, a-Mike Jakubowski, Oak Creek, Wis., 1,304.
113, William Elvery Mines, New Brunswick, N.J., 1,302.
114, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,291.

115, Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,266.

116, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,262.

PBA FANS INVITED TO SELECT GREATEST BOWLING TRICK SHOT EVER

PBA fans are invited to select the best bowling trick shots ever in a final poll between the top two remaining vote-getters: **Chris Barnes'** Flying Eagle' and the late **Andy Varipapa's** Three-Ball Split Conversion. Voting ends Tuesday at midnight ET. The final results will be announced during the PBA League Elias Cup Finals telecast on ESPN Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

In preliminary voting, **Norm Duke's** "spinning ball spare" finished fourth in fan voting and **Osku Palermaa's** two-handed "over the chair strike" finished third.

Amateur Jerry Brunette Averages 233.6 to Top Qualifying In PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open

Cashers and match play rounds get underway Tuesday

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. -- Amateur Jerry Brunette Jr. of Rochester, N.Y., averaged 233.6 to take top qualifier honors Monday in the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl heading into Tuesday's match play rounds.

Brunette completed qualifying in the opening tournament of the season with a 3,738 16-game pinfall total bowling 1,890 in Monday's eight-game second round with games of 203, 199, 236, 217, 258, 247, 264 and 266. He edged out reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., for the lead by two pins.

"I'm living the dream," said Brunette, who is primarily a local tournament bowler in western and northern New York and is competing in his first PBA tournament of any kind. "I've been dreaming about and working to compete at this level for more than 30 years and now here I am."

Brunette, who works in the pharmaceutical industry, made an adjustment in the middle of Monday's round to make his run at the tournament lead.

"I didn't have a good feel at the start of the fourth game so I made some adjustments and a ball change and put it all together at that point. Generally, I feel like I'm getting stronger as the tournament goes on so I'm looking forward to match play."

The top 24 players advanced to Tuesday's match play rounds and 22 players (positions 25-38 plus eight PBA60 players) advanced to Tuesday morning's five-game cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

Rounding out the top five after Monday's second round were Duke with 3,736; Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,710; Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,677 and Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,660. Sunday's first round leader and defending champion Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela finished qualifying in seventh with 3,621.

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PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN

Monday's Second Round Standings

(After 16 games; top 24 advance to match play; 25th-38th places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

At Lane Glo Bowl

New Port Richey, Fla.

- 1, a-Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,738.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,736.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,710.
- 4, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,677.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3,660.
- 6, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,642.
- 7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,621.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,607.
- 9, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,563.
- 10, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,555.
- 11, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,551.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,542.
- 13, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,532.
- 14, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,524.
- 15, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,486.
- 16, a-Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,482.
- 17, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,465.
- 18, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,464.
- 19, Joe Salvemini, Henderson, Nev., 3,444.
- 20, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,422.
- 21, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,414.
- 22, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,379.
- 23, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,376.
- 24, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,375.
- 25, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 3,367.
- 26, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,364.
- 27, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,357.
- 28, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,342.
- 29, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 3,341.
- 30, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,328.
- 31, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,322.
- 32, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,317.
- 33, a-Tim Maiseroulle, Buford, Ga., 3,302.
- 34, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,287.
- 35, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,282.
- 36, (tie) Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., and ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3,272.
- 38, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3,256.
- 39, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 3,255.
- 40, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,254.
- 41, a-Widmar Vargas, Riverview, Fla., 3,247.
- 42, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,231.
- 43, Scott Smith, Warrenville, Ill., 3,223.
- 44, a-Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,218.
- 45, Kenneth Bland Jr., Cibolo, Texas, 3,215.
- 46, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,211.
- 47, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,207.
- 48, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,203.
- 49, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,194.
- 50, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,193.
- 51, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,191.
- 52, Tommy King, Oakdale, N.Y., 3,181.
- 53, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,176.

54, a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,175.
55, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,173.
56, Larry Barwick, Wauchula, Fla., 3,172.
57, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,169.
58, ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 3,158.
59, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesa, Wis., 3,154.
60, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,153.
61, (tie) ss-a-Joe Barna, Plantation, Fla., and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,149.
63, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,141.
64, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,130.
65, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,127.
66, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3,115.
67, ss-Larry Montgomery, Safety Harbor, Fla., 3,111.
68, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,101.
69, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 3,082.
70, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,078.
71, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 3,076.
72, Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 3,073.
73, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,069.
74, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,067.
75, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,063.
76, ss-Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,060.
77, a-Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 3,053.
78, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,043.
79, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,036.
80, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,034.
81, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,021.
82, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,018.
83, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,007.
84, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 2,984.
85, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,971.
86, ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 2,969.
87, Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 2,961.
88, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,945.
89, ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn, 2,933.
90, ss-a-Frank Barnett, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,932.
91, ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 2,911.
92, ss-Barry Warshafsky, Peabody, Mass., 2,897.
93, ss-Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 2,879.
94, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 2,861.
95, ss-Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 2,858.
96, Steve Petroff, Concord, N.C., 2,850.
97, a-Charles Brush, Pinellas Park, Fla., 2,849.
98, ss-Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 2,833.
99, ss-Don Torok, South Bend, Ind., 2,810.
100, ss-Dan Howsmon, Lutz, Fla., 2,800.
101, ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2,779.
102, ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,751.
103, ss-William Elvery Mines, New Brunswick, N.J., 2,747.
104, Jim Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 2,745.
105, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,744.
106, ss-Patsy DellaPenna, Palm Harbor, Fla., 2,740.
107, a-Rick Johnson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 2,720.
108, ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,717.
109, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,702.
110, a-William Medina, Whites Creek, Tenn., 2,645.
111, ss-Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 2,615.
112, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,581.

113, a-Mike Jakubowski, Oak Creek, Wis., 2,522.

114, a-Ken Fishman, Lutz, Fla., 2,576.

115, a-Stan Sprow, Lakeland, Fla., 1,686.

116, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,504.

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Silver Lake Atom Splitters to Face Off Against L.A. X in PBA Elias Cup Finals Re-Match Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN

PORTLAND, Maine -- After yet another ESPN PBA League telecast that featured dramatic sudden-death roll-offs to determine the winners, the defending champion Bass Pro Shop Silver Lake Atom Splitters and Wheaties L.A. X survived to win their semifinal rounds last Sunday to advance to the 2015 PBA Elias Cup Finals at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The Atom Splitters (Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Craig Nidiffer, Mika Koivuniemi and Dick Allen) and the L.A. X (Jason Belmonte, Martin Larsen, Andres Gomez, Stuart Williams and Patrick Allen) will battle it out in a re-match of the 2014 Elias Cup Finals on ESPN Sunday, April 19 at 1 p.m. ET.

Last Sunday the Atom Splitters earned its opportunity to defend its Elias Cup title by rallying to defeat the Concrete Software BROOKLYN STYLES (Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Tom Smallwood and Jason Sterner) in a one-ball sudden death roll-off, 10-9, after tying in the two-game Baker match 1-1. L.A. X and the HotelPlanner.com Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits (Wes Malott, Ryan Ciminelli, Bryon Smith, Dan MacLelland and Osku Palermaa) also tied 1-1 in their match before Sweden's Martin Larsen struck to give L.A. X the win in a sudden-death roll-off that lasted three rounds, 10-9.

Sunday's Elias Cup title match will consist of singles, alternate-ball doubles and Baker trios matches – each worth one point – and a Baker team match that will be worth three points. If the match ends in a 3-3 tie, the title will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

The Elias Cup is named in honor of the late founder of the PBA, Hall of Famer Eddie Elias.

Buss Wins PBA Fun Time Centers Central/Midwest Classic

Kokomo, Ind. (April 12, 2015) – Jesse Buss of Belvidere, Ill. defeated Dave Wodka of Beaver Creek, Ohio, 225-222, to win the PBA Fun Time Centers Central/Midwest Classic at Heritage Lanes Sunday.

The title was Buss' first PBA Regional title of the year and his fourth career title. He also earned \$2,000.

Buss topped amateur Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich. 2-0, and Wodka blanked Anthony LaCaze of Melrose Park, Ill., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Wodka earned \$1,000 for second place. Anderson and LaCaze each earned \$750 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is the County Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Elkhart, Ind., April 18-19.

PBA FUN TIME CENTERS CENTRAL/MIDWEST CLASSIC Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill. (\$2,000) def. Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio (\$1,000), 225-222.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$750 each):

Buss def. a-Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 2-0.

Wodka def. Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2-0.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Buss def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-0.
Wodka def. Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 3-1.
Anderson def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-2.
LaCaze def. Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3-2.

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Bohn Defeats Duke to Win PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open For Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. -- In a title match that featured two of the Professional Bowlers Association's all-time greats with 72 PBA Tour wins between them, Parker Bohn III defeated fellow Hall of Famer and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Norm Duke Tuesday in the title match to win the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl.

Bohn, a 34-time PBA Tour titlist, won his second PBA50 Tour title by defeating Duke, a 38-time Tour winner, 263-222, in the title match. Duke, who also finished second in the Pasco County Open last season, was trying for his third PBA50 Tour title.

Bohn took the lead early in the match striking in the first three frames and after Duke opened in the second frame he was able to take command for good by throwing seven consecutive strikes to complete the match.

"We've bowled against each other many times during our careers," Bohn said. "Even though I knew I had things pretty well under control heading into the end of the match you can never let up against guys like Norm because if there's room for him to catch you he will. The strikes I had in the eighth and ninth frame were crucial because they put the pressure on him."

One of Bohn's concerns throughout the tournament was dealing with humid conditions that could play havoc with his grip.

"It can be a challenge to get the right feel," Bohn said. "You can have a situation where you have to squeeze the ball to hold on or go the other way where the ball can hang in your hand. If you have either one of those situations you're not going to repeat shots. With the help of (Brunswick representative) Chuck Gardner we put a good game plan together with my equipment so then it was just a matter of me standing in the right place and hitting my target."

Bohn advanced to the championship match by defeating 10-time PBA Tour winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, in the semifinal match 247-238.

In the opening stepladder match United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., trying for his third title, defeated Hall of Famer and nine-time PBA50 Tour winner Walter Ray Williams Jr., 255-209.

In the second match Goebel defeated Boresch 227-192 to advance to the semifinal.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Spanish Springs Lanes in The Villages, Fla., April 18-21 for the PBA50 United Healthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical, the second stop of the 2015 season. Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information click on the Xtra Frame logo on the pba.com homepage.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$7,500.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$2,500.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$2,000.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Boresch def. Williams, 255-209.
Match Two – Goebel def. Boresch, 227-192.
Semifinal Match – Bohn def. Goebel, 247-238.
Championship – Bohn def. Duke, 263-222.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5-1, 1,580.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,554.
- 3, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 6-0, 1,516.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 4-2, 1,511.
- 5, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 5-1, 1,464.
- 6, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., 3-3, 1,449, \$1,550.
- 7, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3-3, 1,417, \$1,550.
- 8, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 4-2, 1,400, \$1,550.
- 9, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4, 1,385, \$1,350.
- 10, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 2-4, 1,383, \$1,350.
- 11, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2-4, 1,373, \$1,350.
- 12, a-Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 2-4, 1,320, \$1,350.
- 13, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2-4, 1,301, \$1,350.
- 14, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3-3, 1,267, \$1,350.
- 15, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1-5, 1,263, \$1,350.
- 16, Tom Carter, Rockford, Ill., 0-6, 1,237, \$1,350.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3-2, 1,190, \$1,175.
- 18, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3-2, 1,170, \$1,175.
- 19, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3-2, 1,143, \$1,175.
- 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-3, 1,122, \$1,175.
- 21, a-Tim Maiseroulle, Buford, Ga., 2-3, 1,080, \$1,175.
- 22, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2-2-1, 1,069, \$1,175.
- 23, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2-3, 1,065, \$1,175.
- 24, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-2-1, 1,064, \$1,175.
- 25, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3-2, 1,046, \$1,100.
- 26, Joe Salvemini, Henderson, Nev., 2-3, 1,041, \$1,100.
- 27, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2-3, 1,040, \$1,100.
- 28, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1-4, 1,037, \$1,100.
- 29, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1-4, 1,004, \$1,100.
- 30, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-3, 1,000, \$1,100.
- 31, a-Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1-4, 972, \$1,100.
- 32, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 0-5, 952, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,068, \$1,050.
- 34, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,064, \$1,050.
- 35, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,048, \$1,050.
- 36, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,046, \$1,050.
- 37, ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 1,042, \$1,050.
- 38, ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,027, \$1,050.
- 39, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,020, \$1,000.
- 40, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 1,007, \$1,000.
- 41, ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 1,005, \$1,000.
- 42, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 975, \$1,000.
- 43, ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 928, \$1,000.
- 44, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 918, \$1,000.
- 45, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesa, Wis., 914, \$1,000.
- 46, ss-a-Joe Barna, Plantation, Fla., 913, \$1,000.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA HALL OF FAMER JOHNNY PETRAGLIA RECEIVES BBIA INDUSTRY SERVICE AWARD

The Billiard and Bowling Industry Association presented PBA Hall of Famer **Johnny Petraglia** with its Industry Service Award Tuesday night at the organization's annual meeting in Hilton Head, S.C.

Petraglia, the only player ever to win PBA national titles in six different decades, is currently competing on the PBA50 Tour – 50 years after making his debut in 1965. The 67-year-old lefthander from Jackson, N.J., has won 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles; is one of six PBA Triple Crown winners; ranks 31st on the all-time PBA earnings list with \$1,249,250, and is a member of the PBA (1982) and USBC (2003) Halls of Fame. He also was the recipient of the 2010 BPAA Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award.

In addition to his sterling record as a competitor, Petraglia has been active for decades off the lanes in BVL and other charitable programs in support of United States military veterans. Petraglia served a tour of duty with the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War.

OSKU PALERMAA PROVES "SPEED THRILLS"

Whether Finland's **Osku Palermmaa** can throw a bowling ball faster than anyone in history is up for debate – and probably something no one could ever prove – but the reality is, when the high-rev two-handed player reverts to using only his right hand to shoot at single pin spares, it has become a thrill to watch.

During the recent Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, where Palermmaa left his fair share of 10 pins, fans began to add a "nnneeeooooowww..." sound effect every time the powerful Finn unleashed a spare attempt, imitating the sound of the high-speed ball buzzing down the lane.

During the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in Portland, Bayside Bowl left the speed recording feature on its automatic scoring system during the best-of-three-game elimination matches. During Palermmaa's match with eventual champion **Josh Blanchard**, Palermmaa's two-handed strike shots were measuring in the 20-21 miles per hour range. But on four consecutive 10 pin spare attempts, his ball speed was measured at 28.51, 28.01, 28.42 and 28.97 miles per hour – all astonishing ball speeds to throw a 15-pound bowling ball.

While speed has no bearing on spare-shooting accuracy, it seems to help when trying to convert "impossible" splits by bouncing pins out of the pit area. After successfully converting a 7-10 split during the PBA World Series of Bowling V in 2014 by bouncing the 10 pin out of the pit, into the 7 pin, Palermmaa said it wasn't an uncommon feat for him. "I've converted the 7-10 more times than I've bowled 300 games," he said.

Watching the six-foot, 200-pound 31-year-old throw a bowling ball at those remarkable speeds makes one wonder if Palermmaa has ever been clocked throwing a baseball.

"I've never played baseball; it isn't a sport we play in Finland," Palermmaa said, "but I did try it one time at an ESPN sports bar. I threw the ball three times."

His baseball pitching speeds, he said, were recorded 92, 93 and 96 miles per hour. "But I don't know if those were accurate speeds or not."

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SEAN LAVERY-SPAHR WINS FIRELAKE SOUTHWEST OPEN

Sean Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, defeated defending champion **Dino Castillo** of Carrollton, Texas, 195-188, to win the PBA FireLake Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open presented by Hammer at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday.

After qualifying for match play in ninth place, Lavery-Spahr won his best two-of-three-game Round of 16 match over PBA50 titlist **Mike Edwards** from Tulsa, Okla., 2-0; followed with a 2-0 victory over Oklahoma City's **Eric Wigger** in the Round of 8; posted a 2-1 win over qualifying leader **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas, in the quarterfinal round, and edged amateur **Clint Dacy** of Fort Worth, Texas, 200-195, in the semifinal round.

Castillo, who qualified seventh, edged Colombia's **Clara Guerrero** in the Round of 12, 2-1; eliminated **Roger Petrin** of Wichita, Kan., in the Round of 8, 2-1; and disposed of former Southwest Region Player of the Year **Joe Findling** of Greenville, Texas, 279-237, in the semifinal round.

The pro-am portion of the event on Friday included a fundraiser for the Shawnee area Big Brother/Big Sister chapter. FireLake General Manager **Chris Skillings** announced more than \$30,000 was raised for that cause.

- Amateur **Wesley Low Jr.** of Palmdale, Calif., posted a 9-3 match play record and a 20-game total of 5,028 pins Sunday to win the PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl Sunday while **Marty Deh** of San Jose, Calif., won the PBA50 portion of the doubleheader weekend.

Low, who turns 18 on April 27 (coincidentally the late Earl Anthony's birthday), won his second PBA West Region event, but as an amateur, he does not receive credit for a title and his \$2,500 first prize goes to his SMART scholarship account. The two-handed, left-handed player defeated **Josh Blanchard** of Phoenix, Ariz., by 166 pins for the win. Blanchard had an 8-4 match play record and 4,862 pins including match play bonus pins.

Deh went 10-2 and knocked down 4,768 total pins for his 20 games to top **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., for his fifth West PBA50 Regional title and \$1,500. Warren had 4,686 pins.

- **Patrick Allen** of Wesley Chapel, Fla. defeated **Noel Vega** of Kew Gardens, N.Y., 236-147, to win his 25th PBA Regional title and a \$2,500 first prize in the PBA Rockaway Eastern Open presented by Storm at Rockaway Lanes in Rockaway, N.J., Sunday.

Allen qualified second for match play and posted an 8-4 match play record to retain second place for the stepladder finals. Vega qualified third and moved into the lead by rolling a 300 game in game five on Sunday. He posted a 11-1 match play record to earn the top position for the stepladder finals, and matched his best career finish, achieved three years ago, by finishing second. He earned \$1,300.

- **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., defeated three-time PBA Tour titlist **Dick Allen** of Columbia, S.C., 259-207, 234-226, in a best-of-three-game championship match to win the inaugural PBA Bluffton South Open title at Station 300 Lanes in Bluffton, S.C., Sunday.

In the semifinal round, Troup defeated **Lee Vanderhoef** of Raleigh, N.C., 238-215, 275-269, while Allen rallied from a 1-0 deficit to defeat **B.J. Moore** of Apex, N.C., 202-205, 258-211, 279-229, in the semifinal round.

- **Jesse Buss** of Belvidere, Ill., defeated **Dave Wodka** of Beaver Creek, Ohio, 225-222, to win the PBA Fun Time Centers Central/Midwest Classic at Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., on April 12. Along with his fourth regional title, Buss earned \$2,000.

Buss topped amateur **Andrew Anderson** of Holly, Mich. 2-0, and Wodka blanked **Anthony LaCaze** of Melrose Park, Ill., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- On the April 15-17 PBA Regional calendar is the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla. The April 17-19 weekend includes the Bowlers Discount Eastern Open presented by Hammer at Brunswick Zone Normandy in Elliott City, Md.; back-to-back one-day reduced entry fee Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Opens in Elkhart, Ind., and the Tacoma Speedometer Member/Non-Member Doubles, a reduced entry fee event presented by Pawnbrokers Northwest, at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood, Wash.

- Another mid-week PBA50 event is the PBA50 Tarheel Lanes South Open April 23-25 in Hendersonville, N.C. Players will then head to Hawaii for the annual tripleheader beginning April 26-27 with the Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kailua-Kona followed by the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Scofield Air Base on April 29, and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open May 1-3.

- Also leading off the month of May over the May 1-3 weekend will be the Junction City (Kan.) Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Radical, and the Pro Bowl West Tri-Region Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by the Proprietor's Cup in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Don't forget: During the April MOTIV sweepstakes is awarding another new ball to a new Xtra Frame subscriber. To enter, all you have to do is sign up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either three-day (\$3.99), monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month promotion will continue every month through 2015.
- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the "Book Hotel" link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.
- Last call: You can still earn a discount on an Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription with the purchase of a new bowling ball through a special limited-time arrangement with Bowling Infinity Group. Visit <http://offthetrailer.com/> for details on how to earn a \$25 discount and free shipping on the bowling ball-Xtra Frame Season Ticket package now through April 30.

Silver Lake Atom Splitters Repeat as PBA League Elias Cup Champions

Anchor bowler Dick Allen wins Mark Roth MVP Award after clutch 10th-frame performances

PORTLAND, Maine – Helped greatly by a series of clutch 10th-frame strikes, the Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters won their second straight Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup with an impressive 5-1 decision over the Wheaties L.A. X at Bayside Bowl.

The Elias Cup finals, which aired Sunday on ESPN, concluded the PBA Tour's first visit to the state of Maine. At the close of the competition – eight days after escaping serious injury in an automobile accident – Silver Lake anchor bowler Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., was selected as the PBA League's Mark Roth Most Valuable Player.

Silver Lake opened the multi-event Elias Cup finals with a 223-211 victory by Chris Barnes over L.A. X's Jason Belmonte in the singles match. Barnes survived a 4-6 split in the third frame and a missed 4 pin in the ninth with a string of five strikes in the middle of his game, followed by two strikes and a nine-count in the 10th frame to win the first point.

L.A. X evened the score at 1-1 when Stuart Williams and Patrick Allen escaped with a 212-211 win in the alternate ball doubles match against Barnes and Mika Koivuniemi. Barnes' seven-count 4-6-7 split on his final shot proved to be the difference.

The Atom Splitters quickly righted their ship in Baker Trios when Allen, Craig Nidiffer and Tom Daugherty were nearly perfect in posting a 297-246 victory over Belmonte, Andres Gomez and Martin Larsen. A 2-8-10 split on Allen's final ball in the 10th frame was Silver Lake's only flaw as it took a 2-1 lead.

With three points at stake in the Baker team finale, Silver Lake again responded. After defeating L.A. X in the 2014 team finale, 225-203, the Atom Splitters rallied from an early 10-pin deficit for a 236-215 victory to retain the Elias Cup. Allen started the come-from-behind victory with a strike in the fifth frame, and capped a string of six straight strikes with the first strike in the 10th frame to ice the title.

"This is definitely the highlight of my career," the 36-year-old Allen said. "The whole situation of being chosen by (team manager) Mark Baker and Chris (Barnes) and Mika (Koivuniemi) to put me at anchor surprised me a little, but I like that position. They instilled a lot of confidence in me this week. It did a lot of good for me personally."

Heading into the Elias Cup finals, Allen had made clutch sudden-death roll-off shots to give Silver Lake victories in both the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds despite a stiff, sore neck sustained in his one-car accident the previous Sunday near his home in South Carolina.

"I was coming around a corner, swerved to avoid hitting a dog in the road, and lost control," he said. "I went into a ditch and hit a pole. I thought I was done for, but I got away with just some whiplash."

His pain-in-the-neck was one issue, Allen said, but the loud, non-stop chanting and cheering by the Bayside Bowl fans didn't bother him at all. In fact, it actually made him feel at home.

“The more you bowl on TV, the more loosened up you get,” Allen, a three-time PBA Tour title winner, said, “but the crowd here was highly unexpected. Fortunately I’m used to that because back home, I practice with my buddies after the bowling center closes, and we crank up the music, and my buddies trash-talk non-stop, so bowling here was just like after-hours practice at home.”

Allen admitted the crowd did influence his errant final shot in the Baker trios match, spoiling the team’s bid for a 300. “The crowd got me,” he grinned. “They had been so loud, but in about my third step, they got quiet. I didn’t expect that. In that little moment, it kinda got me. My fundamentals collapsed.”

The PBA Tour will resume competition May 9-17 when FireLake Bowling Center hosts the preliminary rounds of the Oklahoma Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Summer Swing in Shawnee, Okla. The multi-event competition will include the Wolf, Badger, Bear and Oklahoma Open title events, followed by the King of the Swing special event. All finals will be held in the Grand Casino Event Center and will air on CBS Sports Network. Dates and times will be announced later.

PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, March 29 (aired April 19)

Final Standings

Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom def. Wheaties L.A. X, 5-1.

Singles Match (one point)

Chris Barnes, Silver Lake Atom Splitters, def. Jason Belmonte, L.A. X, 223-211.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point)

L.A. X (Stuart Williams/Patrick Allen) def. Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi/Chris Barnes), 212-211.

Baker Trios (one point)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Dick Allen/Craig Nidiffer/Tom Daugherty) def. L.A. X (Jason Belmonte/Andres Gomez/Martin Larsen), 297-246.

Five-Player Baker Team (three points)

Silver Lake Atom Splitters (Mika Koivuniemi/Chris Barnes/Craig Nidiffer/Tom Daugherty/Dick Allen) def. L.A. X (Stuart Williams/Andres Gomez/Patrick Allen/Martin Larsen/Jason Belmonte), 236-215.

Parker Bohn III Averages 248.6 to Top Qualifying After First Round In PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – Coming off a win in the season-opening PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open last week, Parker Bohn III kept the momentum alive by averaging 248.6 Sunday to take the first round lead in the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical at Spanish Springs Lanes.

The PBA Hall of Famer finished the first round with a 1,989 eight-game pinfall total with games of 247, 212, 228, 259, 239, 278, 279 and 247.

“Like every sport you ride the highs as long as you can and hope it stays that way for a while,” said Bohn, who owns 34 PBA Tour and two PBA50 Tour titles. “You never know when the roller coaster ride ends so you just ride it as long as you can.”

Despite a good first game and strong finish, Bohn said he had trouble getting comfortable at the start of the round.

“I think the main issue I had was just getting out of my own way,” Bohn said. “I just wasn’t making enough good shots consistently. I really didn’t have to make too many major adjustments – I just had to analyze what I was doing and bear down.”

Bohn held a 31-pin lead over eight-time PBA50 Tour winner and two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in second who finished with a 1,958 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five were Terry Metzner of Kentwood, Mich., with 1,944 in third and PBA Hall of Famer and eight-time PBA50 Tour champion Johnny Petraglia who finished the day in fourth with 1,936.

United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, the lone woman in the 158-player field, finished with a 1,934 pinfall to finish fifth. Ballard is a two-time PBA Women's Series winner and seven-time Professional Women's Bowling Association titlist.

Ballard will be hoping to top the highest finish by a woman in a PBA50 event which is ninth by Linda Kelly in the 2006 Senior Decatur Open.

The field returns Monday for another eight-game qualifying round to determine the 32 players who will advance to match play on Tuesday. After match play, the top five will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET on Tuesday.

Fans can follow PBA action through the entire PBA Network which includes wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events on Xtra Frame including the Sun Bowl In The Villages, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

PBA50 UNITEDHEALTHCARE SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL
Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Sunday
First round after 8 games

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,989.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,958.
- 3, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,944.
- 4, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,936.
- 5, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 1,934.
- 6, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,930.
- 7, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,928.
- 8, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,925.
- 9, ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,915.
- 10, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,904.
- 11, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,896.
- 12, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,886.
- 13, a-Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,885.
- 14, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,875.
- 15, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,874.
- 16, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 1,873.
- 17, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,869.
- 18, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,868.
- 19, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,861.
- 20, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,860.
- 21, (tie)Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,857, and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,857.
- 23, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,850.
- 24, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,846.
- 25, a-John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 1,843.
- 26, Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 1,838.
- 27, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,832.
- 28, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,827.
- 29, (tie) ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., and ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,826.
- 31, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,825.
- 32, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,818.
- 33, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,815.
- 34, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,814.
- 35, (tie) ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,811.
- 37, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,809.
- 38, (tie) a-Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,807.
- 40, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1,800.

41, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,799.
42, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,794.
43, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., and a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,791.
46, (tie) Gary Morgan, Atlanta, and a-Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,790.
48, (tie) Billy Block, Pembroke Pines, Fla., and ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,787.
50, (tie) William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,783.
52, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 1,781.
53, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,780.
54, ss-Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,777.
55, a-Jace Peterson, Ocala, Fla., 1,774.
56, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,772.
57, ss-Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,769.
58, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,765.
59, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,764.
60, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,762.
61, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,757.
62, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,756.
63, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,755.
64, a-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 1,753.
65, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 1,750.
66, ss-Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 1,749.
67, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,748.
68, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,746.
69, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,745.
70, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,744.
71, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,742.
72, (tie) a-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., and Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,740.
75, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,739.
76, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,737.
77, ss-aAndy Ippolito, The Villages, Fla., 1,734.
78, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,733.
79, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,730.
80, ss-Kevin Schofield, Canada, 1,728.
81, Kenneth Bland Jr., Cibolo, Texas, 1,727.
82, (tie) ss-Lucien Casagrande, Canada, and ss-John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,725.
84, (tie) Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., and Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 1,724.
86, (tie) ss-Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., and a-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 1,721.
88, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,719.
89, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 1,717.
90, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,716.
91, (tie) ss-Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., and Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,715.
94, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,712.
95, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,711.
96, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,710.
97, Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 1,709.
98, ss-Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,708.
99, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,702.
100, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,698.
101, ss-Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,695.
102, (tie) ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., and ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,693.
104, Richard McDaniel, Coconut Creek, Fla., 1,688.
105, a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Methuen, Mass., 1,687.
106, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,685.
107, (tie) ss-Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., and ss-Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 1,672.
109, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,671.
110, ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn, 1,669.
111, ss-a-Lenny Biondi, Maitland, Fla., 1,663.
112, Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., 1,660.

113, Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., 1,659.
 114, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,648.
 115, a-Kenneth May, Titusville, Fla., 1,647.
 116, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,644.
 117, (tie) ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., and ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,641.
 119, Scott Smith, Warrenville, Ill., 1,638.
 120, ss-Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 1,635.
 121, ss-Barry Warshafsky, Peabody, Mass., 1,633.
 122, Dan Palmiotto, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,627.
 123, (tie) ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., and ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,613.
 125, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,607.
 126, ss-Robert Shannon, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,603.
 127, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,601.
 128, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 1,600.
 129, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,599.
 130, (tie) a-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., and Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,597.
 132, ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,592.
 133, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 1,581.
 134, ss-a-Walter Grzybowski, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1,580.
 135, ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,578.
 136, ss-Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 1,573.
 137, (tie) ss-Dan Howsmon, Lutz, Fla., and ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,572.
 139, ss-Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 1,571.
 140, ss-a-Rickey Kendrick, Castle Rock, Colo., 1,561.
 141, Larry Felts Jr., Moore, S.C., 1,560.
 142, (tie) ss-Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, and ss-Walter Sova Sr., Columbus, Ohio, 1,530.
 144, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,528.
 145, ss-Teata Semiz, Hopatcong, N.J., 1,502.
 146, ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,499.
 147, ss-Ron Rajcok, Stanley, N.C., 1,496.
 148, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,487.
 149, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,484.
 150, ss-Bobby Dunn, Augusta, Ga., 1,481.
 151, ss-Patsy DellaPenna, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,478.
 152, Adrian Eckroth, Ocala, Fla., 1,468.
 153, ss-Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,460.
 154, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,448.
 155, ss-Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 1,432.
 156, ss-a-Ray Randall, Dearborn, Mich., 1,396.
 157, ss-Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 1,387.
 158, Pete Nastasi, Rock Hill, N.Y., 1,338.

a-denotes amateur

ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over

Raymond Wins PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open

Elkhart, Ind. (April 19, 2015) – J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich. defeated T.J. Schmidt of Mishawaka, Ind., 219-214, to win the PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open at Country Club Lanes Sunday.

The title was Raymond's first PBA Regional title of the year and his second career title. He also earned \$2,500.

Raymond topped Brad Miller of St. Charles, Mo., 257-203, and Schmidt defeated Jeff Zaffino of Warren, Pa., 236-224, to set up the championship match.

Schmidt earned \$1,300 for second place. Zaffino and Miller each earned \$950 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is the Baldo Campana Central/Midwest Open in Lorain, Ohio, May 8-10.

PBA COUNTRY CLUB LANES CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN
Country Club Lanes, Elkhart, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich. (\$2,500) def. T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., (\$1,300), 219-214.

Semifinal Round (best game, losers eliminated and earned \$950 each):

Schmidt def. s-Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 1-0 (236-224).

Raymond def. Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1-0 (257-203).

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Zaffino def. Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 2-0.

Schmidt def. Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 2-0.

Miller def. Brian Gunn, Chicago, 2-0.

Raymond def. Christopher Hill, Franklin, Wis., 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$475 each):

Verble def. a-Aaron Beaver, Edwardsburg, Mich., 2-0.

Schmidt def. David Williams Jr., Omaha, Neb., 2-0.

Gunn def. f-Rocio Restrepo, Louisville, Ky., 2-0.

Hill def. f-Diana Zavjalova, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 2-0.

a-denotes amateur

s-denotes PBA50 player

f-denotes female

**Bohn Tops Qualifying to Lead 32 Players Into
PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages Match Play**

*PBA50 rookies USBC Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and
former major league pitcher John Burkett also advance to match play*

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – For the time being there seems to be no stopping Parker Bohn III as the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer averaged 253 to top qualifying Monday in the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical at Spanish Springs Lanes.

Bohn, who won the season opening Pasco County Florida Open last week, led a field of 32 players who advanced to Tuesday's match play with a 4,052 16-game pinfall total. In Monday's second round he had games of 254, 300, 204, 279, 268, 238, 252 and 268.

"I'm not going to take anything lightly," said the 34-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner. "We know who the superstars are but you have to remember that there are the other players who want to make their name out here and want to beat me as much as I want to beat them.

"I'm just going to go out there and keep doing what I've been doing," Bohn added. "I'll find a ball that will give me the best look to the pocket and stay focused on what I need to do to keep the ball in the pocket. If I can keep bowling the way I am, I won't need to worry that much about winning matches because that should take care of itself."

Rounding out the top five heading into Tuesday's match play were eight-time PBA50 Tour titlist and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,909; eight-time PBA Tour winner and PBA50 rookie Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,883; Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,845, and 10-time PBA Tour winner Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,812.

Two other notables advancing to match play were PBA50 Tour rookies United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, bowling in her first PBA50 Tour tournament and former major league pitcher John Burkett.

Dorin-Ballard fired a 3,714 pinfall finishing in a tie for 17th. She'll be hoping to top the previous high finish by a woman in a PBA50 Tour event which is ninth by Linda Kelly in the 2006 Senior Decatur.

Burkett, a two-time All-Star during a 16-year major league career, finished in 21st with a 3,692 pinfall.

Tuesday's match play rounds will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 UNITEDHEALTHCARE SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL

Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Monday

Second round after 16 games

Top 32 advance to Tuesday's match play round

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,052.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,909.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,883.
- 4, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,845.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,812.
- 6, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,810.
- 7, a-John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 3,777.
- 8, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3,776.
- 9, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,763.
- 10, a-Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,759.
- 11, a-Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,754.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,741.
- 13, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,740.
- 14, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,729.
- 15, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,726.
- 16, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,716.
- 17, (tie) Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 3,714.
- 19, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 3,706.
- 20, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,693.
- 21, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,692.
- 22, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,687.
- 23, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,683.
- 24, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,681.
- 25, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,679.
- 26, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 3,674.
- 27, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,673.
- 28, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,668.
- 29, a-Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3,658.
- 29, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 3,658.
- 31, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,656.
- 32, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 3,654.

Did not advance:

- 33, (tie) Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., \$1,000, and Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,646, \$1,000.
- 35, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,643, \$1,000.
- 36, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,638, \$1,000.
- 37, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 3,624, \$1,000.
- 38, (tie) a-John Stronka, Davie, Fla., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,621, \$1,000.
- 40, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,618, \$1,000.

41, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,610, \$1,000.
42, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,595, \$1,000.
43, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,590, \$1,000.
44, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$1,000, and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,588, \$1,000.
46, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,587, \$1,000.
47, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,581, \$1,000.
48, (tie) Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., \$1,000, and Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,571, \$1,000.
50, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,570, \$1,000.
51, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,565, \$1,000.
52, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,557, \$1,000.
53, (tie) ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., \$1,000 and Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 3,556.
55, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,552.
56, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,548.
57, Kenneth Bland Jr., Cibola, Texas, 3,539.
58, (tie) Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,537, \$1,000.
60, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,536.
61, (tie) Jimmy Jean, Kathleen, Ga., and Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,531.
63, Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 3,526.
64, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,521, \$1,000.
65, (tie) ss-a-Lenny Biondi, Winter Garden, Fla., \$1,000 and ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,519, \$1,000.
67, a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,513.
68, a-Widmar Vargas, Sun City Center, Fla., 3,512.
69, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,508.
70, ss-Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 3,491, \$1,000.
71, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,490, \$1,000.
72, a-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 3,488.
73, (tie) Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, and a, Andy Ippolito, The Villages, Fla., 3,483.
75, William Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 3,482.
76, a-Kenneth May, Titusville, Fla., 3,481.
77, a-Jace Peterson, Ocala, Fla., 3,480.
78, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 3,472.
79, Scott Thomsen, Sumter, S.C., 3,468.
80, Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., 3,463.
81, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,461.
82, (tie) Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., and Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,459.
84, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,455.
85, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,452.
86, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 3,444.
87, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,437.
88, Brian McMahon, Boca Raton, Fla., 3,431.
89, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,430.
90, Warren Burr, Wilmington, DE, 3,429.
91, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3,423.
92, Bob Chamberlain, The Villages, Fla., 3,420.
93, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,418.
94, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,415.
95, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,414.
96, Kevin Schofield, Canada, 3,411.
97, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,407.
98, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,401.
99, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 3,400.
100, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,393.
101, William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,392.
102, Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,382.
103, Lucien Casagrande, Canada, 3,378.
104, a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Methuen, Mass., 3,371.
105, Richard McDaniel, Coconut Creek, Fla., 3,364.
106, Nick Panicaro, Ocala, Fla., 3,351.

107, (tie) Ron Rajcok, Stanley, N.C., and Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,348.
 109, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,347.
 110, Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 3,333.
 111, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,331.
 112, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,325.
 113, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,321.
 114, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,313.
 115, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 3,306.
 116, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,297.
 117, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 3,293.
 118, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn, 3,291.
 119, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,284.
 120, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3,274.
 121, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,271.
 122, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 3,268.
 123, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 3,257.
 124, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 3,253.
 125, Dan Palmiotto, Merritt Island, Fla., 3,244.
 126, a-Rickey Kendrick, Castle Rock, Colo., 3,241.
 127, a-Dave Van Riet, Summerfield, Fla., 3,222.
 128, Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 3,214.
 128, Barry Warshafsky, Peabody, Mass., 3,214.
 130, Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 3,212.
 131, (tie) Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., and Larry Williams, St. Augustine, Fla., 3,205.
 133, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 3,203.
 134, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,181.
 135, (tie) Walter Sova Sr., Columbus, Ohio, and Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 3,179.
 137, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 3,176.
 138, Pete Couture, Titusville, Fla., 3,172.
 139, Robert Shannon, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,170.
 140, a-Walter Grzybowski, Port St. Lucie, Fla., 3,165.
 141, Larry Felts Jr., Moore, S.C., 3,162.
 142, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3,155.
 143, Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 3,145.
 144, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,131.
 145, Dave Schultz, Jackson, Wis., 3,129.
 146, Patsy DellaPenna, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,127.
 147, Adrian Eckroth, Ocala, Fla., 3,079.
 148, Dan Howsmon, Lutz, Fla., 3,040.
 149, Bob Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 3,027.
 150, Bobby Dunn, Augusta, Ga., 3,003.
 151, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,965.
 152, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 2,899.
 153, a-Ray Randall, Dearborn, Mich., 2,865.
 154, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,857.
 155, Pete Nastasi, Rock Hill, N.Y., 2,639.
 156, Teata Semiz, Hopatcong, N.J., 2,581.
 157, Billy Block, Pembroke Pines, Fla., 1,941.
 158, Scott Smith, Warrenville, Ill., 1,638.

300 games – Joe Scarborough, Tracy Teeters, Mark Scime, John Dougherty, Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Tony Myers.

a-denotes amateur

ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over outside cashing spots also earning \$1,000.

CHICAGO – At the conclusion of the third annual Professional Bowlers Association League Elias Cup team competition and heading into the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Summer Swing, two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte held the lead in 2015 PBA earnings while Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla., jumped into the lead in scoring averages.

Thanks in great part to his victories in the United States Bowling Congress Masters and 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, Belmonte had banked \$152,161 in PBA Tour earnings for a comfortable lead over DHC Japan Invitational winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, who has earned \$106,710 after 10 of 30 PBA Tour-title events on the 2015 schedule.

Belmonte also ranks third in averages, a category led by Page, the Tournament of Champions runner-up who is scoring at a 234.59 pace for 105 games. PBA Players Championship winner Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., is second with a 233.50 average for 102 games.

Belmonte and Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., are the only two-title winners thus far in 2015. Blanchard won the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Munich, Germany, followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout.

Official PBA Tour statistics include earnings and titles only for PBA International Tour-World Bowling Tour events.

PBA Tour competition resumes with the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort Summer Swing at FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Event Center May 9-17. All preliminary rounds will be video-streamed live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. The finals of the Wolf, Badger, Bear and Oklahoma Open events, plus the King of the Swing special event, will be televised by CBS Sports Network on dates to be announced.

2015 PBA TOUR STATISTICS (as of April 19)

AVERAGES (min. 70 games)

	Games	Average
1, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.	105	234.59
2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.	102	233.50
3, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.	80	232.25
4, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.	78	231.81
5, Jason Belmonte, Australia	168	231.46
6, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.	80	231.32
7, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas	99	230.71
8, Dom Barrett, England	149	229.24
9, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla.	81	228.60
10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.	120	228.37
11, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind.	91	228.25
12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	135	227.36
13, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif.	136	227.08
14, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas	75	226.91
15, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.	99	226.77
16, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo.	73	226.56
17, Dan MacLelland, Canada	121	226.23
18, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.	76	225.99
19, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y.	108	225.83
20, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.	72	225.69

EARNINGS

	Titles	Total
1, Jason Belmonte, Australia	2	\$152,161
2, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas	1	\$106,710
3, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.	0	\$41,055
4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J.	1	\$40,790
5, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas	1	\$36,397
6, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas	0	\$36,170
7, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich.	0	\$35,990

8, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.	0	\$35,750
9, Jesper Svensson, Sweden	1	\$33,170
10, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla.	0	\$32,700
11, Martin Larsen, Sweden	0	\$29,550
12, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz.	2	\$29,100
13, Dom Barrett, England	0	\$29,049
14, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind.	0	\$26,793
15, Osku Palermaa, Finland	0	\$26,740
16, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif.	0	\$24,779
17, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.	1	\$24,100
18, Stuart Williams, England	0	\$23,860
19, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.	0	\$21,550
20, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich.	0	\$20,350

Mike Scroggins Wins PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages In PBA50 Tour Debut

Eight-time PBA Tour winner defeats Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III 255-246 in championship match

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – After a nearly year-long absence from top-level competition recovering from foot problems, eight-time PBA Tour winner Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, won the PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical Tuesday in his PBA50 Tour debut at Spanish Springs Lanes.

Scroggins, who qualified fifth for the finals, won three consecutive matches before battling fellow lefthander and tournament leader Parker Bohn III in a championship match that went down to the 10th frame.

Bohn, who dominated the tournament and was coming off a win in the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open last week, threw a strike on the first ball in the 10th frame and then a nine-count and spare forcing Scroggins to get the first two strikes in the 10th. Scroggins got the first two strikes and then a nine-count on the fill ball to beat Bohn 255-246.

“This is one of the best feelings I’ve had in bowling especially after what I’ve been through for the past year,” Scroggins said. “It made it extra special to beat the great bowlers that were in the finals which I felt very fortunate to do.

“I was having good success on the right lane so when Parker left that nine-count, I felt pretty confident I could get the job done,” Scroggins said of the final frame. “I just told myself to relax and throw the kind of shots I’m capable of and I could win it.”

Scroggins suffers from the condition plantar fasciitis, a tendon and ligament disorder in both feet, which put him out of action for more than nine months.

It’s been a long road to recovery and it’s really something that won’t totally go away,” Scroggins said. “It’s something that comes with age and I’m going to continually have to manage it.”

As the fifth qualifier in the stepladder, Scroggins opened with a 231-205 win over PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia who was trying for his ninth PBA50 title at age 68. Scroggins then went on to beat two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner Ron Mohr 239-227 in the second match before beating Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker 234-202 in the semifinal match.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Mooresville, N.C., for the third stop of the season when George Pappas Victory Lanes hosts the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 April 26-29.

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PBA50 UNITEDHEALTHCARE SUN BOWL IN THE VILLAGES PRESENTED BY RADICAL
Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, \$7,500.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000.
- 3, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$2,500.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,000.
- 5, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., \$1,850.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Scroggins def. Petraglia, 231-205.
Match Two – Scroggins def. Mohr, 239-227.
Semifinal Match – Scroggins def. Baker, 234-202.
Championship – Scroggins def. Bohn, 255-246.

Final Match Play Standings (after 32 games, including match play bonus pins, top five advance to stepladder finals):

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9-7, 8,231.
- 2, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 9-7, 8,038.
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 9-7, 8,031.
- 4, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 9-7, 8,001.
- 5, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 8-8, 7,979.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 9-7, 7,964, \$1,700.
- 7, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 10-6, 7,895, \$1,550.
- 8, a-Darin Hays, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 10-6, 7,873, \$1,500.
- 9, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 7-8-1, 7,783, \$1,475.
- 10, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 10-6, 7,778, \$1,450.
- 11, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, 11-5, 7,764, \$1,425.
- 12, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 7-8-1, 7,676, \$1,400.
- 13, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 8-8, 7,633, \$1,363.
- 13, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 8-8, 7,633, \$1,363.
- 15, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 6-10, 7,536, \$1,325.
- 16, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 5-10-1, 7,434, \$1,300.

Other Cashers (after 24 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 17, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 5-3, 5,762, \$1,200.
- 18, a-Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 4-4, 5,756, \$1,190.
- 19, Peter Knopp, Germany, 4-4, 5,728, \$1,180.
- 20, a-Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 3-4-1, 5,716, \$1,170.
- 21, a-John Dougherty, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., 4-4, 5,690, \$1,160.
- 22, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 5-3, 5,684, \$1,150.
- 23, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 5-3, 5,681, \$1,140.
- 24, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 4-4, 5,678, \$1,130.
- 25, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4-4, 5,672, \$1,120.
- 26, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 2-6, 5,635, \$1,110.
- 27, ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 4-4, 5,621, \$1,100.
- 28, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 2-6, 5,583, \$1,095.
- 29, Gary Morgan, Atlanta, 3-5, 5,565, \$1,090.
- 30, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2-6, 5,504, \$1,085.
- 31, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3-5, 5,497, \$1,080.
- 32, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1-7, 5,486, \$1,075.

300 Game(s): Stoney Baker, Johnny Petraglia, Amleto Monacelli, Gary Morgan.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA PLANS SPECIAL “CLASH OF THE LEGENDS” EVENT FOR MAY 2

The PBA will jump into a big day in the world of sports with a “Clash of the Legends” special event in conjunction with the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y. A special competition involving PBA Hall of Famers **Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber** and **Amleto Monacelli** will be part of a unique contest that invites sports fans to pick the winners of the Kentucky Derby, Clash of Legends and the **Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao** championship boxing match.

The Clash of Legends, presented by BVL and emceed by tournament namesake **Johnny Petraglia**, will air live on Xtra Frame in the window between the Kentucky Derby (6:24 p.m. ET) and the Mayweather-Pacquiao fight (10 p.m. ET). Beginning 6:45 p.m. – prior to the start of the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open pro-am – the Clash will involve each player throwing one ball with the lowest count eliminated in each round. In case of ties, the tied players will have a head-to-head roll-off to determine who is eliminated in that round. The remaining players will bowl the next round on the other lane, repeating the format until one man remains to claim the winner-take-all cash prize.

The fan contest associated with the Clash of Legends will invite PBA fans to pick the winner of the Kentucky Derby, Clash of PBA Legends and Mayweather-Pacquiao fight on PBA’s Facebook page. Picks must be posted in the following format between noon and 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, May 2 (Derby: horse’s name. Clash: player’s name: Fight: winning boxer’s name).

Entrants must get all three correct in order to win. If multiple people pick all three winners, up to 10 PBA Fan Packs full of prizes will be awarded.

NEW THREE-DAY PASS HELPS FANS FOLLOW PBA50 TOUR ON XTRA FRAME

The PBA’s new \$3.99, three-day pass to watch complete PBA50 Tour events is allowing a growing group of PBA50 fans an easy, inexpensive way to follow the “senior tour” from start to finish...and there are two more PBA50 events coming soon: the Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 from **George Pappas’** Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., Monday, April 27-Wednesday, April 29, followed by the **Johnny Petraglia** BVL Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., Sunday, May 3-Tuesday, May 5.

Fans are reminded the three-day pass begins at the moment of registration, so plan accordingly. To subscribe, click on the Xtra Frame link on pba.com. One-month (\$7.99) and full year XF Season Ticket (\$64.99) subscriptions also are available.

VARIPAPA NIPS BARNES FOR “GREATEST TRICK SHOT”

PBA fans voting for the “greatest bowling trick shot ever” have awarded the honor to the late **Andy Varipapa** for his three-ball spare conversion, edging **Chris Barnes’** two-lane “flying eagle” spare by a mere two percentage points. The winner was announced during Sunday’s ESPN telecast of the PBA League Elias Cup finals. Varipapa received 51 percent of the fan votes, compared to Barnes’ 49 percent.

Varipapa, a PBA charter member who died in 1984 at the age of 93, was a legendary showman and trick shot artist who also performed one of the most memorable feats in professional bowling – winning back-to-back titles in the grueling 100-game 1947 and 1948 BPAA All Star tournaments at the ages of 56 and 57.

MAINE SPORTS COMMISSION EAGER FOR PBA TO RETURN IN 2016

The three-year-old Maine Sports Commission, created to attract major sports events to the state, is eagerly awaiting the PBA’s return in 2016 after a successful first visit in 2015...and the PBA is already making plans for a return trip in 2016, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark has confirmed.

Shamrock Sports and Entertainment President Brian Corcoran, a member of the Maine Sports Commission board of directors, was a key player in securing the financial commitment needed to produce the inaugural “Maine Event” at Bayside Bowl in Portland. Based upon a sold-out event supported by hundreds of thousands of exposures for the Maine business community through the PBA’s media coverage and ESPN telecasts, Corcoran believes Maine can do an even better job in generating new sponsorship support for 2016.

USA TODAY FEATURES JASON BELMONTE’S TWO-HANDED TRICKERY

USAToday.com has produced a feature story on Australian two-handed star **Jason Belmonte**, showcasing his skills as a bowling trick shot artist in an online video. To read the feature story and watch Belmonte’s trick-shot skills as a two-handed player, click here:

<http://ftw.usatoday.com/2015/04/watch-5-mind-blowing-trick-shots-from-the-worlds-best-bowler>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: METZNER WINS FIRST PBA50 REGIONAL TITLE IN SARASOTA

In a best-of-three-game final between **Terry Metzner** of Kentwood, Mich., and **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas, Metzner defeated Mohr, 199-232, 211-191, 203-199, to win his first PBA Regional title in the PBA50 Sarasota South Open at Sarasota (Fla.) Lanes on Friday, April 17.

Metzner earned \$2,000 while Mohr earned \$1,000 as the runner-up. The mid-week PBA50 regional event featured a number of PBA50 Tour stars who were traveling between the season-opening PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open and the tour’s second stop of the season at The Villages, Fla.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Metzner swept **Bill Peters** of Dayton Ohio, 206-183, 222-198, while Mohr defeated **Joe Scarborough** of Charlotte, N.C., 207-172, 219-168.

● **J.R. Raymond** of Bay City, Mich. defeated **T.J. Schmidt** of Mishawaka, Ind., 219-214, to win the PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., Sunday.

The title was Raymond’s second PBA Regional title. He also earned \$2,500. He eliminated **Brad Miller** of St. Charles, Mo., 257-203, and Schmidt defeated **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., 236-224, to set up the championship match.

● **Paul Bajorski** of West Babylon, N.Y., defeated **John Furey** of Freehold, N.J., 224-199, to win his first PBA Regional title in the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Eastern Open presented by Hammer at Brunswick Zone Normandy in Ellicott City, Md., Sunday.

Bajorski, in his second year of regional competition, earned \$2,500. Furey, a former East Region Player of the Year, lost his ball reaction late in the championship match, finishing with two open frames. Although Bajorski won the championship match while sitting on the bench, he threw three clutch strikes in the final frame of his semi-final match to advance over **Eric Cornog** of Cherry Hill, N.J. 200-190.

● **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash. and amateur partner **Daniel Jackson Jr.** of Portland, Ore. defeated **Hugh Miller** of Mercer Island, Wash. and non-member **Bob Davidson** of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., 512-396, to win the PBA Northwest Region Speedometer Member/Non-Member Doubles at Bowlero Lanes in Lakewood, Wash., Sunday.

Richards earned his fifth regional title but Jackson does not receive credit for a title as he is a non-member. They split a \$3,000 first prize.

● Another mid-week PBA50 event is the PBA50 Tarheel Lanes South Open April 23-25 in Hendersonville, N.C. Players will then head to Hawaii for the annual tripleheader beginning April 26-27 with the Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kailua-Kona followed by the Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Scofield Air Base on April 29, and the Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open May 1-3.

● Leading off the month of May over the May 1-3 weekend will be the Junction City (Kan.) Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Radical, and the Pro Bowl West Tri-Region Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by the Proprietor’s Cup in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., a two-time PBA Regional title winner and the only woman to appear in two PBA Tour national television finals, has been recognized as the 2015 Am-Pol Eagle Citizen of the Year for sports. The annual Am-Pol awards recognize outstanding Polish American citizens. Among her many accomplishments, Johnson also will be inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in late April.

- The third annual **Bill O'Neill** Junior Scholarship Tournament is set for Sunday, May 3, at 12:30 p.m. ET at AMF Bristol Pike Lanes in Croydon, Pa. Bowlers will compete in U20 and U15 age divisions, with girls receiving 7 handicap pins per game (if fewer than 32 girls enter). All players will bowl six qualifying games followed by three games of match play and a top four stepladder final in each division. For more information, or to sign up, click here: <https://www.smores.com/1f2da>. For the first two years, the O'Neill youth event has awarded more than \$11,000 in scholarship money.

- PBA fans can help life-long bowling enthusiast and veteran CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational host **Chris Paul** win the National Basketball Association's Community Assist Award. Paul, the NBA all-star point guard with the Los Angeles Clippers, and one of the original PBA League owners (L.A. X) is well-known for his charitable and youth development programs, supported in part by the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational fund-raiser. If you'd like to help Paul win the award, cast your vote on Twitter: vote for @CP3 by tweeting w/ #NBACommunityAssist #ChrisPaul.

- Don't forget: During the month of April, MOTIV is awarding another new ball to a new Xtra Frame subscriber. To enter, all you have to do is sign up for a new Xtra Frame subscription, either three-day (\$3.99), monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). The ball-a-month sweepstakes will continue throughout 2015.

- Reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the "Book Hotel" link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

- Last call: You can still earn a discount on an Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription with the purchase of a new bowling ball through a special limited-time arrangement with Bowling Infinity Group. Visit <http://offthetrailer.com/> for details on how to earn a \$25 discount and free shipping on the bowling ball-Xtra Frame Season Ticket package now through April 30.

Brian Voss Averages 253.8 to Lead First Round In PBA50 Miller High Life Classic

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Brian Voss averaged 253.8 Monday to lead qualifying after the first round of the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Voss, a 25-time winner on the PBA Tour who is trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, fired a 2,031 pinfall total with games of 224, 267, 258, 248, 278, 269, 218 and 269.

"I bowled pretty well that round but I'm still a little rusty believe it or not," Voss said. "There are some things I still have to work on. Today, I had a good shot where I could throw pretty hard and straight and ended up moving maybe six boards or so from the start to the end of the round."

The 57-year-old Voss has competed basically on a part-time basis on the PBA50 Tour the last several years because he has spent a lot of time competing internationally and conducting clinics. He plans to bowl in most of the PBA50 Tour tournaments this season.

"I'm still doing a lot of traveling but this year my schedule allows me to spend a lot more time on the PBA50 Tour," said Voss, who was the 2009 PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

Voss holds a 36-pin lead over Hall of Famer Pete Weber in second who finished with a 1,995 pinfall. Rounding out the top five are Brian LeClair, 1,980; Tom Howison, 1,967 and Dennis Rakauskas, 1,941. Three Hall of Famers hold down the next three spots, Dale Eagle, 1,936; Tom Baker, 1,913 and Johnny Petraglia, 1,911.

Voss' best PBA50 Tour finish is second which he accomplished twice in the 2009 season including the Senior U.S. Open, where he lost to Wayne Webb 214-188 in the title match.

This season he finished 13th in the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open and 17th in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In the Villages.

The 158-player field returns Tuesday for another eight-game qualifying round which will determine the top 24 players who will advance to match play and 34 players (positions 25-51 and eight PBA60 players) who will advance to Wednesday morning's five-game cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 MILLER HIGH LIFE CLASSIC PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300

George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Monday

First round after 8 games

- 1, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,031.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,995.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,980.
- 4, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,967.
- 5, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 1,941.
- 6, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,936.
- 7, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,913.
- 8, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,911.
- 9, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1,890.
- 10, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,888.
- 11, a-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 1,887.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,886.
- 13, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 1,884.
- 14, (tie) ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., and Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,882.
- 16, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,879.
- 17, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 1,853.
- 18, (tie) Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., and a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 1,849.
- 20, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,842.
- 21, (tie) Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., and Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,837.
- 23, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,833.
- 24, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,826.
- 25, Larry Felts, Moore, S.C., 1,824.
- 26, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,818.
- 27, ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,814.
- 28, (tie) ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,813.
- 30, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 1,806.
- 31, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., and ss-Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 1,804.
- 34, ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,799.
- 35, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,792.
- 36, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 1,789.
- 37, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,787.
- 38, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,786.
- 39, a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,778.
- 40, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,777.
- 41, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,775.
- 42, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 1,769.
- 43, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,768.
- 44, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 1,767.
- 45, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 1,765.
- 46, (tie) ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, and a-Mike Long, Charlotte, N.C., 1,764.

48, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,763.
49, ss-Paul Bryant, Fayetteville, N.C., 1,751.
50, (tie) Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,749.
52, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,748.
53, (tie) ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, and Danny Weikel, Bessemer City, NC, 1,747.
55, ss-George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 1,746.
56, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,745.
57, ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,743.
58, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,740.
59, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,732.
60, Tracy Golding, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,729.
61, Chuck Anton, Chesterfield, Va., 1,726.
62, a-Louis Manzella Jr., Mt. Olive, Ala., 1,723.
63, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,722.
64, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,721.
65, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,718.
66, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,716.
67, Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 1,712.
68, ss-Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 1,703.
69, Freddie Childress, Bassett, Va., 1,702.
70, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,701.
71, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,698.
72, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,697.
73, ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,693.
74, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,689.
75, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 1,688.
76, ss-Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 1,686.
77, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,680.
78, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,677.
79, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,672.
80, ss-Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,668.
81, ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,665.
82, ss-Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 1,664.
83, ss-Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,662.
84, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 1,659.
85, ss-Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 1,655.
86, (tie) Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, and ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,654.
88, ss-David Hull, Lexington, N.C., 1,652.
89, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., John Maloof, Park Hall, Md., and ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,646.
92, (tie) Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, and ss-Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 1,644.
94, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,639.
95, ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,637.
96, Robert Callari, Fulton, Ky., 1,635.
97, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 1,633.
98, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,632.
99, (tie) Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., and Mike Tucker, Concord, N.C., 1,631.
101, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,625.
102, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,624.
103, James Blackstone, Marietta, Ga., 1,623.
104, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,621.
104, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,621.
106, ss-Greg Wilhelm, Saluda, Va., 1,620.
107, (tie) ss-Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and ss-Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,618.
109, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,614.
110, (tie) ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,613.
112, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,612.
113, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,610.
114, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 1,602.

- 115, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,601.
- 116, (tie) ss-James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., and Sam Maccarone, Glassboro, N.J., 1,592.
- 118, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 1,575.
- 119, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 1,572.
- 120, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,571.
- 121, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,564.
- 122, (tie) Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., and ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,560.
- 124, (tie) a-Jack Howell, Lyons, N.Y., and ss-Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., 1,554.
- 126, ss-William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 1,550.
- 127, (tie) David Taylor, Largo, Fla., and Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 1,533.
- 129, ss-Bobby Dunn, Augusta, Ga., 1,528.
- 130, ss-Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 1,513.
- 131, Don Delisle, Canada, 1,508.
- 132, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,502.
- 133, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,501.
- 134, (tie) ss-a-Mike Bennett, Asheboro, N.C., and a-Jerry Childers, Springville, Ala., 1,498.
- 136, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 1,495.
- 137, Terry Wellman, Marengo, Ohio, 1,493.
- 138, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,485.
- 139, ss-Ron Rajcok, Stanley, N.C., 1,481.
- 140, Charlie Reier, Burlington, N.C., 1,479.
- 141, ss-Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 1,478.
- 142, Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 1,468.
- 143, ss-Dennis Amato, Montville, N.J., 1,456.
- 144, ss-Al Brooks, Bluefield, W.Va., 1,451.
- 145, Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 1,433.
- 146, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,431.
- 147, ss-Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,419.
- 148, a-Danny Williams, South Hill, Va., 1,414.
- 149, a-John Kidwell, Indianapolis, 1,371.
- 150, a-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 1,341.
- 151, ss-James West, Catonsville, Md., 1,322.
- 152, ss-a-Bob Webb, Burnsville, NC, 1,247.
- 153, ss-Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 1,232.

a-denotes amateur

ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over

World's Best Bowlers Ready for Return to Oklahoma for PBA Summer Swing: FireLake Bowling Center, Grand Casino Hotel & Resort to Again Host Five-event Summer Series

Series to air nationally on CBS Sports Network

SHAWNEE, OKLA. (April 28, 2015) – A sold-out field including 120 of the world's best bowlers will resume competition when the Professional Bowlers Association returns to FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort May 9-17 for the second annual Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing.

The Summer Swing will include four PBA Tour title events plus a special Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort King of the Swing finale, all of which will air on CBS Sports Network. The finals will be contested in a special bowling arena installed inside the Grand Casino Event Center while the preliminary rounds will be hosted by the FireLake Bowling Center and covered by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

CBS Sports Network's coverage begins Tuesday, May 26 (8 p.m. ET) with the Wolf Open. Coverage continues with the Bear Open (June 2, 9 p.m.), Badger Open (June 9, 9 p.m.), Oklahoma Open (June 16, 9 p.m.), and King of the Swing (June 23, 9 p.m.).

The Summer Swing will again include four PBA Tour title events – the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens and the PBA Oklahoma Open. The Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event will feature the four winners plus a "wild card" player.

Returning to defend their titles will be Wolf Open champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Bear Open winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Oklahoma Open champ Jason Belmonte of Australia, and Badger Open and King of the Swing winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.

Heading into the Summer Swing, Belmonte is the front-runner for a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year title, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since Walter Ray Williams Jr. won the PBA's highest annual honor in 1996, '97 and '98. The only other player who has earned POY honors three years in a row was the late Earl Anthony, who did it twice (1981-83 and 1974-76).

Through the first 10 events of the 2015 campaign, Belmonte has won the first two major titles of the season (the USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions) to take the lead in the PBA Tour earnings race (\$152,161 vs. \$106,710 for current runner-up Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas) and is fifth in scoring average (231.46 vs. the 234.59 pace by leader Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla.).

In its brief three-year history, the PBA Summer Swing has established itself as one of professional bowling's most demanding competitions. It involves three unique "animal pattern" lane conditions to test a variety of bowling skills, and requires players to excel on all three scoring environments in order to advance to the Oklahoma Open, where the three match play rounds are contested on each of the three lane conditions.

The Wolf Open uses the shortest of all PBA animal patterns, with oil applied only 32 feet down the lane. The Badger is the longest of all animal patterns, with oil applied 52 feet down lane. The Bear pattern may be the most challenging of all, applied to 40 feet, but virtually flat from gutter to gutter.

"The Summer Swing has quickly become one of the hallmark events on the PBA Tour calendar," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "It's a great competitive challenge for our members, it has a great sponsor in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Grand Casino Hotel & Resort, and it will provide PBA fans around the world with more than 50 hours of live coverage on Xtra Frame in addition to 10 hours of nationally-televised coverage on CBS Sports Network."

All qualifying and preliminary match play rounds of the PBA Summer Swing will be covered exclusively live on Xtra Frame. Three-day (\$3.99), monthly (\$7.99) and 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99) subscriptions are available.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to <http://www.cbssportsnetwork.com/>

Fans can also catch a recap of last year's Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing by visiting PBA's Youtube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVavkPbUzAI>

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center and Grand Casino Hotel and Resort, Shawnee, Okla., May 9-17 (all times are Central)

Saturday, May 9

2 p.m. – Pro-am

Sunday, May 10

Noon – A Squad practice session

3:30 p.m. – B Squad practice session

Monday, May 11 - PBA Wolf Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Tuesday, May 12 - PBA Bear Open

8 a.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games
Top 18 advance to second qualifying round
7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games
Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Wednesday, May 13 - PBA Badger Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games
2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games
Top 18 after 6 games advance to second qualifying round; top 18 after 18 games (combined 6-game first-round Wolf, Bear and Badger totals) advance to Oklahoma Open match play
7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games
Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Thursday, May 14 - PBA Oklahoma Open Round Robin Match Play

10 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Wolf pattern
2 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Bear pattern
6:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Badger pattern
Top 5 advance to stepladder finals

CBS SPORTS NETWORK STEPLADDER FINALS

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Saturday, May 16

11 a.m. – PBA Wolf Open five-player stepladder finals
2:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open five-player stepladder finals
5:15 p.m. – PBA Badger Open five-player stepladder finals

Sunday, May 17

Noon – PBA Oklahoma Open five-player stepladder finals
3:30 p.m. – Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing five-player stepladder finals (four title winners plus "wild card" player - highest in combined points for four events without a title).

**Bob Learn Jr. Tops PBA50 Miller High Life Classic Qualifying
With Help of Opening 300 Game in Second Round**

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – A 300 game to start the second round helped Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., top qualifying Tuesday in the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Victory Lanes.

Learn a five-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour titlist ended qualifying with a 3,898 16-game pinfall (243.6 average) bowling games of 300, 212, 249, 257, 258, 233, 248, 255 in the second round.

"I was fortunate I had the right ball the first game because I ended up changing balls three times until the fifth game when I found one I could stick with," said Learn. "The lanes were really different the first part of the round, then they seemed to be more consistent later so I was able to finally stay with one ball."

The 2014 Miller High Life Classic was the last PBA50 Tour event Learn bowled in because of a wrist problem that finally required surgery last June. He has been making a steady recovery since then.

"When I bowled here last year I don't know how I made it through it so I knew I had to have something done," said Learn, who managed a 15th place finish in last year's event. "This is actually the first year in some time that I feel like I can bowl a full season."

In the first two tournaments of the season, Learn finished 11th in the Pasco County Florida Open and 13th in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages.

Learn holds a 55-pin lead over 37-time PBA Tour titlist and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Hall of Famer Pete Weber who finished qualifying in second with a 3,843 16-game pinfall. Weber is hoping to turn around his season after finishing 24th in the Pasco County Florida Open and 44th in the United Healthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages.

The field has been cut to the top 24 players for Wednesday's match play rounds and 34 players (positions 25-51 and eight PBA60 players) who will advance to Wednesday morning's five-game cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

Rounding out the top five after qualifying are Hall of Famers Tom Baker of King, N.C., and Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., in third and fourth, respectively. Baker finished with a 3,836 pinfall and Bohn, the winner of the Pasco County Florida Open, with 3,833. Tom Howison of Chillicothe, Ohio finished fifth with 3,819.

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PBA50 MILLER HIGH LIFE CLASSIC PRESENTED BY COLUMBIA 300
George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Tuesday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games; top 24 advance to match play; 25th-51st places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,898.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,843.
- 3, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,836.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,833.
- 5, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,819.
- 6, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,806.
- 7, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,788.
- 8, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,775.
- 9, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,753.
- 10, a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 3,745.
- 11, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,719.
- 12, a-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 3,709.
- 13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,695.
- 14, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3,687.
- 15, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,686.
- 16, Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 3,685.
- 17, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 3,684.
- 18, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,683.
- 19, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,659.
- 20, Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 3,652.
- 21, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,651.
- 22, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,648.
- 23, David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3,639.
- 24, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 3,636.
- 25, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,621.
- 26, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,617.
- 27, (tie)Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, and Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,609.
- 29, a-Mike Long, Charlotte, N.C., 3,587.
- 30, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 3,585.
- 31, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,584.
- 32, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,578.
- 33, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,574.
- 34, Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., 3,573.
- 35, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 3,570.
- 36, (tie) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,564.
- 38, a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,562.
- 39, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,561.
- 40, a-Louis Manzella Jr., Mt. Olive, Ala., 3,553.

41, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,550.
42, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 3,548.
43, (tie) Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., and ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,541.
45, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 3,539.
46, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,522.
47, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,502.
48, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,493.
49, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 3,492.
50, Danny Weikel, Bessemer City, NC, 3,491.
51, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,488.
52, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 3,487.
53, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,485.
54, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,483.
55, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,479.
56, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 3,478.
57, Jeff Schrum, Cherryville, N.C., 3,476.
58, (tie) ss-Paul Bryant, Fayetteville, N.C., and Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3,472.
60, Jim Pitts, Elmira, N.Y., 3,471.
61, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,465.
62, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,457.
63, James Blackstone, Marietta, Ga., 3,455.
64, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,440.
65, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 3,433.
66, ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,432.
67, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,428.
68, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,417.
69, Larry Woomer, State College, Pa., 3,416.
70, Freddie Childress, Bassett, Va., 3,407.
71, David Sanders, Blythewood, S.C., 3,405.
72, (tie) Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., and ss-David Hull, Lexington, N.C., 3,403.
74, George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 3,394.
75, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 3,389.
76, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,387.
77, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,386.
78, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,377.
79, Mike Tucker, Concord, N.C., 3,375.
80, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,366.
81, Todd Wilson, Summerfield, N.C., 3,364.
82, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 3,353.
83, Larry Felts, Moore, S.C., 3,350.
84, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 3,346.
85, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,343.
86, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 3,341.
87, Randy Robertson, Evansville, Ind., 3,339.
88, Tracy Golding, Winston-Salem, N.C., 3,338.
89, Sam Maccarone, Glassboro, N.J., 3,328.
90, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,322.
91, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 3,317.
92, Charlie Toney, Oak Hill, W.Va., 3,314.
93, (tie) John Maloof, Park Hall, Md., and Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,310.
95, Chuck Walker, Blaine, Tenn., 3,308.
96, Steve Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., and Mark McNutt, Alpharetta, Ga., 3,304.
98, Greg Wilhelm, Saluda, Va., 3,297.
99, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 3,288.
100, Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 3,281.
101, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,271.
102, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 3,263.
102, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,263.

104, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,256.
 105, Chuck Anton, Chesterfield, Va., 3,252.
 106, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,246.
 107, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,238.
 108, James Souder, Greeneville, Tenn., 3,235.
 109, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,228.
 110, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,220.
 111, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,200.
 112, Norm Spurlock, Kenner, La., 3,176.
 113, Robert Callari, Fulton, Ky., 3,174.
 114, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,173.
 115, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,165.
 116, Todd Haney, Boiling Springs, S.C., 3,164.
 117, Terry Wellman, Marengo, Ohio, 3,162.
 118, Tim Hartley, Englewood, Ohio, 3,158.
 119, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,153.
 120, Pete Arruda, Gilbert, S.C., 3,152.
 121, Ron Rajcok, Stanley, N.C., 3,146.
 122, Jim Price, Harrisburg, N.C., 3,137.
 123, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 3,134.
 124, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 3,126.
 125, Mike Walden, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,122.
 126, a-Jerry Childers, Springville, Ala., 3,117.
 127, Al Brooks, Bluefield, W.Va., 3,103.
 128, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,083.
 129, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,076.
 130, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 3,069.
 131, Douglas Weese, Carson City, Mich., 3,060.
 132, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 3,057.
 133, a-Mike Bennett, Asheboro, N.C., 3,054.
 134, Don Delisle, Canada, 3,043.
 135, (tie) Ken Shealy, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Jim Lesiuk, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., 3,041.
 137, Steve Easterday, Strasburg, Ohio, 3,038.
 138, (tie) Bobby Dunn, Augusta, Ga., and William Banks, Laurel Hill, N.C., 3,034.
 140, Charlie Reier, Burlington, N.C., 3,029.
 141, Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 3,026.
 142, a-Danny Williams, South Hill, Va., 3,014.
 143, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,989.
 144, a-John Kidwell, Indianapolis, 2,981.
 145, a-Jack Howell, Lyons, N.Y., 2,946.
 146, Dennis Amato, Montville, N.J., 2,910.
 147, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,902.
 148, a-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 2,807.
 149, a-Bob Webb, Burnsville, NC, 2,731.
 149, Rick LeChette, Lincoln University, Pa., 2,731.
 151, James West, Catonsville, Md., 2,679.
 152, Richard Felten, Rockville, Md., 2,627.
 153, Bill Ursillo, Bluffton, S.C., 1,572.

300 games – Tom Baker, Tom Howison, Paul LeMond, Bob Learn Jr., Don Sylvia, John Hough, Louis Manzilla Jr.

a-denotes amateur

ss-denotes PBA60 players age 60 and over who advanced to Wednesday's cashers round

LARGEST PBA LEAGUE AUDIENCE EVER WATCHES ELIAS CUP FINAL ROUNDS ON ESPN

Closing out a highly-successful season of ESPN coverage, the PBA Tour posted the largest audience ratings in the three-year history of PBA League competition. The PBA League Elias Cup finals from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, reached an audience of more than 670,000 viewers, up 66 percent over the previous year and up 22 percent over the inaugural Elias Cup finals held in 2013.

The strong PBA League ratings capped a season that began with the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, where ESPN finals recorded 20-plus percent increases over the previous year, followed by even larger increases for five PBA telecasts airing in February into early March when ratings were up 66 percent over the same period in 2014. ESPN's average viewership was over 920,000 for five shows including the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational (at 1.1 million average viewers the highest for a PBA telecast since 2012), the USBC Masters (up 62% over 2014), 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, PBA Players Championship and Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

XTRA FRAME TO COVER BOWLMOR AMF U.S. OPEN PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The PBA continues to expand its schedule of live online video streaming events, announcing that Xtra Frame will be the exclusive home for live qualifying and match play coverage of the 2015 Bowlmor AMF US Open, Nov. 2-8 in Garland, Texas. The U.S. Open will conclude with a live telecast on CBS Sports Network.

During 2015, Xtra Frame is providing its growing legion of subscribers with live coverage of all preliminary rounds of PBA Tour events, start-to-finish coverage of a series of new PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournaments, start-to-finish coverage of all PBA50 Tour events (except for the USBC Senior Masters, which will be covered by USBC's BOWL.tv), and complete coverage of all new Professional Women's Bowling Association events (except the nationally-televised finals of the PWBA majors including the USBC Queens, Bowlmor AMF Women's U.S. Open and the end-of-season PWBA Championship).

Xtra Frame's extensive video streaming schedule is available to a world-wide audience at nominal subscription rates: \$3.99 for a three-day subscription for fans who want to watch a specific three-day event, \$7.99 for a full month subscription, and \$64.99 for a 12-month XF Season Ticket package. For complete information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. In addition to live event coverage, subscribers have access to Xtra Frame's extensive archive of past PBA events, interviews, instructional videos and more.

PBA COMMISSIONER ADDRESSES USBC DELEGATION IN OMAHA

PBA Commissioner Tom Clark will provide United States Bowling Congress delegates, convened in Omaha for USBC's annual meeting and convention, an update on PBA's progress during the 2015 season Wednesday afternoon as part of the USBC's industry update program. The session will be video-streamed on bowl.com's BowlTV service.

BowlTV also will video-stream Wednesday night's USBC Hall of Fame ceremonies, which will include the inductions of PBA members Larry Laub and Liz Johnson.

GENESIS, LANE MASTERS, LEGENDS by LANE MASTERS ARE PBA PRODUCT REGISTERED

Genesis Bowling Accessories along with Lane Masters and Legends by Lane Masters bowling balls will join the roster of PBA Product Registered brands as of April 30.

Genesis Bowling Accessories' approved products include K-Motion (kinesiology) Tape; Excel Performance Thumb Tapes; leather ball-wipe pads; Hydro, Intense and Maxx ball cleaners; roller bags and its power wrist wrap. Lane Masters and Legends by Lane Masters bowling balls will be approved for use in PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour competition.

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For more information about the PBA Product Registered program, including a complete listing of approved brands and products, go to the "approved products" link under the Resources tab on the [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) home page (<http://www.pba.com/ProductRegistration/Manufacturers/>).

CBS SPORTS NETWORK ANNOUNCES GRAND CASINO PBA SUMMER SWING AIR DATES

CBS Sports Network and the PBA have announced the broadcast dates for five two-hour finals that will originate from the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing from Shawnee, Okla., in late May. All five shows will air on consecutive Tuesdays beginning with the Wolf Open on May 26 at 8 p.m. ET.

The other telecasts, all airing at 9 p.m. ET, will include the Bear Open finals on June 2, the Badger Open on June 9, the PBA Oklahoma Open on June 16 and the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event on June 23.

PBA STARS TO PARTICIPATE IN BABY REESA FOUNDATION PRO-AM JUNE 5

An all-star cast of PBA stars will participate in the second annual Baby Reesa Foundation Pro-Am No-Tap bowling tournament hosted by PBA/PWBA star **Missy Parkin**. The fund-raising event at Bowlum Lanes in Montclair, Calif., June 5, will benefit children with the disease Krabbe Leukodystrophy.

The event, which will be conducted in conjunction with the PBA Parkin's Bowling Supply West Open regional June 6-7, will include PBA stars **Josh Blanchard**, **Scott Norton**, **Clara Guerrero** and **Michael Haugen Jr.** along with Parkin and others. The entry fee for the pro-am is \$69 which includes participation in the Demo Day at 5:30 p.m. on June 5 where fans can try out the latest bowling equipment. For entry information, contact Bowlum Lanes at (909) 626-3528 or Drew Parkin at (323) 491-7221.

LONG-TIME PBA MEMBER BALDO CAMPANA DIES AT AGE 90

Baldo Campana, a long-time PBA member and the namesake of the upcoming PBA and PBA50 Baldo Campana Central/Midwest Open benefitting the Lorain County Kids Fund in his lifelong home, Lorain, Ohio, died Friday at Mercy New Life Hospice in Lorain. He was 90.

Campana was the founder of Baldo Campana Concrete, a U.S. Army veteran, an accomplished artist and a skilled golfer, but his passion always was bowling. In honor of his 80th birthday in 2005, his five children and numerous grandchildren created the "Baldo Bash," a New Year's Day tournament hosted by Rebman Recreation, and eight years ago, Rebman Recreation and the PBA Central Region created the Baldo Campana Open in his honor. The 2015 PBA and PBA50 doubleheader will be held over the May 8-10 weekend. For more information about Campana, click here:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/morningjournal/obituary.aspx?pid=174724774>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BLANCHARD CONTINUES HOT STREAK IN HAWAII

Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., defeated **Tom Daugherty** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 247-239, to win the PBA Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kona, Hawaii, Monday, kicking off the joint West and Northwest Regions' traditional Hawaii tripleheader series.

Blanchard, fresh off winning his first two PBA Tour titles in the Brunswick Euro Challenge and Xtra Frame PBA Maine Shootout, won his ninth PBA Regional title along with a \$2,000 first prize. Blanchard defeated Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., 268-224, and Daugherty defeated Austin Hunt of Kennewick, Wash., 278-219, in the semifinal round.

The Hawaii series continues with the PBA Hawaii West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Scofield Air Base on Wednesday, and the PBA Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open Saturday and Sunday. Both events are hosted by U.S. military bases on Oahu.

- On the heels of winning his first PBA50 Tour title the previous week in the UnitedHealthcare Villages Open, **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas, continued his winning ways as he defeated **Ken Shealy** of Myrtle Beach, S.C., 210-183, 238-198, in a best-of-three-game championship final to win his 42nd PBA Regional title in the Tarheel Lanes South Open in Hendersonville, N.C., on Saturday, April 25.

The Hendersonville stop included a number of PBA50 Tour players who were on their way to the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic in Mooresville, N.C. Scroggins, a rookie in PBA50 competition, earned \$2,000. Shealy received \$1,000 as runner-up.

In best-of-three-game semifinal round, Scroggins defeated **Brian Cooper** of Henderson, Nev., 237-156, 238-203, and Shealy took out **Sammy Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y., 245-164, 174-145.

- Leading off the May regional schedule, over the May 1-3 weekend, will be the Junction City (Kan.) Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Radical, and the Pro Bowl West Tri-Region Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by the Proprietor's Cup in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The May 8-10 weekend includes a PBA/PBA50 joint regional doubleheader, the PBA and PBA50 Baldo Campana Central/Midwest Open benefitting the Lorain County Kids Fund, presented by Radical Bowling, at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, and the PBA50 Station 300 Bluffton Open in Bluffton, S.C.

On the May 15-17 calendar are the Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Nance Construction and Brunswick at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; the Victory Lanes Midwest Challenge (for non-champions) in Kankakee, Ill.; the Lightning Lanes Challenge in Marion, N.C., and the Bethmann Russell Syracuse Open presented by Brunswick at Thunderbird Lanes in Syracuse, N.Y.

Heading into Memorial Day weekend, the East Region will host the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge (a reduced entry fee event) May 23 in York, Pa., while the Northwest Region hosts the PBA and PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet May 22-24 in Puyallup, Wash.

Closing the May schedule will be a West Region PBA50 doubleheader leading into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open – the 6th annual PBA50 Lona King Saguaro West Open at Johnson Lanes in Sun City West, Ariz., May 25-27, followed by the PBA50 Miller Lite Western Open at Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, Ariz., May 27-29.

The Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, is set for May 31-June 5 at the Suncoast Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The Senior U.S. Open – the first major on the 2015 PBA50 Tour schedule – will be covered live from start to finish on Xtra Frame.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Storm has announced the signing of former Major League Baseball pitching star **John Burkett**, a 50-year-old rookie on the PBA50 Tour, to its stable of staff representatives.
- Only two days remain to qualify for the April MOTIV Xtra Frame sweepstakes. If you are not an Xtra Frame subscriber, you can enter the MOTIV sweepstakes by signing up for a new Xtra Frame subscription – your choice of three-day (\$3.99), monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). MOTIV’s ball-a-month sweepstakes will continue throughout 2015.
- Another April reminder: Every month, HotelPlanner.com, the official travel partner of the PBA, is awarding a \$200 lodging gift certificate to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com before the last day of the month, and you will be automatically entered. The \$200 gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.
- Last call: You can still earn a discount on an Xtra Frame Season Ticket subscription with the purchase of a new bowling ball through a special limited-time arrangement with Bowling Infinity Group. Visit <http://offthetrailer.com/> for details on how to earn a \$25 discount and free shipping on the bowling ball-Xtra Frame Season Ticket package now through April 30.

Jack Jurek Captures Emotional PBA50 Miller High Life Classic Win For Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

Jurek finishes with nine strikes to beat Bob Learn Jr. 264-224 in title match

MOORESVILLE, N.C. – In a tournament he dedicated to his father Jerry, who passed away two weeks ago, Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y. survived an emotional championship match to win the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic presented by Columbia 300 Wednesday at George Pappas’ Victory Lanes.

Jurek also survived an early open in the third frame of the championship match but then roared back with nine consecutive strikes to defeat five-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 264-224. It was Jurek’s second PBA50 Tour title to go along with the two titles he has won on the PBA Tour.

“I think this was the toughest week I’ve ever bowled, but generally I was able to keep my emotions pretty calm” said Jurek. “I can get a little geared up and hyper during a tournament but maybe keeping things in perspective gave me that calm feeling. I don’t know exactly, but this one is definitely for dad.”

Jurek, who qualified second for the stepladder finals, defeated PBA Hall of Famer and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Pete Weber in a back-and-forth semifinal match, 224-200, to advance to the title match.

I was watching Tom (Baker) and Pete and could see they had good looks to the pocket but they weren't always getting good results," Jurek said. "I tried to learn from what they were doing, get to a place on the lane where I could get a good ball reaction, not get anxious, and then just do what I was doing all week."

Weber, who qualified fifth for the finals, won the first two stepladder matches defeating Dennis Rakauskas of Apopka, Fla., in the opening match 268-236, and then fellow Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., 193-191 in the second match. Rakauskas was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title and Baker was trying for his 13th which would have moved into second all alone on the all-time PBA50 Tour titles list behind leader John Handegard with 14 wins.

Weber's third-place finish was a welcome improvement over his first two tournaments of the season where he finished 24th and 44th. Baker's fourth-place finish came after finishing third in last week's United Healthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and 15th in the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open.

The PBA50 Tour heads to Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y. for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick May 2-5 which is the fourth stop of the season.

Fans can follow PBA action through the entire PBA Network which includes wall-to-wall coverage of an expanded schedule of live events on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

PBA50 MILLER HIGH LIFE CLASSIC

presented by Columbia 300

George Pappas' Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$4,000.
- 3, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$2,500.
- 4, Tom Baker, King, N.C., \$2,000.
- 5, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Weber def. Rakauskas, 268-236.

Match Two – Weber def. Baker, 193-191.

Semifinal Match – Jurek def. Weber, 224-200.

Championship – Jurek def. Learn, 264-224.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advance to stepladder finals)

- 1, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,630.
- 2, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 5-1, 1,612.
- 3, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-2, 1,594.
- 4, Dennis Rakauskas, Apopka, Fla., 3-2-1, 1,546.
- 5, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-2-1, 1,542.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2-3-1, 1,477, \$1,600.
- 7, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-3, 1,476, \$1,600.
- 8, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-3, 1,460, \$1,600.
- 9, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2-1, 1,453, \$1,425.
- 10, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, 1,450, \$1,425.
- 11, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2-4, 1,426, \$1,425.
- 12, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 2-4, 1,424, \$1,525.
- 13, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1-5, 1,364, \$1,525.
- 14, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3-3, 1,363, \$1,425.
- 15, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3-3, 1,338, \$1,425.
- 16, a-John Hough, Naples, Fla., 2-4, 1,321, \$1,525.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, ss-David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 3-2, 1,250, \$1,275.
18, (tie)a-James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2-2-1, and
a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 2-1-2, 1,226, \$1,275.
20, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3-2, 1,209, \$1,275.
21, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2-3, 1,203, \$1,275.
22, ss-Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 3-1-1, 1,195, \$1,275.
23, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., 3-2, 1,183, \$1,275.
24, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2-3-1, 170, \$1,275.
25, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2-3, 1,152, \$1,175.
26, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-4, 1,146, \$1,175.
27, ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1-4, 1,130, \$1,175.
28, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1-4, 1,116, \$1,175.
29, ss-Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 1-4, 1,102, \$1,175.
30, ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1-3-1, 1,063, \$1,175.
31, ss-Jeff Bellinger, Columbia, S.C., 0-5, 1,039, \$1,175.
32, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 2-3, 996, \$1,175.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, a-Louis Manzella Jr., Mt. Olive, Ala., 1,182, \$1,075.
34, a-Mike Long, Charlotte, N.C., 1,174, \$1,075.
35, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,165, \$1,075.
36, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,147, \$1,075.
37 (tie), Doug O'Bryant, Ball Ground, Ga., and Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,137, \$1,075.
39, ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,132, \$1,075.
40, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,114, \$1,075.
41, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,109, \$1,025.
42, Danny Weikel, Bessemer City, NC, 1,103, \$1,025.
43, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,096, \$1,025.
44, ss-Paul Bryant, Fayetteville, N.C., 1,093, \$1,025.
45, ss-Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,092, \$1,025.
46, ss-David Hull, Lexington, N.C., 1,088, \$1,025.
47, Wayne Bolin, Lumberton, N.C., 1,085, \$1,025.
48, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,080, \$1,025.
49, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,057, \$1,025.
50, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,054, \$1,025.
51, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,050, \$1,025.
52 (tie), ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, and ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,046, \$1,000.
54, James Lord, Fort Mill, S.C., 1,023, \$1,000.
55, Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,007, \$1,000.
56, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,002, \$1,000.
57, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,000, \$1,000.
58, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 995, \$1,000.
59, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 987, \$1,000.

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**For Bowling Legend Johnny Petraglia,
PBA50 Tournament Named in His Honor Will Have Special Meaning**

*Hall of Famer will be among several legends competing
in PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open May 2-5 at Farmingdale Lanes*

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. -- On May 17, 2012, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia set a record that may never be broken.

The legendary lefthander became the first player in PBA history to win a national tour or senior tour title in six different decades when he won the PBA Senior Dayton Classic at Capri Lanes in Kettering, Ohio, at the age of 65. He defeated then-reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr, 220-204, in the title match in for his eighth career PBA50 Tour title.

Petraglia, who remains competitive on the PBA50 Tour in his 50th season of PBA competition, will compete in a tournament named in his honor when the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick makes its first visit to Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, N.Y., May 2-5.

"I guess it shows how old I am," said the Brooklyn native jokingly after achieving the titles-in-six-decades milestone. "But it's very special to me because it's part of history and makes it all worth it.

"I was wondering if it was going to happen," he said. "There are so many great Senior Tour players and there are more great bowlers from the regular tour who are becoming eligible, so it doesn't get any easier. Another thing that makes it special is that there are some guys who might be able to tie that record in the coming years and decades, but they'll probably not break it."

Overall, Petraglia and fellow PBA legend, the late Dick Weber, both have won PBA titles in six decades, however, Weber's longevity mark includes a PBA regional title. Petraglia also owns 14 PBA Tour titles, winning his first at a national tour stop in Ft. Smith, Ark., in 1966 at the age of 19.

Petraglia, who would like to become the oldest to win a PBA50 Tour tournament at 68, will be a force to contend with in the tournament bearing his name. The Petraglia BVL Open will feature approximately 100 players ages 50 and over and against that same group of players, Petraglia finished fifth in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages two weeks ago.

"I'm really looking forward to bowling in Farmingdale both as a participant and because of what it means to our veterans," Petraglia said. "My physical game is very good but it's going to be a busy week with all that will be happening. Really, the overall success of the tournament is what's important and if I can do well, that will just be icing on the cake.

"And of course, raising a lot of money for the veterans is the main thing."

In addition to his sterling record as a competitor, Petraglia has been active for decades off the lanes in BVL and other charitable programs in support of United States military veterans. Petraglia served a tour of duty with the U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War.

BVL, which is funded exclusively by the bowling industry, provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services for America's active duty and veteran service men and women.

Petraglia, one of six players ever to win the PBA Triple Crown, is a member of the PBA (1982) and United States Bowling Congress (2003) Halls of Fame. He also was the recipient of the 2010 BPAA Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award, and missed this season's PBA50 Tour opening event in New Port Richey, Fla., to attend the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America's annual meeting in Hilton Head, S.C., where he was awarded the BBIA Industry Service Award.

In addition to Petraglia, other PBA Hall of Famers who will compete in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open include:

- **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, all-time PBA Tour win leader with 47 PBA Tour titles and nine PBA50 Tour wins
- **Pete Weber**, 37-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner
- **Parker Bohn III**, 34-time PBA Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner
- **Tom Baker**, 10-time PBA Tour and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner
- **Amleto Monacelli**, 19-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner
- **Dale Eagle**, three-time PBA Tour and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner

Four of those hall of famers will also participate in a unique "Clash of the Legends" which will help kick off the tournament Saturday at Farmingdale Lanes. Petraglia will host a special competition involving Bohn, Williams, Weber and Monacelli which will be video-streamed around the world on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, at 7 p.m. ET. Xtra Frame will then provide live start-to-finish coverage of the entire tournament, Sunday through Tuesday. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

For fans attending the event, general admission is \$10 for practice session and pro-am squads, \$20 for match play rounds, \$30 for the stepladder finals, \$50 for an "All Access Pass" for the entire event. Contact James Simone at (718) 591-0600 for more admission and pro-am information.

**PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Presented by Brunswick Schedule
Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y. (All times Eastern)**

Saturday, May 2

9 a.m. – noon - A & B Squads Practice Session

1, 4, 7 p.m. - Pro-Am Squads

7 p.m. - PBA Clash of the Legends (live on pba.com's Xtra Frame)

Sunday, May 3

8 a.m. - A squad qualifying (8 games)

2:30 p.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

Monday, May 4

8 a.m. - B Squad qualifying (8 games)

2:30 p.m. - A Squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, May 5

10 a.m. - Cashers Round

1 p.m. – Modified Match Play Round One

4 p.m. – Modified Match Play Round Two

7 p.m. - Stepladder finals

Monacelli Outlasts Bohn, Weber and Williams to Win Clash of the Legends: Next Up on Xtra Frame, PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

Four of PBA's all-time greats, with a combined total of 137 PBA Tour and 17 PBA50 Tour wins, battled it out in the Clash of the Legends presented by BVL at Farmingdale Lanes Saturday.

After three rounds and a roll-off, it was 19-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, Amleto Monacelli who survived to win the one-ball elimination event seen on pba.com's Xtra Frame online video service.

As a prelude to the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick which starts Sunday, Monacelli outscored 47-time Tour and nine-time PBA50 Tour winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. in a roll-off, 10-9, after both players rolled nine-counts in the third round. Williams left a 10-pin on the final shot handing the win to Monacelli.

34-time PBA Tour winner and two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Parker Bohn III was eliminated in the first round leaving a solid nine-pin, while Monacelli, Williams and 37-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner, Pete Weber all threw strikes.

In the second round Williams struck to advance, but Weber and Monacelli both left nine counts forcing a roll-off. Monacelli won the roll-off with a nine-count to Weber's 4-6-7-10 split.

Next up on Xtra Frame will be first-round qualifying for the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open which begins Sunday morning at 8 a.m. ET. Action continues Monday and Tuesday, culminating with the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET on Tuesday

**John Conroy Averages 240.3 to Lead Qualifying
After First Round in PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open**

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. – In his third season bowling on the PBA50 Tour, decorated paramedic John Conroy of Mahopac, N.Y., averaged 240.3 Sunday to lead qualifying after the first round in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale, Lanes.

Conroy, who owns one PBA50 regional title, bowled a 1,923 eight-game pinfall total that included games of 217, 299, 215, 286, 206, 216, 236 and 248.

“I just tried to stay in the moment and keep focused on bowling the (lane) condition and not the other bowlers,” said Conroy, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was 13th in the 2014 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters. “I had some problems picking up my spares today but I was able to overcome that by hanging in there and making the right adjustments at the right time.”

Conroy, a New York City native and 2013 East Region PBA50 Player of the Year, earned the American Ambulance Association Star of Life Award and Emergency Medical Services Award in 2014 for his work in the emergency medical field for 31 years, including 28 as a paramedic. He worked most of his career in New York City where he was among the first responders not only for the 9-11 attack but also the 1993 bomb attack on the World Trade Center’s north tower.

Conroy topped PBA50 UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In the Villages winner Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, who finished the first round in second with a 1,910 pinfall.

“It’s a funny game,” said Scroggins, an eight-time winner on the PBA Tour who won the Sun Bowl In The Villages in his PBA50 debut. “When I won the Sun Bowl In The Villages everything just fell into place, last week I felt like I bowled pretty well but didn’t make the cut, and now after the first round in this tournament I don’t feel comfortable at all but I’m near the top.”

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Hall of Famer and Pasco County Florida Open winner Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,904; Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,889, and Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., 1,888.

After feeling ill on Saturday, PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J., was able to bounce back to bowl a 300 game in the first game of the first round and eventually finished 16th with an 1,825 pinfall total.

The 94-player field returns Monday for another eight-game qualifying round which will determine the top 24 players who will advance to match play and 15 players (positions 25-31 and eight PBA60 players) who will advance to Tuesday morning’s five-game cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK
Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Sunday
First round after 8 games

- 1, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,923.
- 2, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,910.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,904.
- 4, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,889.
- 5, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,888.
- 6, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,867.
- 7, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,866.
- 8, a-John Kirker Jr., Taftville, Conn., 1,857.
- 9, a-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 1,855.
- 10, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,852.
- 11, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,848.
- 12, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,842.
- 13, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,837.
- 14, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,836.

15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,827.
16, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,825.
17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,817.
18, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,812.
19, Dave Mutch, Oakland, N.J., 1,805.
20, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,803.
21, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,784.
22, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,778.
23, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,776.
24, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 1,770.
25, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,768.
26, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,756.
27, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,749.
28, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 1,748.
29, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,746.
30, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,742.
31, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,740.
32, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,736.
33, a-Jose Zambrano, Jackson Heights, N.Y., 1,735.
34, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,732.
35, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 1,731.
36, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,726.
37, Glenn Smith, New York, 1,710.
38, (tie) Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., and ss-a-Jim Ruccione, Ozone Park, N.Y., 1,700.
40, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 1,695.
41, (tie) John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., and ss-Andrew Smith, Colonie, N.Y., 1,689.
43, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,683.
44, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,682.
45, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,679.
46, a-Russell Michaud, Hudson, N.H., 1,676.
47, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,674.
48, a-Sтивен DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 1,672.
49, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,671.
50, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,670.
51, (tie) a-Johnathan Francis, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., and ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,660.
53, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,659.
54, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 1,657.
55, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,650.
56, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,647.
57, ss-Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,637.
58, ss-Norm Ginsberg, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,634.
59, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 1,632.
60, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,631.
61, ss-a-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 1,623.
62, Jeffrey Koenig, Melville, N.Y., 1,620.
63, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 1,618.
64, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,617.
65, ss-Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 1,616.
66, ss-Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 1,615.
67, Tom Yadanza, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., 1,611.
68, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,606.
69, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,605.
70, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,603.
71, ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,594.
72, ss-Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., 1,592.
73, ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,590.
74, ss-Salvatore Mattera, Nesconset, N.Y., 1,574.
75, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 1,572.

76, a-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 1,568.
77, ss-Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,565.
78, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,554.
79, ss-Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 1,552.
80, (tie) a-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., and ss-Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 1,548.
82, a-Joseph Natoli, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,532.
83, ss-a-Scott Salem, Oradell, N.J., 1,530.
84, ss-Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 1,526.
85, Eddie Wu, New York, 1,516.
86, a-Greg Eskow, Syosset, N.Y., 1,514.
87, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,512.
88, ss-Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 1,509.
89, ss-Walter Davis Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,485.
90, Scott Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,472.
91, Gary Elferis, Flushing, N.Y., 1,436.
92, a-Richard Carosella, North Merrick, N.Y., 1,341.
93, a-Sal Palmeri, Middle Village, N.Y., 1,317.
94, ss-Michael Brower, Amsterdam, N.Y., 519.

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Minor Adjustment Helps Scroggins Take PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Qualifying Lead

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. – Trying for his second PBA50 Tour title of the season, Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, averaged 242 to lead qualifying after Monday's second round in the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick at Farmingdale Lanes.

Scroggins, who won the recent UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages in his PBA50 Tour debut after a nearly year-long layoff from competition because of a foot ailment, completed qualifying with a 3,878 16-game pinfall total. He had games of 269, 193, 258, 236, 259, 269, 238 and 246 in Monday's second round.

"Overall, this is probably the best I've felt in two years," said Scroggins, who is an eight-time PBA Tour titlist including two majors, the 2005 USBC Masters and 2009 U.S. Open. "It's just a great feeling to bowl with no pain."

Even though Scroggins qualified second after Sunday's first round, he still wasn't entirely comfortable with his game, but made a slight adjustment in his delivery to fix the problem.

"It was so simple that you couldn't believe it would make that much difference," said Scroggins. "As it turned out my first step in my delivery was too long and it was causing me to be off balance by the time I got to the line. I just shortened my first step by a few inches and that did the trick."

Rounding out the top five after qualifying were amateur John Kirker Jr. of Taftville, Conn., 3,810; Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,765; and Hall of Famers Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo. and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., who tied for fourth with 3,736.

The field has been cut to the top 16 players who advance directly into Tuesday's match play and 15 players (positions 17-31 and eight PBA60 players) who will advance to Tuesday morning's five-game cashers round that will determine eight additional match play spots. After match play, the top five players will advance to the stepladder finals at 7 p.m. ET.

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PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK
Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Monday

Second Round Standings

(after 16 games; top 16 advance to match play; 17th-31st places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,878.
- 2, a-John Kirker Jr., Taftville, Conn., 3,810.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,765.
- 4, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,736.
- 6, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,722.
- 7, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 3,715.
- 8, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,688.
- 9, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 3,656.
- 10, a-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 3,642.
- 11, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,638.
- 12, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,621.
- 13, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,607.
- 14, Dave Mutch, Oakland, N.J., 3,599.
- 15, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,582.
- 16, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,581.
- 17, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,563.
- 18, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,551.
- 19, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 3,518.
- 20, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,517.
- 21, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 3,516.
- 22, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,513.
- 23, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 3,508.
- 24, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,496.
- 25, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,481.
- 26, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,476.
- 27, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,474.
- 28, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,470.
- 29, Glenn Smith, New York, 3,464.
- 30, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,459.
- 31, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,458.
- 32, (tie)Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,454.
- 34, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,445.
- 35, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,442.
- 36, a-Jose Zambrano, Jackson Heights, N.Y., 3,439.
- 37, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,437.
- 38, John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 3,431.
- 39, Don Hicks, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,427.
- 40, a-Johnathan Francis, Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., 3,422.
- 41, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,412.
- 42, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,407.
- 43, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 3,399.
- 44, a-Steven DiMartino, Upper Saddle River, N.J., 3,396.
- 45, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 3,386.
- 45, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,386.
- 47, ss-Norm Ginsberg, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,380.
- 48, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 3,373.
- 49, (tie) ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, and ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,370.
- 51, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,349.
- 52, Timothy Regan, East Northport, N.Y., 3,344.
- 53, Barry Clare, Bayside, N.Y., 3,325.
- 54, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,323.
- 55, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,308.
- 56, (tie) Tom Yadanza, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and a-Rob Sperling, Livingston, N.J., 3,305.
- 58, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,303.

59, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 3,287.
 60, a-Russell Michaud, Hudson, N.H., 3,280.
 61, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 3,273.
 62, Andrew Smith, Colonie, N.Y., 3,268.
 63, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,242.
 64, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 3,239.
 65, a-Jim Ruccione, Ozone Park, N.Y., 3,226.
 66, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,216.
 67, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 3,204.
 68, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 3,190.
 69, Tony Bellantoni, White Plains, N.Y., 3,189.
 70, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,188.
 71, Michael Vella, Bellport, N.Y., 3,170.
 72, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,162.
 73, a-Joseph Natoli, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,154.
 74, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 3,153.
 75, a-Guy Wallach, Livingston, N.J., 3,151.
 76, Steve Bova, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,139.
 77, a-Greg Eskow, Syosset, N.Y., 3,134.
 78, Dowell Milliken, Lake Grove, N.Y., 3,129.
 79, (tie) Scott Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Ron Glick, Morganville, N.J., 3,123.
 81, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,116.
 82, Stephen Lippman, Palm Harbor, Fla., 3,098.
 83, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 3,067.
 84, a-Joe Biscardi, Wantagh, N.Y., 3,064.
 85, Jeffrey Koenig, Melville, N.Y., 3,045.
 86, Salvatore Mattera, Nesconset, N.Y., 3,044.
 87, Eddie Wu, New York, 3,013.
 88, Ralph Ehrlich, N.Massapequa, N.Y., 2,990.
 89, Gary Elferis, Flushing, N.Y., 2,984.
 90, Walter Davis Jr., St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,972.
 91, a-Scott Salem, Oradell, N.J., 2,912.
 92, a-Sal Palmeri, Middle Village, N.Y., 2,623.
 93, a-Richard Carosella, North Merrick, N.Y., 2,585.
 94, Michael Brower, Amsterdam, N.Y., 519.

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Mike Scroggins Wins PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open to Become Season's First Multiple Winner

*Scroggins defeats Pete Weber 247-195 in championship match to
win his second career PBA50 Tour title*

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. – Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, won four consecutive stepladder matches to win the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Tuesday and become the season's first two-time winner.

Scroggins defeated PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., in the championship match, 247-195, at Farmingdale Lanes to win his second PBA50 Tour title in three tournaments with his first win coming in the recent UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages in his PBA50 Tour debut.

"It's hard to believe being here after what I've been through the past year," said Scroggins, who is coming back from a nearly year-long layoff from competition because of a foot ailment. "It's been a long road back but I can honestly say this is the best I've felt in about two years.

"If anyone would have told me a year ago I'd be standing here with two titles, I'd say no way," the eight-time PBA Tour winner added. "It's fun to be on top again."

Just as he did in his Sun Bowl In The Villages win, Scroggins, who qualified fifth for the finals, won three consecutive matches to get to the championship match. Scroggins first beat Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., in a tight first match, 245-244, then went on to beat Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., in the second match, 245-206, and Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in the semifinal match, 228-179.

"I'm not sure why exactly but I thought Brian would be my toughest opponent and if I could get by him I thought I'd have a good chance to get to the championship match," Scroggins said. "I had bowled on that pair of lanes a few times during the tournament and had a pretty good read on those lanes. I threw mostly good shots but got a few breaks on some shots I didn't throw that well."

Sandwiched in between Scroggins' wins was a 49th place finish in last week's Miller High Life Classic in Mooresville, N.C.

Weber, who was trying for his fourth PBA50 Tour title, has been battling back from a sluggish start to the season with 24th and 44th place finishes in the first two tournaments, but has bounced back with a third in last week's Miller High Life Classic and his second-place finish in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

The tournament was named after PBA legend Johnny Petraglia who is a 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner. Petraglia, a Vietnam War veteran who finished 18th in the tournament, is the only player in history to win national PBA titles in six different decades.

The tournament raised approximately \$50,000 to benefit the BVL, an organization which is funded exclusively by the bowling industry that provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services for America's active duty and veteran service men and women.

The PBA50 Tour takes a break until the season's first major, the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, which gets underway May 31-June 5 at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN PRESENTED BY BRUNSWICK Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, \$7,500.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$4,000.
- 3, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,500.
- 4, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., \$2,000.
- 5, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

- Match One – Scroggins def. LeClair, 245-244.
Match Two – Scroggins def. Dias, 245-206.
Semifinal Match – Scroggins def. Mohr, 228-179.
Championship – Scroggins def. Weber, 247-195.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6-0, 1,664.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-2, 1,537.
- 3, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 4-2, 1,489.
- 4, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-2-1, 1,450.
- 5, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2, 1,437.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-3, 1,434, \$1,500.
- 7, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3-1-2, 1,431, \$1,500.
- 8, a-John Kirker Jr., Taftville, Conn., 3-3, 1,409, \$1,500.
- 9, Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 4-2, 1,401, \$1,300.
- 10, Dave Mutch, Oakland, N.J., 2-4, 1,395, \$1,300.
- 11, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-4, 1,339, \$1,300.
- 12, ss-Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., 2-4, 1,334, \$1,300.
- 13, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 2-3-1, 1,331, \$1,300.

- 14, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2-4, 1,291, \$1,300.
- 15, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 1,234, \$1,300.
- 16, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 0-6, 1,229, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2-2-1, 1,143, \$1,150.
- 18, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2-3, 1,130, \$1,150.
- 19, a-Todd Lathrop, Colchester, Conn., 2-3, 1,118, \$1,150.
- 20, David Zelger, Red Lion, Pa., 2-3, 1,109, \$1,150.
- 21, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 2-3, 1,071, \$1,150.
- 22, ss-Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1-3-1, 1,066, \$1,150.
- 23, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 2-3, 1,049, \$1,150.
- 24, Al Spano, Massapequa Park, N.Y., 2-3, 1,040, \$1,150.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,081, \$1,050.
- 26, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,079, \$1,050.
- 27, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,070, \$1,050.
- 28, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,062, \$1,050.
- 29, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,053, \$1,050.
- 30, Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,045, \$1,050.
- 31, Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,028, \$1,050.
- 32, ss-Chris Fedden, Albany, N.Y., 1,026, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,016, \$1,000.
- 34, ss-Norm Ginsberg, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,015, \$1,000.
- 35, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,013, \$1,000.
- 36, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,007, \$1,000.
- 37, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,004, \$1,000.
- 38, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,003, \$1,000.
- 39, Glenn Smith, New York, 917, \$1,000.

300 Games: Johnny Petraglia, Tim Regan

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ROLLTECH TO SPONSOR PBA SUMMER SWING "BOWL THE PROS CHALLENGE"

For the first time in PBA history, pros and fans can battle each other in real time from anywhere in the world. Each day of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, May 9-17 in Shawnee, Okla., **Jason Belmonte**, **Mike Fagan** and **Bill O'Neill** will challenge their Rolltech followers to a "Bowl the Pros Challenge" during one of their tournament games.

Here's how to accept the challenge for a chance to win lifetime bragging rights:

- 1) Download Rolltech or visit rolltechbowling.com to create an account.
- 2) Click on Belmonte's, Fagan's or O'Neill's name and "Follow" on their profile. If you're in the app, go to "Me" tab, "Find Friends" and "Search."
- 3) Turn push notifications on for Rolltech. You'll receive one when the pros send you a challenge.
- 4) To accept: Start a new game, enter lane/position, then hit "Select a Challenge" and "View Incoming Challenges."
- 5) Bowl your face off!
- 6) Share your results after you receive your Challenge Complete push notification.

For more information, look for the Rolltech logo on pba.com, watch Xtra Frame or look for links on PBA's Facebook or Twitter pages.

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING ACCEPTING STANDBY ENTRIES

For the second year in a row, the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing has reached its capacity of 120 entries, and is now accepting additional entries on its first-come standby list. The multi-tournament series gets underway with pro-am squads on Saturday, May 9; practice sessions on Sunday, May 10, and competition on Monday, May 11.

The preliminary qualifying and match play rounds of the Wolf, Badger, Bear and Oklahoma Opens Monday through Thursday will be covered live on Xtra Frame. The CBS Sports Network finals of those four events, plus the King of the Swing special event, will be conducted Saturday-Sunday, May 16-17, for delayed telecast on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning May 26.

GREAT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON TAP FOR XTRA FRAME VIEWERS

Bowling fans will have a great opportunity to explore the depth of online video-streaming coverage available on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel over the next few weeks, beginning with PBA Tour qualifying and match play rounds in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing May 11-14 from FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

Action then shifts to Xtra Frame's first Professional Women's Bowling Association event, featuring qualifying and match play elimination rounds of the USBC Queens from Ashwaubenon Bowl in Green Bay, Wis., May 15-18 (May 14 coverage will be provided by USBC's BowlTV on bowl.com).

At the end of May, the PBA50 Tour returns to Xtra Frame with start-to-finish coverage of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, presented by Storm, May 31-June 5 from Suncoast Casino, Hotel and Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The Senior U.S. Open is the first major on the 2015 PBA50 Tour schedule, and the only PBA50 major that will be held in Las Vegas this year. Entries are being accepted online via pba.com, or by calling (206) 332-9688.

PBA50 Tour coverage will continue on the West Coast following the Senior U.S. Open. The PBA50 Fountain Valley Open, presented by Track, will be coverage June 7-10 followed by the annual PBA50 Northern California Classic, presented by MOTIV, June 14-17 in Brentwood, Calif.

Xtra Frame subscriptions are available in three options: \$3.99 for three-day (72-hour) access, \$7.99 for a one-month subscription and \$64.99 for the XF Season Ticket, a full 12 months of access at a great value of only \$5.41 per month. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: NORTON WINS TWICE IN "MIRROR IMAGE" HAWAII EVENTS

For the second time in four days, **Scott Norton** of Mission Viejo, Calif., defeated **Tom Daugherty** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., to win the PBA Hickam AFB West/Northwest Open presented by Storm at Hickam Lanes Sunday to conclude the West and Northwest Region's traditional Hawaii tripleheader series.

Norton topped Daugherty at Hickam Lanes, 207-185, four days after defeating the Floridian, 217-186, to win the Hawaii West/Northwest Open at Schofield AFB Lanes the previous Wednesday. Norton won his eighth and ninth PBA Regional titles and \$2,000 prizes in both events.

Ironically, the Hickman Lanes event was almost a mirror image of the Schofield tournament. In the semifinal round at Hickam, Norton defeated **Toby Sambueno**, Las Vegas, 202-176, and Daugherty defeated **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., 227-197, to set up the championship match. In the Schofield semifinal round, Norton defeated Sambueno, 235-188, and Daugherty eliminated Jones, 205-146, to set up the title match.

Daugherty earned a \$1,300 prize for second place in each of the three Hawaii tournaments while Sambueno and Jones each earned \$1,000 as semifinal round losers at Hickam and Schofield.

Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., won the first event in the series, the Kona West/Northwest Open at KBXtreme Lanes in Kona on Monday, April 27, when he defeated Daugherty, 247-239, in the title match.

- **Nathan Bohr** from Austin, Texas, defeated **Miguel Lopez** of Wichita, Kan., 214-204, to win the eighth annual PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open, presented by Radical, at Junction City Bowl Sunday. Bohr's victory was his 20th PBA Regional title, and the third time he has won in Junction City.

- The May 8-10 weekend includes a PBA/PBA50 joint regional doubleheader, the PBA and PBA50 Baldo Campana Central/Midwest Open benefitting the Lorain County Kids Fund, presented by Radical Bowling, at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, and the PBA50 Station 300 Bluffton Open in Bluffton, S.C.

On the May 15-17 calendar are the Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Nance Construction and Brunswick at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio; the Victory Lanes Midwest Challenge (for non-champions) in Kankakee, Ill., and the Lightning Lanes Challenge in Marion, N.C. The originally-scheduled Bethmann Russell Syracuse Open at Thunderbird Lanes in Syracuse, N.Y., has been cancelled due to closing of the host center. The East Region is seeking an alternative center and may re-schedule the Bethmann Russell event at a later date.

Heading into Memorial Day weekend, the East Region will host the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge (a reduced entry fee event) May 23 in York, Pa., while the Northwest Region hosts the PBA and PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet May 22-24 in Puyallup, Wash.

Closing the May schedule will be a West Region PBA50 doubleheader leading into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open – the 6th annual PBA50 Lona King Saguaro West Open at Johnson Lanes in Sun City West, Ariz., May 25-27, followed by the PBA50 Miller Lite Western Open at Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, Ariz., May 27-29.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- The winner of the special pick-the-winners contest held in conjunction with the "PBA Clash of the Legends" is **Brent Joel** from Salem, Ore. Joel correctly picked **American Pharoah** (Kentucky Derby), **Amleto Monacelli** (PBA Clash of the Legends) and **Floyd Mayweather Jr.** (prize fight) on May 2. For correctly picking the three winners in the PBA Facebook page promotion, Joel wins a PBA Prize Pack.

- Applications for the \$1,000 2015 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award recognizing exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in the sport of bowling must be postmarked by June 15. Eligible candidates must be currently in college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be downloaded using this link:

<https://pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships/>.

- The winner of the April MOTIV Xtra Frame sweepstakes and a new MOTIV bowling ball is **Jonathan Kusiak** of Palm Coast, Fla. If you are not an Xtra Frame subscriber, you can enter the MOTIV sweepstakes by signing up for a new monthly or full-year Xtra Frame subscription – monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). MOTIV's ball-a-month sweepstakes will continue throughout 2015.

- April's winner in the monthly HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes is **Walter McKnight** of Brick, N.J. The official travel partner of the PBA awards a \$200 lodging gift certificate each month to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the "Book Hotel" link on pba.com and you will be automatically entered. The gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

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PBA Tour Season Hits Full Stride With 2015 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing

Five PBA Tour events to air on CBS Sports Network

SHAWNEE, Okla. -- The Professional Bowlers Association Tour season hits full stride when a sold-out field of 120 of the world's best bowlers returns to FireLake Bowling Center and the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort May 9-17 for the second annual Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing.

The Summer Swing will include four PBA Tour title events plus a special Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort King of the Swing finale, all of which will air on CBS Sports Network on consecutive Tuesday nights beginning May 26. The finals will be contested in a special bowling arena installed inside the Grand Casino Event Center while the preliminary rounds will be hosted by the FireLake Bowling Center and covered by PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

The four PBA Tour events contested during the Summer Swing will be the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens and the PBA Oklahoma Open. The Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event will feature the four winners plus a "wild card" player.

Here's a look at some of the storylines for the 2015 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing:

Defending champions: Returning to defend their titles will be Wolf Open champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Bear Open winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Oklahoma Open champ Jason Belmonte of Australia, and Badger Open and King of the Swing winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.

Jason Belmonte is frontrunner for third consecutive Player of the Year crown: Heading into the Summer Swing, Belmonte is the front-runner for a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year title, a feat that hasn't been accomplished since Walter Ray Williams Jr. won the PBA's highest annual honor in 1996, '97 and '98. The only other player who has earned POY honors three years in a row was the late Earl Anthony, who did it twice (1981-83 and 1974-76).

Through the first 10 events of the 2015 campaign, Belmonte has won the first two major titles of the season (the USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions) to take the lead in the PBA Tour earnings race (\$152,161 vs. \$106,710 for current runner-up Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas) and is fifth in scoring average (231.46 vs. the 234.59 pace by leader Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla.).

Josh Blanchard tries for third consecutive title: Arguably the player with the most momentum heading into the Summer Swing is Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., who will be attempting to win his third consecutive title after winning the Brunswick Euro Challenge and the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in March. He will join PBA legends Dick Weber and Johnny Petraglia as the only player to accomplish the feat if he wins the Wolf Open which is the first event of the Summer Swing.

Former Major League Baseball pitcher John Burkett set to compete in second Summer Swing: Former major league pitcher John Burkett makes his second consecutive Summer Swing appearance. Burkett, a two-time all-star who played for 16 seasons in the majors, is also competing as a rookie on the PBA50 Tour (for players 50 and over) this year. He made the cut to match play in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages PBA50 Tour event in April eventually finishing 24th.

Diverse lane conditions put players to the test: The Wolf Open uses the shortest of all PBA animal pattern lane conditions, with oil applied only 32 feet down the lane. The Badger is the longest of all animal patterns, with oil applied 52 feet down lane. The Bear pattern may be the most challenging of all, applied to 40 feet, but virtually flat from gutter to gutter.

PBA Legends entered: Four of PBA's legends are entered who have a combined PBA Tour win total of 156 victories. They include all-time titles leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. with 47 wins, Norm Duke, third on the all-time list with 38 wins, Pete Weber, fourth with 37 wins and Parker Bohn III, tied for fifth with 34 titles.

Rash makes TV history in 2014 Summer Swing: Sean Rash made TV history in last year's Wolf Open by bowling the 23rd televised 300 game in PBA Tour history. Rash also bowled the 25th televised 300 in the Barbasol PBA Tournament Champions in Indianapolis in February.

Heading into the Summer Swing, 38 300 games have been bowled this season for an average of 6.33 per event.

Xtra Frame provides live international coverage: All qualifying and preliminary match play rounds of the Summer Swing will be covered exclusively live on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online video service that reaches a global audience of bowling fans. Three-day (\$3.99), monthly (\$7.99) and 12 month (\$64.99) subscriptions are available. Click on the Xtra Frame logo on the pba.com homepage for subscription information.

Tickets for TV finals are still available: For fans who will be attending the Summer Swing, individual day passes can be purchased at <http://www.grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=66> for \$25. Day passes are for general admission seating in the balcony overlooking the two-lane bowling installation, and are good for all telecasts happening the day of purchase. Weekend passes can be purchased at <http://www.grandboxoffice.com/event?eventid=65>. Tickets are \$60 each, allow access to all finals conducted over the weekend, and will be good for general admission seating on the first floor bleachers next to the lanes.

The May 16 TV schedule includes the Wolf Open finals at 11 a.m. (CT), Bear Open at 2:30 and Badger Open at 5:15 p.m. The May 17 schedule includes the Oklahoma Open finals at noon and the King of the Swing at 3:30 p.m.

CBS Sports Network telecast schedule: CBS Sports Network's coverage begins Tuesday, May 26 (8 p.m. ET) with the Wolf Open. Coverage continues with the Bear Open (June 2, 9 p.m.), Badger Open (June 9, 9 p.m.), Oklahoma Open (June 16, 9 p.m.), and King of the Swing (June 23, 9 p.m.).

OKLAHOMA'S GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT PBA SUMMER SWING SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center & Grand Casino Hotel & Resort, Shawnee, Okla., May 9-17 (all times are Central)

Saturday, May 9

2 p.m. – Pro-am

Sunday, May 10

Noon – A Squad practice session

3:30 p.m. – B Squad practice session

Monday, May 11 - PBA Wolf Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Tuesday, May 12 - PBA Bear Open

8 a.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 advance to second qualifying round

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Wednesday, May 13 - PBA Badger Open

8 a.m. – A Squad, 6 qualifying games

2 p.m. – B Squad, 6 qualifying games

Top 18 after 6 games advance to second qualifying round; top 18 after 18 games (combined 6-game first-round Wolf, Bear and Badger totals) advance to Oklahoma Open match play

7:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 qualifying games

Top 5 after 12 games advance to stepladder finals

Thursday, May 14 - PBA Oklahoma Open Round Robin Match Play

10 a.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Wolf pattern

2 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Bear pattern

6:30 p.m. – Top 18, 6 games match play, Badger pattern

Top 5 advance to stepladder finals

CBS SPORTS NETWORK STEPLADDER FINALS

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Saturday, May 16

11 a.m. – PBA Wolf Open five-player stepladder finals (telecast, May 26, 8 p.m. ET)

2:30 p.m. – PBA Bear Open five-player stepladder finals (telecast, June 2, 9 p.m. ET)

5:15 p.m. – PBA Badger Open five-player stepladder finals (telecast, June 9, 9 p.m. ET)

Sunday, May 17

Noon – PBA Oklahoma Open five-player stepladder finals (June 16, 9 p.m. ET)

3:30 p.m. – Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing five-player stepladder finals (four title winners plus "wild card" player - highest in combined points for four events without a title. Telecast, June 23, 9 p.m. ET).

Former ESPN, ABC and NFL Network President Steve Bornstein Joins PBA Board of Directors

CHICAGO (May 11, 2015) – Steve Bornstein, one of the most influential sports and entertainment media executives of the last quarter century, has joined the Professional Bowlers Association Board of Directors, Board Chairman Mike Slade announced Monday.

Bornstein played a major role in shaping the growth and success of ESPN and the National Football League. His career began as program coordinator for ESPN in 1980 and 10 years later, he was named ESPN President and CEO. He will lend his visionary expertise in areas of marketing and deal-making to the PBA at a time when the professional bowling organization is experiencing unprecedented growth in television viewership and international multi-media awareness.

As a member of the PBA Board of Directors, Bornstein has offered to lend his vast array of experiences in the world of sports to the development of the PBA and its programs.

"I have always recognized the importance of the PBA on television, going back to my ESPN and ABC Sports days," Bornstein said. "The PBA has shown great strength and momentum this season. I am very excited to join the board to help the PBA maximize its vast potential."

Slade, one of the PBA's owners since 2000, is excited to add Bornstein's insights to the PBA leadership team.

"I've known Steve as a colleague and a close friend for over 20 years," Slade said. "His expertise, enthusiasm and integrity are a huge plus for the PBA. I couldn't be more excited. Together we will achieve great things for the PBA."

PBA Commissioner Tom Clark is also looking forward to working with Bornstein.

"Having Steve join the board is a benchmark moment for the Professional Bowlers Association," Clark said. "His accomplishments in the world of sports and sports entertainment are second to none. The PBA is riding a great wave of momentum and Steve brings an incredibly high level of expertise and connections. I look forward to working with and learning from him as we take the PBA to great heights."

Bornstein, the President and CEO of the NFL Network from 2003 until 2013, teamed up with Jim Valvano to start The V Foundation for Cancer Research while president of ESPN, Inc. in 1993. Prior to working with the NFL Network, Bornstein served as the President

of ABC Inc., overseeing the network, TV/radio stations, and all the Disney owned cable assets, as well as Touchstone Television and Buena Vista Television.

After becoming ESPN, Inc.'s youngest President and CEO in 1990, Bornstein led the company through a nine-year period of network development and brand extension which included the launches of ESPN2, ESPNEWS, ESPN Classic, ESPN Radio and the Internet's first sports website, ESPN.com. This spurred a global expansion of the company to numerous countries in their respective languages. Through this initiative, ESPN, Inc. further established itself as "The Worldwide Leader in Sports."

While continuing his responsibilities at ESPN, Inc., Bornstein also was named President of ABC Sports in 1996. Through the creation of the National Championship of College Football (the Bowl championship series), he played a key role in establishing ABC Sports as the leading network for college football.

Bornstein is a recipient of the prestigious Vanguard Award for programmers, one of the highest honors given by the National Cable & Telecommunications Association.

A native of Fair Lawn, N.J., and a 1974 University of Wisconsin graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in film, Bornstein resides in New York and Los Angeles.

Hostetler, Brown Win PBA, PBA50 Baldo Campana/ Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open Events

Lorain, Ohio (May 10, 2015) – Amateur Joe Hostetler of Louisville, Ky. defeated T.J. Schmidt of Mishawaka, Ind. by 99 pins to win the Professional Bowlers Association Baldo Campana/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by Track at Rebman Recreation Sunday, and Richie Brown of Marion, Ohio defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Township, Mich. by 151 pins to win the PBA50 companion event.

Hostetler finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,612 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$2,500 first prize in the standard regional event. Because Hostetler is an amateur, he is not recognized as earning a PBA title.

Brown finished with a 5-4-1 match play record and 4,301 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the PBA50 title, the sixth of his career. He also earned \$1,500.

The Baldo Campana tournaments are named in honor of the long-time PBA supporter who died on April 24 at age 90.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Grove City, Ohio, May 15-17.

PBA BALDO CAMPANA/OHIO LOTTERY CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK Rebman Recreation, Lorain, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, a-Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ky., 10-2, 4,612, \$2,500. 2, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 7-4-1, 4,513, \$1,300. 3, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 7-4-1, 4,498, \$950. 4, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5-7, 4,392, \$800. 5, a-Tyler Meredith, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 7-5, 4,382, \$750. 6, a-Timothy Carey, Amherst, Ohio, 5-7, 4,208, \$725.

7, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 5-5-2, 4,202, \$700. 8, Larry DeNoon Jr., Fairview, W. Va., 5-6-1, 4,149, \$680. 9, a-Mark Pordash, Garfield Heights, Ohio, 5-6-1, 4,083, \$660. 10, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 4-8, 4,037, \$640. 11, a-Richard Delserone Jr., Amherst, Ohio, 4-8, 4,012, \$620. 12, Jerome Bates Jr., Parma, Ohio, 5-7, 3,966, \$600.

PBA50 BALDO CAMPANA/OHIO LOTTERY CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY RADICAL BOWLING Rebman Recreation, Lorain, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 18 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 5-4-1, 4,301, \$1,500. 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp, Mich., 4-6, 4,150, \$1,000. 3, Tracy Teeters, Albany, Ore., 7-3, 4,145, \$850. 4, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 6-4-0, 4,114, \$700. 5, Dale Csuhata, Wadsworth, Ohio, 7-3, 4,090, \$600.

6, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 4-6-0, 4,066, \$580. 7, Mark Medler, Waterloo, Ind., 3-7, 4,059, \$560. 8, David Johnson, Ashtabula, Ohio, 3-6-1, 3,948, \$540. 9, Jim Pencak, Parma, Ohio, 5-4-1, 3,905, \$520. 10, a-Keith Muskiewicz, Elyria, Ohio, 4-5-1, 3,889, \$500.

Patrick Allen Takes First Round Lead in PBA Wolf Open
*Hoping to end six-year drought without a win, Allen leads field of 18 players
advancing to Monday evening's second round*

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 11, 2015) – Looking to end a six-year drought without a win, 13-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., averaged 243.5 to lead after the first round of the PBA Wolf Open at FireLake Bowling Center.

Allen, whose last win came in the 2009 Dydo Japan Cup, bowled games of 257, 211, 236, 213, 268 and 276 for a 1,461 six-game pinfall total. He led a field of 18 qualifiers into Monday night's second six-game qualifying round on the 32-foot Wolf lane conditioning pattern. Total pinfall after 12 games will determine the top five who will compete for the Wolf Open title Saturday at 11 a.m. on a special lane installation at the Grand Casino Event Center.

"I didn't feel I bowled that great but I had a good ball reaction," said Allen. "I'm not looking too far ahead. I think there's going to be more of a transition to deal with in the final round so I just have to be prepared for that."

Other players in the top five heading into Monday night's second round were Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,440; Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,421; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,417, and Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,413.

The Wolf Open is the first of five events that comprise Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) will be televised by CBS Sports Network and will air on successive Tuesday nights beginning May 26. The Wolf Open will air May 26 at 8 p.m. ET.

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PBA WOLF OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Monday

First Round Standings (after six games; top 18 advance to second qualifying round)

- 1, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,461.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,440.
- 3, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,421.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,417.
- 5, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,413.
- 6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,407.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,406.
- 8, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,401.
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,400.
- 10, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,393.
- 11, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,389.
- 12, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,380.
- 13, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,377.
- 14, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 1,375.
- 15, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,373.
- 16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,357.
- 17, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,353.
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Failed to advance:

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66, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,226.
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82, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,190.
83, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,186.
84, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,184.
85, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,183.
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93, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,164.
94, (tie) D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, and Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,155.
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117, Cory Gilbert, Dickson, Tenn., 1,023.
118, a-Floyd Speck, Marshalltown, Iowa, 1,019.
119, Dirk Gibson, Little Rock, Ark., 1,014.
120, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 987.

Marshall Kent Averages 240 to Earn Top Berth for PBA Wolf Open Finals

Joining Kent in finals of the first event of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort & Hotel PBA Summer Swing will be Bill O'Neill, Kyle Troup, Andres Gomez and Tommy Jones

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 11, 2015) – Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., the 2014 Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year, averaged 240.2 Monday at FireLake Bowling Center to earn the top berth for Saturday's PBA Wolf Open stepladder finals.

Kent, who was ninth after the first round, completed the 12-game qualifying portion of the Wolf Open with a 2,883 pinfall total to take the top spot by 47 pins over Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., in second with 2,836. In Monday evening's second round, Kent started slow the first game with 189 but then surged back with games of 247, 279, 249, 254 and 265 on the 32-foot Wolf lane condition.

"I got off to a slow start so I had to remind myself to concentrate on the process and not pressure myself to strike," said Kent, who won the Saudi Arabia Kingdom International Open in 2014 for his first Tour title. "Overall I feel like I'm in the best shape I've ever been in so I'm hoping I can put everything together for one more game in the finals."

O'Neill, who had a very productive 2014 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort & Hotel PBA Summer Swing in which he won the Badger Open and King of the Swing, will be trying for his sixth PBA Tour title. He finished eighth in last year's Wolf Open and was second in 2013.

"It's been up and down so far this year," O'Neill said. "I just have to concentrate on not over-thinking and over-analyzing what I'm doing, but other than that I'm feeling pretty comfortable here."

Also advancing to the stepladder finals, which will be taped at the Grand Resort Event Center at 11 a.m. Saturday, will be No. 3 qualifier Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who will be making his first PBA Tour television appearance. Troup, who had a 2,819 pinfall, is the son of eight-time PBA Tour winner Guppy Troup.

Qualifying fourth for the finals was two-time Tour winner Andres Gomez of Colombia who finished with a 2,798 pinfall total and 15-time titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., qualified fifth with 2,790.

Patrick Allen, a 13-time Tour winner, who led after the first round, dropped out of the top five after bowling a 168 in the final game.

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The Summer Swing continues Tuesday with the PBA Bear Open on a 40-foot lane condition. Squad B will bowl six qualifying games at 8 a.m. and Squad A will bowl at 2 p.m. The top 18 players will bowl an additional six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. to determine the Bear Open stepladder finalists.

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PBA WOLF OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Monday

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- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,790.
- 6, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 2,786, \$2,000.
- 7, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,771, \$1,800.
- 8, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,769, \$1,600.
- 9, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 2,749, \$1,400.
- 10, Brett Cooper, Denver, 2,734, \$1,300.
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,718, \$1,200.
- 12, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,708, \$1,100.
- 13, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,675, \$1,000.
- 14, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,666, \$900.
- 15, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,629, \$800.
- 16, Stuart Williams, England, 2,577, \$700.
- 17, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,563, \$600.
- 18, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 2,509, \$500.

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300 games: Bill O'Neill

**Jake Peters Averages 235.5 on Bear Condition to Lead
PBA Bear Open First Round Qualifying**

Field cut to 18 for Tuesday evening's final six-game round to determine five players for stepladder finals

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 12, 2015) - Bowling on a lane condition he's not entirely comfortable with, Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev., averaged 235.5 on the 40-foot Professional Bowlers Association Bear lane condition to lead first round qualifying in the PBA Bear Open Tuesday at the FireLake Bowling Center.

Peters leads 18 players who advanced to Tuesday evening's second six-game round which will determine the top five players who will advance to Saturday's Bear Open stepladder finals to be held on the special lane installation at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center at 2:30 p.m. CT.

Peters, whose lone PBA Tour title came in the 2013 Summer Swing Badger Open in Milwaukee, completed first round qualifying with a 1,413 six-game pinfall total behind games of 257, 234, 232, 248, 197 and 245.

"I've never had good success on the Bear condition, or the Wolf condition for that matter, so I was pretty nervous about bowling on those coming in here," said Peters. "I've made a concentrated effort to get ready for these conditions and making the right equipment choices has been the major part of that.

"It's paid off so far and I have the feeling that everything's coming together," he continued. "I hope the momentum carries into tonight's round but in reality it's going to feel like I'm starting over, so there's a lot of work to do."

Rounding out the top five after Tuesday's first round were two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia in second with 1,388; five-time Tour titlist Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 1,384; Patrick Girard of Canada, 1,377, and 15-time Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 1,373. O'Neill and Jones are trying to make their second consecutive stepladder final after qualifying for the Wolf Open finals Monday.

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The Bear Open is also the second of three qualifying legs in determining the field of 18 match play finalists for the Oklahoma Open. After 12 games O'Neill leads with a 2,824 pinfall total, 34 pins ahead of Jones with 2,790.

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PBA BEAR OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Tuesday

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- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,384.
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- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,373.
- 6, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,365.
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 100, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,109.
 101, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,107.
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 103, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,104.
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 108, Cory Gilbert, Dickson, Tenn., 1,082.
 109, (tie) Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and a-Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,075.
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 113, Nicholas Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 1,053.
 114, Justin Morris, McLoud, Okla., 1,052.
 115, Sheldon Oliver, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,042.
 116, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,023.
 117, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 1,011.
 118, a-Floyd Speck, Marshalltown, Iowa, 996.
 119, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 993.
 120, Robert McBride, Dallas, 969.

OKLAHOMA OPEN STANDINGS

(Top 50 after 12 of 18 qualifying games; top 18 after Wednesday's Badger Open qualifying round advance to round-robin match play on Thursday)

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,824.
 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,790.
 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,765.
 4, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,726.
 5, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,681.
 6, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,675.
 7, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 2,668.
 8, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,654.
 8, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,654.
 10, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,647.
 11, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,638.
 12, Dom Barrett, England, 2,634.
 13, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,629.
 14, (tie) Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., and Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,621.
 16, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,619.
 17, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 2,618.
 18, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,602.

- 19, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 2,601.
- 20, Stuart Williams, England, 2,597.
- 21, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,593.
- 22, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,583.
- 23, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,582.
- 24, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,578.
- 25, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,577.
- 26, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,575.
- 27, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 2,570.
- 28, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,569.
- 29, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,568.
- 30, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 2,566.
- 31, Brett Cooper, Denver, 2,565.
- 32, (tie) Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., and Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 2,555.
- 35, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,544.
- 36, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 2,536.
- 37, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,529.
- 38, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,528.
- 39, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,516.
- 40, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,514.
- 41, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,513.
- 41, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 2,513.
- 43, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 2,506.
- 44, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,501.
- 45, (tie) Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Christopher Colella, Templeton, MA, 2,499.
- 47, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,497.
- 48, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,491.
- 49, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2,489.
- 50, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 2,486.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke Earns Top Berth for PBA Bear Open Finals

Bill O'Neill, Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones and Brad Angelo also make finals

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 12, 2015) – Bowling in his 33rd year of Professional Bowlers Association competition, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., averaged 225.3 Tuesday to earn the top qualifying berth for the stepladder finals of the PBA Bear Open at FireLake Bowling Center.

Duke, who ranks third on the all-time PBA Tour win list with 38 titles, earned the top spot with a 2,704 12-game pinfall total bowling games of 198, 280, 234, 232, 212 and 215 in Tuesday evening's final qualifying round.

"Obviously the power players got there this year which forces me to put more on the ball than I'm used to," said the 51-year-old Duke. "To be competitive with these guys it's a work in progress.

"I'm as confident as I've always been but I have to call on all the experience I have and even more to stay in the game," he added. "I'm definitely going to have to rise to the occasion if I'm going to get No. 39."

Duke is one of a handful of players who competes on both the PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour for players 50 and over. In 2014, the two-time PBA Player of the Year earned both PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

Qualifying second for his second consecutive stepladder final in the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, five-time PBA Tour champion Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., earned the No. 2 berth finishing 45 pins behind Duke with a 2,659 pinfall total. O'Neill also earned the No. 2 spot for the Wolf Open on Monday.

One day after a 56th-place finish in the Wolf Open, two-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia bounced back Tuesday to earn the No. 3 qualifying berth for the Bear Open finals finishing with a 2,651 pinfall.

Heading into the Summer Swing, the 12-time Tour winner is the front-runner for a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year title, thanks to wins in the season's first two majors, the United States Bowling Congress Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Also qualifying for his second consecutive stepladder final was 15-time Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., completing qualifying with a 2,642 pinfall good for the No. 4 spot. Jones qualified fifth for the Wolf Open stepladder final.

Earning the fifth and final spot for the finals with a 2,609 pinfall total was Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., who will be trying for his third PBA Tour title.

The Bear Open is the second of five events that compose Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) will be televised by CBS Sports Network on consecutive Tuesday nights beginning with the Wolf Open on May 26 at 8 p.m. ET. The Bear Open finals will be taped Saturday at 2:30 p.m. CT at the Grand Hotel Casino & Resort Event Center and will air June 2 at 9 p.m. ET.

The Summer Swing continues Wednesday with the PBA Badger Open on a 52-foot lane condition. Squad A will bowl six qualifying games at 8 a.m. and Squad B will bowl at 2 p.m. The top 18 players will bowl an additional six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. to determine the Bear Open stepladder finalists.

The first six games on each of the three animal patterns will determine the 18 players who will advance to the Oklahoma Open match play rounds on Thursday. The King of the Swing field will consist of the Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Open winners plus the highest player in points without winning one of the four events.

All preliminary rounds of the PBA Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens, plus match play rounds of the Oklahoma Open are being covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA BEAR OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Tuesday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top five advance to stepladder finals at 2:30 p.m. CT Saturday at the Grand Hotel Casino & Resort Event Center in Shawnee)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,704.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,659.
- 3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,651.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,642.
- 5, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 2,609.
- 6, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 2,604, \$2,000.
- 7, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,569, \$1,800.
- 8, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,563, \$1,600.
- 9, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,548, \$1,400.
- 10, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 2,498, \$1,300.
- 11, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2,480, \$1,200.
- 12, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 2,471, \$1,100.
- 13, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,457, \$1,000.
- 14, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,444, \$900.
- 15, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2,443, \$800.
- 16, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,439, \$700.
- 17, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,430, \$600.
- 18, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,415, \$500.

Failed to advance after six games:

- 19, (tie) Dom Barrett, England, and Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,293.
- 21, John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,292.
- 22, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,283.
- 23, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,281.
- 24, (tie) D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,280.
- 26, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,279.
- 27, Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,277.

28, (tie) Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,276.
30, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,274.
31, (tie) Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,268.
33, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,261.
36, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,257.
37, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,256.
38, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,252.
39, Stuart Williams, England, 1,247.
40, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,245.
41, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 1,243.
42, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,241.
43, Kevin Andes, Somerset, Mass., 1,240.
44, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,239.
45, (tie) Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,238.
47, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,237.
48, Christopher Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,235.
49, Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,231.
50, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,229.
51, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,227.
52, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,226.
53, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,225.
54, Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 1,223.
55, (tie) Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,216.
57, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,213.
58, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,211.
60, (tie) Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., and Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,207.
62, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,204.
63, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,202.
64, (tie) Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, and Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,199.
66, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,198.
67, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,197.
69, a-Perry Hall Jr., Oklahoma City, 1,192.
70, Clint Land, Houston, 1,190.
71, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,187.
72, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,185.
73, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,184.
74, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,183.
75, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,179.
76, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,178.
77, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,176.
78, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,173.
79, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,171.
80, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,166.
81, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,165.
82, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,164.
83, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,161.
84, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,159.
85, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,158.
87, Michael DeVore II, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1,153.
88, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,148.
89, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,144.
90, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,143.
91, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,142.
92, (tie) Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and Dirk Gibson, Little Rock, Ark., 1,133.
95, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,132.
96, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,129.
97, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,118.
98, a-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,117.

99, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,110.
100, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,109.
101, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,107.
102, Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,106.
103, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,104.
104, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,099.
105, Corey Bottos, Houston, 1,095.
106, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,093.
107, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,085.
108, Cory Gilbert, Dickson, Tenn., 1,082.
109, (tie) Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., and a-Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,075.
111, Kenneth Bland Jr., Chibolo, Texas, 1,071.
112, a-A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,061.
113, Nicholas Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 1,053.
114, Justin Morris, McCloud, Okla., 1,052.
115, Sheldon Oliver, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,042.
116, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,023.
117, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 1,011.
118, a-Floyd Speck, Marshalltown, Iowa, 996.
119, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 993.
120, Robert McBride, Dallas, 969.

Patrick Allen Leads 18 Players Into PBA Badger Open Second Round

Bill O'Neill tops 18 players advancing to Thursday's Oklahoma Open match play

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 13, 2015) – Hoping to redeem himself after bowling a 168 in the final game of Monday's Professional Bowlers Association Wolf Open second round to miss the stepladder finals, 13-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., led Badger Open first round qualifying Wednesday at the FireLake Bowling Center.

In the third tournament of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, Allen bowled a 1,425 pinfall total (237.5 average) with games of 259, 222, 224, 223, 286 and 211 in the first round to lead 18 players into the Badger Open second round which gets underway this evening.

After this evening's round, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center Saturday at 5:15 p.m. CT. The Badger Open will air on the CBS Sports Network Tuesday, June 9 at 9 p.m. ET.

Allen, who was also the first round leader in the Wolf Open, is trying to win his first Tour title since the 2009 Dydo Japan Cup.

Trying to make his second telecast of the Summer Swing, Andres Gomez of Colombia finished the first round in second with a 1,399 pinfall on the 52-foot Badger lane condition, the longest of the three Summer Swing lane conditions.

Gomez, a two-time Tour winner, has already qualified fourth for the PBA Wolf Open stepladder finals which was the first event of the Summer Swing.

Rounding out the top five heading into this evening's second round were three-time Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 1,396; four-time Tour winner Dom Barrett, England, 1,388, and two-time winner Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,382.

With the completion of the Badger Open first round, the 18 spots were determined for the PBA Oklahoma Open match play rounds on Thursday. Three six-game match play rounds will be conducted at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. on each of the Summer Swing lane conditions (Wolf, Bear and Badger) at FireLake with the top five advancing to the stepladder finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Event Center.

The top five heading into Oklahoma Open match play were Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,142; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,112; Patrick Allen, 4,093; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,026 and Dom Barrett, England, 4,022. Page failed to make the cut to the top 18 after losing a one-game roll-off to J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 224-148, breaking the tie for 18th place.

Thursday's Oklahoma Open match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA BADGER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

First Round Standings (after six games; top 18 advance to Wednesday evening's final six-game qualifying round)

- 1, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1425.
- 2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1399.
- 3, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1396.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 1388.
- 5, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1382.
- 6, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1368.
- 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1360.
- 8, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1355.
- 10, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1351.
- 11, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1347.
- 13, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1341.
- 14, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1337.
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1328.
- 16, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1327.
- 18, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1323.

Failed to advance:

- 19, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,321.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,318.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,318.
- 22, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,311.
- 23, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,298.
- 26, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,295.
- 27, (tie) Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,293.
- 29, (tie) J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., and a-A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,290.
- 31, (tie) Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,285.
- 33, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,279.
- 34, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,278.
- 36, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,276.
- 37, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,275.
- 38, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,270.
- 39, Stuart Williams, England, 1,269.
- 40, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,268.
- 41, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,261.
- 42, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,260.
- 43, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,258.
- 44, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 1,257.
- 45, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,256.
- 46, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,252.
- 47, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,248.
- 48, Clint Land, Houston, 1,245.
- 49, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,244.
- 50, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,242.
- 52, (tie) David Haynes, Las Vegas, and John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,236.
- 54, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,233.
- 55, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,232.
- 56, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,229.
- 57, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,227.
- 58, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,226.
- 59, (tie) Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, and Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,224.
- 61, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,223.
- 62, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, and Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,219.
- 64, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,218.

65, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,215.
 66, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,211.
 67, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,206.
 69, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,204.
 70, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,203.
 71, (tie) Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,202.
 73, (tie) Brett Cooper, Denver, and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,201.
 75, Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,197.
 76, (tie) Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., and Todd Book, Russells Point, Ohio, 1,196.
 78, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,191.
 79, (tie) Arturo Quintero, Mexico, and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,190.
 81, Christopher Colella, Templeton, Mass, 1,188.
 82, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,186.
 83, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,185.
 84, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 1,178.
 85, a-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,170.
 86, Dirk Gibson, Little Rock, Ark., 1,168.
 87, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,167.
 88, (tie) Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,165, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,165.
 91, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Anthony Lavery-Spah, Pasadena, Texas, 1,161.
 93, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,154.
 94, Corey Bottos, Houston, 1,143.
 95, Kevin Andes, Somerset, Mass., 1,140.
 96, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,139.
 97, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,134.
 98, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,133.
 99, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,131.
 100, Robert McBride, Dallas, 1,129.
 101, Kenneth Bland Jr., Chibolo, Texas, 1,122.
 102, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,121.
 103, (tie) Justin Morris, McCloud, Okla., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,120.
 105, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,111.
 106, Michael DeVore II, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1,105.
 107, a-Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,090.
 108, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,088.
 109, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,084.
 110, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,082.
 111, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,077.
 112, (tie) Cory Gilbert, Dickson, Tenn., and a-Perry Hall Jr., Oklahoma City, 1,074.
 114, a-Floyd Speck, Marshalltown, Iowa, 1,069.
 115, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 1,068.
 116, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,063.
 117, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,057.
 118, Nicholas Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 1,034.
 119, Sheldon Oliver, Oklahom City, Okla., 1,028.
 120, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,003.

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

(Top 18 after 18 games advance to round-robin match play Thursday)

1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,142.
 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,112.
 3, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 4,093.
 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,026.
 5, Dom Barrett, England, 4,022.
 6, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,013.
 7, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 4,002.
 8, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,981.

- 9, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,979.
10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,976.
11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,975.
12, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,970.
13, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,950.
14, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,923.
15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,917.
16, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,916.
*18, (tie) Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,909.
*-Raymond defeated Page in one-game roll-off 224-148 to advance to match play

**England's Dom Barrett Averages 227.6 to Earn Top Qualifying Berth
For PBA Badger Open Finals**
*Rhino Page, Ronnie Russell, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Shawn Maldonado
round out stepladder finals lineup*

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 13, 2015) – Four-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour titlist Dom Barrett of England averaged 227.6 Wednesday at FireLake Bowling Center to capture the top qualifying berth for Saturday's stepladder finals in the PBA Badger Open.

Barrett completed qualifying with a 2,732 12-game pinfall total on the 52-foot Badger lane condition, bowling games of 192, 222, 234, 225, 237 and 234 in Wednesday's final round.

"It feels good to get here because I haven't been bowling well," Barrett said. "I think I over-bowled the past few months and it has taken its toll. I took the month of April off to fix some bad habits and get in better shape and the work seems to be paying off.

"In the first two events (of the Summer Swing) I've been bowling good but not great but I just decided to put my head down after the first round today and went for the lead."

Barrett topped three-time Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., who qualified second 14-pins behind with a 2,718 pinfall total. Two-time Tour titlist Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., who won last year's Summer Swing Bear Open, qualified third with a 2,709 pinfall.

The PBA Tour's all-time titles leader, Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., qualified fourth with a 2,680 pinfall. The Hall of Famer will try to end a five-year drought without a win to extend his record to 48 titles. His 47th title came in the 2010 United States Bowling Congress Masters.

"This feels awesome," said Williams after making it into the top five for the finals. "I've been struggling so much that I had second thoughts about even coming to the Summer Swing. I didn't bowl well in the Wolf and Bear Opens but thought maybe I can make something work on the Badger pattern and just grinded it out to get here."

Making the last qualifying spot was Shawn Maldonado of Houston, who is one of a few players on Tour who uses the unique two-handed delivery. Trying for his first PBA Tour title, he finished qualifying with a 2,675 pinfall.

The Badger Open is the third of five events that comprise the 2015 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) will be televised by CBS Sports Network and will air on successive Tuesday nights beginning May 26. The Badger Open, will be taped Saturday at 5:15 p.m. CT at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center and will air June 9 at 9 p.m. ET.

With the completion of the Badger Open first round earlier in the day, the 18 spots were determined for the PBA Oklahoma Open match play rounds on Thursday. Three six-game match play rounds will be conducted at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. on each of the Summer Swing lane conditions (Wolf, Bear and Badger) at FireLake with the top five after match play advancing to the stepladder finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Event Center.

The top five heading into Oklahoma Open match play were Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,142; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,112; Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 4,093; Russell, 4,026, and Barrett, 4,022.

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PBA BADGER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 games; top five advanced to stepladder finals Saturday at Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center)

- 1, Dom Barrett, England, 2732.
- 2, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2718.
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2709.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2680.
- 5, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2675.
- 6, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2674, \$2,000.
- 7, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 2663, \$1,800.
- 8, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 2647, \$1,600.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2644, \$1,400.
- 10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2598, \$1,300.
- 11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2594, \$1,200.
- 12, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2579, \$1,100.
- 13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2561, \$1,000.
- 14, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 2545, \$900.
- 15, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2533, \$800.
- 16, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2520, \$700.
- 17, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2487, \$600.
- 18, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 2480, \$500.

Failed to advance after six games:

- 19, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,321.
- 20, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,318.
- 20, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,318.
- 22, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,311.
- 23, (tie) Thomas Larsen, Denmark, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,298.
- 26, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,295.
- 27, (tie) Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,293.
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- 37, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,275.
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- 40, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,268.
- 41, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,261.
- 42, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 1,260.
- 43, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,258.
- 44, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif., 1,257.
- 45, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,256.
- 46, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,252.
- 47, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,248.
- 48, Clint Land, Houston, 1,245.
- 49, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,244.
- 50, (tie) Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., and Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,242.
- 52, (tie) David Haynes, Las Vegas, and John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,236.
- 54, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,233.
- 55, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,232.
- 56, Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,229.
- 57, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,227.
- 58, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,226.

59, (tie) Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, and Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,224.
 61, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,223.
 62, (tie) Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, and Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,219.
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 65, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,215.
 66, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 1,211.
 67, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,206.
 69, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,204.
 70, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,203.
 71, (tie) Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,202.
 73, (tie) Brett Cooper, Denver, and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,201.
 75, Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,197.
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 82, Kris Koeltzow, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 1,186.
 83, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,185.
 84, Gabriel Yanes, Shertz, Texas, 1,178.
 85, a-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,170.
 86, Dirk Gibson, Little Rock, Ark., 1,168.
 87, Mason Edmondson, Amarillo, Texas, 1,167.
 88, (tie) Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,165, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,165.
 91, (tie) Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,161.
 93, Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 1,154.
 94, Corey Bottos, Houston, 1,143.
 95, Kevin Andes, Somerset, Mass., 1,140.
 96, Chris Skillings, Shawnee, Okla., 1,139.
 97, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,134.
 98, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,133.
 99, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,131.
 100, Robert McBride, Dallas, 1,129.
 101, Kenneth Bland Jr., Chibolo, Texas, 1,122.
 102, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,121.
 103, (tie) Justin Morris, McCloud, Okla., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,120.
 105, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,111.
 106, Michael DeVore II, Oak Ridge, Tenn., 1,105.
 107, a-Bryant Ezell, Fayetteville, Ark., 1,090.
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 115, Daniel Hochstein, Farmington Hills, Mich., 1,068.
 116, Jeff Hatt, Oklahoma City, 1,063.
 117, Matt Bollhalter, Niceville, Fla., 1,057.
 118, Nicholas Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 1,034.
 119, Sheldon Oliver, Oklahoma City, Okla., 1,028.
 120, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,003.

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

(Top 18 after 18 games advanced to Thursday's round-robin match play; top five after match play will advance to stepladder finals Sunday at Grand Event Center)

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10, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,976.
11, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,975.
12, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,970.
13, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,950.
14, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,923.
15, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,917.
16, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,916.
*18, (tie) Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,909.
*-Raymond defeated Page in one-game roll-off, 224-148, to advance to match play

Patrick Allen Leads 18 Players Into PBA Badger Open Second Round

by [Jerry Schneider](#) May 13, 2015 06:18

Hoping to redeem himself after bowling a 168 in the final game of Monday's Professional Bowlers Association Wolf Open second round to miss the stepladder finals, 13-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., led Badger Open first round qualifying Wednesday at the FireLake Bowling Center.

In the third tournament of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, Allen bowled a 1,425 pinfall total (237.5 average) with games of 259, 222, 224, 223, 286 and 211 in the first round to lead 18 players into the Badger Open second round which gets underway this evening.

After this evening's round, the top five will be determined for the stepladder finals at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center Saturday at 5:15 p.m. CT. The Badger Open will air on the CBS Sports Network Tuesday, June 9 at 9 p.m. ET.

Allen, who was also the first round leader in the Wolf Open, is trying to win his first Tour title since the 2009 Dydo Japan Cup.

Trying to make his second telecast of the Summer Swing, Andres Gomez of Colombia finished the first round in second with a 1,399 pinfall on the 52-foot Badger lane condition, the longest of the three Summer Swing lane conditions.

Gomez, a two-time Tour winner, has already qualified fourth for the PBA Wolf Open stepladder finals which was the first event of the Summer Swing.

Rounding out the top five heading into this evening's second round were three-time Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 1,396; four-time Tour winner Dom Barrett, England, 1,388, and two-time winner Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,382.

With the completion of the Badger Open first round, the 18 spots were determined for the PBA Oklahoma Open match play rounds on Thursday. Three six-game match play rounds will be conducted at 10 a.m., 2 and 6:30 p.m. on each of the Summer Swing lane conditions (Wolf, Bear and Badger) at FireLake with the top five advancing to the stepladder finals Sunday at noon at the Grand Event Center.

The top five heading into Oklahoma Open match play were Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 4,142; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,112; Patrick Allen, 4,093; Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,026 and Dom Barrett, England, 4,022. Page failed to make the cut to the top 18 after losing a one-game roll-off to J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 224-148, breaking the tie for 18th place.

Thursday's Oklahoma Open match play rounds will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA BADGER OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Wednesday

First Round Standings (after six games; top 18 advance to final six-game qualifying round at 7:30 p.m. CT)

- 1, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,425.
- 2, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,399.
- 3, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,396.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England, 1,388.
- 5, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,382.
- 6, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,368.
- 7, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,360.
- 8, (tie) Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,355.
- 10, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,351.
- 11, (tie) Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., and Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,347.
- 13, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,341.
- 14, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,337.
- 15, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,328.
- 16, (tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,327.
- 18, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,323.

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PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

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*-Raymond defeated Page in one-game roll-off 224-148 to advance to match play

[Belmonte Surges Into Oklahoma Open Second Round Match Play Lead](#)

by [Jerry Schneider](#) May 14, 2015 06:10

Heading into tonight's final Oklahoma Open match play round, which will be conducted on PBA's 52-foot Badger Open lane condition, two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte moved into the second round lead with an 8-4 overall match play record and 30-game 7,065 pinfall.

In Thursday's second round conducted on the 40-foot Bear Open lane condition, the 12-time Tour titlist went 4-2 and bowled games of 192, 247, 245, 247, 187 and 246 for a 227.3 average.

The 2015 USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions winner, who qualified third for the Summer Swing Bear Open Tuesday, is trying for his third win of the season.

Belmonte holds a 48-pin lead over five-time tour titlist Bill O'Neill who has already qualified second for the Summer Swing Wolf and Bear Open stepladder finals. O'Neill has a 6-6 match play record and 7,017 overall pinfall.

Thirteen-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen was the first round leader of two the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing events only to drop out of contention for a stepladder spot after the final round. After the second round Allen finished with a 7-5 record and third-place 7,003 pinfall.

Fifteen-time Tour winner Tommy Jones, who qualified fifth for the Wolf Open and fourth for the Bear Open finals, is in fourth with an 8-4 record and 6,890 pinfall. Wrapping up the top five is two-time Tour winner Andres Gomez who has already qualified fourth for the Wolf Open finals. Gomez has a 9-3 match play record after two rounds and 6,878 pinfall.

Tonight's final six-game match play round gets underway at 6:30 p.m. CT.

All of the 18 match play finalists earned their spots in the Oklahoma match play rounds through their aggregate first round qualifying pinfall totals in the Summer Swing Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens.

Today's match play concludes the fourth of five events that comprise the 2015 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) will be taped by the CBS Sports Network Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center.

CBS Sports Network airings of the Summer Swing begin on successive Tuesday's beginning with the Wolf Open (May 26, 8 p.m. ET), Bear Open (June 2, 9 p.m.), Badger Open (June 9, 9 p.m.) Oklahoma Open (June 16, 9 p.m.) and Oklahoma's Grand Resort King of the Swing (June 23, 9 p.m.).

This weekend's taping schedule at the Grand Event Center begins Saturday with the Wolf Open at 11 a.m. CT; Bear Open, 2:30 p.m. and Badger Open at 5:15 p.m. Tapings continue Sunday with Oklahoma Open at noon and King of the Swing at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are still available for the tapings by visiting www.grandboxoffice.com or on site at the Grand Event Center box office.

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Thursday

After second round match play

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 8-4-0, 7,065.
- 2, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6-6-0, 7,017.
- 3, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 7-5-0, 7,003.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 8-4-0, 6,890.
- 5, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 9-3-0, 6,878.

- 6, Dom Barrett, England, 6-6-0, 6,835.
- 7, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 7-5-0, 6,783.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 8-4-0, 6,733.
- 9, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7-5-0, 6,732.
- 9, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 7-5-0, 6,732.
- 11, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 6-6-0, 6,720.
- 12, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 5-7-0, 6,680.
- 13, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4-8-0, 6,668.
- 14, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 7-5-0, 6,667.
- 15, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 4-8-0, 6,577.
- 16, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2-10-0, 6,505.
- 17, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3-9-0, 6,489.
- 18, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 4-8-0, 6,411.

**O'Neill Edges Belmonte for Top Finals Berth
In PBA Oklahoma Open**

*Tommy Jones, Patrick Allen and Andres Gomez also advance to stepladder finals
in fourth event of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing*

SHAWNEE, Okla. (May 14, 2015) – Making his third stepladder final of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, five-time PBA Tour champion Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., won a position round match in the final match play round Thursday at FireLake Bowling Center to earn the top berth for the PBA Oklahoma Open finals.

O'Neill, who already qualified second for the Summer Swing Wolf and Bear Open finals, beat two-time defending PBA Player of the Year and Oklahoma Open defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia, 255-214, in the final match to take the top spot. O'Neill finished the day with 10-8 overall match play record and 8,492 36-game pinfall (including bonus pins) to edge Belmonte, who finished second five pins behind with an 8,487 pinfall and 11-7 match play record.

"Obviously you're looking at the big picture to get to this point in this tournament, but you can't really ever let off the gas," O'Neill said.

O'Neill, who says he sometimes has a tendency to over-analyze his game when he's not bowling well, didn't have that problem during the Summer Swing.

"When I'm bowling well, I really don't think about much at all," O'Neill said. "In that last match I knew what I had to do and just threw it because everything was where it needed to be."

In the final match play round, conducted on PBA's 52-foot Badger lane condition, O'Neill was 4-2 and had games of 259, 217, 214, 196, 214 before his 255 in the position round match.

The Oklahoma Open is the fourth of five events that comprise the Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) will be taped by the CBS Sports Network Saturday and Sunday at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center.

Belmonte, a favorite to win his third consecutive Player of the Year crown after winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters for the third consecutive year and the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions for the second consecutive year earlier this season, will be trying for his third title of the season and 13th of his career. For Belmonte it was his second Summer Swing stepladder final after qualifying third for the Bear Open.

Earning the third qualifying position for the Oklahoma Open finals, was 15-time Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., who also qualified fifth for the Wolf Open and fourth for the Bear Open. He ended the day with a 12-5-1 match play record and 8,272 pinfall.

Thirteen-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., was the first round leader of the Badger and Wolf Opens only to drop out of contention for a stepladder spot after the final round. He hung on to earn a spot in the Oklahoma Open final qualifying fourth with a 9-8-1 record and 8,247 pinfall. He will be trying to end a six-year drought without a PBA Tour title.

Wrapping up the top five was two-time Tour winner Andres Gomez of Colombia who has already qualified fourth for the Wolf Open finals. Gomez finished the day with a 11-7 record and 8,206 pinfall.

All of the 18 match play finalists earned their spots in the Oklahoma match play rounds through their aggregate first round qualifying pinfall totals in the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens.

This weekend's taping schedule at the Grand Event Center begins Saturday with the Wolf Open at 11 a.m. CT; Bear Open, 2:30 p.m. and Badger Open at 5:15 p.m. Tapings continue Sunday with the Oklahoma Open at noon and King of the Swing at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are still available for the tapings by visiting www.grandboxoffice.com or on site at the Grand Event Center box office.

CBS Sports Network airings of the Summer Swing begin on successive Tuesday's starting with the Wolf Open (May 26, 8 p.m. ET), Bear Open (June 2, 9 p.m.), Badger Open (June 9, 9 p.m.) Oklahoma Open (June 16, 9 p.m.) and Oklahoma's Grand Resort King of the Swing (June 23, 9 p.m.).

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Thursday

Final Match Play Standings (after 36 games, including match play bonus pins; top five advanced to stepladder finals Sunday at Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center)

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 10-8, 8,492.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 11-7, 8,487.
- 3, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 12-5-1, 8,272.
- 4, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 9-8-1, 8,247.
- 5, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 11-7, 8,206.
- 6, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 10-8, 8,190, \$4,000.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 10-8, 8,160, \$3,500.
- 8, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 11-7, 8,107, \$3,000.
- 9, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 10-8, 8,069, \$2,800.
- 10, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 10-8, 8,063, \$2,500.
- 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 8-10, 8,022, \$2,300.
- 12, Tyler Jensen, Ft. Worth, Texas, 9-9, 8,000, \$2,100.
- 13, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 8-10, 7,978, \$2,000.
- 14, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6-12, 7,955, \$1,900.
- 15, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 8-10, 7,942, \$1,800.
- 16, Mike Fagan, Ft. Worth, Texas, 6-12, 7,887, \$1,700.
- 17, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 6-12, 7,843, \$1,600.
- 18, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 6-12, 7,648, \$1,500.

Grove City, Ohio (May 17, 2015) – Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. by 329 pins to win the Professional Bowlers Association Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Nance Construction and Brunswick at AMF Stardust Lanes Sunday.

Novak finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,636 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Novak's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his third career PBA Regional title. He earned \$5,000 along with his title.

The next PBA Central Region event will be in Wooster, Ohio, June 19-21.

PBA DEBBIE & LEO NUNAN MEMORIAL CENTRAL OPEN

Presented by Nance Construction and Brunswick

AMF Stardust Lanes, Grove City, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 8-4, 4,646, \$5,000. 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8-4, 4,317, \$2,500. 3, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 8-4, 4,309, \$1,700. 4, a-Kyle Barnes, Smyrna, Tenn., 8-4, 4,273, \$1,250. 5, a-Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 6-5-1, 4,224, \$1,000. 6, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 6-6, 4,222, \$950. 7, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 7-5, 4,212, \$900. 8, s-Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 4-7-1, 4,140, \$875.

9, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 6-6, 4,112, \$850. 10, s-Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 4-8, 4,079, \$825. 11, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 7-5, 4,056, \$800. 12, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5-7, 4,033, \$780. 13, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 5-7-0, 4,023, \$760. 14, a-Kyle Cook, Urbana, Ohio, 5-7-0, 3,995, \$740. 15, a-Kevin Snyder, Grove City, Ohio, 3-9, 3,868, \$720. 16, a-Justin Stein, Columbus, Ohio, 5-7, 3,785, \$700.

a-denotes amateur

s-denotes senior

PBA Spare Shots

ENTRIES AVAILABLE FOR PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN, TWO PBA50 TOUR CALIFORNIA EVENTS

As a reminder to players 50 years of age and older, the PBA50 Tour begins its western swing with the first major and only stop in Las Vegas when the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm gets underway May 31-June 5 at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

The second PBA50 major of 2015 will be the USBC Senior Masters at The Ashwaubenon Bowl in Green Bay, Wis., July 27-Aug. 1.

The Senior U.S. Open is the most prestigious of all PBA "senior tour" events and features a challenging format contested on challenging lane conditions. Reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Norm Duke is defending champion. "Bonus" competition points earned in the Senior U.S. Open, as well as standard points earned in two additional "western swing" events to follow, will play a key role in determining the eight players who will qualify for the PBA50 Challenge and paid entries into the PBA World Series of Bowling VII later in the year.

Following the PBA Senior U.S. Open will be the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif., June 7-10, and the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV in Brentwood, Calif., June 14-17. The events will be a mix of the traditional round-robin format and new final-day format with guaranteed PBA60 (super senior) cashers at each event.

Entries are being accepted on a first come, first serve basis. You can enter online at pba.com or through Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com or (206) 332-9688.

LIZ JOHNSON WINS SECOND USBC QUEENS TITLE

Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., one of the most successful woman bowlers in PBA history, became the ninth woman to win multiple USBC Queens titles when she defeated top qualifier **Erin McCarthy** of Omaha, Neb., in the title match at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis., Tuesday night.

Johnson, who won her first USBC Queens title in 2009, is the only woman in PBA history to qualify for two PBA Tour national television finals, was the first woman to win a PBA Regional title and owns three PBA Women's Series titles. She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in April.

CHRIS BARNES AMONG SIX ELECTED TO PBA SOUTHWEST REGION HALL OF FAME

PBA star **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, who has excelled in PBA Southwest Region competition as well as on the PBA Tour, is among six individuals elected to the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame, PBA Southwest Manager **Pete McCordic** has announced.

The induction ceremony will be at 7 p.m. CT on Friday, Aug. 28, at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, Okla., as part of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Invitational weekend. The tournament will be hosted by FireLake Bowling Center. Grand Casino is the home of the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame, housing a special display to honor the inductees.

In addition to Barnes, the 2015 hall of fame class includes **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas, and **Sean Swanson** of Springfield, Mo., along with Meritorious Service honoree **Cary Mogard** of Houston, and former College Bowl proprietors **Ed and Virginia Autry** of Texarkana, Texas.

Barnes is the winner of 26 PBA regional titles as well as 18 PBA Tour titles including the PBA Triple Crown. Bohr, a two-time Southwest Player of the Year, won his 20th regional title earlier this year. Swanson, who lives in the PBA Midwest Region, has competed extensively in the Southwest Region, accumulating 16 titles and earning Southwest Player of the Year twice.

Mogard was in charge of the region's lane maintenance from 1997-2011. He also was instrumental in hosting five regional events and raising donations for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, earning the Southwest Pat Patterson award in 2000 and 2005-06. Autry and his wife hosted 35 PBA Regional events at College Bowl in Texarkana before selling their center.

Hall of fame dinner tickets will be available for \$30 per person. For reservations, email or call FireLake Bowling Center (email: chris.skillings@potawotami.org; telephone: 405-275-0404).

CHECK OUT NEW "LIKE ME, FOLLOW ME" LINKS TO PBA TOUR PLAYERS

PBA fans will find it easier to "like" their favorite players on Facebook, "follow" them on Twitter and/or Instagram, visit their personal websites, or learn more about them by clicking on new links under the "bowlers" drop-down menu on pba.com, PBA's official website.

To learn more about your favorite PBA Tour player, click on the "bowlers" tab, and then click on "PBA Tour Bowlers" to open the gallery of players. In addition to direct links to any given player's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or website pages, you'll find his/her current bio, a year-by-year profile of the player's career performances and more. If you can't find a player on the 2015 season roster, open the "Select a Season" drop-down menu and enter a different season when the player you're looking for may have met "PBA Tour" qualifying status.

You might also want to take a few minutes to cruise pba.com to get an idea of the depth of information available. Click on each of the drop-down tabs (News, Bowlers, Schedule, Scores, Resources) to discover the variety of information archived on the website – all of which ties into the comprehensive multi-media PBA Network.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRANDON NOVAK WINS NUNAN MEMORIAL TITLE

Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio defeated **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. by 329 pins on May 17 to win the PBA Debbie & Leo Nunan Memorial Central Open presented by Nance Construction and Brunswick at AMF Stardust Lanes in Grove City, Ohio.

Novak finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,636 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Novak's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his third career PBA Regional title. He earned \$5,000 along with his title.

On May 10, amateur **Joe Hostetler** of Louisville, Ky. defeated **T.J. Schmidt** of Mishawaka, Ind., by 99 pins to win the PBA Baldo Campana/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by Track at Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio, and **Richie Brown** of Marion, Ohio defeated **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Township, Mich., by 151 pins to win the PBA50 companion event.

Hostetler finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 4,612 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the \$2,500 first prize in the standard regional event. Because Hostetler is an amateur, he is not recognized as earning a PBA title.

Brown finished with a 5-4-1 match play record and 4,301 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his sixth PBA50 title and \$1,500.

The Lorain tournaments were named in honor of the late Baldo Campana, a long-time PBA supporter, who died on April 24 at age 90.

- Amateur **Darrin Casstevens** of Rural Hall, N.C., defeated **Dave Shinn** of West Columbia, S.C. 232-177, to win the PBA Lightning Lanes South Challenge Sunday in Marion, N.C. Casstevens earned \$1,500 while Shinn took home \$900 for second place.

Casstevens, a former PBA member who is now a bowling center proprietor and father of two young daughters, qualified fifth and then won four consecutive single-elimination matches to win the event. PBA Challenge tournaments are open only to players who have never won a PBA event, but Casstevens will not be credited for a PBA title because he is a non-member.

On May 10, **Stoney Baker** of Canton, Ga., defeated **Wayne Bolin** of Lumberton, N.C., 257-177, to win the inaugural PBA50 Station 300 Coastal Classic at Station 300 in Bluffton, S.C.

Baker posted a 6-4 match play record, including a 300 in game eight, to qualify third for the stepladder finals. He defeated **Gary Morgan** of Atlanta, Ga., in the first stepladder match, 212-196, and advanced to the title match by defeating **Todd Haney** of Boiling Springs, S.C., 225-178, in the semifinal round before topping Bolin for the title. Baker earned \$1,800 along with his 24th overall PBA Regional title.

- **Jerry Marrs** of Huntley, Ill., finished with a 14-game total of 3,066 pins to top amateur **Daniel Lemiesz** of Machesney Park, Ill., by 55 pins for his first PBA title in the PBA Victory Lanes Midwest Challenge in Kankakee, Ill., Sunday.

Marrs, who earned \$1,300 along with his title, is now eligible to bowl in the PBA Tournament of Champions. PBA Challenge events are open to players who have never won a PBA title.

- Heading into Memorial Day weekend, the East Region will host the Colony Park Lanes East Challenge (a reduced entry fee event) May 23 in York, Pa., while the Northwest Region hosts the PBA and PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet May 22-24 in Puyallup, Wash.

Closing the May schedule will be a West Region PBA50 doubleheader leading into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open – the 6th annual PBA50 Lona King Saguaro West Open at Johnson Lanes in Sun City West, Ariz., May 25-27, followed by the PBA50 Miller Lite Western Open at Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, Ariz., May 27-29.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- England’s **Paul Moor**, a four-time European Bowling Tour rankings champion who won his first-and-only PBA Tour title in the 2015 Ballmaster Open in Helsinki, Finland, has been elected to the UK Tenpin Hall of Fame. He will be inducted along with **Brian Michael**, **Gina Wardle**, **Lisa John** and proprietor **David Grainger** later in the year. Details will be announced soon.

- The PBA has learned former PBA West and Northwest Region lane maintenance supervisor **Steve Stevens** of The Dalles, Ore., has died. Affectionately known as “The Lane Dude,” Stevens was most recently involved as a self-employed bowling coach. No further details were immediately available.

- If you know of a deserving young college student who participates in bowling and is in need of financial assistance, encourage him/her to apply for the PBA Billy Welu Scholarship. Applications for the \$1,000 Welu Scholarship Award recognize exemplary qualities in a collegiate bowler. Applications must be postmarked by June 15. Eligible candidates must be currently in college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be downloaded using this link:

<https://pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships/>

- Visit the “shop” link on pba.com for the latest in PBA logoed merchandise, including special new PBA Summer Swing t-shirts...and a “future PBA star” t-shirts for the little one(s) in your family.

COMING TO CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Marshall Kent Leads Pack into PBA Wolf Open Finals in Bid for Second Tour Title

First event in Oklahoma’s Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing series airs Tuesday at 8 p.m. ET

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year, will bowl for his second PBA Tour title as top qualifier in the PBA Wolf Open on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, May 26, at 8 p.m. ET.

Kent, who won his only PBA Tour title in the Kingdom International Open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, last December, earned the top berth in the five-man stepladder finals by averaging 240 for 12 games for a 2,883 pinfall total. He earned the No. 1 spot by 47 pins over five-time PBA Tour title-winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.

Qualifying third was Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., the colorful 24-year-old son of equally colorful eight-time PBA Tour champion Guppy Troup. No. 4 qualifier and two-time PBA Tour winner Andres Gomez of Colombia will meet No. 5 Tommy Jones, a 15-time PBA Tour titlist from Simpsonville, S.C., in the opening match.

The Wolf Open is the first of five events held as part of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. Qualifying rounds were conducted at nearby FireLake Bowling Center and the CBS Sports Network finals were held on specially-installed lanes in the Grand Casino Event Center. The Wolf Open was contested on the 32-foot Wolf lane condition, the shortest of all of the PBA "animal pattern" lane conditions.

Kent has made four previous television appearances in the U.S., but has yet to win a PBA Tour title in the U.S.

O'Neill, who also qualified No. 2 for the CBS Sports Network finals of the Bear Open and No. 1 for the Oklahoma Open finals, won the Badger Open and Oklahoma's Grand Casino King of the Swing events during the 2014 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Summer Swing.

Kyle Troup, a two-handed player, will make his PBA Tour television debut and hopes to join his father as the fourth father-son tandem to win PBA Tour titles (joining Don and Jimmy Johnson, Don and Eugene McCune, and Dick and Pete Weber).

Gomez will try for his third title – and first in a tournament NOT named in honor of PBA legend Carmen Salvino. His previous titles came in the 2011 and 2013 Carmen Salvino Classic tournaments.

Jones, whose 39-21 record on television ranks among the top 10 in PBA history, will be trying for his first title on U.S. soil since winning the 2008 GEICO Classic in West Babylon, N.Y. He has made 13 television appearances in the U.S. since then with two second-place finishes, including a runner-up finish in the 2014 Summer Swing Bear Open.

For a Wolf Open preview video, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkYKSRhqpVo>

CBS Sports Network coverage of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing will continue on four consecutive Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET with the finals of the PBA Bear Open on June 2, the PBA Badger Open on June 9, the Oklahoma Open on June 16 and the Oklahoma's Grand Casino King of the Swing on June 23.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, will feature a preview show for the PBA Wolf Open beginning on Friday, May 22, and a post-game show immediately following the conclusion of the CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, May 26, at 10 p.m. ET. PBA Fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (May 26, 2015)

Kyle Troup Wins PBA Wolf Open For First PBA Tour Title, Joins Father Guppy as PBA Tour Champions

Flamboyant two-handed competitor joins dad as fourth father-son combination to win Tour titles

SHAWNEE, Okla. – In his first television appearance, two-handed competitor Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., sporting a throwback Afro hairdo and Partridge Family bus-styled attire, won the PBA Wolf Open in the opening event of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing.

The first of five Summer Swing events conducted at the Grand Event Center aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

Proving the adage that the apple doesn't fall from the tree, the son of equally-flamboyant eight-time Tour winner Guppy Troup, defeated 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent, 229-179, in a championship match that featured two of PBA's rising stars. In winning, Troup and his dad became the fourth father-son tandem in PBA history to win Tour titles.

"This is an unbelievable feeling," said the 23 year-old Troup. "It's going to take a while for me to realize it. "It's a dream come true and it makes it all that much better that my family was able to be here to be a part of it."

Troup, who qualified third for the stepladder finals conducted on specially-installed lanes in the Grand Event Center, was using an older technology urethane ball to attack the 32-foot Wolf lane condition, the shortest of the PBA's "animal pattern" lane conditions.

"Anytime I can play the gutter and use urethane that's a game I like to play," Troup said. "I could see the other guys were having some trouble dealing with the transition and eventually it was going to get ugly, so I had confidence that using urethane and playing outside would be a good combination to have to deal with that. Today straighter is greater was the rule of the day."

After Troup qualified for the finals earlier in the week at the nearby FireLake Bowling Center, Guppy, Kyle's mother Sherri and brother Tyler were able to fly in from North Carolina to watch the finals telecast.

The win made the Troup's the fourth father and son to record a PBA Tour win. Eugene and Don McCune, Pete and Dick Weber, and Jimmy and Don Johnson were the previous father-son combinations to win titles.

That's the toughest match I've ever been a part of and I wasn't even bowling in it," Guppy Troup said. "I was hanging on every shot, so I'm a wreck right now. Maybe I'll be less nervous the next time he makes a show but right now I'm just beside myself – it's awesome."

The stepladder began with two-time Tour winner Andres Gomez of Colombia defeating 15-time Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in the opening match, 215-195. Troup then beat Gomez in the second match, 203-163, to advance to the semifinal where he beat No. 2 qualifier five-time Tour winner Bill O'Neill, 202-188, to advance to the title match against Kent.

Kent was trying to win his second Tour title after winning the Kingdom International Open in Saudi Arabia in his rookie season. With his win, Troup automatically qualified for the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing special event that will close the Summer Swing.

The Wolf Open is followed by the Bear Open (June 2), Badger Open (June 9), Oklahoma Open (June 16) and Oklahoma's Grand Resort King of the Swing (June 23) all scheduled to air at 9 p.m. ET on the CBS Sports Network.

PBA WOLF OPEN

Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings

- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$10,000.
- 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$5,000.
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$4,000.
- 4, Andres Gomez, Colombia, \$3,500.
5. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$3,000.

Playoff Results

Match One – Gomez def. Jones, 215-195.
Match Two – Troup def. Gomez, 203-163.
Semifinal Match – Troup def. O'Neill, 202-188.
Championship – Troup def. Kent, 229-179.

Next Up On Xtra Frame: Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open June 1-5

LAS VEGAS (May 27, 2015) – The PBA50 Tour returns to action as the world's top bowlers ages 50 years and older will compete in the first major tournament of the 2015 season when the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm gets underway at the Suncoast Bowling Center June 1-5.

PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke won the 2014 Senior U.S. Open in his rookie PBA50 Tour campaign for his second win of the season and what turned out to be the launching pad for PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

Fans can catch wire-to-wire coverage of the Senior U.S. Open via PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame beginning with first round qualifying at 11 a.m. ET (8 a.m. PT) Monday, June 1. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

Here's a look at several of the compelling storylines for the 13th annual PBA Senior U.S. Open:

Players hoping to become Senior U.S. Open's first three-time winner: PBA Hall of Famers and Senior U.S. Open double winners Amleto Monacelli and Tom Baker will be trying to become the tournament's first three-time winner. Monacelli won in 2012 and 2013 and Baker in 2005 and 2006.

PBA legend Johnny Petraglia still going strong at 68: PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, the only player in PBA history to win a national tour or PBA50 Tour title in six different decades, will try to set another longevity mark by becoming the oldest to win a PBA50 Tour event at age 68. The 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner is in his 50th year of PBA competition and will be trying for his first Senior U.S. Open title.

Former major league pitcher John Burkett to compete in first Senior U.S. Open: Two-time all-star John Burkett, who played Major League Baseball for 16 years, is competing in his rookie season on the PBA50 Tour. Burkett, who has competed in several PBA Tour and regional tournaments, had a successful run at the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In the Villages earlier this season where he made match play and eventually finished 24th for his best finish of the season.

Las Vegas' Ron Mohr tries for second Senior U.S. Open win: Two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr, who moved to Las Vegas from Alaska about a year ago, will be trying for his second Senior U.S. Open. He won it for the first time in 2011.

PBA legends Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber trying for first Senior U.S. Open win: Two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Walter Ray Williams Jr., the PBA Tour's all-time leader in career titles with 47 wins, will be trying for his 10th PBA50 Tour title and first Senior U.S. Open title after finishing second in 2011 and 2012. Williams, with best finishes of fifth and sixth this season, won the PBA50 Tour's other major, the USBC Senior Masters, in 2014.

Weber, a 37-time PBA Tour winner on the national Tour, will be trying for his fourth PBA50 Tour title. So far this season Weber has second and third-place finishes to his credit. He won the USBC Senior Masters in 2013.

Mike Scroggins tries to become season's first three-time winner: PBA50 Tour rookie Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, will be trying to become the season's first three-time winner. The eight-time PBA Tour titlist is the season's only multiple winner thus far capturing the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages titles.

Hall of Famers competing in the Senior U.S. Open include: 10 PBA Hall of Famers are entered in the Senior U.S. Open including Amleto Monacelli, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Tom Baker, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Johnny Petraglia, Mark Williams, Randy Pedersen and Dale Eagle.

Challenging format: The Senior U.S. Open is considered the most demanding test for players because of its grueling format. Like the U.S. Open on the PBA Tour, the Senior U.S. Open demands patience, quality shot-making and a strong mental game over 50 games of qualifying and match play. The top four players will then meet in the stepladder finals to determine the winner.

Players vying for season-ending PBA50 Tour TV finals: Throughout the 2015 PBA50 Tour season, players are competing for the opportunity to advance to the PBA50 Tour Finals which will be held later this year at the PBA World Series of Bowling VII.

Senior U.S. Open returns to Las Vegas for 10th time: While this will mark the 13th PBA Senior U.S. Open, it will be the 10th time the Suncoast has hosted the event.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (All times Pacific) Admission is free for all rounds

Sunday, May 31

A Squad practice: 8 - 9 a.m.

B Squad practice: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

C Squad practice: 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Pro-Am squads to follow

Monday, June 1

(Round 1 Qualifying – 6 games)

7 a.m. - A Squad

10:45 a.m. - B Squad.

2:30 p.m. - C Squad

Tuesday, June 2

(Round 2 Qualifying – 6 games)

7 a.m. - B Squad

10:45 a.m. - C Squad

2:30 p.m. - A Squad

Wednesday, June 3

(Round 3 Qualifying – 6 games)

7 a.m. - C Squad

10:45 a.m. - A Squad

02:30 p.m. - B Squad

Thursday, June 4

11:30 a.m. - Match Play Round 1

1:30 p.m. - Match Play Round 2

Friday, June 5

7 a.m. - Match Play Round 3

Noon - Match Play Round 4

4 p.m. - Four-player stepladder finals

PBA Spare Shots

FUNERAL SERVICES SET FOR SATURDAY FOR 19-TIME PBA REGIONAL CHAMPION SEAN SWANSON

Funeral services have been scheduled for Saturday in Springfield, Mo., for **Sean Swanson**, a 19-time PBA Regional title winner from Springfield, Mo., who died on his 46th birthday Sunday after a three-year struggle to overcome a rare form of cancer.

Swanson, a Midwest Region resident, competed extensively in the PBA Southwest Region where he won 16 of his titles. He will be inducted into the PBA Southwest Region Hall of Fame on Aug. 28 during ceremonies at the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee, Okla.

Funeral services in Springfield Saturday will follow a visitation that is scheduled for noon-2 p.m. at Klinger-Cope Funeral Home.

Swanson, who had a highly successful amateur career before joining the PBA 18 years ago, won his last PBA title in Fort Campbell, Ky., in 2013. In his 70 PBA Tour appearances, he made the TV finals once, finishing second in the 1998 Oregon Open when he lost to Danny Wiseman in the title match, 213-191.

Swanson is survived by his wife, Angie; son Cabel and daughter Victoria, and stepson Justin.

For more information, read Lyndal Scranton's stories in the Springfield News-Leader:

<http://www.news-leader.com/story/sports/2015/05/26/funeral-arrangements-set-acclaimed-springfield-bowling-pro-swanson/27961923/> and <http://www.news-leader.com/story/sports/2015/05/24/local-bowling-pro-swanson-succumbs-long-cancer-battle/27897841/>

GRAND CASINO HOTEL & RESORT SUMMER SWING SHOWS ARCHIVED ON XTRA FRAME

PBA fans who miss the original Tuesday night telecasts of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing finals on CBS Sports Network can find the shows in the archives on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Fridays after they air. Xtra Frame is available on three-day (\$3.99), seven-day (\$12.99) and 12-month (\$64.99) subscription plans. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MARSHALL KENT WINS FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLE

Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., posted a 7-1 match play record and 4,315 pins for 16 games Sunday to win his first PBA Regional title in the PBA Daffodil Bowl Northwest Open, presented by U.S. Foods, in Puyallup, Wash.

The 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year, who earned \$2,000, rolled three 300 games on his way to a 259-pin margin of victory over **Rob Edwards** of Vancouver, Wash. Edwards had a 5-3 match play record and 4,056 pins for his 16 games, including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Northwest Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet, **Rob Rice** of Sunnyside, Wash., went 5-3 and knocked down 3,896 total pins for 16 games to top **Michael Karch** of Edgewood, Wash., for his seventh Northwest Senior Regional title. Karch had a 4-4 match play record and 3,890 pins.

- Amateur **Ryan Yelle** of South Easton, Mass. defeated **Noel Vega** of Kew Gardens, N.Y., 220-190, to win the PBA Colony Park Lanes Eastern Challenge in York, Pa., on Saturday. PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Yelle, bowling in his second regional event, was undefeated in the bracket elimination finals. Vega had opens in two of the last three frames to spoil any chance he had to win. Yelle earned \$2,000 for the win, but does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title because he is a non-member. Vega earned \$1,300 for his second runner-up finish in the past three East Challenge events.

- Closing the May schedule will be a traditional West Region PBA50 doubleheader preceding the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in Las Vegas. The 6th annual PBA50 Lona King Saguaro West Open at Johnson Lanes in Sun City West, Ariz., ends today (May 27). Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, Ariz., will then host the PBA50 Miller Lite Western Open Thursday and Friday. The PBA Senior U.S. Open, set for June 1-5 at Suncoast Bowling Center, will be covered from start to finish on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Helped by their performances in the USBC Queens last week in Green Bay, Wis., PBA members **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Dayton, Ohio, and **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., have earned the right to represent Team USA at the 2015 Pan American Games this July in Toronto. Pluhowsky finished third in the Queens; Johnson won the USBC tiara for the second time.

The qualifying process was based on performance at the 2015 USBC Team USA Trials and the 2015 USBC Queens. Earlier in the year, PBA star **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., and amateur **Devin Bidwell** of Wichita, Kan., were announced as Team USA’s men’s representatives for the Pan Am Games.

- Reminder: the deadline for applying for the 2015 PBA **Billy Welu Scholarship** is rapidly approaching. Applications for the \$1,000 Welu Scholarship Award, recognizing exemplary qualities in a collegiate bowler, must be postmarked by June 15. Eligible candidates must be currently in college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be downloaded using this link: <https://pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships/>.

- The late PBA Hall of Famer **Chuck Pezzano** has been selected as winner of the International Bowling Media Association’s Hennessy Award of Merit for his meritorious contributions to the sport. The award will be presented posthumously during IBMA’s awards luncheon during International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas on June 24.

NEXT UP ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Hall of Famer Norm Duke Leads Field into PBA Bear Open Finals

Second Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing series finals air Tuesday at 9 p.m. ET

SHAWNEE, Okla. – PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., in pursuit of his 39th PBA Tour title, heads the field for the finals of the PBA Bear Open which will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, June 2, at 9 p.m. ET.

Duke took sole possession of third place on the list of all-time PBA Tour title winners after teaming up with Wes Malott to win the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship earlier in the year. He earned the top berth in the five-man Bear Open stepladder finals by averaging 225 for 12 games on the demanding U.S. Open-style 40-foot flat lane condition to top five-time PBA Tour title-winner Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pa., by 45 pins.

Qualifying third was Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte. Belmonte will meet the winner of the opening match between No. 4 Tommy Jones, a 15-time PBA Tour titlist from Simpsonville, S.C., and No. 5 qualifier Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y.

The Bear Open is the second of five events that compose Oklahoma’s Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. Qualifying rounds were conducted at nearby FireLake Bowling Center. The CBS Sports Network finals were held on specially-installed lanes in the Grand Casino Event Center. The Bear Open winner will join Wolf Open champ Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., in the five-man Oklahoma’s Grand Casino King of the Swing special event that will conclude the summer series.

Duke, 51, is now competing on the PBA50 Tour as well as the PBA Tour. Last year, in his first season as a “senior” player, Duke earned both PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

O’Neill also qualified No. 2 for the Wolf Open (where he finished third, losing a 202-188 decision to eventual winner Troup) and No. 1 for the Oklahoma Open finals. In 2014, he won the Badger Open and Oklahoma’s Grand Casino King of the Swing events at the Grand Casino Event Center.

Belmonte is trying for his third consecutive PBA Player of the Year honor in 2015. He also is seeking his 13th career title after winning a third straight USBC Masters title and a second straight Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions title earlier in the season. Belmonte's won-lost record on television, 37-17, is No. 1 among all active PBA players.

Jones' 39-22 record on television ranks second behind Belmonte among active players. He will be trying for his first title on U.S. soil since winning the 2008 GEICO Classic in West Babylon, N.Y. He has made 14 television appearances in the U.S. since then with two second-place finishes, including a runner-up finish in the 2014 Bear Open.

Angelo, 45, is a two-time PBA Tour titlist whose most recent title was the 2012 Viper Championship during PBA World Series of Bowling IV. The 2002-03 PBA Rookie of the Year won his first title in the 2008 Viper Championship.

For a Bear Open preview video, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VUY9swzxILc>

CBS Sports Network coverage of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing will continue on three consecutive Tuesdays at 9 p.m. ET with the finals of the PBA Badger Open on June 9, the Oklahoma Open on June 16 and the Oklahoma's Grand Casino King of the Swing on June 23.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, will feature a preview show for the PBA Bear Open on Friday, May 29, and a post-game show immediately following the conclusion of the CBS Sports Network telecast on June 2. PBA fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information, visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

Jurek, Burkett Top Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open First Round Qualifying

LAS VEGAS (June 1, 2015) – Two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., and former major league pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, held the top two spots after first round qualifying Monday in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

Jurek, who won the Miller High Life Classic earlier this season for his second PBA50 Tour title, topped qualifying with a 1,402 six-game pinfall total (233 average) bowling games of 212, 269, 201, 198, 289 and 233. He held a 25-pin lead over Burkett who finished the first round with a 1,377 pinfall total.

"Anytime you can shoot 200 over on a U.S. Open (lane) condition you have to be happy with that," said Jurek, who also owns two PBA Tour titles. "Normally, for me anyway, bowling on the last squad of the day when the lanes are very dry I usually don't expect to shoot a big game late in the round so that 289 game was a pleasant surprise."

Burkett, who had a 16-year career in the majors and was a two-time all-star with the San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves, averaged 229 and had games of 192, 213, 258, 279, 222 and 213.

"It was a good start but today is today and it's over until tomorrow," Burkett said. "I was uncomfortable at first but gained some confidence mid-round and got into a groove. As well as I bowled, I believe I can still bowl better."

Burkett, who is competing in his PBA50 Tour rookie season, was able to overcome missed spares in the second and third frames of the last game to salvage his 213 at the end of the round.

"I know how important spares are in this tournament," Burkett said. "When I missed those spares I thought, oh boy, here we go, but I was able to recover and put four strikes together in the middle of the game."

So far this season on the PBA50 Tour, Burkett has competed in two tournaments making steady improvement finishing 73rd in the Pasco County Florida Open in April but rebounding to make match play in the Sun Bowl In The Villages a week later where he eventually finished 24th.

"I still have a lot to learn," Burkett said. "I'm watching these guys bowl on all the squads to see what I can pick for tomorrow and the next day and be as prepared as I can possibly be."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,355; Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 1,353 and five-time PBA Tour winner Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,350.

The 206-player field will return to bowl two more six-game qualifying rounds Tuesday and Wednesday after which the field will be cut to the top 48 players for match play on Thursday. Match play continues on Friday to determine the top four players for the stepladder finals at 4 p.m. PT.

The Senior U.S. Open, the first major of the season, is considered the most demanding test for players because of its grueling format. Like the U.S. Open on the PBA Tour, the Senior U.S. Open demands patience, quality shot-making and a strong mental game over 50 games of qualifying and match play to make the finals.

The PBA Senior U.S. Open is being covered live in its entirety on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Monday

First Round Qualifying Standings (after 6 games)

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,402.
- 2, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,377.
- 3, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,355.
- 4, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 1,353.
- 5, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,350.
- 6, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 1,348.
- 7, a-Mike Taylor, Las Vegas, 1,345.
- 8, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,326.
- 9, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,323.
- 10, ss-Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 1,319.
- 11, (tie) Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., and Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,316.
- 13, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,315.
- 14, (tie) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,310.
- 16, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,307.
- 17, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 1,303.
- 18, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,302.
- 19, (tie) ss-Louis Moretti, Las Vegas, and Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,301.
- 21, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,292.
- 22, (tie) Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, and Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,290.
- 24, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 1,288.
- 25, a-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 1,282.
- 26, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 1,281.
- 27, a-Skip Wolfe, Dixon, Ill., 1,278.

28, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,276.
29, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,275.
30, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 1,269.
31, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1,268.
32, Don Moser, Perris, Calif., 1,267.
33, (tie) ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 1,265.
35, (tie) Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., and ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,263.
37, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,257.
38, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,255.
39, a-Robert Zeihen, Las Vegas, 1,254.
40, (tie) ss-a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., and ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,250.
42, ss-a-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 1,249.
43, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,247.
44, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,243.
45, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 1,241.
46, ss-Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 1,240.
47, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,238.
48, (tie) Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., and ss-a-Howard Partell, Las Vegas, 1,233.
48, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,233.
51, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,232.
52, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1,231.
53, Mark Scroggins, Canyon, Texas, 1,230.
54, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,226.
55, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 1,223.
56, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,222.
57, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,221.
58, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,219.
59, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,218.
60, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,216.
61, (tie) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., and ss-Matt Surina, Puyallup, Wash., 1,215.
63, a-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,214.
64, (tie) ss-a-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, and ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1,211.
66, (tie) Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., and ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 1,208.
68, (tie) ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,205.
70, (tie) a-Gene Azumi, North Las Vegas, Nev., and a-Billy Langford, Lone Grove, Okla., 1,203.
72, (tie) Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,202.
74, (tie) a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., ss-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., and Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 1,201.
77, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 1,200.
78, Ron Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 1,199.
79, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,196.
80, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,194.
81, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,193.
82, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and David Allen, Las Vegas, 1,191.
84, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,187.
85, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,185.
86, (tie) ss-Norb Wetzel, Fond du Lac, Wis., ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, and ss-Jim Starks, San Bernardino, Calif., 1,183.
89, (tie) a-Michael Clemence, Las Vegas, and a-Jeff Schlehuber, Highland Ranch, Colo., 1,182.
91, (tie) ss-a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, and ss-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 1,181.
93, (tie) Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, and Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 1,180.
95, (tie) Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., ss-Gregory Waldon, Sun City West, Ariz., and Kelly O'Driscoll, Herriman, Utah, 1,177.
98, Carey Hofmann, Phoenix, 1,176.
99, (tie) Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., and Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,175.
101, Dean Mueller, Vernon Hills, Ill., 1,174.
102, (tie) ss-a-Vaughn Doody, Las Vegas, and a-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 1,172.
104, (tie) a-Warren Blankenship, Ardmore, Okla., and Joseph Jimenez, Rowland Hts, Calif., 1,171.
106, (tie) David Taylor, Largo, Fla., Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla., and ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,168.
109, a-Bob Godden, Las Vegas, 1,166.
110, ss-Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 1,165.

111, (tie) ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., and Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 1,164.
113, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,163.
114, ss-a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1,162.
115, ss-Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 1,159.
116, (tie) Scott Schimming, Tacoma, Wash., and Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,158.
118, ss-a-Daniel Winter, Rockford, Ill., 1,157.
119, ss-a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,155.
120, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 1,154.
121, (tie) Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., and Gary Reh, Las Vegas, 1,153.
123, (tie) ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, and ss-a-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 1,152.
125, Gary Johnson, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,151.
126, ss-a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 1,150.
127, (tie) Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., and ss-a-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 1,149.
129, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,147.
130, ss-a-Harry Mickelson, Yakima, Wash., 1,145.
131, (tie) ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., and Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 1,144.
133, Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., 1,141.
134, ss-Herby Mitchell, Granbury, Texas, 1,136.
135, (tie) ss-a-Norm Palomares, San Francisco, Calif., John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, and ss-a-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,132.
139, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,129.
140, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,128.
141, (tie) Larry Jordan, Lebanon, Ore., and ss-Mike Schmid, Minneapolis, Minn., 1,126.
143, ss-a-David Graber, Las Vegas, 1,123.
144, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,122.
145, ss-a-Howie Loosbroock, Henderson, Nev., 1,121.
146, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,120.
147, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,119.
148, (tie) ss-a-Les Shirwindt, Las Vegas, and Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 1,116.
150, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,115.
151, ss-a-Nelson Sand, Auburn, Wash., 1,114.
152, (tie) Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., and ss-Bob Amoruso, Glenview, Ill., 1,113.
154, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,112.
155, Seppo Korpela, Sweden, 1,111.
156, (tie) Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, and ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,108.
158, ss-Diz Francisco, Bakersfield, Calif., 1,105.
159, Tomas Karlsson, Sweden, 1,104.
160, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,097.
161, a-Richard Cook, Olympia, Wash., 1,096.
162, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 1,090.
163, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,087.
164, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,084.
165, ss-a-Conway Sunell, Las Vegas, 1,083.
166, (tie) ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,082.
168, a-Bob Baer, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,081.
169, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,080.
170, ss-Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, 1,079.
171, ss-Marvin Nezvinsky Jr., Pueblo, Colo., 1,075.
172, ss-a-Nathaniel Lewis, Clinton, Md., 1,071.
173, ss-a-John Daily, Long Beach, Calif., 1,066.
174, ss-a-David Bass, Las Vegas, 1,065.
175, (tie) ss-Murray Hickman Sr, Las Vegas, and ss-Gregory Popham, Crestview Hill, Ky., 1,060.
177, (tie) ss-Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., and ss-Gary Seney, North Las Vegas, Nev., 1,059.
179, Mike Webb, Red Oak, Iowa, 1,058.
180, (tie) a-Charles Allen Jr., Pinson, Ala., and Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,057.
182, ss-Dave Nebe, Richmond, Va., 1,049.
183, (tie) ss-Carl Nichols, Blaine, Wash., ss-a-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, and Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 1,048.
186, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,036.

- 187, ss-a-Leon Dent, Las Vegas, 1,028.
- 188, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,013.
- 189, a-Dennis Ferguson, Bellingham, Wash., 1,000.
- 190, Rick Childers, Littleton, Colo., 999.
- 191, ss-a-John Czipka, Las Vegas, 996.
- 192, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 995.
- 193, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 992.
- 194, ss-Jim Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 991.
- 195, ss-Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 985.
- 196, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, 983.
- 197, Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 976.
- 198, ss-David Blades, East Wenatchee, Wash., 973.
- 199, ss-a-David Rhoads, Las Vegas, 971.
- 200, Eric Altenburg, Albuquerque, N.M., 966.
- 201, ss-James Gregware Jr, Rensselaer, N.Y., 963.
- 202, ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 952.
- 203, Don Michaelson Sr., Plant City, Fla., 946.
- 204, ss-JamiLynn Fox, Toledo, Ohio, 942.
- 205, ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 896.
- 206, Peter Becknall, Elgin, N.D., 895.

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over

a-denotes amateur

2015 PBA World Championship to Air Live in Prime Time on ESPN

PBA World Series of Bowling VII moves to Reno in December; new PBA events planned for South Point in October

CHICAGO (June 2, 2015) – The 2015 Professional Bowlers Association World Championship, the main event of the PBA World Series of Bowling and the final major championship of the year, will be televised live in weekday prime time on ESPN for the first time in 14 years, PBA Commissioner and CEO Tom Clark announced today.

The move to live two-hour coverage at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, Dec. 17, will result in a shift of PBA World Series of Bowling VII from its previously-announced October time frame at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

“This is an unprecedented opportunity for the PBA and bowling,” Clark said. “December 17 will be one of the most spectacular events in the history of the sport.”

Since 2000, the PBA’s ESPN telecasts have aired almost exclusively on Sunday afternoons. The remainder of PBA’s 2015-16 schedule will return to the Sunday time slot.

In order to maximize the impact of the prime time event, WSOB VII will move to Reno’s National Bowling Stadium and the PBA will work with South Point Director of Bowling Mike Monyak to create new events for PBA members in the vacated October time slot.

The PBA World Championship is the PBA’s ultimate test of player versatility, requiring players to perform at a high level on five different lane conditions. WSOB VII, scheduled for Dec. 7-19 at the National Bowling Stadium, will include the PBA Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships. Qualifying rounds in those four “animal pattern” events determine the finalists who advance to World Championship match play where they bowl on a special World Championship lane conditioning pattern. Combined scores from qualifying and match play will determine the top five players who will advance to the PBA World Championship stepladder finals.

WSOB VII is moving to Reno because rooms are not available due to the National Finals Rodeo which will take place in Las Vegas in December.

The presenting sponsor and headquarters hotel for the PBA in Reno will be the Silver Legacy Resort Casino, which is within walking distance of the Stadium. Special rates at Reno’s premier casino resort property will be offered to World Series participants. WSOB VII entry fee, schedule, format, hotel and prize money information will be announced soon.

Clark said the PBA and South Point are finalizing plans for a new PBA tournament initiative involving multiple events for PBA members for October. The new South Point program will include a new Xtra Frame PBA Tour-title event. Details will be announced later.

The PBA also will re-schedule the Xtra Frame PBA Detroit Open, which originally had been scheduled for December at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. Details will be announced later.

Jack Jurek Averages 230 to Retain Lead After Second Round in Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

LAS VEGAS (June 2, 2015) -- Two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., averaged 230.8 to retain the qualifying lead after Tuesday's second round of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

After posting a 1,402 six-game pinfall (233 average) in Monday's first round on a heavily-played lane condition, Jurek returned Tuesday on a less-played second block condition to bowl 1,368 (228 average) recording a 2,770 overall pinfall total for two rounds. He bowled games of 209, 213, 257, 235, 237 and 217 in Tuesday's round.

"I was fortunate to get out of the gate with that great start in yesterday's first round so I looked at today's round as an opportunity to get more pins and was able to do that," said Jurek, who also owns two PBA Tour wins. "I got off to a little bit of a slow start but fell into a groove in the third game."

Heading into Wednesday's third round bowling on a fresh lane condition, Jurek feels he can continue the momentum.

"The first squad has been a challenge for some guys so I'll be looking to stay out of trouble and avoid the land mines," Jurek said. "I just plan to get a handle on what the lane condition gives me as early as possible and make the adjustments from there. You can run into some tricky pairs (of lanes) so it's real easy to get that bad game you want to avoid."

Jurek is trying for his second win of the season and third of his career. He notched an emotional win in the Miller High Life Classic in April by defeating five-time Tour and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., in the Championship match, 264-224, two weeks after his father passed away.

Rounding out the top five after Tuesday's second round were Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, Calif., 76 pins behind in second with 2,694; amateur Mike Taylor, Las Vegas, 2,662; Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,629, and Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 2,618.

Two-time Senior U.S. Open winners Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela and Tom Baker of King, N.C., finished the second round in 10th and 15th, respectively. Both players are trying to become the tournament's first three time winner. Senior U.S. Open defending champion and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., finished the second round in 27th.

Former major league pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett of Southlake, Texas dropped from second after the first round to 16th but is still in good position to advance to Thursday's match play rounds.

The entire field will return to bowl the final qualifying round Wednesday which will determine the top 48 players for match play on Thursday. Match play continues on Friday to determine the top four players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. PT.

The Senior U.S. Open, the first major of the season, is considered the most demanding test for players because of its grueling format. Like the U.S. Open on the PBA Tour, the Senior U.S. Open demands patience, quality shot-making and a strong mental game over 50 games of qualifying and match play to make the finals.

The PBA Senior U.S. Open is being covered live in its entirety on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit www.xtraframe.tv.com.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM
Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Tuesday
Second Round Qualifying Standings (after 12 games)

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 2,770.
- 2, ss-Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 2,694.
- 3, a-Mike Taylor, Las Vegas, 2,662.
- 4, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,629.
- 5, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 2,618.
- 6, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2,611.
- 7, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,609.
- 8, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 2,589.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,579.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,567.
- 11, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 2,566.
- 12, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 2,565.
- 13, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 2,563.
- 14, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 2,559.
- 15, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,555.
- 16, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2,554.
- 17, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 2,547.
- 18, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 2,542.
- 19, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,536.
- 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,532.
- 21, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2,531.
- 22, a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 2,524.
- 23, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2,519.
- 24, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 2,514.
- 25, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 2,509.
- 26, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 2,502.
- 27, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,500.
- 28, a-Skip Wolfe, Dixon, Ill., 2,497.
- 29, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,493.
- 30, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 2,492.
- 31, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 2,476.
- 32, (tie) ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., and Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 2,472.
- 34, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 2,471.
- 35, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,469.
- 36, ss-a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 2,467.
- 37, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 2,466.
- 38,(tie) Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 2,464.
- 40, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 2,463.
- 41, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,455.
- 42, a-Billy Langford, Lone Grove, Okla., 2,454.
- 43, (tie) Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, and ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 2,452.
- 45, ss-a-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 2,451.
- 46, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 2,450.
- 47, (tie) Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., and ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,442.
- 49, (tie) Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., and ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,433.
- 51, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,431.
- 52, ss-Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 2,430.
- 53, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,427.
- 54, (tie) ss-a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., and a-Warren Blankenship, Ardmore, Okla., 2,424.
- 56, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2,421.
- 57, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 2,420.
- 58, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 2,418.
- 59, ss-a-Howard Partell, Las Vegas, 2,416.
- 60, a-Robert Zeihen, Las Vegas, 2,412.
- 61, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 2,404.
- 62, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 2,398.
- 63, ss-Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 2,396.
- 64, (tie) ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, and ss-Matt Surina, Puyallup, Wash., 2,391.

66, Mark Scroggins, Canyon, Texas, 2,385.
67, a-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., 2,384.
68, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2,383.
69, a-Jeff Schlehuber, Highland Ranch, Colo., 2,382.
70, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,378.
71, ss-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 2,377.
72, (tie) ss-a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, and Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 2,375.
74, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 2,369.
75, (tie) ss-a-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., and ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 2,367.
77, Don Moser, Perris, Calif., 2,365.
78, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,362.
79, Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 2,359.
80, (tie) ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., Dean Mueller, Vernon Hills, Ill., Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., and Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 2,355.
84, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2,354.
85, (tie) ss-a-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., and Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 2,352.
87, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,351.
88, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2,350.
89, Kelly O'Driscoll, Herriman, Utah, 2,344.
90, (tie) ss-a-Daniel Winter, Rockford, Ill., and ss-a-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, 2,343.
92, a-Gene Azumi, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,342.
93, a-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 2,338.
94, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,335.
95, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 2,333.
96, (tie) ss-John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, Ron Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, and Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 2,332.
99, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 2,326.
100, (tie) ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., and ss-Jim Starks, San Bernardino, Calif., 2,320.
102, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2,318.
103, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 2,317.
104, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 2,316.
105, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 2,313.
106, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 2,308.
107, (tie) a-Richard Cook, Olympia, Wash., and Tomas Karlsson, Sweden, 2,306.
109, ss-a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 2,302.
110, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 2,301.
111, Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, 2,297.
112, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2,296.
113, Carey Hofmann, Phoenix, 2,292.
114, a-Michael Clemence, Las Vegas, 2,289.
115, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 2,287.
116, Joseph Jimenez, Rowland Hts, Calif., 2,286.
117, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 2,282.
118, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,280.
119, (tie) ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., and ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 2,279.
121, a-Bob Godden, Las Vegas, 2,272.
122, ss-Norb Wetzel, Fond du Lac, Wis., 2,271.
123, (tie) ss-Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., and a-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,269.
125, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 2,265.
126, Gary Reh, Las Vegas, 2,264.
127, ss-a-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 2,263.
128, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,259.
129, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 2,257.
130, ss-a-Les Shirwindt, Las Vegas, 2,256.
131, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 2,252.
132, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 2,250.
133, ss-Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 2,246.
134, Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 2,245.
135, ss-Gregory Waldon, Sun City West, Ariz., 2,243.

136, ss-a-Howie Loosbroock, Henderson, Nev., 2,242.
137, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,239.
138, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 2,233.
139, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 2,231.
140, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,226.
141, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,222.
142, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,221.
143, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,220.
144, ss-a-Nelson Sand, Auburn, Wash., 2,219.
145, David Allen, Las Vegas, 2,216.
146, ss-Diz Francisco, Bakersfield, Calif., 2,214.
147, ss-a-Vaughn Doody, Las Vegas, 2,211.
148, (tie) ss-a-Norm Palomares, San Francisco, Calif., and ss-Gary Johnson, Las Vegas, Nev., 2,210.
150, ss-Mike Schmid, Minneapolis, Minn., 2,205.
151, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,201.
152, ss-Gregory Popham, Crestview Hill, Ky., 2,194.
153, ss-Gary Seney, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,190.
154, ss-a-Conway Sunell, Las Vegas, 2,189.
155, ss-Bob Amoruso, Glenview, Ill., 2,187.
156, ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 2,183.
157, ss-a-Harry Mickelson, Yakima, Wash., 2,181.
158, ss-a-David Graber, Las Vegas, 2,178.
159, (tie) Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., and Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 2,171.
161, Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., 2,163.
162, (tie) ss-Carl Nichols, Blaine, Wash., and Larry Jordan, Lebanon, Ore., 2,160.
164, ss-Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, 2,149.
165, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 2,145.
166, (tie) a-Bob Baer, Simi Valley, Calif., ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, and Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 2,144.
169, Scott Schimming, Tacoma, Wash., 2,143.
170, Mike Webb, Red Oak, Iowa, 2,140.
171, Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 2,139.
172, ss-a-Nathaniel Lewis, Clinton, Md., 2,125.
173, ss-a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 2,120.
174, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,114.
175, ss-Murray Hickman, Las Vegas, 2,111.
176, ss-David Blades, East Wenatchee, Wash., 2,102.
177, ss-Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 2,097.
178, ss-a-David Rhoads, Las Vegas, 2,096.
179, Eric Altenburg, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,095.
180, ss-Marvin Nezvensky Jr., Pueblo, Colo., 2,090.
181, ss-a-Leon Dent, Las Vegas, 2,086.
182, Seppo Korpela, Sweden, 2,083.
183, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 2,063.
184, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,059.
185, ss-a-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 2,041.
186, ss-Herby Mitchell, Granbury, Texas, 2,040.
187, Rick Childers, Littleton, Colo., 2,039.
188, ss-a-John Czipka, Las Vegas, 2,024.
189, ss-a-John Daily, Long Beach, Calif., 2,022.
190, ss-a-David Bass, Las Vegas, 2,018.
191, a-Charles Allen Jr., Pinson, Ala., 1,994.
192, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,984.
193, (tie) ss-Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., and Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 1,976.
195, ss-Jim Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 1,973.
196, ss-Dave Nebe, Richmond, Va., 1,944.
197, ss-JamiLynn Fox, Toledo, Ohio, 1,930.
198, ss-Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 1,920.
199, ss-James Gregware Jr, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,892.

200, ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,884.
201, Don Michaelson Sr., Plant City, Fla., 1,857.
202, Peter Becknall, Elgin, N.D., 1,852.
203, a-Dennis Ferguson, Bellingham, Wash., 1,816.
204, ss-Louis Moretti, Las Vegas (withdrew)
205, Randy Pedersen, Clermont, Fla., (withdrew)
206, Tim Shirlock, Las Vegas, (withdrew)

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a-denotes amateur

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Tommy Jones Wins PBA Bear Open, Ends Seven-Year U.S. Winless Streak

No. 4 qualifier foils Hall of Famer Norm Duke's bid for 39th title

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Breaking a streak of seven years without a PBA Tour title on U.S. soil, Tommy Jones won this first title of the season and 16th of his career with a 225-211 victory over PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the PBA Bear Open finals at the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Event Center.

Jones, whose last U.S. title came in the 2008 GEICO Open in West Babylon, N.Y., won four straight matches from the No. 4 qualifying position in a challenging stepladder final that required all players to execute spares, split conversions as well as throwing strikes. The second of five telecasts which are part of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing aired Tuesday night on CBS Sports Network.

Both Jones and Duke struggled to start the title match with Duke failing to convert the 1-2-4 in the first frame and Jones failing to convert the 2-7 split in his third frame. It was in the 2-7 split that made Jones decide to make a move to a new ball and his angle to the pocket, reeling off four consecutive strikes. That string, along with a double in the ninth and 10th frames, was enough to hold off Duke who was trying for his second title of the season and the 39th of his career.

"I watched what Norm was doing and what Bill (O'Neill) was doing in the previous match, so I decided it was time for me to change to a different ball, get my balance and footing adjusted, and throw it a little softer," said Jones. "I actually enjoy grinding it out like this. You're not just throwing strikes. You have to be on your game to make spares and splits plus get a few breaks along the way."

Since the 2008 GEICO Open, Jones has won two titles in Japan and another in Saudi Arabia, but he has had a run of bad luck in U.S.-based tournaments. This season, Jones had a previous best finish of fifth place in the Summer Swing Wolf Open and sixth place with Chris Barnes in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

"I'll be honest, there were some doubts that creep into your head when you start thinking about when that next win will come," Jones said. "It causes you to put more pressure on yourself. I just went back to that old mindset of just thinking about the next shot."

An inkling to how challenging the 40-foot Bear lane condition would be came in the opening match when Jones defeated No. 5 qualifier Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., trying for his third Tour title, 179-161. Jones then defeated two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, who was trying for his third win of the season and 13th of his career, 221-210, in the second match and out-dueled five-time Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 225-220, in the semifinal match. O'Neill had a chance to win the match with a strike on his first shot in the 10th frame for a double, but he left a 4 pin.

With his win, Jones joined Wolf Open winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., in the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing finals. The Badger and Oklahoma Open winners also will advance to the end-of-series special event, along with a wild-card player based upon competition points earned without a title in the Summer Swing.

Next up on the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing CBS Sports Network telecast schedule is the Badger Open (June 9), followed by the Oklahoma Open (June 16) and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing (June 23). All telecasts will air at 9 p.m. ET.

PBA BEAR OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$10,000.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$5,000
- 3, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$4,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$3,500.
5. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., \$3,000.

Playoff Results

Match One – Jones def. Angelo, 179-161.

Match Two – Jones def. Belmonte, 221-210.

Semifinal Match – Jones def. O'Neill, 225-220.

Championship – Jones def. Duke, 225-211.

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Jurek Struggles But Recovers to Top Qualifying For Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open

*Former MLB pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett qualifies ninth
as field is cut to top 48 for match play*

LAS VEGAS (June 3, 2015) – First and second round leader Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., stumbled a bit in the third round of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Wednesday, but recovered to top qualifying with a 224.5 average.

The two-time PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour titlist finished qualifying with a 4,042 18-game pinfall total at the Suncoast Bowling Center, but had to overcome two sub-par games in the middle of the round. He bowled a 1,272 six-game pinfall in the third round on a fresh Senior U.S. Open lane condition with games of 217, 231, 159, 186, 223 and 256.

"I got caught up in the (lane condition) transition there in the third game and it was a struggle," said the 52-year-old Jurek. "I had to scramble to find the right ball and got some advice from the ball reps and eventually got back on track. Prior to game five I made another ball change to something less aggressive and got the ball reaction I was looking for which brought my confidence level back."

Heading into Thursday's match play rounds Jurek said his final qualifying round was a good learning experience.

"You want to avoid that bad game but it seems like it's going to happen eventually," he said, "but now I know about the third or fourth game of each round I'm going to have to be better prepared for the transitioning lane condition."

Jurek, who won the Miller High Life Classic earlier this season, led two-time PBA Tour winner Rick Steelsmith of Wichita, Kan., who vaulted from 13th in the second round to second thanks to a 1,402 six-game pinfall in the third round. Steelsmith finished with a 3,965 overall pinfall (220 average) for his 18 games of qualifying.

Amateur Mike Taylor of Las Vegas qualified third with a 3,874 ahead of Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela and Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who tied for fourth with 3,856. Monacelli, along with Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., who qualified 14th, are trying to become the first three-time winner of the Senior U.S. Open. Monacelli won back-to-back in 2012 and 2013 and Baker won consecutively in 2005 and 2006.

Former major league pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett of Southlake, Texas rebounded after a 157 in the last game of the second round Tuesday to qualify ninth for match play with a 3,813 pinfall (211.8 average).

"I'm excited about it but I have high expectations for myself," said the 50-year-old Burkett, who will try to improve on his season's best finish of 24th in the Sun Bowl In The Villages. "I had a bad finish in yesterday's round so I was determined to fix that.

"I got off to a good start with a 258 today and just stayed clean the rest of the way," he added. "I'm gaining more experience all the time. If it had been a year ago I might have died after a bad game like I had yesterday."

Defending champion and reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., advance to match play qualifying 17th with a 3,752 pinfall.

The 48-player match play field begins competition at 8 a.m. PT Thursday with the first of two rounds. After match play concludes Thursday, the field will be cut to 24 players who will compete in two more eight-game match play rounds on Friday that will determine the top four players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 4 p.m. PT.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Wednesday

Third Round Qualifying Standings (after 18 games. Top 48 advance to match play)

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4,042.
- 2, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 3,965.
- 3, a-Mike Taylor, Las Vegas, 3,874.
- 4, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,856.
- 6, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 3,837.
- 7, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,835.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,821.
- 9, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,813.
- 10, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,807.
- 10, Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 3,807.
- 12, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,801.
- 13, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,794.
- 14, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,791.
- 15, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 3,775.
- 16, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,773.
- 17, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,752.
- 18, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,751.
- 19, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 3,750.
- 20, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,748.
- 21, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,745.
- 22, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,737.
- 23, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,721.
- 24, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 3,712.
- 25, a-Skip Wolfe, Dixon, Ill., 3,711.
- 26, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,709.
- 27, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,691.
- 28, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,688.
- 29, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3,684.
- 30, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,679.
- 31, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 3,677.
- 32, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,666.
- 33, Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,664.
- 34, (tie) Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., and a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 3,663.
- 37, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 3,660.

38, a-Billy Langford, Lone Grove, Okla., 3,655.
39, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,644.
40, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,639.
41, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,638.
42, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,636.
43, (tie) Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., and Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 3,635.
45, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3,632.
46, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 3,631.
47, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,630.
48, ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 3,629.

Failed to advance:

49, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,621, \$1,000.
50, a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 3,618, \$1,000.
51, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,615, \$1,000.
52, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,614, \$1,000.
53, (tie) Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,611.
55, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,609.
56, ss-a-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 3,608, \$1,000.
57, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,604.
58, Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., 3,601.
59, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,600, \$1,000.
60, (tie) Don Moser, Perris, Calif., and ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,590, \$1,000.
62, (tie) a-Warren Eales, Chandler, Ariz., and ss-a-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 3,588, \$1,000.
64, Ron Boroff, Mansfield, Texas, 3,584.
65, (tie) ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, \$1,000, and Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,582.
67, ss-Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 3,557, \$1,000.
68, (tie) ss-a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, \$1,000, Mark Scroggins, Canyon, Texas, and ss-Matt Surina, Puyallup, Wash., 3,555, \$1,000.
71, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,554.
72, Dean Mueller, Vernon Hills, Ill., 3,549.
73, David Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,546.
74, ss-Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 3,542, \$1,000.
75, a-Dean Hebner, Vancouver, Wash., 3,541.
76, a-Dave Washburn, Las Vegas, 3,537.
77, Mark Williams, Beaumont, Texas, 3,529.
78, a-Gene Azumi, North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,521.
79, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,519.
80, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,518.
81, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,517.
82, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,515.
83, a-Warren Blankenship, Ardmore, Okla., 3,514.
84, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,513.
85, Wayne Stellick, Aurora, Colo., 3,511.
86, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,505.
87, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 3,504.
88, a-Howard Partell, Las Vegas, 3,494.
89, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 3,491.
90, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,487.
91, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,484.
92, a-Richard Cook, Olympia, Wash., 3,482.
93, (tie) a-Pete Toth, Simi Valley, Calif., and Norb Wetzell, Fond du Lac, Wis., 3,476.
95, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3,473.
96, Gregory Waldon, Sun City West, Ariz., 3,471.
97, a-Bob Godden, Las Vegas, 3,470.
98, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 3,468.
98, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,468.
100, Kelly O'Driscoll, Herriman, Utah, 3,463.
101, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 3,462.

102, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,461.
103, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,457.
104, John Shreve Sr., Sheffield Village, Ohio, 3,451.
105, a-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,447.
106, (tie) Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., and Tomas Karlsson, Sweden, 3,446.
108, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 3,437.
109, (tie) Larry Popp, Marion, Ohio, and a-Daniel Winter, Rockford, Ill., 3,435.
111, (tie) Diz Francisco, Bakersfield, Calif., and Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 3,433.
113, David Taylor, Largo, Fla., 3,430.
114, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,425.
114, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 3,425.
116, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,424.
117, a-Nelson Sand, Auburn, Wash., 3,422.
118, a-Robert Zeihen, Las Vegas, 3,420.
119, Gary Reh, Las Vegas, 3,414.
120, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 3,409.
121, a-Les Shirwindt, Las Vegas, 3,402.
122, (tie) Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., and Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,400.
124, a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 3,399.
125, Gary Seney, North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,397.
126, a-Michael Clemence, Las Vegas, 3,396.
127, Joe Salvemini, McKinney, Texas, 3,390.
128, David Allen, Las Vegas, 3,389.
129, Jim Starks, San Bernardino, Calif., 3,384.
130, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,379.
131, a-Darwin Wimer, Mesquite, Nev., 3,376.
132, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,375.
133, Michael Owen, Gainesville, Fla., 3,370.
134, John Parry, Oak Park, Calif., 3,369.
135, a-Jeff Schlehuber, Highland Ranch, Colo., 3,368.
136, a-Conway Sunell, Las Vegas, 3,366.
137, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,362.
138, Jon DeLaney, McKinney, Texas, 3,357.
139, Joseph Jimenez, Rowland Hts, Calif., 3,354.
140, ss-a-Vaughn Doody, Las Vegas, 3,346.
141, (tie)a-David Graber, Las Vegas, and Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 3,344.
143, ss-Gary Johnson, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,340.
144, Carey Hofmann, Phoenix, 3,337.
145, a-Harry Mickelson, Yakima, Wash., 3,306.
146, Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,304.
147, Mike Schmid, Minneapolis, Minn., 3,303.
148, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 3,302.
149, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,298.
150, a-Howie Loosbroock, Henderson, Nev., 3,294.
151, ss-Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., and a-Norm Palomares, San Francisco, Calif., 3,287.
153, ss-Gregory Popham, Crestview Hill, Ky., 3,281.
154, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,280.
155, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 3,273.
156, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,269.
157, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,267.
158, Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 3,266.
159, Carl Nichols, Blaine, Wash., 3,249.
160, a-David Rhoads, Las Vegas, 3,242.
161, (tie) Sal Bongiorno, Las Vegas, and Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,241.
163, (tie) Edgar Gomez, Colombia, and Garry Blanton, Owensboro, Ky., 3,231.
165, Bob Amoruso, Glenview, Ill, 3,230.
166, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 3,216.
167, Scott Schimming, Tacoma, Wash., 3,214.

168, a-Bob Baer, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,209.
 169, Steve Davis, Manteca, Calif., 3,196.
 170, Mario Ortezt, Visalia, Calif, 3,193.
 171, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 3,190.
 172, a-Nathaniel Lewis, Clinton, Md., 3,184.
 173, Mike Webb, Red Oak, Iowa, 3,183.
 174, David Blades, East Wenatchee, Wash., 3,176.
 175, Eric Altenburg, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,175.
 176, Seppo Korpela, Sweden, 3,166.
 177, a-John Czipka, Las Vegas, 3,149.
 178, Larry Jordan, Lebanon, Ore., 3,125.
 179, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,121.
 179, a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 3,121.
 181, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,115.
 182, a-Jay Gneiting, Aberdeen, Idaho, 3,108.
 183, Marvin Nezvensky Jr., Pueblo, Colo., 3,086.
 184, Jim Montgomery, Byron, Ill., 3,077.
 185, a-David Bass, Las Vegas, 3,070.
 186, a-Leon Dent, Las Vegas, 3,066.
 187, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,049.
 188, Rick Childers, Littleton, Colo., 3,033.
 189, Jim Hutchinson, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, 3,009.
 190, a-John Daily, Long Beach, Calif., 2,976.
 191, a-Charles Allen Jr., Pinson, Ala., 2,950.
 192, Herbye Mitchell, Granbury, Texas, 2,933.
 193, Gene Morrison, Spring Lake, N.C., 2,931.
 194, JamiLynn Fox, Toledo, Ohio, 2,899.
 195, Robert Walters, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2,898.
 196, Peter Becknall, Elgin, N.D., 2,891.
 197, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,867.
 198, Dave Nebe, Richmond, Va., 2,858.
 199, Don Michaelson Sr., Plant City, Fla., 2,836.
 200, James Gregware Jr, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2,830.
 201, a-Dennis Ferguson, Bellingham, Wash., 2,718.
 202, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 2,675.
 203, ss-Murray Hickman Sr, Las Vegas, (withdrew)

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over out of the regular prize list cashing for \$1,000
 a-denotes amateur

PBA's Greatest TV Finals Debut on YouTube as "PBA Modern Classics"
Weber's legendary U.S. Open win, Koivuniemi's TOC win among first episodes

CHICAGO (June 4, 2015) – Some of the greatest television finals in recent Professional Bowlers Association history, including Jason Belmonte's unprecedented third straight USBC Masters win and Pete Weber's unforgettable "Who do you think you are?" U.S. Open victory in 2012, are part of a new series of telecasts that will reside as "PBA Modern Classics" on the PBA's YouTube channel.

The "PBA Modern Classics" series on the PBA's YouTube channel will consist of memorable PBA telecasts from the PBA's recent archive and is the latest initiative of the PBA Network, the comprehensive multi-media network developed by the PBA to serve the bowling industry, fans, news media and PBA members around the world.

"The PBA Modern Classics collection on our YouTube PBA Bowling channel will allow our fans to watch some of the greatest moments in bowling that they may have missed when they originally aired or will allow them to enjoy these great telecasts all over again at their own convenience," PBA VP-Media Dave Schroeder said.

PBA fans are invited to visit YouTube and subscribe – at no cost – to the PBA Bowling channel (“PBABowling”) where the PBA Modern Classics collection will reside: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TaiCgg>. Finals that are currently available, or coming soon, include:

2015 United States Bowling Congress Masters (available now)

Australia’s two-handed star Jason Belmonte became the second player ever to win this event three times, and the first to do it in consecutive years, in Green Bay, Wis. Belmonte defeated amateur collegiate star A.J. Johnson for the title after defeating PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber in a controversial semifinal match. Also competing in the finals were Mike DeVaney and Sweden’s Martin Larsen.

2012 U.S. Open (available now)

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber’s historic victory at Brunswick Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J., launched his “Who do you think you are? I am,” phrase. Weber threw clutch strikes against Mike Fagan in the title match, Jason Belmonte in the semifinal and Ryan Shafer in the first match on his way to a record fifth U.S. Open title.

2011 PBA Tournament of Champions (available now)

The first \$1 million tournament in PBA history featured Mika Koivuniemi’s \$250,000 victory over Tom Smallwood in the title match, and a memorable 299-100 victory over Tom Daugherty in the semifinal match. The finals at Red Rock Bowling Center in Las Vegas also included Colombia’s Andres Gomez.

2009 GEICO PBA Plastic Ball Championship (available Friday, June 5)

The PBA challenged the world’s best bowlers to use throwback-technology plastic bowling balls in a unique event at Brunswick Zone-Wheat Ridge, Colo., where Jeff Carter of Springfield, Ill., won his first PBA Tour title in a battle against his boyhood idol, Pete Weber. The telecast also featured former PBA Player of the Year Chris Barnes and rising star Mike Fagan.

2010 One A Day Dick Weber Open (available Friday, June 12)

Mike Fagan ended his eight-year quest for his first PBA Tour title, defeating all-time PBA Tour titles leader Walter Ray Williams Jr. for the title at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif. Pete Weber, Bill O’Neill and Ryan Shafer also bowled in a telecast that featured well-known sports television personality Bill Simmons joining announcers Rob Stone and Randy Pedersen in providing commentary about the event.

2010 PBA Tournament of Champions (available Friday, June 19)

The telecast many PBA fans rank as the most memorable in PBA history featured Kelly Kulick’s historic victories over Mike Koivuniemi in the semifinal match and Chris Barnes in the title match to become the first woman ever to win a major sports championship not involving a race car or race horse. The TOC finals at Red Rock Bowling Center in Las Vegas also included Rhino Page.

Additional classic telecasts will be announced as they are added to the PBA Modern Classics collection.

The PBA channel on YouTube has already attracted nearly 15 million views and tens of thousands of subscribers from around the world to watch archived television finals, otherwise-unavailable player interviews and features, and more.

**Defending Champion Norm Duke Posts 14-2 Match Play Record to Charge
Into Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Lead**

Hall of Famer leads 24 players advancing to Friday’s match play rounds

LAS VEGAS (June 4, 2015) – Defending champion Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., posted a 14-2 match play record and averaged 218.8 after the fifth round to charge into the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm lead Thursday at the Suncoast Bowling Center.

The reigning PBA50 Player of the Year’s performance in match play vaulted him into the lead after qualifying 17th. He finished the day with a 245-237 win over qualifying leader Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., in the position round match to take the top spot with a 7,674 34-game overall pinfall total (including match play bonus pins) 67 pins ahead of Jurek in second with 7,607.

"The key in qualifying is to not shoot yourself in the foot and bowl your way out of the tournament," said the Hall of Famer who owns 38 PBA Tour titles. "It's hard to navigate qualifying in this tournament because of all the different types of players and styles out there. You don't necessarily have to be the leader."

Duke led a field of 24 players who advanced to Friday's final two eight-game match play rounds that will determine the top four players for the stepladder finals at 4 p.m. PT.

Duke is trying to become the second consecutive player to win back-to-back Senior U.S. Open titles after Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli accomplished the feat in 2012 and 2013. Duke is also trying for his first PBA50 Tour win of the season and third of his career.

"The 30 (match play) bonus points are just huge," Duke added. "When you're thinking just get through qualifying, it's almost the opposite in match play where you want to continuously apply the pressure. If you lose it mentally in any U.S. Open, whether it be on the regular tour or the PBA50 Tour, you will pay the maximum price."

Duke won last year's Senior U.S. Open by defeating fellow Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 214-174, in the title match becoming the first player to win U.S. Open titles on both the PBA and PBA50 Tours.

Jurek, who is trying for his second PBA50 Tour title of the season and third of his career, also had a productive day in match play going 10-6 but couldn't hold off the hard-charging Duke.

"I'm hanging in there," said Jurek, who also owns two PBA Tour titles. "I won my share of matches today but didn't shoot many big games."

Rounding out the top five after Thursday's fifth round were five-time PBA Tour winner Eric Forkel of Henderson, Nev., who went 13-3 and finished with a 7,580 pinfall; Weber, 7,562, and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 7,506.

Monacelli, who ended the day sixth with a 7,503 pinfall, is trying to become the first Senior U.S. Open three-time winner.

Fans can catch Senior U.S. Open final day action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM

Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Thursday

Fifth Round Results (34-game pinfall totals including bonus pins and match play record. Top 24 advance to Friday's sixth round)

- 1, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 14-2, 7,674.
- 2, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 10-6, 7,607.
- 3, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 13-3, 7,580.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 10-6, 7,562.
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 12-4, 7,506.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 10-6, 7,503.
- 7, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 9-7, 7,473.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 9-7, 7,461.
- 9, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 12-4, 7,439.
- 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 11-4-1, 7,407.
- 11, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 9-7, 7,405.
- 12, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 7-8-1, 7,330.
- 13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 9-7, 7,260.
- 14, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 8-8, 7,216.
- 15, a-Skip Wolfe, Dixon, Ill., 8-7-1, 7,197.
- 16, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 9-7, 7,195.
- 17, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 12-4, 7,134.
- 18, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 9-7, 7,126.
- 19, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 7-8-1, and Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 8-7-1, 7,111.
- 21, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 7-9, 7,089.
- 22, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 6-10, 7,071.

23, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 6-10, 7,060.

24, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 8-8, 7,047.

Failed to advance:

25, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 8-8, 7,045, \$1,425.

26, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 9-7, 7,044, \$1,400.

27, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 10-6, 7,037, \$1,375.

28, a-Billy Langford, Lone Grove, Okla., 9-7, 7,027, \$1,350.

29, a-Jimmie Pritts Jr., Mathuen, Mass., 8-8, 7,013, \$1,325.

30, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 8-8, 7,005, \$1,300.

31, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 4-11-1, 6,988, \$1,275.

32, Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 7-9, 6,987, \$1,250.

33, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 5-10-1, 6,984, \$1,225.

34, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 6-10, 6,981, \$1,200.

35, Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 7-9, 6,980, \$1,180.

36, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 8-8, 6,977, \$1,170.

37, Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 7-9, 6,971, \$1,160.

38, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 7-9, 6,944, \$1,150.

39, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 5-11, 6,943, \$1,140.

40, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 7-9, 6,935, \$1,130.

41, Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 8-8, 6,888, \$1,120.

42, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 6-10, 6,883, \$1,110.

43, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4-12, 6,877, \$1,100.

44, a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 4-12, 6,842, \$1,095.

45, a-Mike Taylor, Havertown, Pa., 3-13, 6,838, \$1,090.

46, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 7-9, 6,837, \$1,085.

47, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 5-11, 6,730, \$1,080.

48, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 5-10-1, 6,699, \$1,075.

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PBA Spare Shots

SIZZLING SUMMER SCHEDULE ON TAP FOR PBA COMPETITORS, FANS

The summer of 2015 is about to become one of the most competitive in years for PBA members, with five exclusive Xtra Frame tournaments, the first four of seven PWBA Regionals, a number of PBA50 Tour events, a full calendar of traditional PBA standard/PBA50/PWBA Regional Challenge qualifying events, and a significant international tournament in Japan.

For those who are not already Xtra Frame subscribers, below is a perfect set of reasons to sign on. A 12-month XF Season Ticket costs \$64.99; a one-month subscription is \$7.99 and a three-day subscription is \$3.99 if you only want to watch a weekend event. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

Here's a quick glimpse of the summer agenda:

PBA Tour on Xtra Frame

Of special interest this summer is an expanded schedule of PBA Tour Xtra Frame events that will feature exclusive, live start-to-finish coverage on PBA's online bowling channel, award PBA Tour titles, and enhanced prize funds. The Xtra Frame Tour events get underway June 19-21 with the Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Fla., followed by the Xtra Frame Lubbock Southwest Open at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, June 26-28.

Over the July 31-Aug. 2 weekend, the Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event from Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas, will award PBA Tour and PWBA Tour titles. And the Aug. 4-7 PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles at Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., hosted by the PBA Central Region, will award both PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour titles. Wrapping up the summer Xtra Frame PBA Tour events will be the Middletown East Open from Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

PWBA Regionals and PWBA Tour on Xtra Frame

The first four “women only” PWBA Regional tournaments, conducted by PBA’s regional managers, will be open to PWBA-PBA members and amateurs. One event in each of the PBA’s eight regions (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West, Northwest and Japan) will offer \$10,000 prize funds based on a minimum of 40 entries each.

Host centers and cities for the first four events include Bowlmum Lanes, Montclair, Calif. (West Region), June 5-7; Secoma Lanes, Federal Way, Wash. (Northwest Region), June 12-14; Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind. (Central Region), June 26-27, and Liberty Lanes, Gastonia, N.C. (South Region) July 4-6. Events in the other regions will be held later in the year, avoiding conflicts with the revival of the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour program.

And, in addition to the PWBA Regional events, all PWBA Tour events in July, August and September will be televised exclusively on Xtra Frame (click here for the full schedule: <http://pwba.com/Tournaments/Schedule>).

In addition to the specific “women only” PWBA Regionals, more than 60 additional “standard” regions tournaments will be PWBA Regional Challenge points qualifying events. In those events, women will bowl alongside men, but earn points based upon how they qualify. The leading woman in points in each PBA Region will earn a free entry into PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno in December along with a chance to earn a berth in the PWBA Regional Challenge Finals that will air on ESPN.

PBA50 Tour on Xtra Frame

The remaining seven events on the 2015 PBA50 Tour will be held this summer, all except the USBC Senior Masters featuring start-to-finish live coverage on Xtra Frame. Following the PBA Senior U.S. Open, which ends Friday in Las Vegas, PBA50 players will head to Fountain Valley, Calif., for the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open, June 7-10, followed by PBA50 Northern California Classic at long-time host Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., June 14-17.

After a month-long break, “senior” players return to the Midwest for the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open at Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., July 19-22; the USBC Senior Masters at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis. (covered by BowlTV), July 27-Aug. 1; the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., Aug. 4-7; and a Pro Bowl West doubleheader for “senior” and “super senior” players in Fort Wayne, Ind., to close the season: the PBA50 Fort Wayne Classic, Aug. 8-11, and the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic, Aug. 13-15.

Based upon season-long competition points, the top eight PBA50 players will advance to the PBA50 Challenge during WSOB VII in Reno.

International Showcase in Japan

The bowling world also will have its eyes on the recently-announced Round 1 Japan World Open, July 9-12, in Tokyo, that will feature men’s and women’s singles divisions, with first prizes of 10 million yen (US\$83,000) in each division, and a special mixed doubles competition including teams representing Eurasia, Africa, the Americas and Japan.

This event, which will feature a number of PBA stars to-be-announced, is being designed as a showcase for the Japan Olympic Organizing Committee and the International Olympic Committee as bowling makes its bid to be included as a new sport in the 2020 Olympic Games.

Standard PBA and PBA50 Regionals

An extensive schedule of standard regionals, and many of which include PWBA-regional points competitions, and PBA50 regionals also are on tap for the summer months. Regional players also will be competing for high-points honors within their respective regions to earn berths in the end-of-year PBA Regional Challenge at WSOB VII.

For complete schedules, entry information, and details about PBA tournament opportunities for amateur and professional men and women, PWBA and PBA50 competitors, visit pba.com and click on the “schedules” tab

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MOHR, WARREN WIN PBA50 TITLES IN ARIZONA

Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas, Nev., and **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., won PBA50 West Region titles in a pair of traditional Arizona events prior to the start of the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

Mohr, a two-time PBA50 Player of the Year, posted a 12-4 match play record and a 6,079 pinfall total Friday to win his ninth career regional title in the PBA50 Miller High Life West Open at Starlite Lanes in Flagstaff, on May 29. Mohr, who earned \$1,500, defeated **Tony Majcher** of Rolling Meadows, Ill., by 36 pins for his title.

Two-days earlier, Warren, the owner of 43 standard PBA Regional titles, earned his first in PBA50 competition in the sixth annual PBA50 Lona King Saguaro West Open at Johnson Lanes in Sun City West. Warren posted a 13-3 match play record and a 5,917 pinfall total for a \$4,000 first prize and a 197-pin margin of victory over **Paul McCordic** of Sugar Land, Texas.

- A busy summer of PBA Regional competition gets underway over the June 5-7 weekend with the Homefield Bowl Eastern Open presented by MOTIV in Yonkers, N.Y.; the Tri City Lanes South Open in Easley, S.C.; the PWBA Western Open – a women only event – at Bowlm Lanes in Montclair, Calif.; and a pair of one-day, reduced entry fee PBA50 Parkin’s Bowling Supply West Open events, also at Bowlm Lanes in Montclair, Calif.

- Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., will highlight the June 12-14 weekend when it hosts the added-money Jonesboro Southwest/Midwest Open presented by MOTIV, offering a projected \$5,000 first prize. Elk Grove Bowl in Elk Grove Village, Ill., will host the Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open while competition for women and PBA50 players includes the PWBA Northwest Open along with a pair of joint PBA50 Secoma Lanes West/Northwest Open one-day, reduced entry fee events, in Federal Way, Wash.

- The June 19-21 schedule includes the first PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournaments of the summer season, the Pensacola South Open presented by Roto Grip, at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Fla. Also on the weekend schedule are a pair one-day American Family Insurance Midwest Open events presented by Columbia 300 at Tinley Bowl in Tinley Park, Ill.; the Planet Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners in Oklahoma City; the Fort Meade East Challenge for non-winners at The Lanes in Fort Meade, Md.; the J.D. Producing Inc./Triway Lanes Central Open presented by Hammer in Wooster, Ohio, and a PBA/PBA50 doubleheader, the Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.

- Over the June 26-27 weekend, South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, will host the second PBA Tour Xtra Frame event, the Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Storm. Also on the weekend schedule, Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., will host the PWBA Central Open along with a one-day, reduced entry fee Central/Midwest Challenge. Sparetimes in Hampton, Va., will host the PBA50 Sparetimes South Open, and Fox Bowl in Wheaton, Ill., will host the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open.

- Two events are on the Fourth of July weekend schedule: a PBA and PBA50 Gastonia South Open doubleheader presented by Brunswick at George Pappas’ Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C., and the Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Reminder: PBA fans who miss the original Tuesday night telecasts of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing finals on CBS Sports Network can find the shows in the archives on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Fridays after they air. Xtra Frame is available on three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and 12-month (\$64.99) subscription plans. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

- The winner of the May MOTIV Xtra Frame sweepstakes and a new MOTIV bowling ball is **Larry Robinson** of Stockton, Calif. If you are not an Xtra Frame subscriber, you can enter the MOTIV sweepstakes by signing up for a new monthly or full-year Xtra Frame subscription – monthly (\$7.99) or 12-month XF Season Ticket (\$64.99). MOTIV’s ball-a-month sweepstakes will continue throughout 2015.

- May’s winner in the monthly HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes is **William Block**. The official travel partner of the PBA awards a \$200 lodging gift certificate each month to a lucky person who books a hotel room through HotelPlanner.com. Use the “Book Hotel” link on pba.com and you will be automatically entered. The gift certificate will be valid for hotel room and tax only.

- Reminder: After each Tuesday night Oklahoma’s Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing telecast on CBS Sports Network, there will be a short post-game video posted to YouTube. To view the Bear Open video featuring Mike J. Laneside interviewing Tommy Jones, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj6O8Jc8DdY>

- Last call: applications for the 2015 PBA **Billy Welu Scholarship** must be postmarked by June 15. The \$1,000 Welu Scholarship Award recognizes exemplary qualities in a collegiate bowler. Eligible candidates must be currently in college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be downloaded using this link: <https://pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships/>.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Weber Defeats Forkel to Win
First Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open Title**

*Weber beats Forkel 224-212 in title match to join Norm Duke as only players
to win U.S. Open titles on both PBA and PBA50 Tours*

LAS VEGAS (June 5, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., won the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm Friday to join fellow Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., as the only players to win U.S. Open titles on both the PBA and PBA50 Tours.

Weber, who has won a record five U.S. Open titles on the PBA Tour, defeated local favorite and No. 1 qualifier Eric Forkel of Henderson, Nev., 224-212, in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling Center to join Duke in the elite club.

“A major title is a major title no matter where it comes from,” said Weber, who owns 37 PBA Tour titles including a record tying 10 majors. “That’s why they have them, because they’re above the rest of the tournaments. I don’t care if it’s a senior major or super senior major, they mean the same to me because of what it takes to win them.”

In the title match, Forkel, a five-time PBA Tour titlist, held an eight-pin lead over Weber in the seventh frame with both players throwing a double in the eighth and ninth frames.

Forkel, who finished third in the 2013 Senior U.S. Open, left a seven pin on the first ball of the 10th frame which left an opening for Weber. Weber got the first two strikes in the 10th frame that sealed the win.

“I couldn’t really complain today because 90 percent of the shots I made I felt real good about,” said the 53-year-old Weber. “You expect to have a bad break somewhere but I didn’t really have one worth mentioning. When I didn’t strike I had a nine-count most of the time and when that’s the worst you do you’re going to be in good shape.”

In the semifinal match, Weber defeated Duke, who won the 2014 Senior U.S. Open on his way to earning PBA50 Player and Rookie of the Year honors, 247-190, to advance to the title match. Duke defeated Weber in last year’s title match, 214-174, to win the Senior U.S. Open.

As the No. 4 qualifier, Weber opened the stepladder final by defeating six-time PBA Tour winner and No. 3 qualifier Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., 224-202, to advance to the semifinal match against Duke.

“I just used the same philosophy for the finals I used for the whole tournament,” said Weber, who did not have an open frame in his three matches. “Just stay patient and make the spares.”

For Weber it was his first PBA50 Tour title of the season and fourth of his career. He now has won both PBA50 Tour majors having captured the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters title in 2013.

Former major league all-star pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, bowling in his first PBA50 Tour major, finished 15th.

The Senior U.S. Open is considered the most demanding test for players because of its grueling format. Like the U.S. Open on the PBA Tour, the Senior U.S. Open demands patience, quality shot-making and a strong mental game over 50 games of qualifying and match play to make the finals.

The PBA50 Tour moves to Fountain Valley, Calif. for the Fountain Valley Open presented by Track June 7-10. The sixth stop of the 2015 PBA50 Tour season can be seen on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM
Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Friday

Final Standings: 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann., Mo., \$12,000. 2, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., \$7,000. 3, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$5,000. 4, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., \$4,000.

Playoff Results: Match One – Weber def. Warren, 224-202. Semifinal – Weber def. Duke, 247-190. Championship match – Weber def. Forkel, 224-212.

SEVENTH ROUND RESULTS

50-game pinfall totals including bonus pins, match play record and money earned.

Top four advanced to stepladder

- 1, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 26-6, 11,437.
- 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 22-9-1, 11,369.
- 3, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 20-11-1, 11,306.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann., Mo., 20-12, 11,276.

Did not advance:

- 5, Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 19-13, 11,166 \$3,500.
 - 6, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 19-13, 11,005, \$3,000.
 - 7, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 21-11, 10,983, \$2,800.
 - 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 17-15, 10,891, \$2,600
 - 9, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 16-16, 10,879, \$2,500.
 - 10, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 16-14-2, 10,800, \$2,400.
 - 11, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 15-16-1, 10,751, \$2,300.
 - 12, a-Bo Goergen, Sanford, Mich., 16-15-1, 10,732, \$2,200.
 - 13, a-Skip Wolfe, Dixon, Ill., 16-15-1, 10,709, \$2,100.
 - 14, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 15-17, 10,684, \$2,050.
 - 15, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 16-15-1, 10,624, \$2,000.
 - 16, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 16-16, 10,614, \$1,950.
 - 17, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 17-15, 10,565, \$1,900.
 - 18, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 16-15-1, 10,562, \$1,850.
 - 19, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Fla., 13-19, 10,515, \$1,800.
 - 20, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 13-18-1, 10,475, \$1,750.
 - 21, *Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 13-11, 10,464, \$1,602
 - 22, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 16-16, 10,440, \$1,700.
 - 23, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 16-16, 10,368, \$1,675.
 - 24, Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 13-18-1, 10,336, \$1,650.
 - 25, * Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., \$1,562.
- *Roger Kossert replaced Mike Edwards, who withdrew due to injury. Edwards credited with 25th and earned \$1,562.

67-Year-Old Ted Staikoff Leads PBA50 Fountain Valley Open First Round

by [Jerry Schneider](#) June 8, 2015 10:37

After competing on the PBA50 Tour for 17 years with a best finish of third, 67-year-old Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, S.D., is hoping his lead after the first round of qualifying in the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track Monday might be a sign of even better things to come.

Staikoff bowled an 1,854 eight-game pinfall (231.7 average) with games of 258, 279, 207, 196, 245, 226, 213 and 230 at Fountain Bowl to hold a 12-pin lead over last week's Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open winner Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., who bowled 1,842.

"I started out playing pretty far outside and then moved in to about the 10th board but I was able to use the same ball the whole round," said Staikoff, who finished 27th in the Senior U.S. Open. "Tomorrow, I'll start the same way with the same ball and hope for similar results."

Staikoff's best PBA50 Tour finish of third came in the 2003 Senior Manassas Open. He also has two fourth-place finishes to his credit which came in the 2004 Epicenter and Chillicothe (Ohio) Opens.

Staikoff attributed a change in his delivery suggested by ball rep Tom Carter and PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb for improvement in his game recently.

"Both Tom and Wayne said I needed to come through the ball more at the line because I was spinning it off my hand too much and just wasn't getting good carry," Staikoff said. "I just have to remember to keep executing that way and not fall back into a bad habit."

Rounding out the top five after the first round were 10-time PBA Tour winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., 1,831; Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,822, one-time PBA Tour winner Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1,806.

The 103-player field will return for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which will determine 34 players who will advance to match play on Wednesday. The top five after match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. PT.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the Fountain Valley Open. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 FOUNTAIN VALLEY OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK

Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif., Monday

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,854.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,842.
- 3, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,831.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,822.
- 5, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1,806.
- 6, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,788.
- 7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,785.
- 8, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,779.
- 9, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,762.
- 10, (tie) Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, and ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,746.
- 12, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,742.
- 13, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,741.
- 14, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,740.
- 15, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,738.
- 16, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,735.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,733.
- 18, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 1,721.
- 19, ss-a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 1,712.
- 20, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,711.
- 21, ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,703.
- 22, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,701.
- 23, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,699.

24, ss-Jim Starks, San Bernardino, Calif., 1,697.
25, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,690.
26, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,689.
27, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,688.
28, Jeff Garrison, Hawthorne, Calif., 1,687.
28, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,687.
30, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,686.
31, (tie) ss-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., and ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1,682.
33, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,679.
34, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,678.
35, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,672.
36, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,670.
37, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,665.
38, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,658.
39, Eddie Katz, Costa Mesa, Calif., 1,654.
40, Bob Markiewicz, San Diego, 1,652.
41, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1,649.
42, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,647.
43, ss-Kent Whitson, Sausalito, Calif., 1,631.
44, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,630.
45, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,621.
46, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 1,616.
47, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,615.
48, ss-Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 1,610.
49, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,605.
50, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,603.
51, Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif., 1,600.
52, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,596.
53, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,595.
54, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,589.
55, ss-a-Steve Kiss, Clackamas, Ore., 1,586.
56, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,585.
57, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,583.
58, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,581.
59, (tie) ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., and Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 1,579.
61, ss-Bill Nichols, Roseville, Calif., 1,576.
62, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 1,570.
63, ss-a-Johnny Pineda, Tustin, Calif., 1,561.
64, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,560.
65, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,558.
66, (tie) ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., and ss-Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 1,554.
68, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,548.
69, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,546.
70, ss-Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 1,540.
71, (tie) ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., and ss-a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 1,527.
73, a-Bob Sitman, Cypress, Calif., 1,526.
74, ss-Dave Schultz, West Bend, Wis., 1,523.
75, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,522.
76, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 1,517.

- 77, a-Chip Pettiford, Los Angeles, 1,513.
- 78, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,512.
- 79, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,510.
- 80, ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,502.
- 81, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 1,501.
- 82, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 1,500.
- 83, ss-a-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 1,496.
- 84, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,495.
- 85, ss-a-Douglas Andrews, Seal Beach, Calif., 1,473.
- 86, Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif, 1,469.
- 87, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,468.
- 88, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 1,466.
- 89, Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., 1,449.
- 90, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,445.
- 91, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,444.
- 92, (tie) ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 1,443.
- 94, a-Kent Steckbeck, Lakewood, Calif., 1,441.
- 95, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,439.
- 96, a-William Waters, Irvine, Calif., 1,434.
- 97, Carey Hoffmann, Phoenix, 1,420.
- 98, ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,395.
- 99, a-Roger Stone, Orange, Calif., 1,390.
- 100, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,389.
- 101, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,376.
- 102, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,362.
- 103, Pete Milkovich, Hercules, Calif., 1,348.

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over

a-denotes amateur

Weber Averages 233 to Earn Top Qualifier Honors For PBA50 Fountain Valley Open

by [Jerry Schneider](#) June 9, 2015 10:50

Fresh off his Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open win last week, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., averaged 233 to earn top qualifier honors Tuesday for the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track at Fountain Bowl.

Weber, who is trying for his second PBA50 Tour title of the season and fifth of his career, led qualifying with a 3,728 16-game overall pinfall total bowling games of 204, 196, 237, 259, 241, 258, 235 and 256 in the second round.

"Today, I was having to deal with the (lane condition) transition at the start of the block but the lanes started to break down to my advantage," said the 37-time PBA Tour titlist. "Overall, I'm really happy with my game right now. I just need to keep in mind that for match play the conditions will change a little differently than in qualifying but other than that I should be in good shape."

Weber will lead a field of 34 bowlers who will compete in Wednesday's match play that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals schedule for 7 p.m. PT. All of tomorrow's action can be seen on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

Weber won the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open last Friday by defeating Eric Forkel of Henderson, Nev., 224-212, in the title match to join fellow Hall of Famer Norm Duke as the only players to win the U.S. Open on both the PBA and PBA50 Tours.

"I didn't feel too bad on Saturday but Sunday I was sore," said Weber, who bowled 50 grueling games last week to make the Senior U.S. Open finals. "What was kind of strange is usually my hand is the first thing to go after so many games – but my hand is fine – it's the rest of my body that was feeling it."

Weber topped 10-time PBA Tour winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., who finished the day in second 41 pins behind with a 3,687 pinfall. Goebel, has a career best finish of second and season's best finish of third, which came in the Pasco County Florida Open.

Rounding out the top five heading into Wednesday's match play were Miller High Life Classic winner Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,626; 1995 PBA Tour Quaker State Open champion Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 3,591, and Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,584.

Former major league all-star pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett of Southlake, Texas qualified ninth to advance to match play. He finished the round with a 3,544 pinfall (221 average).

He's in good position to improve on his season's best 15th-place finish in last week's Suncoast Senior U.S. Open.

First round leader, 67-year-old Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, S.D., finished qualifying in sixth with a 3,582 pinfall. He's hoping to improve on a career best third-place PBA50 Tour finish. If he can win he would become the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour event. The current record is held by James Brenner at 66 years, 358 days.

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PBA50 FOUNTAIN VALLEY OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK

Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif., Tuesday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games. Top 24 advance to match play; places 25-34th plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over

a-denotes amateur

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,728.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,687.
- 3, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,626.
- 4, Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 3,591.
- 5, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,584.
- 6, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,582.

7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,578.
8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,554.
9, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,544.
10, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,528.
11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,515.
12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,509.
13, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 3,499.
14, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,496.
15, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,475.
16, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,474.
17, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 3,440.
18, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,422.
19, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,420.
20, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,407.
21, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,404.
22, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,375.
23, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3,356.
24, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,353.
25, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,341.
26, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,330.
27, ss-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 3,328.
28, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 3,326.
29, (tie) ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., and Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,322.
31, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,315.
32, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,314.
33, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,312.
34, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,304.
35, ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 3,302.
36, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,297.
37, ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,293.
38, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,283.
39, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,282.
40, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,278.
41, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,276.
42, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,273.
43, ss-Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 3,269.
44, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,264.
45, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,245.
46, Eddie Katz, Costa Mesa, Calif., 3,243.
47, ss-Kent Whitson, Sausalito, Calif., 3,241.
48, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 3,237.
49, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,236.
50, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,219.
51, (tie) ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., and ss-a-Alvin Lou, El Cajon, Calif., 3,217.
53, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,203.
54, Bob Markiewicz, San Diego, 3,197.
55, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,195.
56, ss-Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 3,194.
57, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,193.

58, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 3,188.
 59, ss-a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 3,172.
 60, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,160.
 61, ss-Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 3,149.
 62, Randy Peterson, Carrington, N.D., 3,148.
 63, Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 3,145.
 64, ss-Bill Nichols, Roseville, Calif., 3,141.
 65, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,140.
 66, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,120.
 67, ss-Jim Starks, San Bernardino, Calif., 3,104.
 68, (tie) Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., and Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif., 3,102.
 70, (tie) Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., and a-Bob Sitman, Cypress, Calif., 3,100.
 72, ss-a-Johnny Pineda, Tustin, Calif., 3,099.
 73, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 3,095.
 74, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 3,092.
 75, ss-a-Paul Appling, Camarillo, Calif., 3,086.
 76, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,062.
 77, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,056.
 78, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,043.
 79, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,032.
 80, a-Kent Steckbeck, Lakewood, Calif., 3,019.
 81, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,017.
 82, Carl Labayan, Long Beach, Calif., 3,016.
 83, a-Chip Pettiford, Los Angeles, 3,001.
 84, Carey Hoffmann, Phoenix, 2,979.
 85, ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 2,952.
 86, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2,948.
 87, Mario Ortez, Visalia, Calif., 2,946.
 88, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,940.
 89, ss-Dave Schultz, West Bend, Wis., 2,925.
 90, ss-a-Steve Kiss, Clackamas, Ore., 2,905.
 91, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,892.
 92, ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 2,890.
 93, ss-a-Douglas Andrews, Seal Beach, Calif., 2,889.
 94, Jim Hageman, San Jose, Calif., 2,875.
 95, ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 2,847.
 96, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 2,831.
 97, a-Roger Stone, Orange, Calif., 2,813.
 98, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,807.
 99, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 2,801.
 100, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 2,789.
 101, a-William Waters, Irvine, Calif., 2,752.
 102, Pete Milkovich, Hercules, Calif., 2,747.
 103, Jeff Garrison, Hawthorne, Calif., 1,687.

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Ronnie Russell Surprises Himself by Winning PBA Badger Open

Bohn's confidence tip helps Indiana resident win third career title in third of five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing events

SHAWNEE, Okla. (June 9, 2015) – Of the three animal pattern events that make up the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, the Badger Open was the one Ronnie Russell thought he was least likely to win.

For a player who gets better results playing on PBA's shorter lane conditions, Russell surprised even himself by winning the Badger Open which aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network from the Grand Casino Resort Event Center. It was Russell's third career title.

The 35-year-old Marion, Ind., resident, who won last year's Summer Swing Bear Open on the shorter 40-foot lane condition for his second Tour win, beat four-time Tour winner and top qualifier Dom Barrett of England, 218-178, in the championship match which was contested on the 52-foot Badger lane condition, the longest of the Summer Swing lane conditions.

"My (ball) roll is quite a bit different than most players out here," Russell said. "I'm better on the shorter lane conditions because I like to get the ball down early which makes those conditions work in my favor. On a condition like the Badger, the guys with the lower rev rates usually do better.

"I was carrying the pins better than the other guys because I was using different angles to the pocket and I felt I could throw a good shot when I needed to which gave me a good comfort level," Russell added.

Russell, who qualified third for the finals, beat Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., who was making his first U.S. television appearance in more than two years, 235-217, in the second match. He then eliminated three-time Tour winner and No. 2 qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., in the semifinal match, 244-193, to advance to the final.

Despite a second-place finish earlier this season in the PBA Players Championship, Russell still had some concerns about when his next win would come. He credited Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, who beat him in the Players Championship title match, for some valuable advice.

"I didn't want the thought of when another win would come to wear on me and Parker gave me some good advice," Russell said. "He told me to stay focused and have a good time instead of worrying about winning until I get in that position. I like to have too good a time out there and sometimes I just need to calm down."

In the opening match, Williams, who was trying to extend his all-time leading Tour win total to 48 at age 55, ended 28-year-old Houston two-hander Shawn Maldonado's hopes for his first Tour title, 232-223.

The Badger Open is the third of five events that comprise the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing. All five events (Wolf, Bear, Badger and Oklahoma Opens plus the Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing) are televised by CBS Sports Network. The Oklahoma Open finals will air on June 16 and Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing on June 23, both at 9 p.m. ET.

Russell also will join the previous Summer Swing winners (Tommy Jones, Bear Open, and Kyle Troup, Wolf Open) in the King of the Swing special event. The Oklahoma Open and a wild card player, based upon Summer Swing competition points without winning a title, will complete the King of the Swing field.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, features a preview and post-game show for all CBS Sports Network telecasts of Summer Swing events. PBA fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information, visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

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PBA BADGER OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings

- 1, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$10,000.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England, \$5,000.
- 3, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$4,000.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$3,500.
5. Shawn Maldonado, Houston, \$3,000.

Playoff Results

Match One – Williams def. Maldonado, 232-223.
Match Two – Russell def. Williams, 235-217.
Semifinal Match – Russell def. Page, 244-193.
Championship – Russell def. Barrett, 218-178.

NEXT UP ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK

Mr. Consistent Bill O'Neill Leads Field into PBA Oklahoma Open Finals

Fourth Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing event airs Tuesday at 9 p.m. ET

SHAWNEE, Okla. – Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., the most consistent player in the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, will try for his sixth PBA Tour title as the No. 1 qualifier for the PBA Oklahoma Open finals which will air on CBS Sports Network on Tuesday, June 16, at 9 p.m. ET.

The Oklahoma Open is the fourth of five Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing telecasts originating from the Grand Casino Event Center.

O'Neill was the dominant player in the 2014 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing when he won the Badger Open and King of the Swing titles in addition to finishing third in the Bear Open and fourth in the Oklahoma Open. He is making his third TV appearance in the 2015 Summer Swing after previously finishing third in both the Wolf and Bear Opens. O'Neill earned the No. 1 stepladder berth by averaging 227.5 over 36 games on all three animal patterns (Wolf, Bear and Badger) used in the Oklahoma Open.

As the top qualifier, O'Neill earned the right to select the lane condition for the Oklahoma Open finals, and he selected the flat, 40-foot Bear pattern.

Rounding out the stepladder field will be No. 2 Jason Belmonte of Australia; No. 3 Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; No. 4 Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., and No. 5 Andres Gomez of Colombia. Preliminary rounds were conducted at nearby FireLake Bowling Center.

The Oklahoma Open winner will join Wolf Open champ Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.; Bear Open winner Jones and Badger Open champ Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., in the five-man Oklahoma's Grand Casino King of the Swing special event that will conclude the summer series. Also joining the King of the Swing field will be the player who finishes highest in points in the Summer Swing without winning a title. If Jones wins a second Summer Swing title, the fifth King of the Swing berth will go to the player next-highest in overall points.

Belmonte, 31, is the defending Oklahoma Open champion. He defeated top-qualifier EJ Tackett, 193-145, after Tackett also selected the Bear pattern for the 2014 finals. The Australian two-handed player is looking for his third title of 2015 and the 13th of his career as he continues his quest for a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year crown.

Jones, 36, is continuing a break-out performance in Oklahoma where he finished fifth in the Wolf Open and won the Badger Open, ending a seven-year title dry spell on U.S. soil. He is trying for his 17th PBA Tour title.

Allen, 44, is trying for his first title since the 2009 Japan Cup and is making his first TV appearance in singles competition since the 2011 Scorpion Open in Las Vegas. After struggling with injuries in recent years, Allen is back in competitive form as he competes for his 17th career title.

Gomez, 41, is looking for career title No. 3. The first Colombian to win a PBA Tour title won the 2011 and 2013 Carmen Salvino Classic titles in Las Vegas and Allen Park, Mich., respectively.

For an Oklahoma Open preview video, click here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCBJ_9wZsIA
CBS Sports Network coverage of Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing will conclude on Tuesday, June 23 at 9 p.m. ET, with the Oklahoma's Grand Casino King of the Swing.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, will feature a preview show for the PBA Badger Open on Friday, June 5, and a post-game show immediately following the conclusion of the CBS Sports Network telecast on June 9. PBA fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information, visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

World Bowling Submits Bid for Inclusion in 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

PBA continues long-standing support to win a place in Olympic program

CHICAGO (June 11, 2015) – World Bowling, assisted by the Japan Bowling Congress and the National Bowling Federation of Japan, has filed an official application with the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Organizing Committee to include bowling as a medal sport, and the Professional Bowlers Association will continue to offer its long-standing support to accomplish that goal, Commissioner Tom Clark said Thursday.

World Bowling confirmed Monday that it has completed its formal application to be included in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Bowling is one of 33 sports the Tokyo committee invited to submit applications.

Along with the application form, the Japanese federations collected nearly one million signatures they collected from Japanese bowlers in support of the bid.

"The great international flavor of top players competing today at the highest levels of professional bowling with the PBA, and the PBA's success as a televised sport on major networks for decades, are two of the best examples of why bowling should be in the Olympic Games," Clark said.

In support of the World Bowling/Japan effort, Clark said the PBA will provide data regarding its extensive international television exposure and several of the PBA's most talented players will physically support the venture by participating in a new Round1 World Open July 9-12 in Tokyo. The Round1 tournament will be a showcase for Olympic observers and will feature men's and women's singles along with an international mixed doubles event. PBA players who are already committed to the tournament include a distinct international array of talent:

Chris Barnes, U.S.; Dom Barrett, England; Jason Belmonte, Australia; Tom Daugherty, U.S.; Mike Fagan, U.S.; Liz Johnson, U.S.; Clara Guerrero, Colombia; Tommy Jones, U.S.; Marshall Kent, U.S.; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; Kelly Kulick, U.S.; Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Chris Loschetter, U.S.; Bill O'Neill, U.S.; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Sean Rash, U.S.; Stuart Williams, England, and Diana Zavjalova, Latvia.

The PBA and Japan bowling community have a cooperative relationship extending back 30 years to the creation of the Japan Cup in 1985, Clark noted. In 2014, the PBA and Japanese bowling leaders created the PBA's first international regional tournament program and early in 2015, PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel provided its first live international video-streaming coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational.

PBA has provided bowling with a consistent presence on network television since 1962, including packages with ABC, NBC, CBS and CBS Sports Networks, and a continuous relationship with ESPN since 1979. Over the past five years, ESPN has provided 135 hours of PBA programming, including 20 telecasts that reached more than one million viewers. In the past year, ESPN viewership has been up

more than 20 percent over the previous year, averaging more than 800,000 viewers per telecast, in part because of growing participation by international players.

In the past two years, the PBA World Series of Bowling has included players from more than 20 different countries. Since the creation of the World Series of Bowling in 2009 and the World Bowling-PBA International Tour in 2012, players from Australia, Colombia, Korea, Finland, Japan, Sweden, England, Venezuela and Denmark have won PBA Tour titles.

ESPN, which is available in 94 million homes in the United States, has expanded bowling's international exposure throughout the Caribbean, Africa, the Middle East and South America. PBA events aired by Eurosport's international network have been accessible by 137 million households in 54 countries in 20 languages. The PBA Network's extensive multi-media distribution system has further improved the sport's global reach through video-streaming and an array of social media platforms.

"Our application highlights the different elements that make the sport of bowling a great match for the Olympic Games," World Bowling President Kevin Dornberger said. "Bowling combines top athletic ability with broad accessibility and high participation, for men and women. It's a lifetime sport that attracts people of all backgrounds and provides long-lasting health benefits.

"Bowling is truly a global sport. Japan boasts a huge bowling community. We have their full support as we enter this pursuit. This is bowling's time."

The Tokyo 2020 Organizing Committee's decision is expected in September.

Brian LeClair Wins Two Come-From-Behind Matches, Sudden Death to Win PBA50 Fountain Valley Open for First Career National PBA Title

*LeClair beats Lennie Boresch Jr., in second sudden-death frame 10-9
after tying 247-247 in championship match*

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF. (June 10, 2015) – Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y. competed on the PBA Tour for 18 seasons without a title. But now, bowling as a rookie on PBA's Tour for players 50 and over, he can lay claim to his first national PBA title after winning the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track Wednesday at Fountain Bowl.

The win didn't come easy.

After surviving two come-from-behind matches which included a sudden-death roll-off in the championship match, LeClair defeated two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., for the title with a strike in the second sudden-death frame to

Boresch's nine-count after the players tied the match with 247 games. After both players struck in the first sudden death frame, Boresch left an eight pin on his shot to hand the win to LeClair.

"I don't know what to say," said LeClair, whose best showings on the PBA Tour were two second-place finishes. "This whole tournament was about finding a way to get it done. From choosing the right equipment to how I played the lanes, it was all about fighting back.

"My next win could come next week or 10 years from now, but what matters right now is that I won tonight."

And fight back he did. In both the championship match and the semifinal match, when it appeared that he might be eliminated early, LeClair came from behind in dramatic fashion by throwing the last six strikes. In the semifinal, he made his late-game run to defeat Paul McCordic of Sugar Land, Texas, 219-212, to advance to the championship match against Boresch.

Another illustration of the long road LeClair took to the title was having to claw his way through the casher's round to even make it to match play.

"Throughout my career there have been some who may have thought I didn't have what it took to get it done and in some cases maybe they were right," LeClair said, "This time there was no giving up. I guess I could have had the attitude that I was beaten in those matches but I turned it around and thought if there was room for me to come back and win I could do it."

LeClair's second-place PBA Tour finishes came in 1996 against tournament winner Hall of Famer and all-time Tour titles lead Walter Ray Williams Jr.

McCordic advanced to the semifinal match by defeating two-time PBA50 Tour and two-time PBA Tour titlist Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, N.Y., trying for his second win of the season, 237-207.

In the opening match, Jurek defeated PBA50 Tour rookie Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, who was trying for his third win of the season, 234-199.

The next stop for the PBA50 Tour will be Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, Calif., June 14-17 for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV. The seventh stop of the 2015 season will be covered live in its entirety on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

PBA50 FOUNTAIN VALLEY OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$4,000.
- 3, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, \$2,500.
- 4, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., \$2,000.
- 5, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Jurek def. Scroggins, 234-199.

Match Two – McCordic def. Jurek, 237-207.

Semifinal Match – LeClair def. McCordic, 219-212.

Championship – LeClair def. Boresch 247-247. LeClair won sudden-death roll-off in second frame 10-9.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 6-0, 1,582.
- 2, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-3, 1,498.
- 3, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 4-2, 1,487.
- 4, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 4-1-1, 1,457.
- 5, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2, 1,436.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2, 1,432, \$1,500.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3-0, 1,414, \$1,500.
- 8, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 1,407, \$1,500.

- 9, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-3, 1,396, \$1,300.
- 10, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3-3, 1,369, \$1,300.
- 11, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3-3, 1,361, \$1,300.
- 12, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1-5, 1,351, \$1,300.
- 13, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2-4, 1,342, \$1,300.
- 14, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,325, \$1,300.
- 15, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 2-4, 1,280, \$1,300.
- 16, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1-4-1, 1,232, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-2, 1,150, \$1,200.
- 18, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3-2, 1,147, \$1,200.
- 19, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3-2, 1,142, \$1,200.
- 20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-2, 1,139, \$1,200.
- 21, ss-Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3-2, 1,138, \$1,200.
- 22, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2-3, 1,137, \$1,200.
- 23, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2-3, 1,127, \$1,200.
- 24, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 2-3, 1,124, \$1,200.
- 25, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2-3, 1,099, \$1,100.
- 26, ss-Jim Murtishaw, Menifee, Calif., 2-3, 1,089, \$1,100.
- 27, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 2-3, 1,087, \$1,100.
- 28, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-3, 1,077, and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 2-3, 1,077, \$1,100.
- 29, Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 2-3, 1,070, \$1,100.
- 30, ss-Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1-4, 1,048, \$1,100.
- 31, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 0-5, 957, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 32, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,035, \$1,000.
- 33, ss-Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 1,031, \$1,000.
- 34, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,030, \$1,000.
- 35, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,017, \$1,000.
- 36, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,011, \$1,000.
- 37, Kent Whitson, Sausalito, Calif., 1,009, \$1,000.
- 38, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 968, \$1,000.
- 39, Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 919, \$1,000.
- 40, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 902, \$1,000.
- 41, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 866, \$1,000.

a-denotes amateur

ss-denotes PBA60 player age 60 and over

PBA Spare Shots

PBA MODERN CLASSICS PLANS "DOUBLE FEATURE" FOR FRIDAY

Borrowing from the long-gone days of "double features" at your friendly neighborhood movie theater, the PBA is unveiling two episodes in its new "PBA Modern Classics" section on YouTube's PBABowling channel on Friday.

In addition to the previously-announced release of the 2010 PBA One A Day Dick Weber Open finals from Fountain Bowl, an event featuring well-known sports personality **Bill Simmons** as a commentator along with **Rob Stone** and **Randy Pedersen** during **Mike Fagan's** first PBA Tour title performance, the PBA also will release the first **Chris Paul** PBA Celebrity Invitational telecast from 2008 in Winston-Salem, N.C.

While Cleveland Cavaliers superstar **LeBron James** and friends chase the National Basketball Association title, the 2008 Chris Paul celebrity event will show fans LeBron's bowling skills. James and PBA Hall of Fame partner **Jason Couch** defeated CP3 and his partner, **Chris Barnes**, in the title match of the inaugural event. In addition to Paul and James, other NBA stars who appeared in the inaugural event were **Dwyane Wade**, **Kevin Durant** and **Rudy Gay**.

PBA REGIONAL FACEBOOK PAGES REVAMPED

Bowlers and fans within each of the PBA's seven U.S. regions are invited to "follow" competition in their respective areas by visiting newly-revised home pages for each region on Facebook. To find the home page for each region, search for PBA East Region (or South, Central, Midwest Southwest, West or Northwest), and hit the "like" button. A PBA Japan Region page will be added soon.

The PBA regional pages on Facebook will include information about upcoming tournaments, along with results and photos of tournaments as they are completed, and other news of interest to regional players and fans.

All PBA followers on Facebook also are encourage to "share" PBA pages with their own groups of friends and family.

PBA FAMILY WELCOMES TWO NEW ARRIVALS

Chris and Erin Loschetter of Avon, Ohio, welcomed the arrival of **Emmett Harold Loschetter** on May 29 at 8:58 p.m., earlier than expected. Emmett arrived about two months early, weighed in at 2 pounds, 12 ounces, and measuring 15 inches long. Despite his premature arrival and associated health concerns, father Chris reports the couple's first child is progressing nicely.

On June 6 at 7:46 a.m., **Dan and Kristy MacLelland** of Kitchener, Ontario, welcomed their first-born, **Harper Lynn MacLelland**. Harper weighed in at 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: NORTON, STATON, PARKIN WIN IN CALIFORNIA TRIPLEHEADER

Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif.; amateur **Joe Staton** of Alta Loma, Calif., and **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif., were victorious in a PBA West Region tripleheader sponsored by Parkin's Bowling Supply at Bowlum Lanes Sunday.

Norton posted a 10-2 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,925 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win Sunday's PBA Parkin's Bowling Supply Open, a standard PBA West Regional event, by 215 pins over **Eddie Van Daniker Jr.** of Chatsworth, Calif.

Staton won the PBA50 portion of the tripleheader with a 10-2 match play record and 4,809 total pins, beating **Timothy Banks** of Hanscom AFB by 327 pins for the \$1,500 first prize. Because he's not a member, Staton does not get credit for a PBA title.

Parkin, the first woman to join the PBA and the only woman to win three standard PBA Regional titles, made history again, winning the first Professional Women's Bowling Association Regional, an event conducted by the PBA. Parkin had a 7-1 match play record and knocked down 3,749 total pins for her 16 games to top **Clara Guerrero** of Pflugerville, Texas, for the win and a \$1,200 prize. Guerrero had 3,460 pins.

● **Patrick Allen** of Mt. Kisco, N.Y. defeated **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., 257-244, to win the PBA Homefield Bowl Open presented by MOTIV at Homefield Bowl in Yonkers, N.Y., on Sunday, June 7.

After qualifying seventh in the field of 104, Allen posted an 8-4 match play record to qualify third for the stepladder finals. He then dispatched **Tommy Gollick** of Enola, Pa., 244-234, when Gollick left an 8 pin on his second ball of the final frame, and he defeated PWBA-Team USA member **Danielle McEwan** of South Point, N.Y., 244-215, to advance to the title match against Kent, the top qualifier.

Kent struck out in the 10th frame of the title match to force Allen to throw the first strike in his 10th frame, which he did to clinch his 26th career PBA regional victory and his second of the year in the East Region. Allen, a 13-time PBA Tour champion and native of the metropolitan New York area, recently moved back "home" from Florida. He earned \$3,000 for the win.

● **EJ Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., defeated **Rhino Page** of Orlando, Fla., 237-226, to win the \$2,500 first prize in the first PBA Tri City Lanes Easley South Open at Tri City Lanes in Easley, S.C., Sunday.

Tackett posted a 9-3 match play record and a 20-game pinfall total of 5,038, including match play bonus pins, to qualify first for the stepladder finals. Page earned his place in the title match by defeating **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., in the opening match and **Jason Sterner** of Covington, Ga., 225-188, in the semifinal round.

The South Region's next tournament will be the PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open in Pensacola, Fla., on June 19-21. The Pensacola event will offer a projected \$10,000 first prize and will award a PBA Tour title. It will be covered live from start to finish on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

- Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., will be in the spotlight over the June 12-14 weekend when it hosts the added-money Jonesboro Southwest/Midwest Open presented by MOTIV, offering a projected \$5,000 first prize. Elk Grove Bowl in Elk Grove Village, Ill., will host the Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open while competition for PBA, PBA50 and women bowlers includes the PBA and PWBA Northwest Opens along with a pair of joint PBA50 Secoma Lanes West/Northwest Open one-day, reduced entry fee events, in Federal Way, Wash.

- The June 19-21 schedule includes the first PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournament of the summer season, the Pensacola South Open presented by Roto Grip, at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Fla. Also on the weekend schedule are a pair of one-day American Family Insurance Midwest Open events presented by Columbia 300 at Tinley Bowl in Tinley Park, Ill.; the Planet Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners in Oklahoma City; the Fort Meade East Challenge presented by Roto Grip for non-winners at The Lanes in Fort Meade, Md.; the J.D. Producing Inc./Triway Lanes Central Open presented by Hammer in Wooster, Ohio, and a PBA/PBA50 doubleheader, the Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.

- Over the June 26-27 weekend, South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, will host the second PBA Tour Xtra Frame event, the Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Storm with \$15,000 going to the winner. Also on the weekend schedule, Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., will host the PWBA Central Open along with a one-day, reduced entry fee Central/Midwest Challenge. Sparetimes in Hampton, Va., will host the PBA50 Sparetimes South Open, and Fox Bowl in Wheaton, Ill., will host the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open.

- Three events on the Fourth of July weekend schedule include the PBA and the women-only PWBA Gastonia South Open doubleheader presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C., plus the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Reminder: PBA fans who miss the original Tuesday night telecasts of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing finals on CBS Sports Network can find the shows in the archives on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Fridays after they air. Xtra Frame is available on three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and 12-month (\$64.99) subscription plans. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

- Reminder: After each Tuesday night Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing telecast on CBS Sports Network, there will be a short post-game video posted to YouTube. To view the Badger Open video featuring Mike J. Laneside interviewing Ronnie Russell, click here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyUcsFDpANY>

- Last call: applications for the 2015 PBA **Billy Welu Scholarship** must be postmarked by Monday, June 15. The \$1,000 Welu Scholarship Award recognizes exemplary qualities in a collegiate bowler. Eligible candidates must be currently in college and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. The two-part application can be downloaded using this link: <https://pba.com/Corporate/Scholarships/>.

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Chris Warren Averages 246 to Lead PBA50 Northern California Classic First Round

Six-time Tour winner bowling well after year and a half recovery from broken leg

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (June 15, 2015) – When six-time PBA Tour champion Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., broke his right leg in December 2013, he wasn't sure what the future would hold for his bowling career. But, after a fourth-place finish in the recent Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and averaging 246 to take the first round lead in the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, his rehabilitation seems to be on course.

Warren, who hadn't bowled in topflight competition until the Senior U.S. Open two weeks ago, bowled a 1,968 eight-game pinfall Monday at Harvest Park Bowl with games of 258, 225, 225, 279, 257, 208, 227 and 289 to hold 42-pin lead over one-time PBA Tour winner Bob Spaulding of McKinney, Texas, in second with 1,926.

"I'm taking it a day at a time," said Warren, who broke his leg severely during a roller skating accident. "I had some luck today. My shot making was about 70 percent but my carry was about 90 percent so I feel fortunate to score as well as I did today.

"The first day of the tournament isn't bad but we'll have to see what happens after that," said the 51-year-old Warren, who was planning to start his PBA50 Tour career a year ago. "The leg can get a little swollen after a while. After bowling 50 games to get to the finals in the (Senior) U.S. Open it was pretty sore."

Rounding out the top five after Monday's first round were last week's PBA50 Fountain Valley Open winner Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,908; James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,876, and Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,863.

Defending champion Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., finished the first round in 18th with 1,782.

The 101-player field will return for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which will determine 34 players who will advance to match play on Wednesday. The top five after match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 6 p.m. PT.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the PBA50 Northern California Classic. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Monday

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,968.
- 2, Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1,926.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,908.
- 4, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 1,876.
- 5, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 1,863.
- 6, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,860.
- 7, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,848.
- 8, (tie) Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., and Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,838.
- 12, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,832.
- 13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,824.
- 14, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 1,815.
- 15, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,810.
- 16, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,787.
- 17, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,783.
- 18, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,782.
- 19, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,780.
- 20, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,779.
- 21, (tie) Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1,767.
- 23, ss-a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, 1,766.
- 24, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,762.
- 25, Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 1,761.
- 26, ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,752.
- 27, ss-Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 1,747.
- 28, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,742.
- 29, (tie) ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,741.
- 31, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,736.
- 32, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,733.
- 33, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,731.
- 34, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,730.
- 35, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 1,725.
- 36, a-Al Bella, Pittsburg, Calif., 1,723.

37, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,721.
38, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,720.
39, ss-Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 1,718.
40, ss-a-Sam Carter, Ben Lomond, Calif., 1,717.
41, ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,709.
42, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,702.
43, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,698.
44, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 1,697.
45, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,696.
46, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,688.
47, ss-Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 1,687.
48, (tie) a-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., and Junior Self, Martinez, Calif., 1,685.
50, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,680.
51, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 1,678.
52, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 1,676.
53, Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 1,670.
54, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,666.
55, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 1,664.
56, (tie) ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., and ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,659.
58, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,656.
59, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,654.
60, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 1,652.
61, ss-a-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 1,648.
62, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,646.
63, ss-John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,645.
64, a-Larry Dyson, Stockton, Calif., 1,644.
65, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 1,636.
66, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,634.
67, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 1,627.
68, (tie) ss-a-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., and ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,614.
70, (tie) Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., and Dave Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 1,612.
72, ss-Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 1,605.
73, ss-Bill Nichols, Roseville, Calif., 1,597.
74, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,594.
75, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,574.
76, (tie) Joseph Jimenez, Rowland Heights, Calif., and a-Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,563.
78, Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 1,558.
79, Duane Wilson, Brentwood, Calif., 1,557.
80, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,546.
81, ss-a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 1,544.
82, (tie) Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, and a-Scott DeSelms Sr., Castro Valley, Calif., 1,539.
84, Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 1,528.
85, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,527.
86, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,513.
87, Keith Pridgeon, Antioch, Calif., 1,503.
88, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 1,499.
89, John Austin, Friendswood, Texas, 1,497.
90, Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 1,495.
91, ss-Don Lane, San Francisco, 1,494.
92, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,490.
93, ss-a-Phillip Spruill, San Francisco, 1,481.
94, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 1,474.
95, ss-Mike Saraiva, Napa, Calif., 1,470.
96, ss-Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 1,467.
97, (tie) ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, and ss-Dave Schultz, West Bend, Wis., 1,457.
99, a-Kenneth Daily, Danville, Calif., 1,410.
100, a-Christopher Sargent, Crockett, Calif., 1,368.
101, Lauri Karppala Jr., Folsom, Calif., 1,248.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rookie Bob Spaulding Averages 241.8 to Top PBA50 Northern California Classic Qualifying

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (June 16, 2015) – Bob Spaulding of McKinney, Texas, who won the 1995 Quaker State 250 for his lone PBA Tour title, averaged 241.8 to earn top qualifier honors for the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV Tuesday at Harvest Park Bowl.

Spaulding, a 53-year-old PBA50 Tour rookie who hasn't competed in topflight professional competition since 1997, led qualifying with a 3,869 16-game pinfall bowling games of 189, 276, 258, 259, 213, 248, 278 and 222 in Tuesday's second round.

"I'm basically having to learn everything all over again," said Spaulding, who also finished second to Mike Aulby in the 1995 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions. "Until a few months ago I've never bowled with this equipment. Everything's different from the ball surfaces to the weight blocks to just about everything, so I'm pleasantly surprised at how well I'm doing.

"I have to say everybody's been great out here and a lot of help so it makes everything all that more enjoyable."

Spaulding leads a field of 33 bowlers who will compete in Wednesday's match play that will determine the top five for the stepladder finals. All of tomorrow's action can be seen on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame with finals coverage schedule to begin at 5:30 p.m. PT.

The Northern California Classic is the third PBA50 Tour tournament that Spaulding has competed in this season with a best finish of 16th in last week's Fountain Valley Open.

Spaulding edged out PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela 12 pins behind in second with a 3,857 pinfall. Rounding out the top five were last week's Fountain Valley Open winner Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,742; Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 3,738, and first round leader Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,736.

Former major league all-star pitcher and PBA50 Tour rookie John Burkett made the cut to match play finishing in a tie for sixth with PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., with a 3,691 pinfall. It marks the fourth of five tournaments Burkett has made the cut and is hoping to improve on his season's best finish of 15th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing full coverage of the final day of the PBA50 Northern California Classic. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games. Top 24 advance to match play; places 25-33rd plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 3,869.
- 2, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,857.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,742.
- 4, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 3,738.
- 5, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,736.
- 6, (tie) John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, and Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,691.
- 8, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 3,679.
- 9, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,671.
- 10, James Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 3,649.

11, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 3,627.
12, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,602.
13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,596.
14, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,592.
15, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,591.
16, Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 3,589.
17, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,585.
18, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,579.
19, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 3,571.
20, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,560.
21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,557.
22, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,550.
23, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,545.
24, a-Sam Carter, Ben Lomond, Calif., 3,540.
25, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,536.
26, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,518.
27, a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, 3,511.
28, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,500.
29, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,499.
30, (tie) Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., and Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 3,494.
32, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 3,491.
33, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,483.
34, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,468.
35, ss-Bill Nichols, Roseville, Calif., 3,462, \$1,000.
36, Craig Miller, Tracy, Calif., 3,461.
37, (tie) ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,456, \$1,000, and Mark McCreary, Livermore, Calif., 3,456.
39, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,447, \$1,000.
40, ss-a-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 3,441, \$1,000.
41, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,439.
42, Rory Peterson, Sacramento, Calif., 3,437.
43, (tie) Junior Self, Martinez, Calif., and a-Al Bella, Pittsburg, Calif., 3,435.
45, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,431.
46, ss-Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 3,414, \$1,000.
47, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,413, \$1,000.
48, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 3,411.
49, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,401.
50, Brian Tinsley, Medford, Ore., 3,400.
51, Rodney Garrick, San Francisco, 3,393.
52, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,391, \$1,000.
53, ss-Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 3,384, \$1,000.
54, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 3,382.
55, Fred Cole, Visalia, Calif., 3,371.
56, Dick Baker, Henderson, Nev., 3,340.
57, Dan Sasaki, Richmond, Calif., 3,339.
58, a-Paul Herrera, San Jose, Calif., 3,338.
59, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,333.
60, Dave Dayton, Reno, Nev., 3,300.
61, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,295.
62, Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 3,294.
63, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,291.
64, (tie) Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, and Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,288.
66, a-David Chew, Brentwood, Calif., 3,287.
67, Dave Bolles, Stockton, Calif., 3,280.
68, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,277.
69, Timothy Bell, Sacramento, Calif., 3,260.
70, Scott Hansel, Stockton, Calif., 3,256.
71, Pat Nolan, Japan, 3,230.
72, Eddie Katz, Lakewood, Calif., 3,227.

73, a-Dennis Jones, Fremont, Calif., 3,201.
74, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,197.
75, Keith Pridgeon, Antioch, Calif., 3,196.
76, Joe Beck, Montgomery, Ala., 3,193.
77, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,180.
78, Duane Wilson, Brentwood, Calif., 3,173.
79, Jim Gordin, Modesto, Calif., 3,170.
80, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,167.
81, a-Phillip Spruill, San Francisco, 3,166.
82, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,164.
83, a-Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 3,161.
84, Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 3,153.
85, John Austin, Friendswood, Texas, 3,131.
86, Joseph Jimenez, Rowland Hts, Calif., 3,106.
87, a-Scott DeSelms Sr., Castro Valley, Calif., 3,081.
88, Don Lane, San Francisco, 3,067.
89, a-Larry Dyson, Stockton, Calif, 3,050.
90, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 3,045.
91, Chuck Best, Buda, Texas, 3,019.
92, Larry Galloway, Lakewood, Calif., 2,997.
93, Dave Schultz, West Bend, Wis., 2,996.
94, a-Kenneth Daily, Danville, Calif., 2,984.
95, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 2,974.
96, Mike Saraiva, Napa, Calif., 2,937.
97, Rich Kleinman, Reno, Nev., 2,921.
98, a-Christopher Sargent, Crockett, Calif., 2,769.
99, Lauri Karppala Jr., Folsom, Calif., 2,607.
100, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,780.
101, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,457.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (June 16, 2015)

Bill O'Neill Bowls 'Angry' to Win PBA Oklahoma Open

Top qualifier defeats Australia's Jason Belmonte to win sixth PBA Tour title in Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing main event

SHAWNEE, Okla. – In the culmination of one of the biggest tests of versatility on the PBA Tour, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., took command early in the championship match and never looked back to win the PBA Oklahoma Open, the most prestigious event of the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing.

O'Neill won his sixth career PBA Tour title by defeating two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia, 247-172, in the title match seen Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

"I need to bowl angry, like Pete Weber," said O'Neill. "Over my career I've let some matches get away because I probably haven't bowled aggressive enough. I told Jason he wasn't going to beat me tonight."

O'Neill had a very productive Summer Swing to this point, qualifying for the stepladder finals in two Summer Swing events and finishing third in both the Wolf and Bear Opens. But he admitted he might have let a win or two slip away in those events.

"I was confident going into those shows," O'Neill said, "but it upset me that I basically gave them away. I felt I could have won both of them. To be so close...you just don't want to give opportunities like those away."

O'Neill, who has had success in previous Summer Swings, won the Badger Open and King of the Swing last year in addition to finishing third in the 2014 Bear Open, eighth in the Wolf Open and fourth in the Oklahoma Open.

As the top qualifier for the Oklahoma Open by virtue of aggregate pinfall from first-round qualifying in the Wolf, Bear and Badger Opens, O'Neill earned the right to select the lane condition for the Oklahoma Open finals. He picked the 40-foot Bear lane condition which he quickly pointed out is not necessarily his favorite condition to bowl on.

"It's not about just bowling on your favorite pattern," O'Neill said. "You have to also take into account who's bowling on the show and how you think they'll be playing the lanes. With that in mind I thought the Bear would give me the best chance to succeed."

The Oklahoma stepladder final opened with 13-time PBA Tour winner Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y., defeating two-time Tour winner Andres Gomez of Colombia, 211-200. Allen, who was hoping to break a six-year drought without a title, then went on to beat Bear Open winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 225-215, before losing to Belmonte in the semifinal, 237-203.

"I just didn't have anything going. The condition was brutal for me," said Belmonte who was trying for his third win of the season and 13th of his career. "I changed balls twice in the match and tried a few other things but it would have been tough to beat Bill anyway because he got off to a good start right out of the box. I was never in a position to put anything together to get back in the match."

The Summer Swing on CBS Sports Network concludes Tuesday, June 23 with the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort King of the Swing special event which will air at 9 p.m. ET. The King of the Swing telecast will feature Wolf Open winner Kyle Troup, Bear Open winner Jones, Badger Open winner Ronnie Russell, O'Neill as Oklahoma Open winner, and Belmonte as highest player in Summer Swing points without a title.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, features a preview and post-game show for all CBS Sports Network telecasts of Summer Swing events. PBA fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information, visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

PBA OKLAHOMA OPEN

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. \$18,000.
- 2, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$9,000.
- 3, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., \$7,000.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$6,000.
5. Andres Gomez, Colombia, \$5,000.

Playoff Results

Match One – Allen def. Gomez, 211-200.

Match Two – Allen def. Jones, 225-215.

Semifinal Match – Belmonte def. Allen, 237-203.

Championship – O'Neill def. Belmonte, 247-172.

PBA Stars Face Youthful Challenge in PBA Tour Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open

International online audience will watch race for PBA Tour title, \$10,000 first prize at New Liberty Lanes

PENSACOLA, Fla. (June 17, 2015) – A field of veteran Professional Bowlers Association Tour champions will face some of the most talented future stars in the sport this weekend when New Liberty Lanes hosts the PBA Tour Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open presented by Roto Grip.

At stake will be a \$10,000 first prize and, for PBA members, a PBA Tour title. And for the first time, the Pensacola South Open will be video-streamed live, from start to finish, around the world on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Xtra Frame is an online

subscription-based service, available on a three-day plan for only \$3.99, month-long plan for \$7.99 and full year XF Season Ticket plan for \$64.99. Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for details.

PBA Tour champions among the more than 110 entries include Finland native and 15-time PBA Tour champion Mika Koivuniemi of Hartland, Mich.; 18-time Tour winner Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; 2008 PBA Rookie of the Year Rhino Page of Dade City, Fla.; 13-time PBA titlist Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; Andres Gomez, a native Colombian now living in Hollywood, Fla.; 16-time PBA titlist Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C.; Jason Sterner of Covington, Ga.; Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev.; Scott Newell of Deland, Fla., and two-handed player Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., who won his first PBA Tour title in the PBA Wolf Open.

Challenging the established PBA stars will be 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and 2015 PBA Rookie of the Year contender AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., along with highly-touted amateurs Michael Coffey of Melbourne, Fla., the 2014 Teen Master Grand Champion; Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., who cashed in the prestigious U.S. Open at age 14 and 2012 and 2013 Teen Masters Grand Champion Greg Young Jr. of Viera, Fla. All five of these young players are past or present members of Junior Team USA, the national team that represents the United States in international youth competition.

As non-members, amateurs do not receive credit for a PBA title if they win, but they can accept prize money in the form of scholarship contributions or, in cash, depending upon their amateur eligibility circumstances.

The Pensacola South Open also is a Professional Women's Bowling Association Regional points qualifying tournament, which means a number of women will be competing in the field alongside the men to earn points toward representing the PBA South Region in the end-of-year PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge at the PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, Nev.

The Pensacola South Open gets underway on Friday with a practice session for tournament players from 3-5 p.m., followed by pro-am squads at 6 and 8 p.m. when grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes.

Competition begins with eight-game qualifying squads on Saturday. Half of the field will bowl at 9 a.m. and the other half at 3 p.m., with the top 16 players advancing to match play on Sunday. The top 16 will bowl a modified 12-game round robin, head-to-head match play schedule starting at 9 a.m.

Based upon combined 20-game pinfall totals (including 30 bonus pins for matches won), the top four will compete in a stepladder finale at the conclusion of match play.

PBA XTRA FRAME PENSACOLA SOUTH OPEN SCHEDULE

Presented by Roto Grip

New Liberty Lanes, Pensacola, Fla., June 19-21 (all times Eastern)

Friday, June 19

3 p.m. - Practice Session

6, 8 p.m. - Pro-am squads

Saturday, June 20

9 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

3 p.m. - B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 16 after 8 games advance to match play

Sunday, June 21

9 a.m. - Top 16, 12 games round robin match play

Top four based on 20 game composite pinfall advance to stepladder finals

Amleto Monacelli Battles Mental Game to Win

PBA50 Northern California Classic

Hall of Famer defeats Brian LeClair 237-225 in championship match for fourth career PBA50 Tour title.

Two-time major league all-star pitcher John Burkett finishes fourth

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (June 17, 2015) – With his mental game still a work in progress, Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli was able to keep his emotions in check enough to win the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV at Harvest Park Bowl Wednesday for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title.

The Venezuelan defeated last week's Fountain Valley Open winner Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., 237-225, in the championship match for his first title of the season.

With his physical game and his equipment choices in good shape, the 53-year-old Monacelli admits he needs to work on his emotions during the course of a tournament if he wants to be a consistent winner on the PBA50 Tour.

"I still have the tendency to get down on myself and get mad when things aren't going my way," said the 19-time PBA Tour winner. "It's something that I have to keep working on and don't let it get to me.

"I think I have too much expectation and just need to relax," he continued. "Sometimes before each squad I will do a little meditation which helps, but sometimes I just need to tell myself to let it go when I throw a bad shot or get a bad break."

Monacelli, who qualified for the top spot in the stepladder final, said that he was very focused in the championship match which translated into good shot-making.

"I had a game plan for what I wanted to do because I could see how the lanes were changing in the previous matches," he said. "I basically took a guess at what ball I thought would work best and it all came together very well."

Previous to his win, Monacelli had four top-10 finishes this season including two sixth-place finishes as his best.

Two-time major league all-star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, established himself as a force to be reckoned with in his new career as a professional bowler finishing fourth for his best finish of the season. He started the stepladder final with a come-from-behind, 226-216, win over Bob Spaulding of McKinney, Texas, but then lost to LeClair in the second match 212-196.

In the five tournaments Burkett has competed in this season he has made the cut to match play in four of them with a previous best finish of 15th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open.

LeClair went on to beat PBA50 Tour newcomer Jimmy Hansen of Anchorage, Alaska, 214-202, in the semifinal to advance to the title match against Monacelli.

The 2015 PBA50 Tour season will take a month-long break before returning to action July 19-22 for the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip at Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn.

PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MOTIV Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$8,000.
- 2, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$4,000.
- 3, Jimmy Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, \$2,500.
- 4, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, \$2,000
- 5, Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Burkett def. Spaulding, 226-216.
Match Two – LeClair def. Burkett, 212-196.
Semifinal Match – LeClair def. Hansen, 214-202.
Championship – Monacelli def. LeClair, 237-225.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-2, 1,559.
- 2, Jimmy Hansen, Anchorage, Alaska, 4-2, 1,532.
- 3, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 5-1, 1,525.

- 4, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3-3, and
Bob Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 4-2, 1,512.
6, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 4-2, 1,489, \$1,500.
7, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,477, \$1,500.
8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-3, 1,453, \$1,500.
9, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,452, \$1,350.
10, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3-3, 1,436, \$1,350.
11, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 2-4, 1,417, \$1,350.
12, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1-4-1, 1,412, \$1,350.
13, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2-4, 1,381, \$1,350.
14, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1-5, 1,371, \$1,350.
15, Dave Arnold, Elk Grove, Calif., 1-4-1, 1,311, \$1,350.
16, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3-3, 1,290, \$1,350.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Nick Morgan, Sacramento, Calif., 2-3, 1,237, \$1,200.
18, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2-3, 1,220, \$1,200.
19, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3-2, 1,209, \$1,200.
20, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3-2, 1,208, \$1,200.
21, Ron Winger, Las Vegas, 2-3, 1,204, \$1,200.
22, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-3, 1,196, \$1,200.
23, a-Sam Carter, Ben Lomond, Calif., 2-3, 1,166, \$1,200.
24, Bill Nichols, Roseville, Calif., 4-1, 1,139, \$1,200.
25, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 2-3, 1,135, \$1,100.
26, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 2-3, 1,127, \$1,100.
27, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2-3, 1,106, \$1,100.
28, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1-3-1, 1,101, \$1,100.
29, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2-3, 1,082, \$1,100.
30, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1-4, 1,074, \$1,100.
31, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1-3-1, 1,026, \$1,100.
32, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 0-5, 930, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, (tie) Warren Nelson, Middleburg, Fla., 1,090, and a-Terry Leong, Las Vegas, 1,090, \$1,000.
35, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,060, \$1,000.
36, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,038, \$1,000.
37, Stan Winters, Simi Valley, Calif., 1,019, \$1,000.
38, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,006, \$1,000.
39, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 968, \$1,000.
40, Gerald Calvin, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 957, \$1,000.
41, a-John Dorsett, Concord, Calif., 919, \$1,000.

a-denotes amateur

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PBA Spare Shots: Clara Guerrero Joins Elite Group with Second PBA Regional Title

by [Bill Vint](#) June 17, 2015 08:47

Two-time World Bowling women's world champion **Clara Guerrero**, a Colombia native now living in Pflugerville, Texas, joined an elite group of PBA women bowlers when she defeated **Joe Findling** of Greenville, Texas, 225-212, to win the \$5,000 first prize and her second PBA Regional title in the 16th PBA Jonesboro Southwest/Midwest Open, presented by MOTIV, Sunday at Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark.

Holding a one-pin lead going into the final frames, Guerrero finished with four straight strikes to join California's **Missy Parkin**, a three-time PBA Regional winner, and New Jersey's **Kelly Kulick**, New York's **Liz Johnson** and Japan's **Yuka Tsuchiya** – all two-time standard regional winners – on the elite list.

Guerrero, who also was the third woman to qualify for a PBA Tour television final (she finished fourth in the 2013 PBA Cheetah Championship), started her road to victory by edging **Dino Castillo** of Carrollton, Texas, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 12 match. She then swept **Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn., 2-0, in the Round of 8 and survived the semifinal round with a 204-192 win over **Patrick Allen** of Mount Kisco, N.Y.

Findling defeated **Roger Petrin** from Wichita, Kan., 2-1, in the Round of 12 before edging 2014 USBC Queens champion **Maria Rodriguez**, another Colombia native now living in Austin, Texas, 2-1, in the Round of 8. Findling then overcame **Josh Blanchard** from Mesa, Ariz., 211-197, in his semifinal match.

BARRETT, KULICK STILL PACE WORLD BOWLING TOUR POINTS RACES

After the PBA Oklahoma Open and the USBC Queens, the two most recent events in the World Bowling-PBA International Tour's two-year rolling World Bowling Tour points races, England's **Dom Barrett** has retained his No. 1 position on the men's list while **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., remains on top of the women's list.

Trailing Barrett's 631-point total on the men's list is **Jason Belmonte** of Australia with 589 points, **Mike Fagan** of Fort Worth, Texas (577), **Mika Koivuniemi** of Finland/Hartland, Mich. (473) and **Martin Larsen** of Sweden (463). Rounding out the top 10 are Finland's **Osku Palermaa** (423); **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill. (393); **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C. (355); **Bill O'Neill** of Langhorne, Pa. (310) and **Stuart Williams** of England (309).

Kulick, who has won the past two WBT Women's Finals presented by PBA, still has a big lead over USBC Queens winner **Liz Johnson**, 652-576, but Johnson has closed the gap. **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., is now third (433) followed by Sweden's **Sandra Andersson** (370), Latvia's **Diana Zavjalova** (340), Colombia's **Clara Guerrero** (319) and **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif. (315).

THIS WEEK ON PBA MODERN CLASSICS: KELLY KULICK WINS 2010 PBA TOC

The newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics collection on the PBABowling channel on YouTube will be **Kelly Kulick's** historic victory over **Chris Barnes** to win the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock Bowling Center in Las Vegas. This telecast, ranked No. 1 by bowling fans in balloting to select the most memorable TOC telecast in history, will join the PBA Modern Classics collection on Friday. Future additions will be announced as they are added to the collection.

PBA EAST REGION SCHEDULES "WOMEN ONLY" PWBA EVENT FOR OCTOBER

The PBA East Region has scheduled its PWBA Regional tournament as part of the Oct. 2-4 PBA and PWBA Maple City Dodge Eastern Open weekend at Maple City Bowl in Hornell, N.Y. The Professional Women's Bowling Association Regional event each PBA Region is hosting exclusively for women offers a \$10,000 first prize based on 40 entries. The PBA Japan Region will conduct three tournaments for Japanese women during the 2015 season.

PBA JAPAN REGION RESUMES COMPETITION IN AUGUST

The PBA Japan Region will begin its second year of competition Aug. 1-2 with a doubleheader program, the DHC Cheetah and Women's Cheetah Open tournaments at Nagoya Grandbowl in Aichi, a suburb of Tokyo. The seven-tournament program continues with the DHC Chameleon and Women's Chameleon Opens Oct. 3-4, the DHC Japan Shark Open Nov. 15, and the DHC Scorpion and Women's Scorpion Opens Dec. 19-20.

All of the PBA Japan Region tournaments are conducted on PBA animal pattern lane conditions. **Yuka Tsuchiya** made PBA history in 2014 when she won the first four titles offered by the new region – the Cheetah and Women's Cheetah titles along with the Chameleon and Women's Chameleon Open titles.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: RICHGELS ENDS SEVEN-YEAR DRY SPELL IN PBA MIDWEST

Jeff Richgels of Madison, Wis., ended an eight-year title dry spell in PBA Regional competition Sunday, defeating **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind., 298-242, to win the PBA Tony Grigat Allstate Agent Midwest Open at Elk Grove Bowl in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Richgels, 52, won his 30th career PBA Regional title along with the \$2,200 first prize. His last victory came in September 2007 in Energy, Ill.

Richgels defeated **Brad Miller** of St. Charles, Mo., 2-1 in the best-of-three-game semifinal round while McCune edged **Tom Hess** of Urbandale, Iowa, 2-1, to set up the championship match.

● **Erik Hohlbein** of Renton, Wash.; **Hugh Miller** of Mercer Island, Wash., and amateur **Leea Haworth** of Tumwater, Wash., were victorious in a PBA Northwest Region tripleheader at Secoma Lanes in Federal Way, Wash., Sunday.

Hohlbein posted a 9-2-1 match play record and a 20-game total of 5,047 pins, including match play bonus pins, to win Sunday's PBA Secoma Lanes Northwest Open, a standard PBA Northwest/ West Regional event, by 116 pins over amateur **Cameron Weier** of Federal Way, Wash.

Miller won the PBA50 portion of the tripleheader with a 6-2 match play record and 4,034 total pins, beating **Tom Anderson** of Bonney Lake, Wash. by 131 pins for the \$1,500 first prize.

Haworth had a 5-2-1 match play record and knocked down 3,663 total pins for her 16 games to top **Lindsay Boomershine** of Brigham City, Utah, to win the PWBA Secoma Lanes Open, presented by PBA, and a \$1,200 prize. Boomershine had 3,447 pins. Because Haworth is not a member, she does not receive credit for a title.

● The June 19-21 schedule includes the first PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournament of the summer season, the Pensacola South Open presented by Roto Grip, at New Liberty Lanes in Pensacola, Fla. The winner will earn \$10,000. Also on the Father's Day weekend schedule are a pair of one-day American Family Insurance Midwest Open events presented by Columbia 300 at Tinley Bowl in Tinley Park, Ill.; the Planet Bowl Southwest Challenge for non-title winners in Oklahoma City; the Fort Meade East Challenge presented by Roto Grip for non-winners at The Lanes in Fort Meade, Md.; the J.D. Producing Inc./Triway Lanes Central Open presented by Hammer in Wooster, Ohio, and a PBA/PBA50 doubleheader, the Vanessa Brown Homes West Opens presented by Columbia 300 at Yosemite Lanes in Modesto, Calif.

● Over the June 26-27 weekend, South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, will host the second PBA Tour Xtra Frame event, the Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Storm with \$15,000 going to the winner. Also on the weekend schedule, Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., will host the PWBA Central Open along with a one-day, reduced entry fee Central/Midwest Challenge. Sparetimes in Hampton, Va., will host the

PBA50 Sparetimes South Open, and Fox Bowl in Wheaton, Ill., will host the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open.

- Three events on the Fourth of July weekend schedule include the PBA and the women-only PWBA Gastonia South Open doubleheader presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C., plus the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Reminder: PBA fans who miss the Tuesday night telecast of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA King of the Swing finals on CBS Sports Network can find the show (along with all Summer Swing finals telecasts) in the archives on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Fridays after they air. Xtra Frame is available on three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and 12-month (\$64.99) subscription plans. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.
- Reminder: After each Tuesday night Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing telecast on CBS Sports Network, there will be a short post-game video posted to YouTube. To view the Oklahoma Open video featuring Mike J. Laneside interviewing Bill O'Neill, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IIAzN6Wx1Cs>

PBA Unveils Schedule, Prize Fund for GEICO World Series of Bowling VII

Focus on live ESPN PBA World Championship, new host Reno National Bowling Stadium highlight changes

RENO, Nev. (June 18, 2015) – This December, Reno's National Bowling Stadium will be the center of the bowling universe as ESPN, Xtra Frame and the best players in the world will converge for a series of the most unique and lucrative events in the sport at the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy.

WSOB VII will again give players from around the world five fresh opportunities for PBA titles across five diverse PBA lane oil patterns, highlighted by the main event, the PBA World Championship.

The World Series will feature an enhanced prize fund, adjusted tournament formats, live TV and the potential for the largest field in WSOB history. Celebrating its 20th anniversary, the National Bowling Stadium's 78 lanes means a full field of 312 and a prize fund that will exceed \$760,000.

The focal point will be the PBA World Championship, the season's final major championship and its ultimate test of versatility and endurance. The five players who qualify for the live stepladder finals on ESPN on Thursday, Dec. 17, will survive 66 games of qualifying and round-robin match play on five different lane condition challenges.

For the first time, bettors will be able to wager on PBA World Championship results at the host hotel Silver Legacy's MGM Mirage Satellite Race and Sports Book. The finals will be the PBA's first time in live prime time TV since 2001.

"Thursday night, December 17, will be one of the greatest spectacles in the history of the game," PBA Tour CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said of the 2015 PBA World Championship finals.

The qualifying stages of the PBA World Championship involve nine games each on the PBA's Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion lane conditions. Those stages will again also serve as separate opportunities for players to win PBA Tour titles and prize money. After the nine-game qualifying rounds in the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships, the top 24 from each pattern will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play rounds (the top eight qualifiers will receive a bye to

automatically advance to the second match play round). Match play will reduce the field in each event to four semifinalists. The four ESPN-televised animal pattern finals will include two one-game semifinal matches with the two winners bowling for titles.

Entries open on July 8. The past two World Series have included sold-out fields, each with representatives from 21 countries.

Subscriptions to Xtra Frame, PBA's exclusive online video-streaming service, have reached their all-time highs at each of the past four WSOBs, and the 2014 WSOB's ESPN viewership ratings were up 14 percent cumulatively for the seven shows produced over the previous year. Fans from around the world also have scheduled trips around the WSOB.

In addition to the main schedule, several ancillary events and TV shows will take place at WSOB VII. Here's a look at PBA World Series of Bowling VII:

To enter the tournament:

- Entries will open on a first-come basis on July 8 by contacting PBA Membership Services Manager Mary von Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; cell: 206-332-9688). PBA members will have first priority.
- The entry fee for WSOB VII will be \$1,000 for PBA members (\$1,200 for non-members), including all four animal pattern championships and the PBA World Championship.
- All World Series players are required to stay at the Silver Legacy. A Silver Legacy reservation confirmation number will be required at the time of entry. See details below.
- In 2014, 93 of the sold-out field of 240 players cashed in at least one of the five PBA Tour-title events.
- First prize in the PBA World Championship will be \$60,000; first prize in the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships will be \$20,000.
- Based upon a full field of 312 entries, WSOB VII will pay out more than \$760,000 in prize money to 246 cashing positions.
- Entrants not advancing to match play or any cashers round will have a tournament stay of Dec. 7-11, with an option of staying Dec. 12-13 to participate in the Tri-Regional Open.

To book a room at Silver Legacy:

- Bowlers, industry partners and fans are encouraged to stay at the Silver Legacy Casino Resort, which is one block away from the National Bowling Stadium. A special room rate of \$49.99 for single and double occupancy is available for WSOB VII. Call 800-687-8733 or visit www.silverlegacyreno.com and use the code WSOB15 when making reservations.

To attend as a fan:

- For fans attending WSOB VII, see the complete competition and ESPN television schedule below for dates and times. Qualifying rounds will be held between Dec. 8-16. ESPN finals will be conducted Dec. 17-19.

To watch on Xtra Frame:

- All preliminary qualifying and match play rounds of WSOB VII, including the PBA Challenge match play events, will be covered live by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.
- Xtra Frame will provide nearly 100 hours of live coverage during WSOB VII.
- Xtra Frame is available by subscription only. A three-day subscription is \$3.99, a full-month subscription is \$7.99 and a 12-month XF Season Ticket subscription is \$64.99. Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link to sign up.

To watch on ESPN:

- The PBA World Championship finals will air live on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. ET (6 p.m. CT, 4 p.m. PT).
- The Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships will air on consecutive Sundays beginning on Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. ET (noon CT, 10 a.m. PT).
- Following the animal pattern championships, ESPN's Sunday coverage will continue with the PBA Challenge Finals and an event to be announced.

Other ancillary WSOB events:

- WSOB VII will conclude with the PBA Challenge Finals on Saturday, Dec. 19, for delayed telecast on ESPN. The PBA Challenge Finals will feature the PBA50, PBA Regional, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge and the Teen Masters Grand Championship match. PBA50 and PBA Regional finalists will be decided in eight-game round robin match play qualifying events held on Monday, Dec. 7, to kick off the World Series. The PWBA-PBA Women's Regional qualifying event will be held on Friday, Dec. 18. PBA50, PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional qualifiers – all of whom also earn paid entries into the World Series – will be determined based on season-long points competitions.
- The World Series also will include an optional PBA Tri-Regional Open, hosted by the PBA West Region over the Dec. 12-13 weekend.

- Additional activities associated with the World Series will be announced soon.

2015 GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII SCHEDULE

presented by Silver Legacy

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Dec. 7-19 (all times are Pacific Time)

MONDAY, DEC. 7

9 a.m. – Official practice session, A Squad (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World Championship patterns)
1:30 p.m. – Official practice session, B Squad (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion, World Championship patterns)
5 p.m. – PBA50 and PBA Regional Challenge match play qualifying events (8 games head-to-head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN)

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

8:30 a.m. – Cheetah Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
4 p.m. – Cheetah Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

8:30 a.m. – Viper Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
4 p.m. – Viper Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

8:30 a.m. – Chameleon Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
4 p.m. – Chameleon Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

8:30 a.m. – Scorpion Championship, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)
4 p.m. – Scorpion Championship, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)
Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

10 a.m. – PBA World Championship cashers' round, 6 games (top 25 percent of the field based on combined 36-game pinfall totals after Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds)
Top 24 after 42 games advance to round robin match play
2:30 p.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open, 8 qualifying games, all players
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship match play round one (8 games)

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

9 a.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open match play and finals
10 a.m. – PBA World Championship match play round two (8 games)
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship match play round three (8 games)
Top five after 66 games advance to live ESPN finals

MONDAY, DEC. 14

10 a.m. – Cheetah Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
1 p.m. – Cheetah Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)
4:30 p.m. – Viper Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
7:30 p.m. – Viper Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

10 a.m. – Chameleon Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
1 p.m. – Chameleon Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)
4:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)

7:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

10 a.m. – Cheetah Championship Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)

1 p.m. – Viper Championship Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)

4:30 p.m. – Chameleon Championship Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)

7:30 p.m. – Scorpion Championship Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

9 a.m. – PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge match play qualifying event (8 games head-to-head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN)

ESPN TELEVISION FINALS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

4 p.m. (7 p.m. ET) – PBA World Championship, five-player stepladder finals (live on ESPN)

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

TBA – Cheetah Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

TBA – Viper Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

TBA – Chameleon Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

TBA – Scorpion Championship ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

TBA – PBA Challenge Series Finals (PBA50 Challenge, PBA Regional Challenge, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge, Teen Masters Grand Championship)

Colombia's Andres Gomez Wins Third PBA Tour Title in Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open

by [Bill Vint](#) June 21, 2015 10:10

PENSACOLA, Fla. – Andres Gomez of Colombia won his third PBA Tour title Sunday, defeating Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 211-192, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola South Open at New Liberty Lanes.

With strikes in the ninth frame and first shot in the 10th, Gomez overcame an unconverted 2-10 split in the eighth frame to lock up the \$10,000 first prize on a demanding PBA Bear lane conditioning pattern. The native Colombian, now living in Hollywood, Fla., won his previous PBA Tour titles in the 2011 and 2013 Carmen Salvino Classic tournaments.

Daugherty advanced to the title match with a 237-212 win over 2014 PBA Southwest Region Rookie of the Year Anthony Simonsen, an 18-year-old two-handed player from Princeton, Texas. In the first match, Daugherty eliminated 16-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 247-233.

The Xtra Frame Pensacola Open was the third PBA Tour event covered exclusively live on by PBA's exclusive online video-streaming service. Earlier in the year, Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, won the DHC PBA Japan

Invitational in Tokyo – the first international event ever streamed live on Xtra Frame – and Josh Blanchard of Phoenix, Ariz., won the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

PBA players now head to South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, for the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Storm next Friday through Sunday. Qualifying, match play and stepladder finals competition on Saturday and Sunday will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame logo. Three-day, monthly and full year subscriptions are available.

PBA XTRA FRAME PENSACOLA SOUTH OPEN
presented by Roto Grip
New Liberty Lanes, Pensacola, Fla., June 21

Final Standings: 1, Andres Gomez, Colombia, \$10,000. 2, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., \$5,000. 3, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, \$2,500. 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$1,800.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Daugherty def. Jones, 247-233. Semifinal Match – Daugherty def. Simonsen, 237-212. Championship – Gomez def. Daugherty, 211-192.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Gomez, 9-3, 4,566. 2, Simonsen, 8-4, 4,511. 3, Daugherty, 9-3, 4,494. 4, Jones, 8-4, 4,407. 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6-6, 4,351, \$1,300. 6, B.J. Moore, Apex, N.C., 7-5, 4,263, \$1,200. 7, y-Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 7-5, 4,250, \$1,100. 8, a-Sean Riccardi, St. Petersburg, Fla., 6-6, 4,249, \$1,000.

9, x-Mike Williams, Montgomery, Ala., 6-6, 4,248, \$900. 10, Kris Prather, Milton, Fla., 4-8, 4,235, \$850. 11, a-A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 5-7, 4,206, \$825. 12, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-7, 4,202, \$800. 13, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 5-7, 4,198, \$775. 14, Dale Coleman, High Springs, Fla., 5-7, 4,190, \$750. 15, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 4-8, 4,184, \$725. 16, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2-10, 4,037, \$700.

Other Cashers (after 8 games): 17, Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., 1,656, \$520. 18, a-Greg Young Jr., Viera, Fla., 1,655, \$520. 19, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,654, \$520. 20, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,653, \$520. 21, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,651, \$520. 22, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,646, \$520. 23, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,638, \$520. 24, Zachary Dwyer, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., 1,631, \$520.

25, Zack Brown, Holly Springs, N.C., 1,626, \$510. 26, a-Aaron Martin, Mount Juliet, Tenn., 1,625, \$510. 27, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,624, \$510. 28 (tie), Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., and Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,623, \$510. 30 (tie), Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,616, \$510. 32, a-Daniel Vasquez, Colombia, 1,611, \$510.

33, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 1,610, \$500. 34, a-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,606, \$500 (SMART). 35, a-Mike Dixon, Helena, Ala., 1,590, \$500. 36, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 1,588, \$500. 37, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,587, \$500. 38, a-Michael Coffey, Melbourne, Fla., 1,583, \$500 (SMART). 39, David O'Sullivan, Oviedo, Fla., 1,577, \$500. 40, a-Manuel Fernandez, Dominican Republic, 1,576, \$500.

41 (tie), Curt Dupre, Destrehan, La., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,573, \$500. 69, f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,469, \$300.

x-Williams (203) and y-Mooney (190) defeated Tony Myers (189) in a one-game roll-off to break a tie for the 15th and 16th positions for match play.

a-denotes amateur; s-denotes PBA50 player; f-denotes female (highest-finishing woman in the field).

Bill O'Neill Caps Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing With King of the Swing Victory

by [Jerry Schneider](#) June 23, 2015 15:05

In what could be considered the all-star event of the 2015 Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., beat Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., 191-164, to successfully defend his Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort King of the Swing title at the Grand Event Center.

The concluding event of the Summer Swing, which aired Tuesday on the CBS Sports Network, provided a unique challenge, requiring the finalists to compete on a dramatically different lane condition on each lane. The special two-lane arena installation in the Grand Event Center featured the 32-foot Wolf lane condition on the left lane and the 52-foot Badger lane condition on the right lane, putting a premium on adjustments, shot-making and equipment selections for the players.

"I enjoy dueling lane conditions," said O'Neill, who won the Oklahoma Open to earn his spot in the special event, a non-PBA title finale to the Summer Swing. "You have to use all the tricks in the bag. In this case it turned out to be a grind out, but I enjoyed the test."

In winning last year's King of the Swing, O'Neill defeated Sean Rash, 254-181, for the title.

"The trophies will make good bookends," said O'Neill, who also finished third in the Bear and Wolf Opens earlier in the Summer Swing. "I might have let a couple opportunities get away from me this year but in the end I can go to sleep happy after winning the Oklahoma Open and the King of the Swing."

Leading up to the title match, two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia defeated Wolf Open winner Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 201-182, in a battle between a pair of two-handers to start the finals. Belmonte, who earned the wild card spot in the King of the Swing as the top point-getter in the Summer Swing without a title, then lost to Badger Open winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind., in the second match, 233-211. Jones, the Bear Open winner, then defeated Russell, 208-178, to meet O'Neill in the title match.

Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line video subscription service, features a preview and post-game show for all CBS Sports Network telecasts of Summer Swing events. PBA fans can find additional coverage of Summer Swing action through the PBA Network which includes archived coverage of all preliminary rounds on Xtra Frame, player interactions through Facebook and Twitter, mobile gaming, original programming, archived events and immediate news updates 24/7 on varying communications devices anywhere in the world. For additional PBA Network information, visit <http://www.pba.com/PBANetwork>.

CBS Sports Network is available across the country through local cable, video and telco providers and via satellite on DirecTV Channel 221 and Dish Network Channel 158. For more information, including a full programming schedule and how to get CBS Sports Network, go to www.cbssportsnetwork.com.

PBA OKLAHOMA'S GRAND RESORT KING OF THE SWING

Grand Casino Resort Event Center, Shawnee, Okla.

Final Standings

- 1, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. \$10,000.
- 2, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., \$5,000
- 3, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., \$4,000.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$3,000.
5. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., \$2,000.

Playoff Results

Match One – Belmonte def. Troup, 201-182.

Match Two – Russell def. Belmonte, 233-211.

Semifinal Match – Jones def. Russell, 208-178.

Championship – O'Neill def. Jones, 191-164.

[PBA Spare Shots: Xtra Frame Heads into July with Full Calendar of Events](#)

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XTRA FRAME HEADS INTO JULY WITH FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PBA's Xtra Frame viewers are in for a full and varied schedule of bowling programming in the weeks ahead. Closing out the June schedule will be live coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open from South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, this weekend.

The Lubbock Sports Southwest Open, a PBA Tour title event that will pay a \$15,000 first prize, had a preliminary entry of more than 165 players as of today including PBA Tour titlists **Dick Allen, Patrick Allen, DJ Archer, Chris Barnes, Tom Daugherty, Mike Edwards, Mike Fagan, Michael Haugen Jr., Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Mika Koivuniemi, Robert Lawrence, Wes Malott, Scott Newell, Bill O'Neill, Rhino Page, Jake Peters, Sean Rash, Mike Scroggins, Jason Sterner, Kyle Troup, Mark Williams and Stuart Williams**. The PBA title-winners will face a field of talented young collegiate and PBA Regional players looking for their first title.

Xtra Frame coverage begins with eight-game qualifying squads on Saturday. Half of the field will bowl at 8:30 a.m. CT and the other half at 3:30 p.m., with the top one-third of the field advancing to a six-game cashers' round at 8:30 a.m. Sunday. The top 16 then will bowl a modified eight-game head-to-head round robin match play schedule starting at 12:30 p.m., followed by the four-player stepladder finals.

A number of women also are bowling in Lubbock, which is a Professional Women's Bowling Association-PBA Women's Regional points qualifying event.

Following the Lubbock event, Xtra Frame heads to Las Vegas for coverage of the Teen Masters National Championships (June 30-July 3) and the Collegiate Masters (July 4-5) from the South Point Bowling Plaza.

On July 8 and 9, Xtra Frame will video-stream coverage of the MOTIV Revolution Tournament, a non-PBA event, from Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., followed immediately by the live debut of Professional Women's Bowling Association competition, the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, July 10-11, from Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights, Calif.

Xtra Frame returns to South Plains Lanes in Lubbock July 17-18 for exclusive coverage of the PWBA Lubbock Sports Open, followed by start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Tour Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn.

Closing out the July schedule will be the PWBA Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., and opening the August schedule will be the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day basis for only \$3.99. A full month's worth of Xtra Frame programming cost only \$7.99. PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

BILL O'NEILL PACES OKLAHOMA'S SUMMER SWING EARNINGS LIST

PBA's third annual Summer Swing, a multi-event series patterned after PBA's World Series of Bowling, served diverse purposes on behalf of the players, PBA fans and the bowling industry partners who support the PBA.

During Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing, 48 of the 120 players entered shared \$241,000 in prize money – a 2.5:1 cashing ratio – with six players earning in excess of \$10,000 for the week, led by **Bill O'Neill's** \$36,600. **Tommy Jones** was second with \$24,000 in earnings followed by **Ronnie Russell's** \$17,500, **Jason Belmonte** with \$16,700, **Kyle Troup** with \$12,760 and **Patrick Allen** with \$10,600.

For PBA's advertisers and product registered companies, the series of video-streamed and CBS Sports Network-televised events provided 10 hours of original cable network exposure, more than 50 hours of video-streamed coverage, and significant additional exposure through re-airs and YouTube placements.

BOWLING MAKES "SHORT LIST" AS CANDIDATE FOR 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS

Bowling, baseball and softball, karate, squash, roller sports, climbing, surfing and wushu are the eight sports nominated for the next stage of the application process to be added to the Olympic program for Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, it was announced Monday by Tokyo's 2020 Additional Events Programme Panel and confirmed by World Bowling.

The decision was made following a meeting of the Tokyo events panel, according to a report by insidethegames.biz writer Nick Butler. The short list includes survivors from a list of 26 sports that had submitted applications to the Tokyo panel.

All eight sports federations will now progress to a second stage of the application process, which will include the submission of further details by July 22. Briefings to Tokyo organizers will take place Aug. 7-8. An unspecified number will then be proposed to the International Olympic Committee in September, before a final decision is due to be made by the IOC in Rio de Janeiro in August 2016.

A key part of bowling's presentation will be the new Round1 World Open which will take place in Tokyo July 9-12, featuring men and women from 70 different countries and televised finals which will be held in a specially-constructed arena setting in Tokyo. Several PBA players from the U.S. and around the world will participate in the event. The PBA will award a PBA Tour title to the men's winner if he is a PBA member.

According to Butler, new sports must be a "driving force to promote the Olympic Movement and its values, with a focus on youth appeal," it has been explained, while they must also "engage the Japanese population and new audiences worldwide, reflecting the Tokyo 2020 Games vision."

Wall Street Journal-Japan is conducting a world-wide poll to ask which sport you would like to see added to the Tokyo Olympic Games program. If you would like to vote for bowling, go to: <http://wedgi.es/1eE9qNE> and right click on "bowling" to cast a vote.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: NEW FATHER LOSCHETTER WINS IN WOOSTER

New father **Chris Loschetter** of Avon, Ohio, celebrated Father's Day with a 70-pin victory over **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, in the PBA J.D. Producing/Triway Lanes Central Open presented by Hammer at Triway Lanes in Wooster, Ohio, Sunday.

Loschetter, who became a father for the first time on May 29, finished with an 8-4 match play record and a total of 4,925 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins, to win his 13th career PBA Regional title and the \$3,500 first prize.

- **PJ Haggerty** of Roseville, Calif., defeated **Dennis Horan Jr.** of Oakley, Calif., 236-225, to win the PBA Vanessa Brown Homes West Open, presented by Columbia 300, at Yosemite Lanes on Sunday.

In the companion PBA50 Vanessa Brown Homes West Open, **Warren Nelson** of Plummer, Idaho, defeated **Dave Arnold** of Dublin, Calif., 214-210, for his first PBA50 regional title and a \$1,500 first prize.

Haggerty, who collected his ninth PBA Regional title, earned \$2,000. He defeated **Will Garber** of Modesto, 265-192, in the semifinal round while Horan advanced to the title match by defeating **Eddie VanDaniker Jr.** of Chatsworth, Calif., 237-234.

- **Will Barnes** from Wichita, Kan., outpaced the field to win the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Challenge Sunday at Planet Bowl in Oklahoma City, topping PBA50 bowler **Jim Dougherty** of Oklahoma City by 115 pins for his first PBA title and a \$2,000 first prize. With his title, Barnes became eligible to participate in the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Dougherty took the lead with the tournament's only 300 game in the first game of match play, but Barnes won his first three matches behind games of 215, 259, and 247 to build a comfortable lead that he never surrendered.

- **Steven Taylor** of Deer Creek, Ill., defeated **Anthony LaCaze** of Melrose Park, Ill., by 41 pins and **Mitch Beasley** of Nashville, Tenn., topped **Brad Miller** of St. Charles, Mo., by 83 pins, to win PBA American Family Insurance Midwest Open titles Saturday and Sunday, respectively, at Tinley Bowl in Tinley Park, Ill.

In Saturday's 13-game event, Taylor posted a 3-3 match play record and a total of 3,053 pins, including match play bonus pins, to top LaCaze's 3,012 total. Taylor earned \$2,200 along with his third career PBA Regional title. On Sunday, Beasley won the 11-game event with total of 2,644 pins, topping Miller's 2,561 total for his 16th career regional title and a \$2,200 first prize.

- **Charles Bonis Jr.** of Port Chester, N.Y. defeated **Noel Vega** of Kew Gardens, N.Y., 210-147, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Fort Meade Eastern Challenge presented by Roto Grip at The Lanes in Fort Meade, Md., on Saturday. PBA Challenge events are open to any member or non-member who has never won a PBA event.

Bonis, a non-member bowling in his third regional event, was undefeated in the bracket elimination finals. Vega led qualifying and also was undefeated in the earlier elimination rounds before he lost his ball reaction on the championship pair. Bonis earned \$1,800 for the win, but does not receive credit for a PBA Regional title because he is a non-member. Vega earned \$1,100 for his third runner-up finish in the past four East Region events.

- Over the June 26-27 weekend, South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, will host the Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open presented by Storm with \$15,000 going to the winner. The entire tournament will be covered live on Xtra Frame. Also on the weekend schedule, Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., will host the PWBA Central Open along with a one-day, reduced entry fee Central/Midwest Challenge. Sparetimes in Hampton, Va., will host the PBA50 Sparetimes South Open, and Fox Bowl in Wheaton, Ill., will host the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open.

- Three events over the Fourth of July weekend include the PBA and the women-only PWBA Gastonia South Open doubleheader presented by Brunswick at George Pappas' Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C., plus the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Southwest Member/Non-Member Doubles at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Brunswick Bowling has announced that Dream-Bowl Palace in Munich, Germany, will continue to host the Brunswick Euro Challenge, a World Bowling-PBA International Tour event, through 2018. The 52-lane center has hosted the European showcase tournament for the past four years.

- Reminder: PBA fans who miss Tuesday's telecast of the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA King of the Swing finals on CBS Sports Network, the show (along with all Summer Swing finals telecasts) can be found in the archives on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Fridays after they air. Xtra Frame is available on three-day (\$3.99), 30-day (\$7.99) and 12-month (\$64.99) subscription plans. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

- To view an interview featuring **Mike J. Laneside** with Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort King of the Swing winner **Bill O'Neill**, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMig9-c1RHU>

PBA Adds Multi-Event South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic to 2015 Schedule

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. – The Professional Bowlers Association will return to South Point Bowling Plaza Oct. 19-26 with a new PBA South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic program, featuring an all-new PBA Team Challenge, qualifying and match play rounds of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and a new PBA Tour title event, the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open.

The new competition program for South Point became possible when the PBA moved the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, originally scheduled for South Point, to the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., to take advantage of a unique live prime-time ESPN telecast slot on Thursday, Dec. 17 for the PBA World Championship.

“The PBA is thrilled to be able to stage this exciting series of events in the new South Point Bowling Plaza,” PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. “South Point has been a great partner to the PBA and working with Director of Bowling Operations Mike Monyak to launch a new PBA team event in addition to two PBA Tour title events in the new Plaza will be awesome for the best bowlers in the world, the bowling fans in Las Vegas and a worldwide audience on Xtra Frame.”

The Fall Classic will feature a new five-player team competition, qualifying and match play rounds of the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship and the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, a PBA Tour title event. All competition except for the PBA Doubles Championship finals, which will be added to the GEICO WSOB VII ESPN television lineup in Reno, will be covered live on PBA’s Xtra Frame online video-streaming service.

Also as part of the PBA Fall Classic and the Xtra Frame coverage schedule, the PBA West Region will conduct a PBA South Point West Challenge tournament for players who have never won a PBA title on Friday, Oct. 23, and a PBA50 Western Open for players 50 and older on Monday, Oct. 26. Bowlers can enter those events through the PBA West Region.

PBA members and non-members are invited to bowl in the Fall Classic. Entry fee and prize money, based upon entries for each event, include the following. Entries open July 8:

- PBA Team Challenge: \$500 per member entry fee (\$600 per non-member), \$40,000 first prize, \$5,000 for 15th place, 1:4 cashing ratio, field limited to 60 teams.
- Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship: \$500 per member entry fee (\$600 per non-member), \$22,000 first prize, \$2,000 for 15th place, 1:4 cashing ratio, field limited to 60 teams.
- PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open: \$300 member entry fee (\$325 non-member), \$10,000 first prize, 1:3 cashing ratio, field limited to 120 entries.
- PBA South Point West Challenge : \$220 member entry fee (\$285 non-member), open to players who have not won a PBA title, \$1,500 first prize, 1:3 cashing ratio, field limited to 120 entries.

- PBA50 Western Open: \$220 member entry fee (\$285 non-member), open to players age 50 and older, \$2,000 first prize, 1:3 cashing ratio, field limited to 120 entries.

PBA SOUTH POINT BOWLING PLAZA FALL CLASSIC SCHEDULE

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Oct. 19-26

Monday, Oct. 19

11 a.m. – Fall Classic practice session

3 p.m. – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 8 qualifying games (16 individual games)

Top 12 teams advance to round robin match play

Tuesday, Oct. 20

9 a.m. – Roth/Holman PBA Doubles, 6 games match play (12 individual games)

2 p.m. – Roth/Holman PBA Doubles, 6 games match play (12 individual games)

Top 5 teams after 20 doubles games (40 individual games) advance to ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Dec. 19 at National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

7 p.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open practice session

Wednesday, Oct. 21

9 a.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to round robin match play

4 p.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

Thursday, Oct. 22

8:30 a.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

1 p.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

Top 5 after 32 games advance to stepladder finals

5:30 p.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open stepladder finals (live on Xtra Frame)

Friday, Oct. 23

9 a.m. – PBA South Point West Challenge qualifying and match play (open to non-champions)

6 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge practice session

Saturday, Oct. 24

9 a.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 6 qualifying games (30 individual games)

5 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 12 Baker format qualifying games

Top 8 teams after 18 combined team games advance to round robin match play

Sunday, Oct. 25

9 a.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 8 games Baker format round robin match play

Top 4 teams after 26 combined team games advance to stepladder finals

3 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge Baker format stepladder finals (live on Xtra Frame)

Monday, Oct. 26

9 a.m. – PBA50 Western Open qualifying and match play

Two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III and five-time Tour winner Mike Fagan have been selected as Best Bowler nominees for the 2015 ESPY Best Bowler Award.

Fans can vote for their selections by clicking on <http://espn.go.com/espys/2015/?voting=bestbowler>

Awards will be announced July 15 during ceremonies at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles Wednesday, July 15 at 8 p.m. ET on ABC.

In 2015, Belmonte won the United States Bowling Congress Masters for an unprecedented third consecutive year and successfully defended his Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions title to boost his career win total to 13. He has five other top-five finishes including runnerup finishes in the Oklahoma Open and Maine Xtra Frame Shootout.

Bohn won the PBA Players Championship for his 34th career PBA Tour title. He had two other top-10 finishes including eighth in the Barbasol Tournament of Champions and 10th in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship.

Fagan won the 2014 PBA World Championship for his fifth career title and second major. He also had three other top 10 finishes including second in the Japan Invitational and sixth in the Bahrain International and Badger Opens.

HISTORY OF ESPY BEST BOWLER AWARD WINNERS

2014 - Pete Weber

2013 – Pete Weber

2012 – Sean Rash

2011 – Jason Belmonte

2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2009 – Norm Duke

2008 – Norm Duke

2007 – Norm Duke

2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2005 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2004 – Pete Weber

2003 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2002 – Pete Weber

2001 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

2000 – Parker Bohn III

1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

1998 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.

1997 – Bob Learn Jr.

1996 – Mike Aulby

1995 – Norm Duke

New York's Brandon Soedarmasto, Illinois' Brigitte Jacobs Win Teen Masters Titles

Winners to bowl in grand championship match during PBA Challenge ESPN telecast in December

LAS VEGAS – Brandon Soedarmasto of Levittown, N.Y., and Brigitte Jacobs of Freeport, Ill., captured the boys' and girls' titles in the Teen Masters Championships at South Point Bowling Plaza Friday, each earning \$7,500 scholarships.

Soedarmasto and Jacobs also earned berths in the Teen Masters Grand Championship match that will be contested as part of the Professional Bowlers Association's PBA Challenge Finals during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev. The PBA Challenge Finals also will include PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge matches. The finals will be held on Dec. 19 and will air on ESPN in early 2016.

Soedarmasto, 17, took the lead in the second round of qualifying and never looked back, averaging 231.52 for 42 games while winning 13 of his 18 match games for a 10,114 pinfall total, and a 165-pin margin of victory over Trey Brand of Battlefield, Mo. Brand, a 13-year-old two-handed player, also won the boys' 14-and-under title. Pablo Cerda of Sunrise, Fla., finished third with 9,904 pins, 45 behind Brand.

Soedarmasto, in his fifth Teen Masters, said experience in the past four events was a big help.

"The previous years I wasn't as sharp with my spare game or my mental game, so those were what I worked on the most," he said. "I wasn't really watching the scoreboard, but I was watching the players around me when I struggled to see what they were doing. From block to block, I didn't feel like I was as focused as I needed to be, but when I got the distractions out of my head, I was able to bowl to the best of my ability."

Brand, who bowled in his first Teen Masters, said he didn't expect to win at age 13, but "I was expecting to make match play. I'm happy I did as well as I did."

Jacobs, 17, who trailed Paige Beeney of Salado, Texas, by 181 pins after 24 qualifying games, won 12 of her 18 match games and averaged 207.69 to finish with 9,083 pins, including match play bonus pins, to defeat Beeney by 243 pins in the girls' competition.

"After qualifying, I kept telling myself, you can do it, you can do it, so I just concentrated on making good shots and picking up my spares," Jacobs, a first-time Teen Masters competitor, said. "I wanted to bowl the tournament because the playing field is level with the bowling balls and conditions, and it went really well."

The U14 Division girls' winner was 14-year-old Allie Leiendecker of Wooster, Ohio, the only U14 player to qualify for match play on the girls' side.

"I did a lot better than I thought I was going to do," Leiendecker said. "I practiced a lot on house shots with the bowling balls, but not on the tournament patterns. It worked a lot better than I thought. I did a lot better than I did last year (when she finished third in the U14 division)."

The Teen Masters, created in 1997 by Killer B Promotions founder Gary Beck as an elite challenge for high school age boys and girls, drew an open-entry field of 160 boys and 76 girls to Las Vegas. All qualifying rounds were conducted on PBA-caliber short- and long-oil lane conditions. In match play, the short-oil pattern was applied to one lane and the long-oil pattern to the other. All players were required to use special PBA Skill Balls 2.0 (polyester) and 3.0 (urethane), emphasizing player skills rather than exotic equipment.

Teen Masters champions who have gone on to become PBA Tour titlists include Mike Fagan (1997), Jason Sterner (2003), Ryan Ciminelli (2004), and Jake Peters (2006).

TEEN MASTERS HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, July 3

(Prizes listed are scholarship awards)

Boys' Division (final standings, after 42 games including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Brandon Soedarmasto, Levittown, N.Y., 13-5, 10,114, \$7,500.
- 2, Trey Brand, Battlefield, Mo., 13-5, 9,949, \$3,750.
- 3, Pablo Cerda, Sunrise, Fla., 14-3-1, 9,904, \$2,000.
- 4, Michael Martell, Brooklyn, N.Y., 13-5, 9,764, \$1,000.
- 5, Alex Martin, Smyrna, Ga., 13-5, 9,535, \$750.
- 6, Justin Wisler, Davenport, Fla., 12-6, 9,444, \$500.
- 7, Jarek Vincent, Fort Smith, Ark., 8-10, 9,404, \$480.
- 8, Adam Zimmerman, Deer Park, N.Y., 8-9-1, 9,288, \$460.
- 9, Collin Smith, Huron, S.D., 7-10-1, 9,287, \$440.
- 10, Jacob Yoder, Wooster, Ohio, 8-10, 9,181, \$420.
- 11, Donovan Thomas, Longmont, Colo., 9-9, 9,172, \$400.
- 12, Parker Capra, Spring, Texas, 7-11, 9,150, \$390.
- 13, Benjamin Hardin, Tampa, Fla., 8-10, 9,114, \$380.
- 14, Daniel Watkinson, Palm Bay, Fla., 8-10, 9,106, \$370.
- 15, Andrew Guba, Las Vegas, 4-13-1, 9,082, \$360.
- 16, Basil Ng, Singapore, 5-13, 9,000, \$350.
- 17, EJ Baradas, Roseville, Calif., 4-14, 8,967, \$340.
- 18, TJ Rock, Henderson, Nev., 6-12, 8,733, \$330.

Girls' Division (final standings, after 42 games including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Brigitte Jacobs, Freeport, Ill., 12-6, 9,083, \$7,500.
- 2, Paige Beeney, Salado, Texas, 8-10, 8,840, \$3,000.
- 3, Megan Eaglehouse, Cibolo, Texas, 13-5, 8,723, \$1,500.
- 4, Bryanna Leyen, Perry Hall, Md., 9-9, 8,720, \$750.
- 5, Ashley Dunn, Palmdale, Calif., 12-6, 8,718, \$500.
- 6, Natalie Koprowitz, Girard, Ill., 6-11-1, 8,694, \$400.
- 7, Crystal Elliott, Melbourne, Fla., 11-7, 8,679, \$360.

- 8, Allie Leiendecker, Wooster, Ohio, 9-7-2, 8,677, \$340.
- 9, Krystina Nealon, Coral Springs, Fla., 8-10, 8,654, \$320.
- 10, Samantha Johnson, Apopka, Fla., 6-12, 8,605, \$300.
- 11, Candace Taylor, Dalton, Ohio, 10-8, 8,552, \$280.
- 12, Jenna Williams, Homosassa, Fla., 10-7-1, 8,510, \$260.
- 13, Madison Kasza, O'Fallon, Ill., 10-8, 8,499, \$240.
- 14, Christie Draper, McKinney, Texas, 7-11, 8,327, \$220.
- 15, Heather Trapp, Chester, Va., 7-11, 8,229, \$200.
- 16, Heather Duncan, Middleburg, Fla., 6-12, 8,198, \$180.
- 17, Mallory Liversedge, Meridian, Idaho, 7-11, 8,074, \$160.
- 18, Jasmine April, Port Orange, Fla., 9-9, 7,858, \$140.

u-denotes U14 competitor

Japan's Bowling World Open Begins with Open Qualifying in Tokyo *55 countries represented in showcase event for 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games observers*

TOKYO – Bowlers from 55 countries, including many of the best male and female players in the sport, have begun competition in the inaugural Bowling World Open, an event designed as a showcase for observers considering additional sports for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games program.

The event got underway Thursday with open qualifying for non-exempt players and concludes with televised finals in Japan on Sunday.

Bowling is one of eight sports in contention for possible inclusion in the 2020 Olympic Games.

The Bowling World Open, which is offering the richest prize fund on the World Bowling Tour schedule, will pay shares of its estimated US\$390,000 in prize money equally to men and women. First prize in each division will be roughly \$81,000. As a part of its support of the event and the Olympic movement, the PBA will award a PBA Tour title to the men's champion.

The tournament will include 110 men and 110 women in the singles main events, plus an international mixed doubles competition. The main event fields will include 79 invited representatives from 55 countries, 19 international players and 12 local qualifiers from open qualifying events Thursday and Friday at Shinagawa Prince Hotel Bowling Center.

Among the invited players granted automatic berths in men's singles are PBA champions Jason Belmonte, Australia; Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Dom Barrett and Paul Moor, England; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Mike Fagan and Chris Barnes, representing the PBA and the U.S. A number of additional international PBA members who have not yet won a PBA title also are among the exempt men.

The women's exempt field will include PBA/PWBA members Clara Guerrero, Colombia; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic; Diana Zavjalova, Latvia; and American stars Kelly Kulick and Liz Johnson. Kulick is the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title (2011 PBA Tournament of Champions). Kulick, Johnson and Guerrero all have appeared in PBA Tour television finals and all three are PBA Regional title winners.

The main singles competitions will involve five qualifying games Saturday with the top 33 players in each division advancing to a three-game semifinal round at Round1 Minamisuna Bowling Center. Based on pinfall for eight games, the top four will advance to the televised finals where No. 1 will bowl No. 4, and No. 2 will bowl No. 3, in one-game matches. The winners will then bowl for their respective titles.

Sunday's men's and women's finals, along with international mixed doubles finals, will be contested on a special six-lane installation in an exhibition hall at the Makuhari-Messe convention center on the outskirts of Tokyo.

The open qualifying system allows bowlers from around the world to bowl a three-game series on the same pair of lanes. The top 19 players will earn berths in the 110-player fields. Bowlers can re-enter every-other squad in attempts to qualify among the top 19. After six squads, PBA titlists Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, along with U.S. stars Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones and Sean Rash were among the players in position to advance. Four additional qualifying squads are scheduled for Friday.

BOWLING WORLD OPEN

Shinagawa Prince Hotel Bowling Center, Tokyo, Thursday

Men's Open Qualifying Leaders (after three games; top 19 after four additional squads Friday advance to Saturday's men's singles main event)

- 1, Youngjun Lee, Korea, 746.
- 2, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 741.
- 3, Sangpil Park, Korea, 737.
- 4, Bill O'Neill, U.S., 733.
- 5, Taehwa Jeong, Korea, 729.
- 6, Tommy Jones, U.S., 724.
- 7, Sean Rash, U.S., 721.
- 8, Kang Seongyu, Korea, 719.
- 9, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 718.
- 10, Kyungmin Kim, Korea, 712.
- 11, Gu Yongjin, Korea, 711.
- 12, Youngkwan Kim, Korea, 707.
- 13, Seoungjoo Joung, Korea, 704.
- 14 (tie), Zhi Yong Wang, China, and Jaejung Lee, Korean, 701.
- 16, Jun Hyun Kim, Korea, 698.
- 17, Ahmad Muaz, Malaysia, 694.
- 18, Robert Townsend, Australia, 690.
- 19, Ju Hun Oh, Korea, 689.

Women's Open Qualifying Leaders (after three games; top 19 after four additional squads Friday advance to Saturday's women's singles main event)

- 1, Nahyun Lee, Korea, 760.
- 2, Yeonju Hwang, Korea, 749.
- 3, Dawun Jung, Korea, 734.
- 4, Seungja Baek, Korea, 727.
- 5, Syaidatul Afifah, Malaysia, 726.
- 6, Yeong Seung Lee, Korea, 717.
- 7, Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 713.
- 8 (tie), Jazreel Tan, Singapore, and Jinsun Kim, Korea, 711.
- 10, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 708.
- 11, Byul Han, Korea, 700.
- 12 (tie), Eunok Kim, Korea, and Danielle McEwan, U.S., 697.
- 14, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 696.
- 15, Hyunsook Choi, Korea, 690.
- 16 (tie), Hyun Lim An, Korea, and Kristin Quah, Singapore, 686.
- 18, Bernice Lim, Singapore, 680.
- 19, Subin Kim, Korea, 679.

Five American PBA Champions Advance in Japan's Bowling World Open

55 countries represented in men's, women's singles events starting Saturday in Tokyo

TOKYO (July 10, 2015) – Five American Professional Bowlers Association champions will join bowlers from 55 countries in singles finals of the inaugural Bowling World Open, a showcase event for observers considering additional sports for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games program, starting Saturday. Bowling is one of eight sports in contention for possible inclusion in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

At the close of Friday's open qualifying competition, 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent rolled a 747 three-game series to qualify third among the top 20 men who advanced to Saturday's main event. PBA stars Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, and American champions Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones and Sean Rash retained their positions among the top 20 men.

The Bowling World Open, which is offering the richest prize fund on the World Bowling Tour schedule, will pay shares of its estimated US\$390,000 in prize money equally to men and women. First prize in each division will be roughly \$81,000. As a part of its support of the event and the Olympic movement, the PBA will award a PBA Tour title to the men's champion.

A field of 110 men and 110 women will begin competition in the singles main events Saturday. An international mixed doubles competition also will be part of the program. The main event fields will include 78 invited representatives from 55 countries plus 20 international players and 12 local qualifiers from the open qualifying events hosted by Shinagawa Prince Hotel Bowling Center.

Among the invited players granted automatic berths in men's singles are PBA champions Jason Belmonte, Australia; Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Dom Barrett and Paul Moor, England; Osku Palermaa, Finland; Jesper Svensson, Sweden, and Mike Fagan and Chris Barnes, representing the PBA and the U.S. A number of additional international PBA members who have not yet won a PBA title also are among the exempt men.

The women's exempt field will include PBA/PWBA members Clara Guerrero, Colombia; Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic; Diana Zavjalova, Latvia; and American stars Kelly Kulick, Liz Johnson and Danielle McEwan, who tied for 17th in the women's open qualifying round. Kulick is the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title (2011 PBA Tournament of Champions). Kulick, Johnson and Guerrero all have appeared in PBA Tour television finals and all three are PBA Regional title winners.

The main singles competitions will involve five qualifying games Saturday with the top 33 players in each division advancing to a three-game semifinal round at Round1 Minamisuna Bowling Center. Based on pinfall for eight games, the top four will advance to the televised finals where No. 1 will bowl No. 4, and No. 2 will bowl No. 3, in one-game matches. The winners will then bowl for their respective titles.

Sunday's men's and women's finals, along with international mixed doubles finals, will be contested on a special six-lane installation in an exhibition hall at the Makuhari-Messe convention center on the outskirts of Tokyo.

BOWLING WORLD OPEN

Shinagawa Prince Hotel Bowling Center, Tokyo, Thursday

Final Men's Open Qualifying (after three games; top 20 advance to Saturday's men's singles main event)

- 1, Namyi Jo, Korea, 757.
- 2, Haesol Hong, Korea, 755,
- 3, Marshal Kent, U.S., 747.
- 4, Youngjun Lee, Korea, 746.
- 5, Jenghwan Seo, Korea, 742.
- 6, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 741.
- 7, Sangpil Park, Korea, 737.
- 8, Junsoo Kim, Korea, 736.
- 9, Bill O'Neill, U.S., 733.
- 10, Taehwa Jeong, Korea, 729.
- 11, Tommy Jones, U.S., 724.
- 12, Youngkwan Kim, Korea, 722.
- 13, Sean Rash, U.S., 721.
- 14 (tie), Kang Seongyu, Korea, and Kowoon Kim, Korea, 719.
- 16, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 718.
- 17 (tie), Heewon Kang, Korea, and Kyungmin Kim, Korea, 712.
- 19 (tie), Alex Liew, Malaysia, and Gu Yonglin, Korea, 711.

Final Women's Open Qualifying (after three games; top 20 advance to Saturday's women's singles main event)

- 1, Nahyun Lee, Korea, 760.
- 2, Yeonju Hwang, Korea, 749.
- 3, Dawun Jung, Korea, 734.
- 4, Seungja Baek, Korea, 727.
- 5, Syaidatul Afifah, Malaysia, 726.
- 6, Joey Yeo, Singapore, 725.
- 7, Cherie Tan, Singapore, 720.
- 8 (tie), Yeong Seung Lee, Korea, and Hyun Lim An, Korea, 717.
- 10, Siti Safiyah, Malaysia, 716.
- 11, Jenny Wegner, Sweden, 713.
- 12, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 711,
- 13, Jinsun Kim, Korea, 711.
- 14, New Hui Fen, Singapore, 705.

15, Bernice Lim, Singapore, 703.
16, Byul Han, Korea, 700.
17 (tie), Eunok Kim, Korea, and Danielle McEwan, U.S., 697.
19, Hyunsook Choi, Korea, 690.
20, Kristin Quah, Singapore, 686.

Editor's Note: Complete results will be filed later today

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BOWLING WORLD OPEN

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Barrett, a four-time PBA Tour title winner, started Saturday's finals with a 300 game and average 246 for a 1,969 eight-game total to win the men's top qualifying position by 118 pins over Palermaa, Finland's two-handed star. Poppler, a member of Germany's national women's team, averaged 229 for her eight games, holding off Yeo by 14 pins for the No. 1 berth in the finals. Kulick, the only woman ever to win a PBA Tour title, started her final three-game round with games of 237 and 238 to claim the fourth berth in the finals by 10 pins over Malaysia's Syaidatul Afifah.

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- Failed to advance (prize money is converted to U.S. dollars):**
- 5, Ryan Lalising, Indonesia, 1,833, \$8,142.
 - 6, Tommy Jones, U.S., 1,819, \$6,514.
 - 7, Haesol Hong, Korea, 1,806, \$4,885.
 - 8, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,798, \$3,257.
 - 9, David Simard, Canada, 1,793, \$2,850.
 - 10, Tomoyuki Sasaki, Japan, 1,782, \$2,443.
 - 11, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,775, \$2,036.
 - 12 (tie), Sean Rash, U.S., and Yoshimi Kitaoka, Japan, 1,773, \$1,424.
 - 14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,749, \$1,181.
 - 15, Ryota Ichihara, Japan, 1,733, \$1,140.
 - 16, Park Kyungshin, Korea, 1,725, \$1,099.
 - 17, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,715, \$1,058.
 - 18, Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, 1,708, \$1,018.
 - 19, Choi Bokeun, Korea, 1,706, \$977.
 - 20, Alejandro Prats, Dominican Republic, 1,705, \$936.
 - 21, a- AJ Chapman, U.S., 1,703, \$896.

22, Chris Sloan, Ireland, 1,701, \$855.
23, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,700, \$814.
24, Mike Fagan, U.S., 1,697, \$774.
25, Engelberto Riverra, Philippines, 1,687, \$733.
26, Shigeo Saito, Japan, 1,677, \$692.
27, Takashi Kudoh, Japan, 1,667, \$651.
28, Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,666, \$611.
29, Kengo Tagata, Japan, 1,661, \$570.
30, Yasuo Tanaka, Japan, 1,659, \$529.
31, Shigenori Sakata, Japan, 1,658, \$489.
32, Seongyu Kang, Korea, 1,647, \$448.
33, Fumihiko Yoshida, Japan, 1,622, \$407.

Men's Qualifying Round 1 (after 5 games; top 33 advanced to Qualifying Round 2)

1, Dom Barrett, England, 1,273.
2, Bill O'Neil, U.S.A, 1,234.
3, Tommy Jones, US., 1,203.
4, Isao Yamamoto, Japan, 1,184.
5, Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia, 1,156.
6, Ryota Ichihara, Japan, 1,147.
7, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,139.
8, Kengo Tagata, Japan, 1,136.
9, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,127.
10, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,126.
11, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,120.
12, Haesol Hong, Korea, 1,118.
13, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,111.
14, Takuya Miyazawa, Japan, 1,101.
15, Mike Fagan, U.S., 1,099.
16 (tie), Yoshimi Kitaoka, Japan, and David Simard, Canada, 1,097.
18, Shigeo Saito, Japan, 1,085.
19 (tie), Park Kyungshin, Korea, and a-AJ Chapman, U.S., 1,070.
21, Yasuo Tanaka, Japan, 1,069.
22, Choi Bokeun, Korea, 1,061.
23, Shigenori Sakata, Japan, 1,057.
24 (tie), Tomoyuki Sasaki, Japan; Fumihiko Yoshida, Japan, and Francois Louw, South Africa, 1,056.
27, Kang Seongyu, Korea, 1,054.
28, Sean Rash, U.S., 1,052.
29, Takashi Kudoh, Japan, 1,050.
30 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Alejandro Prats, Dominican Republic, and Engelberto Riverra, Philippines, 1,049.
33, Chris Sloan, Ireland, 1,048.

Failed to advance:

34 (tie), Kowoon Kim, Korea, and Gu Yongjin, Korea, 1,046.
36 (tie), Sangpil Park, Korea; Shuichi Heki, Japan, and Hafthor Hardarson, Iceland, 1,045.
39, Kazuaki Watanabe, Japan, 1,044.
40, Zhang Chen, China, 1,037.
41, Du Jianchao, China, 1,033.
42, Michael Mak, Hong Kong, 1,032.
43, Valentin Saulnie, France, 1,031.
44, Jenghwan Seo, Korea, 1,030.
45, Alex Liew, Malaysia, 1,028.
46, Heewon Kang, Korea, 1,027.
47 (tie), Takashi Taniai, Japan; Paul Moor, England, and Chris Barnes, U.S., 1,021.
50, Youngjun Lee, Korea, 1,017.
51, Youngkwan Kim, Korea, 1,016.
52, Yuki Murahama, Japan, 1,014.
53, Tobias Gable, Germany, 1,007.
54, Jay Leon Guerrero, Guatemala, 1,006.

55, Chin-Liang Hsieh, Taipei, 1,004.
56, Kyungmin Kim, Korea, 1,004.
57, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 998.
58, Andrei Suslov, Russia, 993.
59, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 990.
60, Aleksey Parshukov, Russia, 984.
61, Javier Tan, Singapor, 981.
62, Grabrijan Anze, Slovakia, 980.
63, Mohammed Rafiq Ismail, Malaysia, 977.
64, Yuya Katoh, Japan, 974.
65, Marco Reviglio, Italy, 973.
66, Alex de Vries, Netherlands, 972.
67, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, 971.
68, Ryota Yakuwa, Japan, 970.
69 (tie), Francisco Rodriguez, Spain; Yuhi Shinbata, Japan, and Marshall Kent, U.S., 968.
72, Hiroshi Nagatani, Japan, 967.
73, Shintaro Arai, Japan, 965.
74, Walter Alessandro Santu, Italy, 960.
75 (tie), Sebastien Henry, France; Taehwa Jeong, Korea, and Akira Horiguchi, Japan, 958.
78, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 957.
79, Yuta Suzuki, Japan, 956.
80, Jyunichi Yajima, Japan, 954.
81 (tie), a-Chris Colella, U.S., and Jaroslav Lorenc, Czech Republic, 953.
83 (tie), Harn-Chieh Kwan, Switzerland, and Harib Dogan, Turkey, 951.
85, Mats Maggi, Belgium, 948.
86, Achim Grabowski, Germany, 947.
87, Shabbir Asgarali Dhankot, Indonesia, 945.
88, Timmy Tan, Malaysia, 944.
89 (tie), Hidekazu Wada, Japan, and Patryk Preus, Poland, 943.
91, Bjorn Einar Rudshagen, Norway, 939.
92 (tie), Namyi jo, Korea, and Nobuaki Takahashi, Japan, 938.
94, Marcelo Antonio Suartz, Brazil, 934.
95, Jasem Alsaqer, Kuwait, 933.
96, Gennadiy Vologin, Kazakhstan, 929.
97, Tak Man Lee, Macau, 928.
98, Junsoo Kim, Korea, 927.
99, Anastasi Maurizio, Malta, 926.
100, Mikhail Kalika, Ukraine, 924.
101, Ramil Hamidov, Azerbaijan, 921.
102, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 905.
103, George Stefanidis, Greece, 895.
104, Miyesenge Tuvshinsanaa, Mongolia, 881.
105, Arifov Bakhodir, Uzbekistan, 877.
106, Yasuo Motoyoshi, Japan, 865.
107, Ryouji Kawabe, Japan, 859.
108, Ijaz Ur Rehman, Pakistan, 851.
109, Khaled Meziou, Tunisia, 763.
110, Temesgen Abay Tesfahunegn, Ethiopia, 758.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Women's Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games; top 4 advance to championship round)

1, Birgit Poppler, Germany, 1,834.
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3, Karen Marcano, Venezuela, 1,795.
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- 9, Danni Hopcroft, England, 1,724, \$2,850.
- 10, Byul Han, Korea, 1,720, \$2,443.
- 11 (tie), Jenny Wegner, Sweden, and Danielle McEwan, U.S., 1,718, \$1,834.
- 13, Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 1,717, \$1,221.
- 14, Seungja Baek, Korea, 1,712, \$1,181.
- 15, Liz Johnson, U.S., 1,711, \$1,140.
- 16, Kristin Quah, Singapore, 1,707, \$1,099.
- 17, Daria Kovalova, Ukraine, 1,700, \$1,058.
- 18, Urara Himeji, Japan, 1,696, \$1,018.
- 19, Keira Reay, England, 1,695, \$977.
- 20 (tie), Han Sol, Korea, and Mari Kimura, Japan, 1,692, \$916.
- 22, Misaki Mukotani, Japan, 1,686, \$855.
- 23, Mayumi Yoshida, Japan, 1,684, \$814.
- 24, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,683, \$774.
- 25, Rebecca Whiting, Australia, 1,676, \$733.
- 26 (tie), a-Kayla Johnson, U.S., and Bernice Lim, Singapore, 1,668, \$671.
- 28, Siti Safiyah, MAS, 1,658, \$611.
- 29, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,651, \$570.
- 30, Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,645, \$529.
- 31, Yeonju Hwang, Korea, 1,642, \$489.
- 32, Heidi Thorstensen, Norway, 1,635, \$448.
- 33, Nahyun Lee, Korea, 1,633, \$407.

Women's Qualifying Round 1(after five games; top 33 advanced to Qualifying Round 2)

- 1, Birgit Poppler, Germany, 1,180.
- 2, Syaidatul Afifah, Malaysia, 1,160.
- 3, Byul Han, Korea, 1,158.
- 4, Danni Hopcroft, England, 1,144.
- 5, Karen Marcano, Venezuela, 1,143.
- 6, Kelly Kulick, U.S., 1,121.
- 7, Han Sol, Korea, 1,112.
- 8, Mari Kimura, Japan, 1,102.
- 9 (tie), Daria Kovalova, Ukraine, and Joey Yeo, Singapore, 1,099
- 11, Misaki Mukotani, Japan, 1,098
- 12, Aumi Guerra, Dominican Republic, 1,097.
- 13, Kristin Quah, Singapore, 1,092.
- 14, Rebecca Whiting, Australia, 1,086.
- 15, Bernice Lim, Singapore, 1,081.
- 16, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia, 1,080.
- 17, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 1,079.
- 18 (tie), Yeonju Hwang, Korea; Jenny Wegner, Sweden, and Seungja Baek, Korea, 1,077.
- 21, Keira Reay, England, 1,075.
- 22, Liz Johnson, U.S., 1,073.
- 23, Jazreel Tan, Singapore, 1,068.
- 24, Daria Pajak, Poland, 1,064.
- 25, Nahyun Lee, Korea, 1,063.
- 26, Mayumi Yoshida, Japan, 1,059.
- 27, Dawun Jung, Korea, 1,058.
- 28, Danielle McEwan, U.S., 1,055.
- 29, Urara Himeji, Japan, 1,052.
- 30, Heidi Thorstensen, Norway, 1,051.
- 31, Siti Safiyah, Malaysia, 1,049.
- 32, a-Kayla Johnson, U.S., 1,046.
- 33, Sin Li Jane, Malaysia, 1,045.

Failed to advance:

- 34, Jeon Eunhee, Korea, 1,044.

35, Ida Andersson, Sweden, 1,043.
36 (tie), Rina Asada, Japan; Suzuna Miyagi, Japan, and Sandra Gogora, Mexico, 1,039.
39, Jinsun Kim, Korea, 1,030.
40, Maria Del Rosario, Philippines, 1,026.
41, Matsunaga Hiromi, Japan, 1,021.
42, Maria Bulavova, Russia, 1,018.
43 (tie), Georgia Sagona, Greece, and Lynne Gauthier, Canada, 1,016.
45 (tie), New Hui Fen, Singapore, and Yuki Akiyoshi, Japan, 1,009.
47 (tie), Kana Shimoide, Japan, and Masami Abe, Japan, 1,006.
49, Mitsuko Tokimoto, Japan, 1,004.
50, Chia-Chen Chou, Taipei, 996.
51, Mirai Ishimoto, Japan, 995.
52, Rie Mochizuki, Japan, 994.
53 (tie), Nao Ohishi, Japan, and Hiroko Shimizu, Japan, 991.
55, Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark, 983.
56 (tie), Cherie Tan, Singapore, and Anami Tsurui, Japan, 981.
58, Shion Izumune, Japan, 980.
59, Sue Abera, Malta, 979.
60, Laura Beuthner, Germany, 977.
61 (tie), Lisanne Breeschoten, Netherlands, and Amanda Larkin, Ireland, 974.
63, Hyun Lim An, Korea, 973.
64, Tanya Cuva, Switzerland, 971.
65, Yeong Seung Lee, Korea, 968.
66, Yang Suiling, China, 965.
67, Rebecca Voukolos, Australia, 963.
68, Mika Satoh, Japan, 960.
69, Rumi Maeya, Japan, 959.
70 (tie), Eunok Kim, Korea, and Alena Korobkova, Russia, 953.
72, Lauriane Celie, France, 949.
73, Tomoe Yoshikawa, Japan, 946.
74, Zhang Chunli, China, 943.
75, Yoshimi Kobayashi, Japan, 942.
76, Aya Horiuchi, Japan, 941.
77, Mitsuki Okamoto, Japan, 939.
78, a-Erin McCarthy, U.S., 936.
79, Sharon Limansantoso, Indonesia, 935.
80, Hyunsook Choi, Korea, 933.
81, Aristeidou Kastori Myrianthi, Cypress, 932.
82, Bronwen Elbourne, South Africa, 931.
83 (tie), Cristina Mas, Spain, and Shayna Ng, Singapore, 924.
85, Miho Kumamoto, Japan, 921.
86, Sanna Pasanen, Finland, 920.
87, Mika Sakai, Japan, 915.
88, Veronique Perniaux, Belgium, 911.
89, Gwenaëlle Hugon, France, 910.
90 (tie), Katerina Bestova, Czech Republic, and Natsumi Koizumi, Japan, 908.
92, Kantaporn Singhabubpha, Thailand, 901.
93 (tie), Sou Keng Lam, Macua, and Shuk Han Chan, Hong Kong, 885.
95 (tie), Roberta Camargo Rodrigues, Brazil, and Ikuko Okada, Japan, 882.
97, Ebru Ozogluuntur, Turkey, 881.
98, Mika Yamada, Japan, 878.
99, Roberta Ferina, Italy, 850.
100 (tie), Aksana Sinitsa, Belarus, and Sanae Mori, Japan, 847.
102, Astros Petursdottir, Israel, 843.
103, Yelena Grishinenko, Kazakhstan, 831.
104, Elga B. D. Benedetto, Italy, 824.
105, Katherine Mandapat, Guam, 811.
106, Khalzan Ulziikhorol, Mongolia, 803.

107, Lefter Tatyana, Uzbekistan, 790.
108, Hela Meziou, Tunisia, 771.
109, Sara Ataei, Iran, 769.
110, Firehiwot Tamene Woldegiorgis, Ethiopia, 746.

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Finland's Palermmaa, Singapore's Yeo Win Bowling World Open Titles in Tokyo

PBA champions Dom Barrett, Bill O'Neill, Kelly Kulick eliminated in semifinal round matches

TOKYO – Finland's Osku Palermmaa and Singapore's Joey Yeo won the men's and women's singles titles in the inaugural Bowling World Open Sunday. Each earned an \$81,000 first prize in the showcase event contested in a six-lane bowling arena inside Makuhari-Messe Convention Center in suburban Tokyo. The finals were nationally-televised in Japan.

Palermmaa, a 31-year-old two-handed player, earned his fifth Professional Bowlers Association title with a 248-224 victory over home-country favorite Isao Yamamoto, a Japan PBA member. Palermmaa started the match with seven strikes on his first eight shots to take an insurmountable lead.

Palermmaa earned his berth in the championship match by out-striking Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 266-255, in the semifinal round while Yamamoto eliminated men's top qualifier Dom Barrett of England, 256-224.

Yeo used a string of five strikes to overcome a pair of early splits on her way to a thrilling 207-204 victory over top-qualifier Birgit Poppler of Germany in the women's final. Poppler bowled a clean game, but had only one double after running away with a 258-224 victory over American star Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., in her semifinal match. Yeo ousted Venezuela's Karen Marciano in the other semifinal match.

The Bowling World Open was conducted by World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling, and supported by the Japan Bowling Congress, National Bowling Federation of Japan, the PBA and other bowling interests around the world in support of World Bowling's bid to include bowling in the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games. Bowling is one of eight sports in contention for possible inclusion in the 2020 Summer Olympics.

A major championship on the PBA International-World Bowling Tour, the Bowling World Open began with a field of 567 bowlers from 52 countries.

BOWLING WORLD OPEN

Makuhari-Messe Convention Center, Tokyo, Sunday

MEN'S DIVISION

Championship: Osku Palermmaa, Finland (\$81,800) def. Isao Yamamoto, Japan (\$40,800), 248-224.

Semifinal Round: Semifinal Match One – Yamamoto def. Dom Barrett, England (\$12,240), 256-224. Semifinal Match Two – Palermmaa def. Bill O'Neill, U.S. (\$12,240), 266-255.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

Championship: Joey Yeo, Singapore (\$81,800) def. Birgit Poppler, Germany (\$40,800), 207-204.

Semifinal Round: Semifinal Match One – Poppler def. Kelly Kulick, U.S. (\$12,240), 258-227. Semifinal Match Two – Yeo def. Karen Marciano, Venezuela (\$12,240), 234-188.

14 Years Later, Olympia Lanes to Host Revival of PBA/PBA50 Doubles Championship

Rising stars to team up with established stars live on PBA's Xtra Frame video-streaming channel

HAMMOND, Ind. (July 13, 2015) – After a 14-year absence, the Professional Bowlers Association’s top senior and contemporary stars will converge on Olympia Lanes in Hammond Aug. 5-7 for the Xtra Frame PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles Championship.

The PBA/PBA50 doubles event, last held in Reno, Nev., in 2001, historically gave the rising stars of professional bowling an opportunity to bowl as doubles partners with “senior” players, many of whom had already achieved hall of fame status. The revival of the doubles event, hosted by a long-time PBA50 Tour host center, will continue that tradition with many of the PBA’s brightest young stars destined to bowl doubles with some of the PBA’s most highly-decorated champions, including Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Amleto Monacelli, Parker Bohn III, Tom Baker, Johnny Petraglia and others.

The competition will be covered live from start-to-finish, exclusively on PBA’s Xtra Frame online video-streaming service. In the end, both the PBA and PBA50 Tour partners will be rewarded with titles and shares of the projected \$20,000 first prize.

The last staging of the event, called the National Bowling Stadium Senior/Touring Player Doubles, was won by senior partner Rohn Morton and his Touring Player partner, Parker Bohn III. Morton is now 64 and Bohn is now a PBA Hall of Famer with 34 PBA Tour titles, competing on both the PBA and PBA50 Tours.

In the 14 previous PBA/PBA50 Doubles events, the only players to win a title more than once were New Jersey native Teata Semiz who won in 1986 with Joe Berardi, 1991 with Rick Steelsmith and 1993 with Rich Abboud; PBA Hall of Fame legend Dick Weber, who won in 1989 with Marc McDowell and 1992 with Justin Hromek, and PBA Tour member Rowdy Morrow, who won in 1987 with Mickey Spiezio and 1990 with Hall of Famer Dave Soutar.

The tournament also is unique in that players have no idea who their partner will be until qualifying is over. This year, after practice and pro-am squads kick off the tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 5, all PBA50 players will bowl their first eight-game qualifying round at 8 a.m. ET, and the PBA Tour players will bowl their first round at 3 p.m. Friday, the squads will be reversed, with the PBA players bowling another eight games at 8 a.m. followed by the PBA50 players at 3 p.m.

Then, based on 16-game pinfall totals, PBA50 and PBA players will be paired based upon where they qualifying: top No. 1 qualifiers will become partners, the No. 2 qualifiers from each group will be paired together, etc. all the way to the No. 32 qualifiers (based on full fields of 96 in each division). The top eight teams will earn byes through two single-elimination match play rounds, while teams nine through 16 will earn one bye.

Saturday’s finals will begin with best-of-five-game Baker format single-elimination match play for teams qualifying 17th through 32nd place at 8 a.m. In Baker format doubles, each player will bowl five frames to complete a game. Round One winners and qualifiers 9-16 will bowl best-of-five matches at 10:30 a.m., with winners joining the top eight qualifiers for the Round of 16 at 2 p.m. The eight survivors will bowl a best-of-three-game round at 4:30, followed by the one-game semifinal round at 7 p.m. and the championship match immediately following.

For entry information, PBA members and non-members should visit pba.com and look for the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles under the “schedules” tab. The tournament is limited to 100 “standard” and 100 “50-and-older” players on a first-come basis.

For pro-am entry information, contact Olympia Lanes at (219) 933-6677.

For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Subscriptions are available for three days for \$3.99, a full month for \$7.99 or a full year for \$64.99.

PBA/PBA50 XTRA FRAME SOUTH SHORE DOUBLES

Olympic Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Aug. 5-8

Wednesday, Aug. 5

8 a.m. - PBA50 practice session

11:30 a.m. - PBA Tour practice session

2, 4 and 6 p.m. – Pro-Am squads

Thursday, Aug. 6

8 a.m. - PBA50, 8 qualifying games

3 p.m. – PBA Tour, 8 qualifying games

Friday, Aug. 7

8 a.m. - PBA Tour, 8 qualifying games

3 p.m. – PBA50, 8 qualifying games

Top 32 PBA Tour and top 32 PBA50 players (based on entries) advance to single-elimination match play; teams will be paired based on qualifying positions

Saturday, Aug. 8

8 a.m. – Round of 32: Teams qualifying 17-32, best-of-five games Baker format matches

10:30 a.m. – Round of 24: Teams qualifying 9-16 plus Round of 32 winners, best-of-five games Baker format matches

2 p.m. – Round of 16: Team qualifying 1-8 plus Round of 24 winners, best-of-five games Baker format matches

4:30 p.m. - Round of 8, best-of-three games Baker format matches

7 p.m. – Semifinal Round, one-game Baker format matches

Immediately following – Championship match, one-game Baker format

HISTORY OF PBA/PBA50 DOUBLES CHAMPIONS

2001 – NBS Senior/National Doubles, Reno, Nev., Rohn Morton/Parker Bohn III

2000 - NBS Senior/National Doubles, Reno, Nev., Pete Couture/Dave Husted

1999 - NBS Senior/National Doubles, Reno, Nev., Johnny Petraglia/Jason Hurd

1996 – Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, East Providence, R.I. , Gene Stus/Eric Forkel

1993 – Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, O’Fallon, Ill., Teata Semiz/Rich Abboud

1992 – Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, Belleville, Ill., Dick Weber/Justin Hromek

1991 - Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, Cheektowaga, N.Y. , Teata Semiz/Rick Steelsmith

1990 – Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, Cheektowaga, NY., Dave Soutar/Rowdy Morrow

1989 - Senior/Touring Pro Doubles Championship, Buffalo, N.Y. , Dick Weber/Marc McDowell

1988 - Senior/Touring Pro Doubles Championship, Cheektowaga, N.Y., Carmen Salvino/Randy Pedersen

1987 - Kessler Senior/Touring Pro Championship, Green Bay, Wis. , Mickey Spiezio/Rowdy Morrow

1986 - Columbia Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, Erlanger, Ky. , Teata Semiz /Joe Berardi

1985 - Columbia Senior/Touring Pro Doubles, Erlanger, Ky. , Les Zikes /Steve Wunderlich

1984 - Columbia Senior/Touring Pro Doubles Championship, San Antonio, Texas, Louie Blancarte/John Forst

PBA Spare Shots

MITCH BEASLEY DEFEATS WIFE TO WIN PBA MIDWEST REGIONAL TITLE

In a first for the Professional Bowlers Association, **Mitch Beasley** of Nashville, Tenn., defeated his wife, **Inngellimar Beasley**, 224-212, to win the PBA Shock Top Midwest Region Open at Plaza Lanes in St. Charles, Mo., Saturday. It was the first time in PBA history that a husband and wife bowled for a PBA title.

Mitch Beasley, a 21-year veteran of PBA competition, started the championship match with six strikes and held on despite a pair of unconverted splits to win his 17th PBA Regional title and the \$2,200 first prize when Inngellimar, a lefthander, left solid 7 pins in the eighth, ninth and 10th frames to nullify her rally. Inngellimar added the \$1,200 runner-up prize to the family’s bank account.

The previous week, Inngellimar, a 19-year member of Venezuela’s national women’s bowling team, won the PWBA Gastonia South Open presented by the PBA for her first professional title.

In the other half of a weekend doubleheader in St. Charles, amateur **Shea Bittenbender** of St. Charles nipped **Blake DeMore** of Springfield, Mo., 213-212, to win the PBA St. Charles Lanes Midwest Region Open at St. Charles Lanes on Sunday.

Mitch Beasley, 46, said he and Inngellimar, 39, met for the first time during the PBA World Series of Bowling VI last October in Las Vegas, and got married a month later. Eight months later, Mitch figured it was only a matter of time before the couple would have a showdown on the lanes.

“I made a comment a couple of weeks earlier that I was going to have to beat my wife for a title,” Mitch laughed. “I was kinda joking about it, but that’s what happened. I was actually fortunate my wife didn’t beat me.

“The first thing everyone told me was that I was going to be sleeping on the couch for a week,” he added. “During match play before the finals, she beat me, 250-220. She threw the last eight strikes to smoke me.”

To reach the title match, Inngellimar defeated amateur **Neil Cooley** of Lincoln, Neb., 243-200, in the semifinal game after Cooley defeated **Tom Hess** of Urbandale, Iowa, 219-216, in the first stepladder match.

ENTRIES ROLLING IN FOR GEICO PBA WSOB VII, PBA SOUTH POINT FALL CLASSIC

Entries opened July 8 for the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, set for Dec. 7-19 in Reno, Nev., and among the rush of first-day entries were players from Australia, Dubai, Spain and Ecuador. Among the early entries, most indicated they intend to enter the new PBA South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic, Oct. 19-26, in Las Vegas.

Entries for both events are limited and will be processed on a first-come basis. WSOB VII can accommodate a field of 312 players; the Fall Classic will be limited to 120 individuals (60 doubles and/or five-player teams).

The entry fee for the GEICO WSOB VII is \$1,000 for members and \$1,200 for non-members. Players must have a reservation confirmation number for a room at the Silver Legacy at the time of entry. World Series entries must be submitted to PBA Membership Services Manager Mary von Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; cell: 206-332-9688). PBA members will have first priority.

Fall Classic entries can be submitted online through PBA.com. Click on “schedules” followed by “PBA Tour” and select the appropriate event for the entry form. PBA West Region entries should be submitted to West Region Manager Gary Mage (email: gary.mage@pba.com; cell: 360-600-1229).

For more information on either PBA event, click here for WSOB VII: <http://pba.com/Tournaments/WorldSeries> or here for the Fall Classic: <http://pba.com/Tournaments/FallClassic>

PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ADDS 2011 U.S. OPEN TO PBA’S YOUTUBE COLLECTION

One of the most exciting U.S. Open finals in history will be the newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics library Friday on PBA’s YouTube channel. The 68th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open features **Norm Duke** of Clermont, Fla., winning his 34th PBA Tour title (to tie the legendary **Mark Roth**) and his seventh career major at Brunswick Zone-Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J. The title match involves Duke’s stunning 225-216 victory over **Mika Koivuniemi** of Hartland, Mich., when Koivuniemi missed a 10 pin spare in the 10th frame. To watch all of the classic PBA Tour championship events on YouTube, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

MOTIV TOURNAMENT WINNERS PRATHER, LORINCZ TO COMPETE ON PBA TOUR

Former Wichita State University competitor **Kris Prather**, 23, of Pensacola, Fla., won the MOTIV Revolution Tournament last week at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., and earned a full MOTIV PBA staff contract to compete on the PBA Tour for the next year. Runner-up **Aaron Lorincz** of Saginaw, Mich., a second-year PBA member, also earned a MOTIV PBA staff contract.

MOTIV, a PBA product registered bowling ball company, conducted the special tournament as a “family reunion...where people from all aspects of the MOTIV family could have a chance to meet face-to-face,” said company president **Scott Wilbur**. The tournament was video-streamed around the world, live on PBA’s Xtra Frame bowling channel.

UPCOMING ON XTRA FRAME: PWBA, PBA50, STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER DOUBLES

PBA’s Xtra Frame schedule for the final two weeks of July includes three Professional Women’s Bowling Association events, the return of PBA50 Tour competition and start-to-finish coverage of the 16th Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event.

PBA’s exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, returns to South Plains Lanes in Lubbock – host of the recently-completed XF PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Open – July 17-18 for exclusive coverage of the PWBA Lubbock Sports Open. Start-to-finish coverage of the PBA50 Tour Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., is set for July 20-22.

Closing out the July schedule will be the PWBA Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., July 24-25, and opening the August schedule will be the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day basis for only \$3.99. A full month's worth of Xtra Frame programming cost only \$7.99. PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: STONEY BAKER WINS PBA50 TRI-REGION TITLE IN CORVOVA

Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., 202-197, to win the first PBA50 Lifestyle Resorts Communities Tri-Region Memphis South Open at Cordova Bowling Center in Cordova, Tenn., Sunday.

Baker posted a 7-5 match play record and a 20-game pinfall total of 4,289, including match play bonus pins, to qualify fourth. He opened the stepladder finals with a 222-190 win over **Tony Majcher** of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and eliminated **Thomas Berish** of Cordova in the semifinal match, 228-190, to advance to the title match against Williams, the top qualifier. Baker earned \$2,800 for his win in the tournament for players 50-and-older who live in the PBA South, Central and Midwest Regions.

- **Keith Doran** of Pomona, N.Y., defeated **Jeff Zaffino** of Warren, Pa., 175-172, to win the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Track at Playdrome in Cherry Hill, N.J., Sunday. Doran, who was a PBA member in the 1980s, recently reinstated his membership and was competing in his first PBA50 regional event.

The Cherry Hill tournament, which began in 2004, was renamed last year to honor its sponsor who passed away in January, 2014. Raymond was the 2013 recipient of the East Region's Pat Patterson Award for outstanding contributions to the region.

Zaffino, who had led qualifying, bounced the first ball of the championship game off his ankle, which resulted in an open frame. He struggled on the right lane throughout the game, and failed to strike in the 10th frame which opened the door for Doran who responded with a strike for the win and the \$1,500 first prize.

- **Scott Norton** of Mission Viejo, Calif., defeated **Kevin Harlin** of Milpitas, Calif., 171-125, to win the PBA Wine Country West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes on Sunday for his 11th PBA Regional title and the \$2,000 first prize.

Norton got a free pass into the championship match when **Noel Vazquez** of Sacramento, Calif., was forced to forfeit the semifinal round match due to an injury, handing Norton a 213-0 decision. Harlin defeated **Josh Blanchard** of Mesa, Ariz., 221-201, in the other semifinal round match.

- PBA's July 17-19 Regional calendar includes the Fort Sill Southwest Open presented by Ebonite at Twin Oaks Bowl in Fort Sill, Okla.; the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at PinHeads Bowling Center in Fishers, Ind., and the PBA50 AMF Fredericksburg Lanes South Open in Fredericksburg, Va.

- Immediately following the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn. (which will be covered live from start to finish on Xtra Frame, July 20-22), the PBA Midwest Region will conduct the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Baker Doubles Classic July 23-24.

- The July 24-26 PBA Regional schedule features the Pure-It Pro Shop East Open presented by DV8 at Cedar Lanes in Lebanon, Pa.; the Farmer's State Bank Central Open presented by Roto Grip at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the Poplar Creek Bowl Midwest Open at Hoffman Estates, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency West/Northwest Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.

- Closing out the July schedule over the July 31-Aug. 2 weekend will be the PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, a PBA Tour-PWBA Tour title event, at Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas; the Lakewood Bowl Midwest Open in Richton Park, Ill.; the PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West Open from 20th Century Lanes in Boise, Idaho, and the PBA Japan Region's first events of the year, the DHC Japan Cheetah and Women's Cheetah Opens at Nagoya Grandbowl in Aichi, Japan.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Genesis Bowling Products has upgraded its PBA Product Registration status from Limited to Full Accessories after interest generated at Bowl Expo. For more information on the benefits of Genesis Bowling Products' KMotion kinesiology tape among other products, visit www.nextgenbowling.com.

Jason Belmonte Wins Best Bowler ESPY For Second Time

LOS ANGELES (July 15, 2015) -- Two-time defending PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia won the Best Bowler ESPY Award for the second time during the 2015 ESPY Awards ceremony Wednesday evening at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

Belmonte, who won his first ESPY Award in 2011, was among winners in a variety of sports and special moment categories that were determined by fan voting on espn.com with the winners announced during the ESPY Awards ceremony telecast on ABC.

In 2015, Belmonte won the United States Bowling Congress Masters for an unprecedented third consecutive year and successfully defended his Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions title for his fifth career major and boosting his career win total to 12.

He also has five other top-five finishes this year including runnerup finishes in the Oklahoma Open and Maine Xtra Frame Shootout.

Also nominated for the ESPY were PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas. Bohn won the PBA Players Championship for his 34th career PBA Tour title. He had two other top-10 finishes including an eighth-place finish in the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions and 10th in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship with partner Ryan Ciminelli.

Fagan won the PBA World Championship for his fifth career title and second major. He also had three other top-10 finishes including second in the Japan Invitational and sixth in the Bahrain International and Badger Opens.

"I'm absolutely delighted to have won my second ESPY," said Belmonte. "The ESPY is all up to the fans. I am so thankful to all my fans who voted for me. I truly believe I have such an amazing fan base and they make what I do so much more fun.

"Congratulations to Mike and Parker on their nominations and thank you to the PBA for giving us a stage which we love to perform on. Once again, I have to thank all the fans for voting me this year's 'Best Bowler'."

HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2015 – Jason Belmonte
2014 – Pete Weber
2013 – Pete Weber
2012 – Sean Rash
2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
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1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1998 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke
1994 – Norm Duke

Ron Mohr Averages 246.6 to Take First Round Lead

In PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open First Round

WELCH, Minn. (July 20, 2015) – Coming off the month-long break in the 2015 PBA50 Tour season schedule, two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas came back refreshed by averaging 246.6 to take the first round lead Monday in the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip at Island Xtreme Bowl.

The eight-time PBA50 Tour winner finished the round with a 1,973 pinfall bowling games of 225, 269, 236, 216, 258, 227, 277 and 265.

"I missed a single-pin spare in the first game and that was a wake-up call," said Mohr. "It was kind of a good thing it happened because it reminded me to pay attention and focus on every shot."

Mohr's best finish this season was third in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open. He is hoping to end a three-year drought without a PBA50 Tour win.

"I've been bowling well and really can't complain," said Mohr, whose last win came in the 2012 Senior Decatur (Ill.) Open. "I just need to concentrate on making good shots in key situations and hope I get a few breaks along the way."

Mohr holds a 57-pin lead over two-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., who finished the round in second with a 1,916 pinfall.

Rounding out the top five after the first round were Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,870; PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 1,851, and retired two-time major league all-star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, 1,842.

Weber, the 2015 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open winner, is trying for his second win of the season and fifth of his career. Burkett, competing in his PBA50 Tour rookie season, is trying to improve upon a season's-best finish of fourth which came in the Northern California Classic.

Defending champion Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., finished the first round in 19th with a 1,725 pinfall.

The 90-player field will return for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which will determine the 30 players who will advance to match play on Wednesday. The top five after match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 6:30 p.m. CT.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO OPEN PRESENTED BY ROTO GRIP

Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn., Monday

First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,973.
- 2, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,916.
- 3, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,870.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,851.
- 5, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,842.
- 6, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,824.
- 7, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,801.
- 8, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,797.
- 9, a-Sam Lantto, Eden Prairie, Minn., 1,789.
- 10, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,785.
- 11, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,772.
- 12, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,766.
- 13, Bob Micek, Woodbury, Minn., 1,764.
- 14, (tie) Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,747.
- 16, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,745.
- 17, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,742.
- 18, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,727.

19, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,725.
20, ss-Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1,713.
21, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,704.
22, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,701.
23, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,699.
24, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,695.
25, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,693.
26, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,690.
27, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 1,687.
28, (tie) Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., and ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,676.
30, (tie) Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., and a-Ron Cleveland, St. Paul, Minn., 1,669.
32, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,667.
33, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,663.
34, (tie) ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., and Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,658.
36, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,651.
37, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,640.
38, ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 1,639.
39, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,632.
40, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,631.
41, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,627.
42, Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 1,615.
43, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 1,599.
44, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,594.
45, (tie) ss-Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., and ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,592.
47, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,589.
48, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 1,587.
49, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,586.
50, ss-Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 1,579.
51, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,578.
52, (tie) Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., and Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 1,577.
54, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 1,574.
55, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,571.
56, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,570.
57, Brent Beery, Kansas City, Mo., 1,564.
58, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,563.
59, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,561.
60, ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,557.
61, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 1,555.
62, a-David Oulman, Medford, Minn., 1,554.
63, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 1,552.
64, ss-Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,543.
65, Jeff Moore, Boone, Iowa, 1,537.
66, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 1,535.
67, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,527.
68, ss-Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 1,526.
69, ss-Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 1,525.
70, (tie) Dennis Erckfritz, Sioux Falls, S.D., and ss-Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., 1,514.
72, ss-Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 1,510.
73, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,497.
74, ss-Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,495.
75, ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,481.
76, a-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 1,472.
77, ss-George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,463.
78, ss-a-Dale Lipovsky, Apple Valley, Minn., 1,455.
79, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,442.
80, John Austin, Friendswood, Texas, 1,441.
81, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,439.
82, ss-Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 1,435.

- 83, ss-Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 1,421.
- 84, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 1,412.
- 85, ss-Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,408.
- 86, Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 1,405.
- 87, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,399.
- 88, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,388.
- 89, ss-Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,316.
- 90, a- Dean Bruinsma, Clear Lake, S.D., 1,288.

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over
a-denotes amateur

Conner Wins PBA Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open

Fishers, Ind. (July 19, 2015) – Josh Conner of Columbus, Ohio, defeated Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., 250-173, to win \$2,300 and his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at PinHeads Sunday.

Conner downed Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio, 417-399, and Angelo topped E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 520-508, in the two-game, total pinfall semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Angelo earned \$1,200 for second place. Jordon and Tackett each earned \$900 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the Farmer's State Bank/Roto Grip Central Open in Angola, Ind., July 24-26.

PBA BOSS SNOW PLOWS/EBONITE CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PinHeads, Fishers, Ind., Sunday

Championship: Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio (\$2,300) def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y. (\$1,200), 250-173.

Semifinal Round (two games total pinfall, losers earned \$900):

Conner def. Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 417-399.

Angelo def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 520-508.

Round of 8 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$725 each):

Conner def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 679-623.

Jordon def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 716-702.

Tackett def. Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 686-583.

Angelo def. A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 762-723.

Round of 12 (three games total pinfall, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Hess def. Brandon Korczykowski, E. Amherst, N.Y., 643-641.

Jordon def. Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 627-609.

Tackett def. a-Kevin Walter, Fishers, Ind., 704-595.

Angelo def. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 654-628.

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Former PBA50 Player of the Year John Hricsina Dies at 77

by [Jerry Schneider](#) July 21, 2015 06:28

The PBA has learned that seven-time PBA50 Tour champion and 1990 PBA50 Player of the Year John Hricsina of Franklin, Pa., died Monday at the age of 77.

Hricsina competed in 193 PBA50 (Senior Tour) events, making 48 television appearances and compiling nearly \$394,000 in career earnings. In addition to his seven PBA50 Tour wins, he also won five PBA50 regional titles.

Hricsina's Player of the Year season included one title (St. Charles AMF Bobcat Open), but in 1993 he recorded his only multiple win season winning two titles (Canadian Senior Open and Rocky Mountain Senior Open). His last PBA Tour win came in the 1998 Showboat Vermont PBA Senior Classic in which he tied Pete Couture in the championship match 215-215 and then went on to win the sudden-death roll-off 10-9.

Other notable accomplishments during his PBA50 career included becoming one of seven players to bowl a 300 game in a championship round when he defeated Avery LeBlanc 300-213 in the second match of the 1996 Reno Open. He finished third in the tournament losing to eventual winner Pete Couture 205-189 in the semifinal.

He also bowled four 300 games during the 1991 season which is a record he holds with three other players.

Additional details regarding his passing and services are pending.

Ron Mohr and John Burkett Top PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open Qualifying

WELCH, Minn. (July 21, 2015) -- Ron Mohr of Las Vegas earned top qualifier honors for the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip Tuesday at Island Xtreme Bowl, but withstood a charge from retired Major League Baseball All-Star pitcher John Burkett of Southlake, Texas, who finished the day in second just eight pins behind.

Mohr and Burkett led a field of 30 players from the original 90-player field who advanced to Wednesday's match play rounds.

Mohr, an eight-time PBA50 Tour winner and two-time PBA50 Player of the Year, finished the round with a 3,777 16-game pinfall (236 average) bowling games of 227, 213, 259, 213, 233, 217, 216 and 226 in Tuesday's eight-game second round.

"My goal was to earn the two-round bye for match play but after that I wanted to go for the lead," said Mohr. "I was able to find a good shot on each pair of lanes today. Bowling on a fresh lane condition this morning I knew it was going to be a little harder to shoot a big number but I bowled well enough where at least I wasn't going backwards."

Burkett earned his best qualifying finish of the season with a 3,769 16-game pinfall (235.5 average). He bowled games of 213, 204, 256, 226, 275, 267, 248 and 238 in the second round.

"This is definitely another milestone for me," said the 50-year-old Burkett who has made match play in five of the six tournaments he has entered this season. "To be able to challenge for the qualifying lead in a field with this much talent is a huge confidence boost for me."

Mohr's best finish this season was third in the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and he is hoping to end a three-year drought without a PBA50 Tour win.

Burkett, competing in his PBA50 Tour rookie season, is trying to improve upon a season's-best finish of fourth which came in the Northern California Classic back in June.

Rounding out the top eight players who earned a two-round match play bye were PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. and Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo. who finished third and fourth respectively, with 3,685 and 3,671 pinfall totals. Finishing fifth was two-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., with 3,656, followed by 10-time PBA Tour winner Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,654; three-time PBA50 Tour winner Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,644, and two-time PBA50 Tour winner Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,625.

Defending champion Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., advanced to match play finishing 17th with a 3,478 pinfall.

Wednesday's rounds begin at 9 a.m. CT. The top five after match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 6 p.m. CT.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open . For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO OPEN PRESENTED BY ROTO GRIP

Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn., Tuesday

Second Round Standings

(after 16 games; top 16 advance to match play; 17th-30th places plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,777.
- 2, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,769.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,685.
- 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,671.
- 5, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,656.
- 6, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,654.
- 7, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,644.
- 8, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,625.
- 9, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3,603.
- 10, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,566.
- 11, a-Sam Lantto, Eden Prairie, Minn., 3,564.
- 12, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,563.
- 13, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,542.
- 14, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,519.
- 15, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,513.
- 16, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 3,499.
- 17, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,478.
- 18, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,443.
- 19, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,442.
- 20, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,440.
- 21, Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 3,437.
- 22, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,434.
- 23, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,421.
- 24, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,408.
- 25, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,405.
- 26, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,383.
- 27, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,369.
- 28, Bob Micek, Woodbury, Minn., 3,367.
- 29, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3,363.
- 30, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,344.
- 31, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 3,329.
- 32, a-Ron Cleveland, St. Paul, Minn., 3,316.
- 33, (tie) ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, and Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,312.
- 35, Joel Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 3,304.
- 36, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,302,
- 37, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,300.
- 38, (tie) Brent Beery, Kansas City, Mo., and Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., 3,291.
- 40, ss-Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,282.
- 41, Rob Rice, Sunnyside, Wash., 3,281.
- 42, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,273.
- 43, a-David Oulman, Medford, Minn., 3,268.
- 44, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,267.
- 45, ss-James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 3,258.
- 46, ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,255.
- 47, ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,253.

- 48, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,252.
- 49, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 3,249.
- 50, Robert Spaulding, McKinney, Texas, 3,233.
- 51, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 3,223.
- 52, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 3,222.
- 53, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3,215.
- 54, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,204.
- 55, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 3,186.
- 56, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,181.
- 57, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,178.
- 58, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 3,177.
- 59, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 3,156.
- 60, Don Breeden, Clive, Iowa, 3,143.
- 61, Tony Majcher, Rolling Meadows, Ill., 3,133.
- 62, Jeff Moore, Boone, Iowa, 3,116.
- 63, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,112.
- 64, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,111.
- 65, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 3,102.
- 66, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,101.
- 67, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,093.
- 68, Dana Wright, St. Paul, Minn., 3,090.
- 69, John Austin, Friendswood, Texas, 3,050.
- 70, Paul Mielens, Menomonie, Wis., 3,023.
- 71, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,017.
- 72, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 2,999.
- 73, a-Curtis Matlock, Cloquet, Minn., 2,988.
- 74, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,983.
- 75, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,982.
- 76, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2,978.
- 77, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,972.
- 78, Dennis Erckfritz, Sioux Falls, S.D., 2,935.
- 79, Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., 2,915.
- 80, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,910.
- 81, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,905.
- 82, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,903.
- 83, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 2,895.
- 84, Larry Helton, Bolingbrook, Ill., 2,836.
- 85, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,808.
- 86, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,722.
- 87, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 2,714.
- 88, Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 2,670.
- 89, a- Dean Bruinsma, Clear Lake, S.D., 2,601.
- 90, a-Dale Lipovsky, Apple Valley, Minn., 1,455.

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over out of the regular prize list cashing for \$1,000.

a-denotes amateur

Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Continues to Remember Luci Bonneau

Record field to pursue PBA and PWBA Tour titles in Houston July 31-August 2; Xtra Frame to provide live coverage

HOUSTON, Texas - After watching her best friend, Luci Bonneau, lose her painful struggle against breast cancer in 1999, Donna Conners made a pledge to honor Bonneau's memory in a way that would have a lasting impact.

Sixteen years and \$650,000 later, Luci Bonneau has not been forgotten and her memory has never been more appreciated, thanks to Conner's dedication to do something special.

Most bowling fans refer to it as “The Luci,” but the mixed doubles bowling tournament that Conners created in Bonneau’s memory will reach new heights when it takes place July 31-Aug. 2 at Palace Lanes in Houston.

It is now more accurately called the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles. In its 16th year, the tournament will include its largest entry ever, including a large contingent of Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women’s Bowling Association stars headlining a sold-out field of 256 competitors. Latecomers are hoping for no-shows so they can get into the championship tournament, and Houston area grassroots bowlers are hoping for vacancies in the sold-out pro-am tournament field.

This year, for the first time, the male and female winners (assuming they are PBA or PWBA members) will earn PBA/PWBA national titles in addition to splitting a \$15,000 first prize. And bowling fans around the world will be able to follow the event from start to finish, live on PBA’s Xtra Frame online video-streaming service.

“In 1999 when Luci died, we were talking and decided, let’s run a bowling tournament,” Conners said. “In 2000, I decided I was going to put together an event the way I wanted it to be, with tough conditions because breast cancer is a tough battle. It was a shot in the dark, and it worked, and it sold out.”

The inaugural event at 32-lane Dynamic Lanes sold out its pro-am tournament for two nights. Conners said the first event raised \$7,000 for the weekend. “We thought we had really raised some money,” she said. “So we kept at it, involving vendors I work with at our pro shop and we reached the outside world when (Storm Products co-owner) Barb Chrisman got involved. From that day forward, Storm has sponsored us every year and we just keep growing.”

Since its inception, “The Luci” has sold out. In previous years, the tournament field was open to 84 teams, bowling on two squads, before the event moved to 44-lane Palace Lanes, which is owned by PBA and USBC Hall of Famer Bill Lillard, after Dynamic Lanes closed. This year, Conners added a third squad, opened the tournament to 126 teams, and immediately filled that quota with 15 additional teams on the waiting list.

“We were going to stay with 84 teams, but those sold out in 24 hours and I’m asking myself, am I going to turn away teams?,” she said. “No way.”

Over the years, the tournament originally called the Luci Bonneau Memorial Mixed Doubles has raised approximately \$650,000 to combat breast cancer. Until two years ago, all of the money was donated to the Stehlin Foundation, a research facility looking for a cure to breast cancer. Bonneau, a talented bowler and one of the former Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour’s most popular regional competitors, had been treated at St. Joseph’s Hospital by Dr. Stehlin, Conners explained. Two years ago, St. Joseph’s Hospital was sold and the new ownership shut down the Stehlin Foundation “so we started our own 501(c)3 Striking Against Breast Cancer charity,” she said “The money we’ve raised is now being donated to The Rose, a Houston-based organization that helps women who can’t afford breast care treatment or mammograms, and the Huntsman Group, a cancer research based in Utah.”

The tournament has never forgotten Conners’ original philosophy. It’s deliberately difficult.

“We’ve made changes in the format to make things tough,” Conners said. “I don’t ever want people to forget what Luci had to go through.

“It’s insane,” she added, referring to the overwhelming support she has received. “Our vendors provide all kinds of giveaways for the pro-am. We have drawings, prizes, a lot going on from the day we start until it’s over.

“My mission statement is that you have to have players to bowl the tournament. If you don’t have the players, you don’t have a pro-am. If you don’t have pro-am, you can’t raise money. It’s all about the players. That’s the rule we live by. (PBA Tour competitor) Dino Castillo organizes the pro-am. Our rule is, if a player entered in the pro-am doesn’t show up to bowl, he/she is fined \$500 and the money goes to PBA,” Conners said. “But the players are so involved. They’re great; they make it happen.”

Conners is hoping to raise between \$80,000 and \$90,000 this year, but “we can only fit so many people into the building at one time.”

Among the all-star cast of competitors entered are three-time winners Shannon Pluhowsky of Kettering, Ohio, and Tommy Jones, a 16-time PBA Tour champion from Simpsonville, S.C.; defending champions Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., and former PBA Rookie of the Year Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif.; the husband and wife teams of Chris and Lynda Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Tina and Stu Williams of Phoenix, Ariz.; native Colombians Clara Guerrero and Andres Gomez, and two-time former winners

Shannon O’Keefe (with Bill O’Neill) and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (with Mike Fagan). The field also includes a number of PBA Tour, PWBA Tour, PBA Regional and collegiate champions as well as past-and-present Team USA members.

For a complete roster of bowlers entered, visit pba.com, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Tournaments/Regional/3594>

To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Subscriptions are available for three days (\$3.99), a full month (\$7.99) or a full year (XF Season Ticket for \$64.99).

For those who would like to support Conners’ efforts, but can’t attend the event, visit <http://www.strikingagainstbreastcancer.org/> to make a contribution online.

PBA/PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES SCHEDULE
Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2

Thursday, July 30

2 p.m. – Open practice session

Friday, July 31

9 a.m. – Open practice session

1 p.m. - C Squad, 8 qualifying games

7 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Saturday, Aug. 1

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

1 p.m. - B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 30 games after 8 games advance to cashers’ round

8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Sunday, Aug. 20

8 a.m. - Top 30 teams, 4-game cashers’ round

Top 8 teams after 12 games advance to round-robin match play

Noon - Top 8 teams, 8 games round robin match play

HISTORY OF STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER
(LUCI BONNEAU MEMORIAL) MIXED DOUBLES WINNERS

2000 - Donna Conners/Mark Scroggins

2001 - Amy Dillon/Chris Barnes

2002 - Diandra (Hyman) Asbaty/Dino Castillo

2003 - Genie Franklin/Wes Malott

2004 - Krystal Scott/Russ Wilson

2005 - Rachel Perez/Paul Fleming

2006 - Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Marc Laracuenta

2007 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2008 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2009 - Carolyn Dorin-Ballard/Parker Bohn III

2010 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2011 - Shannon Pluhowsky/Tommy Jones

2012 - Shannon O’Keefe/Bryan O’Keefe

2013 - Shannon O’Keefe/Bill O’Neill

2014 - Missy Parkin/Scott Norton

Parker Bohn III Wins Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open for
Second PBA50 Tour Title of the Season

Hall of Famer solidifies position as PBA50 Player of the Year contender
with three tournaments left in the season

WELCH, Minn. (July 22, 2015) -- In a title match featuring two PBA Hall of Fame players with a combined 71 titles on the PBA Tour, Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., defeated Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., to win the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open presented by Roto Grip Wednesday notching his second PBA50 Tour title of the season.

Bohn, who solidified his position as a contender for PBA50 Player of the Year, defeated 37-time PBA Tour winner Weber, 259-238, in the championship match which was also his third career PBA50 Tour title.

In the title match, Bohn survived a potentially devastating open in the eighth frame when he left the 2-4-6-7-10 split which he failed to convert after bowling the first seven strikes of the match.

“The ball just hung up in my hand which threw off my push-away,” said Bohn, who has won 34 titles on the PBA Tour. “I wasn’t too worried because I had a pretty good lead at that point and I knew right away what to do to correct it.”

Bohn, who won the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open, did indeed correct the problem throwing strikes in the ninth and the first ball in the 10th frame which was enough to shut out Weber who was trying for his second win of the season after winning the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in June.

As the No. 4 qualifier in the finals, Bohn had to win three matches against tough opponents to get to the championship match against Weber who was the No. 1 qualifier.

In the opening match Bohn defeated eight-time PBA50 Tour champion and two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 242-193. In a battle of lefthanders, Bohn defeated eight-time PBA Tour winner and PBA50 Tour rookie Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, who was trying for his third win of the season, 268-216. In the semifinal match, Bohn defeated Hall of Famer and 25-time PBA Tour winner Brian Voss of Centennial, Colo., 258-202, who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour win.

“I know it sounds like a cliché but you have to take one game and one tournament at a time, especially at this point in the season,” Bohn said. “When you look at a finals lineup like we had tonight with this much talent, if you even think about thinking too far ahead you’re asking for trouble.”

By winning the title Bohn joined Scroggins, also a Player of the Year contender and leading contender for Rookie of the Year, as the only two-time winners this season.

In addition to the race for PBA Player of the Year, the top eight in competition points will earn entries into the GEICO World Series of Bowling VII in Reno this December where they will vie for the two championship match spots in the PBA Challenge finals which will be televised by ESPN. Weber, Scroggins, Bohn and Mohr are all presently solidly in the top eight in points.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Ashwaubenon Bowling Lanes in Green Bay, Wis. July 27-Aug. 1 for the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters. The Senior Masters is the second and final major of the season.

PBA50 TREASURE ISLAND RESORT & CASINO OPEN PRESENTED BY ROTO GRIP

Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$7,500.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$4,000.
- 3, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., \$2,500.
- 4, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, \$2,000.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Bohn def. Mohr, 242-193.
Match Two – Bohn def. Scroggins, 268-216.
Semifinal Match – Bohn def. Voss, 258-202.
Championship – Bohn def. Weber, 259-238.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-1, 1,570.
- 2, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 3-2-1, 1,549.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4-2, 1,509.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,494.
- 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 4-1-1, 1,484.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-3, 1,446, \$1,500.
- 7, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 4-2, 1,442, \$1,500.
- 8, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 4-2, 1,405, \$1,500.
- 9, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-3, 1,386, \$1,300.
- 10, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-3, 1,384, \$1,300.
- 11, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-4, 1,370, \$1,300.
- 12, a-Sam Lantto, Eden Prairie, Minn., 1-5, 1,345, \$1,300.
- 13, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1-5, 1,318, \$1,300.
- 14, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 1,317, \$1,300.
- 15, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 2-3-1, 1,306, \$1,300.
- 16, Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 1-4-1, 1,216, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3-2, 1,133, \$1,125.
- 18, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 2-3, 1,086, \$1,125.
- 19, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1-4, 1,081, \$1,125.
- 20, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 2-3, 1,054, \$1,125.
- 21, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 2-3, 1,030, \$1,125.
- 22, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1-4, 1,017, \$1,125.
- 23, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1-4, 1,001, \$1,125.
- 24, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1-4, 939, \$1,125.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 25, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,049, \$1,050.
- 26, ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,040, \$1,050.
- 27, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,024, \$1,050.
- 28, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,015, \$1,050.
- 29, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,005, \$1,050.
- 30, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,000, \$1,050.
- 31, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 995, \$1,000.
- 32, Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 982, \$1,000.
- 33, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 981, \$1,000.
- 34, Bob Micek, Woodbury, Minn., 973, \$1,000.
- 35, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 961, \$1,000.
- 36, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 930, \$1,000.
- 37, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 917, \$1,000.
- 38, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 876, \$1,000.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA STARS REPRESENT U.S. IN PAN AMERICAN GAMES BOWLING EVENTS

PBA Tour star **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C., along with PBA Women's Series winners **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Dayton, Ohio, plus with amateur **Devin Bidwell** of Wichita, Kan., are representing the United States in the Pan American Games bowling competition this week at the Pan Am Bowling Centre in Toronto. Several PBA international members also are bowling for their home countries in the Games.

Jones, a 16-time PBA Tour winner and an eight-year member of Team USA with more than 20 medals earned in international competition, is bowling in the Pan Am Games for the first time. Johnson is the defending champion in women's singles and doubles, and also won women's all-events plus a team silver medal in 1995, in the first of her three Pan Am Games appearances. Pluhowsky, a 15-time Team USA member, won women's singles and a silver in doubles in the 2003 Pan Am Games. Bidwell is making his international debut for Team USA.

Bowling competition in Toronto got underway Wednesday with the first six of 12 games of doubles. Heading into today's final six games, Jones and Bidwell were in second place, 53 pins behind Canada's **Dan MacLelland** and **Francois Lavoie** while Johnson and Pluhowsky also were in second place, 28 pins behind Colombia's **Clara Guerrero** and **Rocio Restrepo**. All players will bowl 12 qualifying games in singles Friday with the top eight advancing to Saturday's match play and medal rounds.

BowlmorAMF OFFERS PBA MEMBERS SPECIAL PRACTICE RATE

Bowlmor AMF, a PBA Product Registered partner, is making it much more affordable for PBA members to practice, offering a \$1-per-game practice rate at all 340 of its domestic locations, including the recently-acquired Brunswick bowling centers.

One of the long-standing benefits of PBA membership has been deeply-discounted practice rates at participating centers, and BowlmorAMF has joined the program with a set price at its properties across the country, subject only to the following conditions:

- The special rate is for practice only; it does not apply for league, glow bowling, or tournament lineage.
- The special rate is available only on a "lanes available" basis. PBA members must agree to give up the lane if the proprietor expects league, tournament, or heavy open play.
- Discounts are available to the PBA card holder only.
 - PBA membership card and a picture ID must be presented when the lanes are assigned.

UPCOMING ON XTRA FRAME: PWBA, STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER DOUBLES

PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, will close out its July schedule with live start-to-finish coverage of the PWBA Wichita Open from Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., Friday and Saturday, followed by the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day basis for only \$3.99. A full month's worth of Xtra Frame programming cost only \$7.99. PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED FOR FRIDAY FOR JOHN HRICSINA

A memorial service for former PBA50 star **John Hricsina** of Franklin, Pa., who died Monday of complications from injuries sustained in a fall, will be held Friday at 1 p.m. ET at First Church of the Nazarene in Franklin.

Hricsina, a seven-time PBA50 Tour winner and former PBA50 Player of the Year, is survived by his wife Susan; sons Bill and John Jr.; daughters Sandy Hricsina and Valerie Hjar, and grandchildren Nick, Nathan, Jackie, Chandler and Jessica Hricsina, and Jordan and Brooke Hjar.

At the family's request, memorial donations may be made to the Kirkland Cancer Foundation, PO Box 108, Franklin, PA 16323. To send condolences, cards, flowers or additional information, visit: <http://www.gardinierfuneralhome.com/obituaries/obituary-listings?obId=587216#/obituaryInfo>.

Hricsina, a U.S. Navy veteran, worked as a rural postal carrier for the Polk County, Pa. post office before turning 50 and trying his luck on the PBA "senior tour." He also ran a pro shop out of his home and enjoyed bowling duckpins and singing Karaoke which he did frequently with his friends on tour.

"He was a great bowler, but most of all he wanted to be remembered as a working man and a family man and he was definitely both of those," his grandson, **Nick Hricsina**, said.

"He was just a wonderful person," said USBC Hall of Famer and Storm Products Global Ambassador **Bob Hart**. "We've been friends since our 20s and some of my greatest memories are of bowling with him and just being good friends.

"He was a great bowler," Hart added. "The best way I could describe him as a competitor was that he was a bulldog on the lanes. He was fierce competitor and would bowl any place, any time."

MIKA KOIVUNIEMI ACCEPTS UAE COACHING POST, PLANS TO CURTAIL PBA ACTIVITIES

Finland's **Mika Koivuniemi**, already one of the world's most successful amateur players when he decided to join the PBA in 1999 at age 32, has announced he has accepted the head coaching position for the United Arab Emirates national bowling team, and plans to limit his PBA Tour activities in the future, in part due to lingering back and knee injuries.

The 14-time PBA Tour champion and two-time PBA Player of the Year (2003-04 and 2010-11) is now 48 and living in Hartland, Mich., with wife Leena and daughters Ida and Lidia. A 13-year member of Team Finland, Koivuniemi has bowled around the world since the 1980s, winning titles in 21 different countries and has bowled 300 games in as many countries, as well.

In addition to his 14 PBA Tour titles – which include the 2000 USBC Masters, 2001 U.S. Open and record-setting 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions – Koivuniemi has bowled a nationally-televised 300 game and with more than \$1.9 million in PBA earnings, he is poised to become the 10th player in PBA history to surpass \$2 million in career earnings.

In a post on his Facebook page from Munich, where he is competing in the Track Open, Koivuniemi noted, "I been battling with injuries (for a) long time with my back. But this year also my left knee has been pretty bad. I...didn't bowl any tournament without pain! So that made my decision much easier, especially when UAE will let me bowl tournaments when they (won't be at the) same time at (PBA events)."

For the record, Koivuniemi will become age-eligible to compete on the PBA50 Tour on April 6, 2017.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CONNER WINS FIRST PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN INDIANA

Josh Conner of Columbus, Ohio, defeated **Brad Angelo** of Lockport, N.Y., 250-173, to win \$2,300 and his first PBA Regional title in the Boss Snow Plows/Ebonite Central/Midwest Open at PinHeads in Fishers, Ind., Sunday.

Conner downed Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio, 417-399, and Angelo topped E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 520-508, in the two-game, total pinfall semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- **Lee Brosius** of Pomona, N.Y., defeated **Tracy Golding** of Winston-Salem, N.C., 2-1 in the best-of-three-game final match at AMF Fredericksburg (Va.) Lanes Sunday to win the PBA50 AMF Fredericksburg South Open for his first PBA title in 32 years.

Brosius was soundly defeated in the first game, 251-172; edged Golding in game two, 213-210, Brosius then got a mark in the final frame of game three to win, 207-180, ending his dry spell.

The victory was Brosius' third, but his first since winning his previous titles in 1982 and 1983. He resigned from PBA membership in 1990 when he retired from the military, but reinstated his membership in the 2013, competing on the PBA50 Tour the past two seasons.

- **Joe Findling** from Greenville, Texas, edged **Tyler Jensen** of Fort Worth, Texas, 216-215, to win his sixth PBA Southwest Region title Sunday in the sixth annual PBA Fort Sill (Okla.) Southwest Open, presented by Ebonite, at Twin Oaks Bowling Center.

After Jensen finished with five strikes, Findling spared the 2-8 in the 10th frame of the title match and struck on his final shot to squeak by Jensen and claim the \$2,500 winner's check. After Findling qualified 14th and Jensen 16th, each won four elimination matches to reach the title match.

- Next up for the PBA Midwest Region is the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Baker Doubles Classic in Welch, Minn., Thursday and Friday. The weekend schedule features the Pure-It Pro Shop East Open presented by DV8 at Cedar Lanes in Lebanon, Pa.; the Farmer's State Bank Central Open presented by Roto Grip at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind.; the Poplar Creek Bowl Midwest Open at Hoffman Estates, Ill., and the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency West/Northwest Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev.

- Closing out the July schedule over the July 31-Aug. 2 weekend will be the PBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, a PBA Tour-PWBA Tour title event, at Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas; the Lakewood Bowl Midwest Open in Richton Park, Ill.; the PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West Open from 20th Century Lanes in Boise, Idaho, and the PBA Japan Region's first events of the year, the DHC Japan Cheetah and Women's Cheetah Opens at Nagoya Grandbowl in Aichi, Japan.

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QUICK NOTES

● “Let’s Go Bowling Show,” which debuted in 2006 in Clearwater, Fla., with host **Ken Van Baber** and PBA legend **Mark Roth**, celebrated its 500th broadcast in mid-July. Now available by audio and video streaming around the world, the weekly radio show has regularly featured PBA champions, industry leaders and other bowling news-makers. Tampa area pro shop operator and bowling instructor **Bill Zuben** is currently co-host. To watch current and archived programs, visit www.gobowlingshow.com.

● Storm Products Global Ambassador **Bob Hart**, a former PBA Tour rep and member of the USBC Hall of Fame, will be inducted into the Georgia State Bowling Hall of Fame on August 8.

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Next Up on Xtra Frame: PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

HOUSTON, Texas – The PBA Tour returns to action this week when it joins hands with the PWBA in a special event, the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, from Palace Lanes Friday, July 31-Sunday, Aug. 2.

For the first time, the 16-year-old fund-raising tournament, held in the memory of former PWBA competitor Luci Bonneau, will award PBA Tour and PWBA Tour titles to the winners, if they are PBA/PWBA members. PBA/PWBA stars Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, Calif., are defending champions.

Fans can catch all the action when live wire-to-wire coverage begins on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Friday, July 31 at 2 p.m. ET (1 p.m. CT), when the first of three squads will bowl their eight-game qualifying round. Qualifying continues Saturday with the two more squads bowling at 9 a.m. ET (8 a.m. CT) and 2:30 p.m. ET (1:30 p.m. CT). The top 30 teams after eight games will advance to a four-game cashers’ round at 9 a.m. ET (8 a.m. CT) Sunday, and the top eight teams will then bowl the eight-game round robin match play final round at 1 p.m. ET (12 noon CT). The winner will be decided based upon combined 20-game pinfall totals.

The tournament, affectionately called “The Luci,” features an all-star field of 128 teams, plus two sold-out pro-am squads. Since its inception, the tournament has raised more than \$650,000 in support of the fight against breast cancer in Bonneau’s memory.

For Xtra Frame subscription and schedule information click on the Xtra Frame logo on the pba.com homepage. Three-day subscriptions after available for \$3.99, a full-month subscription costs \$7.99 and the 12-month XF Season Ticket is offered at \$64.99.

For a complete roster of players, click here: <http://www.pba.com/Tournaments/Regional/3594>. To make an online donation to the cause, click here: <http://www.strikingagainstbreastcancer.org/>.

PBA/PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2 (all times are Central)

Thursday, July 30

2 p.m. – Open practice session

Friday, July 31

9 a.m. – Open practice session

1 p.m. - C Squad, 8 qualifying games

7 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Saturday, Aug. 1

8 a.m. - A Squad, 8 qualifying games

1:30 p.m. - B Squad, 8 qualifying games

Top 30 teams after 8 games advance to cashers’ round

8 p.m. - Pro-am squad

Sunday, Aug. 2

8 a.m. - Top 30 teams, 4-game cashers’ round

Top 8 teams after 12 games advance to round-robin match play

Noon - Top 8 teams, 8 games round robin match play

Craig Nidiffer Wins PBA Farmer's State Bank Central Open

Angola, Ind. (July 26, 2015) - Craig Nidiffer of Trenton, Mich. defeated E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., by 123 pins to win the Professional Bowlers Association Farmer's State Bank Central Open presented by Roto Grip at Angola Bowl Sunday.

Nidiffer finished with a 4-4 match play record and a total of 5,179 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Nidiffer's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his third career PBA Regional title. He also earned \$2,600.

The next PBA Central Region event will be the Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic, August 14-16.

PBA FARMER'S STATE BANK CENTRAL OPEN PRESENTED BY ROTO GRIP Angola Bowl, Angola, Ind., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 4-4, 5,179, \$2,600. 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 6-2, 5,056, \$1,300. 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4-4, 4,934, \$1,000. 4, John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 5-3, 4,861, \$900.

5, a-Jeremy Delcamp, Goshen, Ind., 5-3, 4,766, \$850. 6, a-Drew Klingler, Grand Rapids, Mich., 2-6, 4,760, \$800. 7, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3-5, 4,662, \$775. 8, Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 3-5, 4,504, \$750.

Other Cashers (after 13 games):

9, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,794, \$525. 10, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,785, \$525. 11, BJ Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 2,779, \$500. 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 2,578, \$500.

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PBA Spare Shots

CHINA'S PBA PIONEERS LEAGUE CONTINUES TO PURSUE PBA STATUS

The Longmarch PBA Pioneers League in China is currently in its fifth season of working to develop players to PBA membership eligibility status. The PBA Pioneers League program involves rigorous three-day, 12-games-a-day qualifying events, and requires players to average at least 200 in order to meet the PBA's minimum eligibility requirement before applying for membership.

Longmarch Bowling owner **Frank Zhao**, who founded the PBA league program, said 26 bowlers from all parts of China are competing in the current session, which got underway following a Brunswick-sponsored visit to China by PBA Tour champion **Sean Rash**, PBA Tour Reps **Chuck Gardner** and **Pat Mitchell** for a series of clinics, pro-ams and exhibitions.

Representatives of the Pioneers league program will travel to Reno in December to compete in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, following in the footsteps of the first delegation of Chinese bowlers ever to compete in the WSOB last fall at South Point in Las Vegas.

Zhao also said it appears representatives of the China Bowling Association and the China Sport Bureau will join the Chinese PBA members in Reno this year as the world's largest nation continues to pursue training and education for its emerging bowling programs.

PBA, PWBA MEMBERS WIN GOLD MEDALS IN PAN AMERICAN GAMES BOWLING

PBA member **Dan MacLelland** of Canada, and PBA/PWBA members **Clara Guerrero** of Colombia and **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Dayton, Ohio, were gold-medal winners in the recently-completed Pan American Games bowling competition in Toronto.

MacLelland and Wichita State University star Francois Lavoie won the men's doubles gold medal with a 12-game combined total of 5,607 pins, topping Colombia's Jaime Gonzalez and Manual Otalora by 318 pins and Team USA bronze medalists **Tommy Jones** and **Devin Bidwell**, who finished with 5,203 pins.

Guerrero and **Rocio Restrepo** won women's doubles with 5074 pins, topping former PBA Women's Series titlists Pluhowsky and **Liz Johnson** by 149 pins.

Brazil's **Marcelo Suartz** won men's singles with a 201-189 over PBA Hall of Famer **Amleto Monacelli**, who was representing his home country of Venezuela. Monacelli defeated MacLelland, 187-178, and Suartz eliminated Bidwell, 202-182, in the semifinal round.

Pluhowsky, who also won women's singles in 2003, got her second gold medal in the event with a 223-212 victory over **Aumi Guerra** of the Dominican Republic. Pluhowsky defeated Restrepo, 214-212, and Guerra defeated Johnson, 258-181, in the women's semifinal round.

SEAN RASH TO FULFILL "WISH" FOR 11-YEAR-OLD OHIO BOY

Eight-time PBA Tour titlist **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., will meet and bowl with 11-year-old **Solomon Wohrer** of Lancaster, Ohio, on Wednesday, Aug. 5, at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., prior to the start of the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles, fulfilling Wohrer's request through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Wohrer, who suffers from Ewing's Sarcoma, a form of bone cancer that affects mostly young people, will bowl with Rash at 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday morning, he will again meet Rash, have a bowling ball drilled on the PBA truck while touring the PBA's equipment transport, and meet other PBA players.

Wohrer and his family will then be guests of the PBA and Olympia Lanes to attend the rest of the tournament.

UPCOMING ON XTRA FRAME: PBA/PWBA STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER DOUBLES

PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, will close out its July schedule with live start-to-finish coverage of the PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles from Palace Lanes in Houston, Texas, July 31-Aug. 2. A sold-out field of 128 teams, including a number of PBA Tour champions and current PWBA Tour competitors, will compete for the \$15,000 first prize.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day basis for only \$3.99. A full month's worth of Xtra Frame programming cost only \$7.99. PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

Bowling fans also can watch coverage of the USBC Senior Masters from Green Bay, Wis., on USBC's BowlTV video-streaming service, and link to "live scoring" by visiting pba.com's home page. Visit bowl.com for the full schedule. BowlTV is a free service.

The August 6-8 Xtra Frame schedule includes doubleheader coverage of the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles from Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., along with the PWBA Topeka Open presented by Prairie Band Resort & Casino from West Ridge Lanes in Topeka, Kan.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: 22 YEARS LATER, STAIKOFF GETS FIRST PBA TITLE

With a bit of help from partner **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas, PBA veteran **Ted Staikoff** of Black Hawk, S.D., won his first PBA title in 22 years as a member on Friday, July 24, when the duo won the PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Midwest Doubles title at Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn.

Staikoff, 67, teamed with Scroggins, a two-time PBA50 Tour winner in his PBA50 rookie year, to defeat **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Twp., Mich. and partner **Dave Axon** of Bellevue, Neb., 258-232, in the final Baker format doubles match.

After competing on the PBA50 Tour for 17 years, Staikoff made news earlier this season when he led after the first round of qualifying in the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track. His best previous PBA50 Tour finish was third in the 2003 Senior Manassas Open.

● **Patrick Allen** of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., defeated **Anthony Pepe** of Elmhurst, N.Y., 227-187, to win the PBA Pure-It Pro Shop Eastern Open presented by DV8 at Cedar Lanes in Lebanon, Pa., Sunday. The win was Allen's third of the year and the 27th title of his career.

Allen used two different bowling balls throughout the stepladder finals to deal with a tricky left lane. Allen posted a 10-2 match play record to qualify third for the stepladder finals and won three straight matches to claim the title. After defeating **John Furey** of Freehold, N.J., 218-187, in the opening match, he defeated **Tommy Gollick** of Oberlin, Pa., 201-181, to advance to the title match.

- **Craig Nidiffer** of Trenton, Mich. defeated **E.J. Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., by 123 pins to win the PBA Farmer's State Bank Central Open presented by Roto Grip at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind., Sunday. Nidiffer finished with a 4-4 match play record and a total of 5,179 pins for 21 games, including match play bonus pins for his third career PBA Regional title. He also earned \$2,600.

- **Marty Deh** of San Jose, Calif. and **Greg Thompson Jr.** of Dublin, Calif., teamed up to defeat **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., and **Jeff Frankos** of Daly City, Calif., 426-391, to win the PBA Sands Regency West\Northwest Doubles presented by MOTIV at High Sierra Lanes in Reno, Nev., Sunday.

Deh earned his sixth PBA Regional title while Thompson picked up his third. The winning team shared the \$3,600 first prize. The winning team defeated Californians **Nick Morgan** of Sacramento and **Robby Porter** of Rancho Cordova, 445-370, in the semifinal round while Warren and Frankos defeated another set of Californians, **Ty Dawson** of Sunnyvale and **PJ Haggerty** of Roseville, 20-18 in a two-ball (one shot by each player) sudden death roll-off after the teams tied at 352-352.

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Weber Averages 233 to Top Qualifying for USBC Senior Masters, Field Cut to 64 for Match Play

by **Jerry Schneider** July 30, 2015 15:46

By Matt Cannizzaro, USBC Communications

For the sixth consecutive qualifying round at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Pete Weber found his way to the top of the standings, this time earning top qualifier honors at the 2015 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters.

The USBC and PBA Hall of Famer's streak goes back to the USBC Masters in February, where he led all three rounds of qualifying. This week, he is back in Green Bay and averaged more than 233, while leading a field of 194 USBC members age 50 and older.

The 52-year-old right-hander posted qualifying rounds of 1,183, 1,155 and 1,163 to earn the No. 1 spot and lead 64 players into the event's double-elimination match-play bracket with a 15-game total of 3,501.

USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli qualified second with a 3,427 total and was followed by 2012 Senior Masters champion Mike Edwards (3,426), Pete McCordic (3,323) and Sam Ventura (3,255).

"Sometimes, you walk into a house knowing you're going to bowl well, and after finishing third in the Masters here in February, I felt that way coming into this week," said Weber, who averaged more than 238 during qualifying at the Masters. "The characteristics of this house just suit my game, and I don't have to do anything special."

Weber, the winner of the Suncoast Senior U.S. Open in June, will continue his quest to sweep the season's PBA50 Tour majors and try for a second USBC Senior Masters title when match play kicks off Friday at 10 a.m. Eastern. All matches will be three games, with total pins determining the winners.

The left side of the bracket will bowl first, and the right side of the bracket will take the lanes at 12:30 p.m. Eastern.

"Now, I just want to make sure I keep throwing the ball well and not worry about my opponents," said Weber, who will take on No. 64 Bill Sell of Menasha, Wisconsin, in the opening round of match play. "If I do what I need to, I'll be happy. If I don't, I won't be happy, and I'll try something different."

Defending champion Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who was guaranteed a spot in the bracket, qualified 20th with a 3,118 qualifying total. He'll take on No. 45 Ted Staikoff in his opening match Friday.

Competitors at the Senior Masters this week rolled 15 qualifying games over three days before the field was cut to the top 63 bowlers, who will join Williams in match play. Sell earned the final spot in the bracket with a 2,962 total, a 197.47 average.

All rounds of qualifying and match play are being broadcast live on BowlTV and will conclude with the stepladder finals Sunday at noon Eastern.

2015 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

At The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Thursday's Results

Long-Time Partners Anita Arnett, Tyler Jensen Lead Early Qualifiers in PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

HOUSTON, Texas (July 31, 2015) – Former collegiate star Anita Arnett of Richmond, Texas, and partner Tyler Jensen of Fort Worth led the first qualifying squad in the 16th annual PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament Friday at Palace Lanes, averaging a composite 213.56 to pace their 42-team squad with a 3,417 pinfall total

In second place after the opening squad were Kristin Warzinski of Muskegon, Mich., and Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, with a combined eight-game total of 3,272 pins, 145 pins behind the leaders.

Arnett, 32, and Jensen, 31, had never met until they were paired by tournament founder Donna Conners 10 years ago. Arnett, who was known as Anita Manns when she was named the 2002 USBC Albert Crowe Star of Tomorrow and won collegiate woman bowler of the year at Wichita State University, is now a pediatric nurse and the married mother of year-and-a-half-old son Mason. Jensen is a regional salesman for Storm Bowling Products, married with a young son.

But 10 years ago they were just two talented young bowlers. "Donna told me I needed to bowl in her tournament, and she told Anita she needed to bowl," Jensen said, "and then she put us together. We've bowled together ever since."

"We have a blast," Arnett said. "Our personalities click. We laugh so much."

"It's like, wow, we're done – see you next year," Jensen laughed.

"We've bowled well together," Arnett added. "We finished second or third one year."

"Yeah, I can't remember either. It's like being married for 10 years and you forget."

Arnett said she doesn't bowl as much as she once did due to her job and family, but is bowling Professional Women's Bowling Association events when it's practical. Jensen is a 12-year part-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour player and a regular in regional competition.

Their scores are likely to advance them into Sunday's 30-team cashers round, but that will depend on how the two additional squads of 42 teams each bowl in their eight-game qualifying rounds on Saturday. Among the teams yet to bowl are three-time winners Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and partner Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio.

The Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event was founded in 2000 by Donna Conners as a tribute to her close friend, Luci Bonneau, who died of breast cancer in 1999. Since its inception, the tournament has become the nation's largest high-profile mixed doubles bowling event, attracting dozens of PBA and PWBA Tour champions while raising in excess of \$650,000 in the war against breast cancer.

The tournament, which is being covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame video-streaming channel, concludes Sunday with the four-game cashers round at 8 a.m., followed by round robin match play at noon CT. The winners will be decided based upon a combined total of 20 games. The winning players, if they are members of their respective pro tours, will earn a PBA Tour or PWBA Tour title in addition to splitting the \$15,000 first prize.

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PBA-PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES
Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas, Friday

Qualifying Round One (after 8 games, Squad C only; Squads A and B bowl round one on Saturday)

- 1, Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas/Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,417.
- 2, Kristin Warzinski, Muskegon, Mich./Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 3,272.
- 3, Cassandra Leuthold, Rapid City, S.D./Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,259.
- 4, Jacqui Reese, McAdoo, Pa./Nathan Van Putten, Houston, Texas, 3,227.
- 5, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,216.
- 6 (tie), Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif./Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., and Katie Thornton, Chesapeake, Va./Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,200.
- 8, Brandi/Mike Calderon, Tempe, Ariz., 3,197.
- 9, Carol Norman, Houston, Texas/David Haynes, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,186.
- 10, Suzana Signaigo, Fort Worth, Texas/Jason Duran, Littleton, Colo., 3,185.
- 11, Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash./Perry Crowell, Hoquiam, Wash., 3,181.
- 12, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Anthony Pepe, Astoria, N.Y., 3,137.
- 13, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O' Fallon, Mo., 3,122.
- 14, Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan./Roger Petrin, Grand Prairie, Texas, 3,114.
- 15, Michelle Secours, Rochester, N.Y./BJ Moore, Raleigh, N.C., 3,103.
- 16, Erin Lenahan, Meadow Vista, Calif./Chris Williams-Fikler, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,066.
- 17, Christi/Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 3,051.
- 18, Jennifer Asplin, Oakley, Calif./Blake Paris, Brentwood, Calif., 3,039.
- 19, Patricia De Faria, Venezuela/T.J. Thompson, Houston, Texas, 3,036.
- 20, Kaidee Sutphin, Orlando, Fla./David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., 3,034.
- 21, Mariana Ayala, Puerto Rico/Jonathan Wiley, Houston, Texas, 3,030.
- 22, Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore, Mich./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,012.
- 23, Crystal Boutotte/Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 2,981.
- 24, Wendy Shelton, Albuquerque, N.M./Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 2,935.
- 25, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla./Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,909.
- 26, Cieara Watts/Tony Jones, Houston, Texas, 2,908.
- 27, DeeDee Jeffery/Shane Gillmore, Little Rock, Ark., 2,892.
- 28, Kelly/David Jay, Katy, Texas, 2,877.
- 29, Jackie Fisher, Allen, Texas/Eddie Gaddison, San Dimas, Calif., 2,838.
- 30, Wendy/Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas, 2,825.
- 31, Gabriella Mayfield, Valparaiso, Ind./Mike Austin, Houston, Texas, 2,823.

32, Alice Hale , Austin, Texas, Ron Willard, Houston, Texas, 2,814.
33, Tamara Dunning, Little Rock, Ark./Corey Bottos, Houston, Texas, 2,796.
34, Ashley Blakley, Houston, Texas/Nick Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 2,774.
35, Casey Goettel, St. Charles, Mo./Ben Howison-Johnstone, England, 2,745.
36 (tie), Rene Fleming, Oklahoma City, Okla./Carlos Gonzalez, Pearland, Texas, and Jaime Wells, Humble, Texas/Justin Maxwell, Houston, Texas, 2,737
38, Kristine Falcon, Conroe, Texas/Robert Richardson, Humble, Texas, 2,732.
39, Jessica Haynes/Charles Vaughan, Pasadena, Texas, 2,704.
40, Lori Swanson/Randall Blackketter, Houston, Texas, 2,658.
41, Kim/Michiel Burnham, Pasadena, Texas, 2,618.
42, Pam/Rick Noftsier, Katy, Texas, 2,563.

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Lynda and Chris Barnes Lead Qualifying in PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

HOUSTON, Texas (Aug. 1, 2015) – Lynda and Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, husband-and-wife teammates, doubles partners and occasional opponents since 1997, averaged a combined 214.6 over eight games to take the qualifying lead in the 16th annual PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament Saturday at Palace Lanes.

Lynda Barnes, a member of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, and husband Chris, an 18-time Professional Bowlers Association champion, finished qualifying with 3,434 pins to take a one-pin lead over Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, and Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, into Sunday's four-game cashers' round.

Anita Arnett of Richmond, Texas, and Tyler Jensen of Fort Worth were in third place with 3,417 pins followed by recent Robert Morris University-Illinois graduates and dating couple Jackie Carbonetto of Blauvelt, N.Y., and Matt Gasn of Laurel, Md., who were fourth with 3,415 pins.

Lynda Barnes, who gave the couple the lead with a 279 final game Saturday, said she and Chris have bowled together before with mixed results, "but we keep trying. We seem to get calmer every year. It's a challenge to bowl with your husband, but I'd really rather not bowl with anyone else."

Chris Barnes, who won the 2001 mixed doubles event with Amy Dillon, said he and Lynda have bowled as Team USA teammates beginning in 1997, as doubles partners and once in a while, against each other, but enjoying the success as partners is the best option.

"As you spend more time together, you figure out how to communicate and play together at the best level, which is the long way of saying I don't talk anymore," Chris grinned. "Today she had the better ball reaction and after watching some of the other guys at the time in the tournament when the guys start moving to play an inside angle, I was watching Lynda and she had a four-bagger (playing a much straighter shot), so I tried to play as close to where she was playing as possible."

The Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event was founded in 2000 by Donna Connors as a tribute to her close friend, Luci Bonneau, who died of breast cancer in 1999. Since its inception, the tournament has become the nation's largest high-profile mixed doubles bowling event, attracting dozens of PBA and PWBA Tour champions while raising in excess of \$650,000 in the war against breast cancer.

The tournament, which is being covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame video-streaming channel, concludes Sunday with the four-game cashers round at 8 a.m., followed by round robin match play at noon CT. The winners will be decided based upon a combined total of 20 games. The winning players, if they are members of their respective pro tours, will earn a PBA Tour or PWBA Tour title in addition to splitting the \$15,000 first prize.

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PBA-PWBA XTRA FRAME STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES

Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas, Friday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 8 games, top 30 advance to cashers' round Sunday)

- 1, Lynda /Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 3,434.
- 2, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,433.
- 3, Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas/Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,417.
- 4, Jackie Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y./Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 3,415.
- 5 (tie), Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,403.
- 7, Diana Zavjalova, Beavercreek, Ohio/David Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,386.
- 8, Verity Crawley, England/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,336.
- 9, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./arshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,312.
- 10, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,307.
- 11, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia/Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 3,281.
- 12, Anggie Ramirez, Chicago/DJ Archer, Kingswood, Texas, 3,275.
- 13, Kristin Warzinski, Muskegon, Mich./Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 3,272.
- 14, Clara Guerrero/Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,261.
- 15, Heather Whitney/Tyson Branagan, Eules, Texas, 3,260.
- 16, Cassandra Leuthold, Rapid City, S.D./Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,259.
- 17, Sandra Gongora/Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 3,250.
- 18, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa./ Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 3,249.
- 19, Karen Boyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla./John Janawicz, Winterhaven, Fla., 3,248.
- 20, Maria Rodriguez/Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 3,232.
- 21, Jacqui Reese, McAdoo, Pa./Nathan Van Putten, Houston, Texas, 3,227.
- 22, Allie Ijams, Wichita, Kan./Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,221.
- 23, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,216.
- 24, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md./Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,213.
- 25, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas/Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,212.
- 26, Brittni Hamilton, Victor, N.Y./Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 3,208.
- 27, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,206.
- 28, Megan Kelly, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,204.
- 29, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y./Eric Martinez, San Antonio, Texas, 3,202.
- 30, x-Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif./Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 3,200.
- 31, Katie Thornton, Chesapeake, Va./Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,200.
- 32, Brandi Calderon/Mike Calderon, Tempe, Ariz., 3,197.
- 33, Carol Norman, Houston, Texas/David Haynes, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,186.
- 34, Suzana Signaigo, Fort Worth, Texas/Jason Duran, Littleton, Colo., 3,185.
- 35 (tie), Kristina Frahm/John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Cindy Mattingly, Puyallup, Wash./Perry Crowell, Hoquiam, Wash., 3,181.
- 37, Jessica/Ryan Abel, Rose Hill, Kan., 3,180.
- 38, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Brett Cooper, Denver, Colo., 3,171.
- 39, Tennelle Milligan, Arlington, Texas/Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, 3,145.
- 40, Catie Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas/Derwin Pitre, Lafayette, La., 3,144.
- 41, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J./Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,138.
- 42, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Anthony Pepe, Astoria, N.Y., 3,137.
- 43, Rachel Perez, Maumelle, Ark./Michael Shirley, North Little Rock, Ark., 3,134.
- 44, Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,126.
- 45, Tina/Stuart Williams, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,125.
- 46, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O' Fallon, Mo., 3,122.
- 47, Kerry Moreland/Ryan Holland, Houston, Texas, 3,120.
- 48 (tie), Leanne Hulsenberg, North Ogden, Utah/Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, and Daria Kovalova, Wichita, Kan./Roger Petrin, Grand Prairie, Texas, 3,114.
- 50, Marcia Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah/Michael Haugen, Phoenix, Ariz., 3,111.
- 51, Michelle Secours, Rochester, N.Y./BJ Moore, Raleigh, N.C., 3,103.
- 52, T'Nia Falbo, Greensburg, Pa./Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,100.
- 53, Jamie Martin, Omaha, Neb./Kelly Ray, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,089.
- 54, Ashley Adams, Dallas, Texas/Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 3,077.

55, April Ellis-Murphy, Wichita, Kan./Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 3,075.
56, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,074.
57, Erin Lenahan, Meadow Vista, Calif./Chris Williams-Fikler, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,066.
58, Carolyn Dorin Ballard, Keller, Texas/Mike Fagan, Fort Worth, Texas, 3,056.
59 (tie), Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif./Brian Valenta, Valparaiso, Ind., and Christi/Ted Pritts, Little Elm, Texas, 3,051.
61, Elizabeth Sienicki, San Jose, Calif./Eric Traylor, Cypress, Texas, 3,050.
62, Samantha Kelly/Eric Fritton, Milwaukee, Wis., 3,045.
63, Jennifer Asplin, Oakley, Calif./Blake Paris, Brentwood, Calif., 3,039.
64 (tie), Kristina Wendell, Kingston, N.Y./Craig Nidiffer, Detroit, Mich., and Patricia De Faria, Venezuela/T.J. Thompson, Houston, Texas, 3,036.
66, Kaidee Sutphin/David O'Sullivan, Orlando, Fla., 3,034.
67, Mariana Ayala, Puerto Rico/Jonathan Wiley, Houston, Texas, 3,030.
68, Kamilah Dammers, Aruba/Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,014.
69, Sarah Lokker, New Baltimore, Mich./Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,012.
70, Brandy Sanderson, Bossier City, La./Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3,004.
71, Kimi Davidson, Irving, Texas/Peter Wong, Houston, Texas, 3,001.
72, Mariana Alvarado, Alexandria, Va./Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 2,987.
73, Crystal Boutotte, Montgomery, Texas, Corey Atkinson, Montgomery, Texas, 2,981
74, Laura Hardeman, San Diego, Calif./Steve Smith, San Diego, Texas, 2,973.
75, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./eoffrey Young, Keller, Texas, 2,971.
76, Brandy Silva, Fort Worth, Texas/David Tullos, Spring, Texas, 2,961.
77 (tie), Erica McPhail, Copperas Cove, Texas/Josh Maxson, Killeen, Texas, and Wendy Shelton, Albuquerque, N.M./Dylan Macon, Ennis, Texas, 2,935.
79, Connie Esters/Jack Bevelhymmer, League City, Texas, 2,934.
80, Nicole Parkhurst, Utica, N.Y./Steve Lemke, Nacogdoches, Texas, 2,933.
81, Maggie Adams/Kevin Lepler, Houston, Texas, 2,929.
82, Michelle Sterner, Buffalo, N.Y./Jason Miller, Baytown, Texas, 2,923.
83, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla./Bryan Viator, Seabrook, Texas, 2,909.
84, Cieara Watts/Tony Jones, Houston, Texas, 2,908.
85, Diana Jessie, Dallas, Texas/Toney Nelson, Grapevine, Texas, 2,904.
86, DeeDee Jeffery/Shane Gillmore, Little Rock, Ark., 2,892.
87, Cathy Nelson, Lakeside, Texas/Billy Fontenot, Fort Worth, Texas, 2,888.
88, Courtney/Kevin Bolin, Katy, Texas, 2,883.
89, Tristan Senegal, Baton Rouge, La./Omar Arnett, Richmond, Texas, 2,882.
90, Genie Franklin, Frisco, Texas/Brett Wolfe, Mesa, Ariz., 2,881.
91 (tie), Joi Bell, Pflugerville, Texas/Terence McQueen, Houston, Texas; Rachael Gittings, Glen Allen, Va./Mike Dole, Loves Park, Ill., and Kelly/David Jay, Katy, Texas, 2,877.
94, Bryanna Caldwell/Randy Cote, Red Rock, Ariz., 2,867.
95, Debby Oulicky/Robert McBride, Dallas, Texas, 2,863.
96, Sandi Charles, Nolanville, Texas/CJ Thomas, Shreveport, La., 2,859.
97, Pam Lawrence, Pflugerville, Texas/Robert Lawrence, Austin, Texas, 2,849.
98, Britney Russell, Houston, Texas/Will Werner, Montgomery, Texas, 2,845.
99, Jackie Fisher, Allen, Texas/Eddie Gaddison, San Dimas, Calif., 2,838.
100, Lil Johnson, Lawton, Okla./Andy Patterson, Tyler, Texas, 2,831.
101 (tie), Brette Joseph, Pflugerville, Texas/Warren Waggett, Houston, Texas; Kiyoko McDonald, McKinney, Texas/AJ Rice, Phoenix City, Ala., and Wendy/Lee Arnold, Hockley, Texas, 2,825.
104, Gabriella Mayfield, Valparaiso, Ind./Mike Austin, Houston, Texas, 2,823.
105, Alice Hale, Austin, Texas/Ron Willard, Houston, Texas, 2,814.
106, Nichole DePaul Miller, Baytown, Texas/Mark London, La Porte, Texas, 2,810.
107, Mary Jo Cox/Lee Lorts, Houston, Texas, 2,806.
108, Tamara Dunning, Little Rock, Ark./Corey Bottos, Houston, Texas, 2,796.
109, Lisa Wasson, Murphy, Texas/John Pierce, Denton, Texas, 2,794.
110, Ashley Blakley, Houston, Texas/Nick Johnsen, Rosenberg, Texas, 2,774.
111, Diva Gwisch/Kevin Foerster, Houston, Texas, 2,773.
112, Deidra Johnson/Darrin Senegal, Baton Rouge, La., 2,770.
113, Casey Goettel, St. Charles, Mo./Ben Howison-Johnstone, England, 2,745.
114 (tie), Rene Fleming, Oklahoma City/Carlos Gonzalez, Pearland, Texas, and Jaime Wells, Humble, Texas/Justin Maxwell, Houston, Texas, 2,737.

116, Kristine Falcon, Conroe, Texas/Robert Richardson, Humble, Texas, 2,732.
117, Norma Manns, Austin, Texas/David Scardaville, Houston, Texas, 2,712.
118, Sue Jeziorski, West Seneca, N.Y./John Kroll, West Seneca, N.Y., 2,705.
119, Jessica Haynes/Charles Vaughan, Pasadena, Texas, 2,704.
120, Laura Godfrey, San Antonio, Texas/Chris Bryant, Austin, Texas, 2,697.
121, Tamara Thompson, Grand Prairie, Texas/Clint Land, Houston, Texas, 2,685.
122, Rocky Boubel, Selma, Texas/Mark Waldrep, Longboat Key, Fla., 2,680.
123, Taylor Evans, Katy, Texas/Jeremy Evans, Taylor, Texas, 2,675.
124, Lori Swanson/Randall Blackketter, Houston, Texas, 2,658.
125, Kim/Michiel Burnham, Pasadena, Texas, 2,618.
126, Pam/Rick Noftsier, Katy, Texas, 2,563.
x-Romeo and VanDaniker def. Thornton and Lavery-Spahr, 458-414, for the final place in the cashers' round.

300 Games: Blake Paris.

Shannon O'Keefe, Bill O'Neill Win Second PBA/PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Title

HOUSTON, Texas (Aug. 2, 2015) – Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Ill., and Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., won their first seven of eight matches Sunday to run away with the 16th annual PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament title at Palace Lanes, repeating their title-winner performance of 2013.

O'Keefe, an 11-time Team USA member and currently head women's bowling coach at McKendree University, earned her first Professional Women's Bowling Association title while O'Neill picked up his seventh Professional Bowlers Association title and second of the 2015 season. The winner pair also split the \$15,000 first prize.

O'Keefe and O'Neill came into the eight-game match play final round in seventh place, but averaged a combined ?? for 20 doubles games and earned 210 match play bonus pins, charging into the lead after four other teams each held the lead for one game earlier in the match play finals. With a 160-pin lead going into the final game, O'Keefe and O'Neill finally lost a match to runners-up Lynda and Chris Barnes, but they still won comfortably, 8,782-8,707 pins.

"We were fortunate to win our first two matches because we didn't bowl that well, but we both made ball changes in game three and from that point on, we really bowled well," O'Neill said. "The scores were a lot lower than I thought, but the conditions just got really flat and made it hard for the women. Fortunately I bowled with one of the women who can get inside and hook the ball. When she found it, she got her confidence back and really bowled well."

It was O'Keefe's third Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title. She also won the 2012 title with her husband, Bryan.

"I finally got the monkey off my back and I couldn't be happier to win my first PWBA title, thanks to Bill," O'Keefe said. "PWBA went away and for the past decade, I've bowled with Team USA and that has kept me going. I'm way too competitive to not want to bowl."

"Bryan was coaching Team USA at the Tournament of Americas in 2013, and it conflicts with this tournament, so I asked Bill if he'd like to bowl and we won," O'Keefe said. "This year I asked him early and got him locked up."

"I was just very fortunate that Bryan doesn't bowl that much anymore and let me bowl with his wife," O'Neill said.

The tournament, which also serves as a fund-raiser in support of The Rose, a Houston-based organization that helps women who can't afford breast care treatment or mammograms, and the Huntsman Group, a cancer research based in Utah, raised more than \$74,000 for its charities. Over its 16-year history, the tournament has raised more than \$725,000 to fight breast cancer.

PBA's Xtra Frame online video-streaming service will offer doubleheader coverage of the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles from Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., along with the PWBA Topeka Open presented by Prairie Band Resort & Casino from West Ridge Lanes in Topeka, Kan., over the Aug. 6-8 weekend. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Fans also can follow game-by-game updates on pba.com under the Live Scoring tab.

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Palace Lanes, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill./Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 7-1, 8,782, \$15,000.
- 2, Lynda/Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 5-3, 8,707, \$8,000.
- 3, Anita Arnett, Richmond, Texas/Tyler Jensen, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3, 8,532, \$5,000.
- 4, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3-5, 8,458, \$4,000.
- 5, Diana Zavjalova/David Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 3-5, 8,407, \$3,000.
- 6, Verity Crawley, England/Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3-5, 8,352, \$2,500.
- 7, Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla./E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-6, 8,337, \$2,200.
- 8, Jackie Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 4-4, 8,311, \$2,000.

Other Cashers (after 12 games):

- 9, Megan Kelly, Dayton, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 4,999, \$1,800.
- 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,993, \$1,700.
- 11, Kristin Warzinski, Muskegon, Mich./Joe Findling, Mesquite, Texas, 4,988, \$1,600.
- 12, Cassandra Leuthold, Rapid City, S.D./Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 4,981, \$1,500.
- 13, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,980, \$1,450.
- 14, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 4,970, \$1,400.
- 15, Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa./Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 4,924, \$1,350.
- 16, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas/Xeno Garcia, Fort Worth, Texas, 4,920, \$1,300.
- 17, Karen Boyd, Fort Lauderdale, Fla./John Janawicz, Winterhaven, Fla., 4,892, \$1,250.
- 18, Rocio Restrepo, Colombia/Joe Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 4,874, \$1,200.
- 19, Brittni Hamilton, Victor, N.Y./Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 4,870, \$1,180.
- 20, Maria Rodriguez/Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 4,861, \$1,160.
- 21 (tie), Jacqui Reese, McAdoo, Pa./Nathan Van Putten, Houston, Texas, and Robin Romeo, Newhall, Calif./Eddie VanDaniker Jr., Chatsworth, Calif., 4,860, \$1,130.
- 23, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 4,856, \$1,100.
- 24, Heather Whitney/Tyson Branagan, Euless, Texas, 4,854, \$1,080.
- 25, Clara Guerrero/Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,831, \$1,060.
- 26, Kayla Bandy, Salisbury, Md./Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 4,803, \$1,040.
- 27, Angie Ramirez, Chicago/DJ Archer, Kingswood, Texas, 4,764, \$1,020.
- 28, Sandra Gongora/Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 4,700, \$1,000.
- 29, Allie Ijams, Wichita, Kan./Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 4,685, \$800.
- 30, Heather D'Errico, Rochester, N.Y./Eric Martinez, San Antonio, Texas, 4,681, \$750.

PBA Spare Shots

PBA REGIONAL CHALLENGE POINTS RACES HEAD TOWARD SEPTEMBER 30 FINISH LINE

PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional competitors are headed toward the qualifying finish line for berths in the PBA Challenge Finals qualifying events that will be held during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in December in Reno, Nev.

The PBA Regional Finals will feature the 2015 competition points leader from each of the eight PBA regions (East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West, Northwest and Japan) as of Sept. 30. All eight players also will receive a free entry into the WSOB. On Monday, Dec. 7, the eight PBA Regional qualifiers will bowl an eight-game round-robin match play qualifying event at the National Bowling Stadium, with the top two players advancing to the ESPN-televised PBA Regional Finals, one of four matches that make up the PBA Challenge Finals telecast.

The top eight players in points at the end of the PBA50 Tour season will bowl an identical program on Dec. 7 for two berths in the PBA50 Tour Finals.

The PBA-PWBA Women's Regional Finals also will feature the points leaders from the eight PBA Regions, and each of them also will receive a free entry into the World Series. To avoid a conflict with the World Bowling Women's World Championships, the PBA-PWBA Women's Regional match play qualifying event will be held on Friday, Dec. 18.

The PBA Challenge Finals also will include a Teen Masters Grand Championship match between 2015 Teen Masters high school champions **Brandon Soedarmasto** of Levittown, N.Y., and **Brigitte Jacobs** of Freeport, Ill.

Heading into the home stretch of the PBA Regional season, here are the points leaders (and second-place in points) in the seven domestic regions as of Aug. 2. For complete schedules in each region, visit pba.com and click on the “schedules” tab. The Japan Region is just getting its 2015 season underway:

- East Region: Men – **Patrick Allen**, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 79,451; **John Furey**, Freehold, N.J., 64,684. Women – **Danielle McEwan**, Stony Point, N.Y., 19,249; **Kerry Smith**, Lititz, Pa., 17,490.
- South Region: Men – **Jason Sterner**, Covington, Ga., 67,743; **Tom Daugherty**, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 63,882. Women – **Elise Bolton**, Merritt Island, Fla., 25,597; **Inngellimar Beasley**, Venezuela, 25,000.
- Central Region: Men – **Patrick Dombrowski**, Parma, Ohio, 103,036; **Ryan Ciminelli**, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 76,940. Women – **Rocio Restropo**, Louisville, Ky., 26,985; **Diana Zavjalova**, Beavercreek, Ohio, 14,016.
- Midwest Region: Men – **Brad Miller**, St. Charles, Mo., 124,794; **Tom Hess**, Urbandale, Iowa, 111,995; Women – **Inngellimar Beasley**, Venezuela, 38,555; **Clara Guerrero**, Colombia, 25,000.
- Southwest Region: Men – **Nathan Bohr**, Austin, Texas, 94,136; **Joe Findling**, Mesquite, Texas, 89,725. Women – **Clara Guerrero**, Colombia, 37,206 points; **Maria Rodriguez**, Colombia, 26,924.
- West Region: Men – **Josh Blanchard**, Mesa, Ariz., 148,091; **Scott Norton**, Mission Viejo, Calif., 137,809; Women – **Missy Parkin**, Laguna Hills, Calif., 62,270; **Clara Guerrero**, Colombia, 21,998.
- Northwest Region: Men – **Josh Blanchard**, Mesa, Ariz., 117,096; **Scott Norton**, Mission Viejo, Calif., 99,712; Women – **Missy Parkin**, Laguna Hills, Calif., 37,270; **April Lord Wittig**, Steilacoom, Wash., 23,300.

GOT A QUESTION FOR PBA COMMISSIONER TOM CLARK? TRY FACEBOOK

PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** held an open forum on Facebook over the weekend, answering a number of questions about the PBA and why it does what it does, on his PBA Tour Commissioner page. So if you’d like to read the candid, detailed insights into the PBA, visit Clark’s Facebook page and take a look at the dozens of questions PBA fans asked. Based on the interaction with fans in his first Q&A session, Clark indicated he’ll be happy to schedule future Q&A sessions. To be continued...

In the meantime, PBA fans are encouraged to interact with PBA players through their own Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages. To find out which player uses which social media outlet, visit pba.com, click on the “bowlers” drop-down menu and find the PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour player you’d like to follow.

UPCOMING ON XTRA FRAME: UNIQUE “DOUBLEHEADER” WEEKEND ON TAP

The August 6-8 Xtra Frame schedule will provide bowling fans with a bonus weekend, including doubleheader coverage of the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles from Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind., along with the PWBA Topeka Open presented by Prairie Band Resort & Casino from West Ridge Lanes in Topeka, Kan. It’s the only weekend of the entire year that will include PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PWBA players on Xtra Frame – all within a 72-hour window.

Also on tap for Xtra Frame fans is the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite from Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 10-12; the PWBA Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14-15; the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open presented by Hammer from Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind., Aug. 14-16; the PWBA Minnesota Open from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., Aug. 21-22; the Xtra Frame PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop East Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center in Middletown, Del., Aug. 22-23, and the PWBA Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., Aug. 28-29.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire August package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA’s best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ADDS PDW’S HISTORIC 2013 TOC WIN

Pete Weber’s victorious performances are always emotional, but not many match his record-tying 10th major championship win over **Jason Belmonte** in the 2013 Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions. That performance is the newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics library on PBA’s YouTube channel. To watch all of the classic PBA Tour championship events on YouTube, click here: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HOHNSTEIN, VAZQUEZ WIN IN BOISE

● Amateur **Lucas Hohnstein** of Boise, Idaho, posted a 4-3-1 match play record and a 3,699 pinfall total to win the PBA Boise Northwest/West Open at 20th Century Lanes in Boise, Idaho, Sunday, by 13 pints over **Evan Nash** of Kennewick, Wash. Hohnstein earned \$2,000, but doesn’t receive credit for a PBA title because he is an amateur.

In the companion PBA50 Open, **Noel Vazquez** of Sacramento, Calif., went 3-3 and knocked down 3,106 total pins for 14 games to top **Scott Hansel** of Stockton, Calif., by 39 pins for his title and a \$1,500 prize. Hansel had a 4-2 match play record and 3,067 pins.

- A heavy schedule of activity in August begins with the Killeen Southwest Open at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen, Texas; the Bowlers Supply/Storm Products East Open at Colony Park Lanes North in York, Pa., and the Strike N Spare II Midwest Open presented by 900 Global in Lockport, Ill., over the Aug. 7-9 weekend. A pair of mid-week one-day, reduced entry fee PBA50 Ft. Wayne Central/Midwest Shootout events are set for Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., following the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship that concludes at Pro Bowl West on Aug. 12.
- The Aug. 14-16 PBA Regional schedule includes the Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio; the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.; the Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open presented by Track at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.; the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Track, in Houston, Texas, and the PBA50 Craig Mueller Memorial presented by Ebonite at Jersey Lanes in Linden, N.J.
- PBA50 Central and Midwest players will visit Bowling Green, Ohio, Aug. 17-19, for the PBA50 Progressive/German Insurance/Al Smith Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes followed by the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Arlington Heights, Ill., Aug. 21-23. Also on the Aug. 21-23 schedule are the Greenville Southwest Open presented by DV8 at Shenaniganz in Greenville, Texas, and the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., where a projected \$15,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be at stake (Xtra Frame will cover the Gene Carter Pro Shop event live from start to finish).
- Closing out the August schedule over the Aug. 28-30 weekend will be the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Invitation at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the LaFayette Lanes Fayetteville (N.C.) South Open presented by 900 Global, and the Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

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- Remember, book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com and you'll become eligible to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the monthly sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner. And subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) to automatically enter MOTIV's monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV bowling ball.

The July HotelPlanners.com winner is PBA Central Region competitor **Kyle Bigelow** of Troy, Ohio, and the July MOTIV bowling ball winner is **Diana Walter** of Bellport, N.Y.

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Webber International's Ramon Hilferink Earns
2015 Billy Welu Scholarship Award

CHICAGO (Aug. 6, 2015) -- The PBA announced today that Ramon Hilferink, a junior at Webber International University, has been awarded the PBA's Billy Welu Scholarship award for 2015.

The Welu scholarship was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic excellence.

As the captain for the Webber International men's bowling team, Hilferink averaged 211.5 for the 2014-15 season and ranked eighth in the collegebowling.com player rankings.

A native of the Netherlands and a member of his country's national bowling team, Hilferink was an NAIA first-team All American and Coaches Bowling Association honorable mention selection for 2014-15. In addition, he received all-tournament honors at the Bulls County Championship and Backhaul Hoosier Championships where he won a team title with Webber International in 2014.

Hilferink comes from a bowling family as his parents own an eight-lane center in the Netherlands. It was after a visit to the Kegel Training Center with his parents while on vacation when he was 13 that he decided he wanted to pursue the sport competitively.

"From my first visit to Kegel, it became my dream to one day bowl in college," Hilferink said. "When I first visited Kegel I was able to bowl there the whole day and I was hooked at that point."

After college, Hilferink hopes to combine a career as a competitor with that of a ball designer for a bowling manufacturer.

"After I finish my education in sports management, I would like to continue in the engineering field so that I can make a career in designing bowling balls," he said. "I'm thankful to win the scholarship because that will help with my education goals."

Academically, he is currently pursuing a major in Sport Business Management with a 3.35 GPA and has earned NAIA and NCBCA Academic All-America recognition. He is also a John Davis Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Hilferink will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintain at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent.

Welu, who passed away in 1974, was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

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Tackett and Keane Lead Qualifying After PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles First Round

HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug. 6, 2015) -- PBA Tour player EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and PBA50 Tour player Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., took the top qualifying spots after the first round of the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles presented by DV8 Thursday at Olympia Lanes.

Tackett, who won the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Open in June for his first Tour title, led the 82-player PBA Tour division with a 1,910 eight-game pinfall (238.7 average) bowling games of 223, 258, 256, 259, 232, 219, 238 and 225.

"I've kind of been riding a wave since I won in Texas and hope I can keep it going," said the 2012-13 PBA Rookie of the Year. "My immediate goal here is to finish the best I can in qualifying. I finished seventh in the recent (PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer) mixed doubles tournament last week and I generally like bowling doubles so I'll just look forward to see who I'm paired with from the PBA50 side."

Keane led the PBA50 division, also averaging 238, finishing with a 1,904 eight-game pinfall with games of 277, 181, 226, 267, 225, 258, 224 and 246.

Keane, whose best PBA50 Tour finish was 14th in last season's Northern California Classic and this season's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, likes his chances to improve on that finish in Hammond.

"I can't think of anyone I wouldn't want to bowl with among the PBA Tour players," Keane said. "It's kind of a dream because there are no bad bowlers here. I'm excited about how well I'm bowling and who I might have the opportunity to bowl with if I continue to bowl well."

With the doubles pairings determined by qualifying position in each division, if qualifying ended after the first round Tackett and Keane would be the top qualifying doubles pair heading into match play. However, the tournament's doubles pairings won't be determined until second round qualifying concludes Friday.

The top 10 doubles teams will be made up of a PBA Tour player and a PBA50 Tour player who will advance to Saturday's Baker format doubles match play. Eight additional doubles pairs made up of two PBA50 players will also advance to match play. Saturday's championship rounds are scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

The winning PBA Tour doubles player will receive a PBA Tour title and the winning PBA50 Doubles player will receive a PBA50 Tour title.

Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/> for subscription information.

PBA/PBA50 SOUTH SHORE OPEN PRESENTED BY DV8

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Thursday

First Round Qualifying Standings

(After 8 games. Top 10 PBA Tour players will be paired with top 10 PBA50 Tour players based on qualifying order after Friday's second qualifying round for match play. Eight additional doubles teams made up of PBA50 players will also advance.)

PBA Tour Standings

- 1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,910.
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,851.
- 3, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,831.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,829.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,825.
- 6, a-Billy Oatman, Chicago, 1,798.
- 7, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,781.
- 8, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,761.
- 9, (tie) Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,750.
- 11, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,743.
- 12, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 1,718.
- 13, Brian Gunn, Chicago, 1,715.
- 14, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,714.
- 15, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,699.
- 16, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,698.
- 17, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,694.
- 18, (tie) Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 1,690.
- 20, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,667.
- 21, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,664.
- 22, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,656.
- 23, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,635.
- 24, a-Jeffrey Holden, Hammond, Ind., 1,622.
- 25, a-Adam Vania, Griffith, Ind., 1,619.
- 26, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,593.
- 27, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,582.
- 28, a-Bob Kammer Jr., Crown Point, Ind., 1,568.
- 29, a-Ryan Burks, Whiting, Ind., 1,562.
- 30, Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., 1,554.
- 31, Inngellimar Contreras, Venezuela, 1,511.
- 32, Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., 1,307.

PBA50 Tour Standings

- 1, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,904.
- 2, Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,897.
- 3, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,889.
- 4, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,885.
- 5, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,844.
- 6, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,828.
- 7, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,823.
- 8, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 1,820.
- 9, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,812.
- 10, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 1,808.
- 11, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,803.
- 12, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 1,798.

13, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,794.
14, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 1,793.
15, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,791.
16, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,788.
17, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,778.
18, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,772.
19, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,770.
20, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,767.
21, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,758.
22, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,752.
23, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 1,750.
24, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,749.
25, (tie) Rick Thomas, Willowbrook, Ill., and John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,747.
27, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,745.
28, Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 1,740.
29, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 1,729.
30, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,725.
31, a-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 1,719.
32, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 1,718.
33, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,714.
34, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,710.
35, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,703.
36, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,701.
36, Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 1,701.
38, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,693.
39, Gregg Zicha, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 1,690.
40, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,689.
41, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,682.
42, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 1,680.
43, David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,675.
44, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,665.
45, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,657.
46, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,654.
47, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,647.
48, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,633.
49, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,631.
50, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,629.
51, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,626.
52, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 1,621.
53, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,612.
54, (tie) Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,610.
56, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,608.
57, (tie) Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., and Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,600.
59, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,598.
60, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,592.
61, Robert Leonard Sr, Elmira Heights, N.Y., 1,590.
62, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 1,580.
63, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,574.
64, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,561.
65, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,559.
66, a-Dave Welch, St.Louis, Mo., 1,549.
67, a- Frank Tardio, Inverness, Ill., 1,546.
68, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,545.
69, Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,542.
70, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,531.
71, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 1,525.
72, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,523.
73, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,494.

74, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,485.
75, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,478.
76, a-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,475.
77, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,466.
78, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 1,464.
79, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,451.
80, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,415.
81, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,406.
82, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,348.

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Jones and Keane Lead 18 Doubles Teams Into PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles Match Play

HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug. 7, 2015) – PBA Tour player Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. and PBA50 Tour player Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., will lead a field of 18 doubles teams into match play Saturday in the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles presented by DV8.

Jones, a 16-time PBA Tour winner, topped PBA Tour division qualifying at Olympia Lanes Friday with a 3,750 16-game overall pinfall (234 average), bowling games of 255, 255, 245, 238, 238, 236, 199 and 255 in Friday's second round.

"I enjoy the doubles and team formats," Jones said. "I usually do well in a doubles or team environment. If you you're in synch it's a lot of fun to share your success with teammates.

"We'll get to the center a little early and share some thoughts and maybe put a game plan together-nothing complicated," Jones added. "The main thing is to have fun with it and hope you can feed off of each other's energy."

The top 10 doubles teams, made up of a PBA Tour player and a PBA50 Tour player based on qualifying order in their respective divisions, advanced to Saturday morning's Baker format doubles match play. Eight additional doubles pairs made up of two PBA50 players also advanced to match play. Saturday's championship rounds are scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

Keane, who maintained his first round lead in the PBA50 division, took the top qualifying spot with a 3,759 pinfall (235 average) bowling games of 252, 268, 222, 206, 223, 243, 237 and 207 in the second round.

Keane is hoping to improve on a career-best PBA50 Tour finish of 14th in last year's Northern California Classic and this season's Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

"I'm pretty excited about it," Keane said of his match up with Jones. "I've had a tournament where everything is really going my way from the way I'm throwing the ball to getting good breaks. I think we're both in a position where we can continue the momentum."

The winning PBA Tour doubles player will receive a PBA Tour title and the winning PBA50 doubles player will receive a PBA50 Tour title.

Fans can catch PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles final day action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/> for subscription information.

PBA/PBA50 SOUTH SHORE DOUBLES PRESENTED BY DV8
Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Friday

Second Round Qualifying Standings

(After 16 games. Top 10 PBA Tour players paired with top 10 PBA50 Tour players based on qualifying order for match play. Eight additional doubles teams made up of PBA50 players also advanced.)

PBA Tour Standings

- 1, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,750.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,640.
- 3, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,585.
- 4, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,583.
- 5, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,580.
- 6, Brian Gunn, Chicago, 3,566.
- 7, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,539.
- 8, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3,498.
- 9, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,497.
- 10, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,496.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,478.
- 12, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,456.
- 13, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,441.
- 14, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,434.
- 15, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 3,420.
- 16, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 3,410.
- 17, a-Billy Oatman, Chicago, 3,398.
- 18, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,390.
- 19, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,382.
- 20, Craig Nidiffer, Trenton, Mich., 3,374.
- 21, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 3,373.
- 22, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,360.
- 23, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,280.
- 24, Chris Cundiff, Lake Station, Ind., 3,277.
- 25, a-Jeffrey Holden, Hammond, Ind., 3,257.
- 26, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 3,239.
- 27, a-Ryan Burks, Whiting, Ind., 3,210.
- 28, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,194.
- 29, Inngellimar Contreras, Venezuela, 3,096.
- 30, a-Adam Vania, Griffith, Ind., 3,079.
- 31, a-Bob Kammer Jr., Crown Point, Ind., 3,068.
- 32, Scott Schmal, Dyer, Ind., 2,895.

PBA50 Tour Standings

- 1, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,759.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,671.
- 3, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,654.
- 4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,637.
- 5, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,636.
- 6, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,626.
- 7, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,621.
- 8, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,604.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,576.
- 10, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,568.
- 11, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,537.
- 12, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,527.
- 13, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,518.
- 13, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,518.
- 15, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,502.

16, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,494.
17, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,482.
18, Jeff Richgels, Madison, Wis., 3,478.
19, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,473.
20, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,471.
21, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,462.
22, Gregg Zicha, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 3,457.
23, a-Leroy Johnson, Chicago, 3,456.
24, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,446.
25, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,443.
26, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3,438.
27, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,428.
28, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,424.
28, Rick Thomas, Willowbrook, Ill., 3,424.
30, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,422.
31, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,418.
32, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,415.
33, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 3,414.
34, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 3,409.
35, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 3,399.
36, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,388.
37, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,378.
38, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 3,372.
39, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 3,364.
40, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,344.
41, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 3,342.
42, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,341.
43, Darryl Traber, Waterford, Wis., 3,339.
44, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 3,332.
45, (tie) Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., and Joe Scarborough, Charlotte, N.C., 3,328.
47, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,311.
48, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 3,287.
49, (tie) Robert Leonard Sr, Elmira Heights, N.Y., and David Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 3,285.
51, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 3,283.
52, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,258.
53, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,257.
54, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 3,256.
55, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 3,253.
56, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,251.
57, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,248.
58, a-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, Nev., 3,222.
59, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,215.
60, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,195.
61, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,187.
62, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,180.
63, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,176.
64, (tie) Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,174.
66, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,164.
67, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,139.
68, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,120.
69, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,095.
70, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,078.
71, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 3,070.
72, Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3,068.
73, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,055.
74, a-Dave Welch, St. Louis, Mo., 3,050.
75, a- Frank Tardio, Inverness, Ill., 3,022.
76, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 3,009.

- 77, Robert Kicmal, LaGrange, Ill., 2,959.
- 78, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2,904.
- 79, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,825.
- 80, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,812.
- 81, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 1,531.
- 82, Carmen Salvino, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,451.

Match Play Pairings

- 1. Jones/Keane
- 2. Tackett/Williams Jr.
- 3. Raymond/Ventura
- 4. Archer/Learn Jr.
- 5. Pepe/Cooper
- 6. Gunn/Duke
- 7. Troup/Maccarone
- 8. McCune/Mohr
- 9. Daugherty/Boesch
- 10. Russell/Brunette Jr.
- 11. Woloszyn/Burkett
- 12. Baker/Sullins
- 13. Bernhardt/Staikoff
- 14. Ream/Richgels
- 15. Zakrajsek/LeClair
- 16. Brown/Zicha
- 16. Johnson/Jurek
- 18. Henson/Bohn

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DJ Archer, Bob Learn Jr. Team Up to Win PBA-PBA50 South Shore Doubles Title

HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug. 6, 2015) – DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and PBA50 partner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., used critically-placed strikes to defeat EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 213-206, to win the PBA-PBA50 South Shore Doubles presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes Saturday.

Archer earned his second PBA Tour title and Learn, a five-time PBA Tour champion in his earlier years, claimed his third PBA50 Tour title.

The title was decided when Archer struck on his first shot in the 10th frame after a missed 10 pin by Learn in the ninth gave Tackett and Williams a glimmer of hope.

"I admit there was a little more pressure in the 10th frame because its doubles and you're also bowling for your partner," Archer said. "But I did the same thing I did when I won the Chameleon Open – I just focused on making the best shot I could, and that was enough."

Learn, who gave Archer a bear hug after his strike, apologized for "making it a little more exciting than it needed to be. But I'm really glad we wound up as partners. DJ is a great young player who is proving he can throw it for the wheat when he has to."

Archer and Learn started the title match with a pair of strikes, and added another string of three in a row to take a 27-pin lead before Learn's miss in the ninth frame. Tackett and Williams, however, didn't throw back-to-back strikes until the ninth and 10th

frames. A second strike in the 10th by Tackett would have forced Archer to double for the win, but Tackett left the 3 pin and Archer, needing a mark for the win, got his strike.

Archer and Learn advanced to the title match by eliminating top qualifiers Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., and his PBA50 Tour partner Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., 219-213, in the semifinal round. For Archer, the third-place tie was the highest finish of his seven-year PBA50 Tour career. Tackett and Williams advanced with a 227-205 victory over JR Raymond of Bay City, Mich., and his PBA50 partner Sammy Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y.

The match play finals were contested under a Baker doubles format in which the doubles partners alternated frames and players switched lanes each game. Ten teams of PBA and PBA50 players were created based upon the players' respective finishing positions in separate PBA qualifying rounds. Eight additional teams of PBA50-only players also qualified for match play.

The PBA50 Tour concludes its 2015 season next week in Fort Wayne, Ind., when Pro Bowl West hosts the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, presented by Ebonite, Monday through Wednesday, followed by the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic, presented by Hammer, Friday through Sunday.

All competitive rounds of both tournaments will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA-PBA50 SOUTH SHORE DOUBLES

Presented by DV8

Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind., Saturday

(All match play competition was contested under an alternate-frame Baker doubles format)

Championship: DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas/s-Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa. (\$20,000) def. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind./s-Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla. (\$8,000), 213-206.

Semifinal Round (losing teams earned \$4,500): Tackett/s-Williams def. JR Raymond, Bay City, Mich./s-Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 227-205. Archer/s-Learn def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C./s-Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 219-213.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losing teams earned \$3,200): Tackett/s-Williams def. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind./Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 2-0. Raymond/s-Ventura def. Brian Gunn, Chicago/s-Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2-0. Jones/Keane def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind./s-Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-1. Archer/Learn def. ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C./s-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 2-0.

Round 3 (best of five, losing teams earned \$2,900): Russell/s-Brunette def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C./Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3-2. Gunn/s-Duke def. s-Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind./s-John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3-2. McCune/s-Mohr def. Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla./s-Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3-2. ss-Baker/s-Sullins def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y./Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3-1.

Round 2 (best of five, losing teams earned \$2,700): Russell/s-Brunette def. s-Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio/s-Brian Leclair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-2. s-Woloszyn/s-Burkett def. s-Tom Ream, Tampa, Fla./s-Jeff Richgels, Oregon, Wis., 3-1. Daugherty/Boresch def. s-a-Leroy Johnson, Chicago/Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3-1. ss-Baker/s-Sullins def. ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich./ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3-2.

Round 1 (best of five, losing teams earned \$2,500): Zakrajsek/Leclair def. ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio/Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-0. Johnson/Jurek def. Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo./Gregg Zicha, Glen Ellyn, Ill., 3-0.

Other PBA60 Cashers (\$1,000 each): Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio; Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind.; Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla.; Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev.; Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif.; Phil Moros, Lombard, Ill.; Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind.; Kerry Fulford, Fort Worth, Texas.

s-denotes PBA50 player; ss-denotes PBA60 player, a-denotes amateur.

300 Games: Walter Ray Williams Jr. Brian Gunn.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mike Scroggins Averages 254 to Lead
PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship First Round

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 10, 2015) – PBA50 Tour rookie Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, averaged 254 to take the first round qualifying lead Monday in the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite.

Scroggins, trying for his third win of the season, fired a 2,033 eight-game pinfall total with games of 206, 238, 278, 267, 277, 240, 247 and 280 at Pro Bowl West.

Despite his two wins, it's been an up-and-down season for Scroggins who won eight titles including the 2009 U.S. Open during his PBA Tour career.

"There have been times when I've taken things for granted and lost focused," said Scroggins. "Last week (in the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles) was an example. I was eighth after the first round and then the second day I bowled some 160s and 170s which knocked me out of the tournament.

"The best way to cure the problem is to not look too far ahead and to look at tomorrow as though it's the start of the tournament."

A win in the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship would make Scroggins the season's only three-time winner. His two wins this season have come in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

Scroggins led three other lefthanders in the top four after the first round. Finishing second was PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., the only other player with two wins this season, with a 1,949 pinfall, followed by Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio, 1,938, and Gary Kammes of Winfield, Ill., with 1,905. Rounding out the top five was Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., with 1,900. Keane was last week's PBA50 top qualifier in the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles where he finished fourth with 16-time PBA Tour winner Tommy Jones.

The 112-player field will return for another eight-game qualifying round Tuesday which will determine the top 24 players who will advance to match play and 13 players who will compete in Wednesday's cashers round to try for eight additional match play spots. The top five after match play will advance to the stepladder finals scheduled for 6:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND EBONITE Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Monday First Round Standings (after 8 games)

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2,033.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,949.
- 3, ss-Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,938.
- 4, ss-Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,905.
- 5, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 1,900.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,872.
- 7, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,870.
- 8, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 1,861.
- 8, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 1,861.
- 10, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 1,859.
- 11, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 1,855.
- 12, ss-Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,852.
- 13, (tie) Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,847.
- 15, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,844.
- 16, ss-Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 1,825.
- 17, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,824.
- 18, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 1,821.
- 19, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,819.
- 20, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1,816.
- 21, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 1,813.

22, Brent Beery, Kansas City, Mo., 1,812.
23, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 1,811.
24, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,809.
25, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 1,807.
27, ss-Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,805.
28, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 1,803.
29, ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,799.
30, ss-a-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 1,791.
31, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,783.
32, Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 1,779.
33, (tie) Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, and Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1,776.
35, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,774.
36, (tie) ss-Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., and Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 1,773.
38, (tie) ss-Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., and Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 1,762.
40, (tie) Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., and Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,757.
42, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 1,753.
43, ss-Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 1,749.
44, ss-Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,748.
45, ss-Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,747.
46, ss-Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 1,740.
47, ss-Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 1,738.
48, ss-Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,737.
49, (tie) ss-Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., and ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,729.
53, ss-John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,725.
54, (tie) ss-Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and Don Birkentall, Omaha, Neb., 1,724.
56, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,723.
57, ss-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 1,716.
58, ss-Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,714.
59, a-John Chapman, Canada, 1,712.
60, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 1,703.
61, ss-Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,702.
62, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 1,695.
63, (tie) ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, and John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 1,691.
65, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 1,689.
66, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,688.
67, (tie) Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, and ss-Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 1,687.
69, ss-Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 1,685.
70, ss-Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 1,678.
71, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 1,669.
72, a-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 1,668.
73, a-Dave Welch, St.Louis, Mo., 1,666.
74, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,656.
75, ss-Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,651.
76, ss-Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 1,649.
77, ss-Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,645.
78, ss-Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,640.
79, (tie) Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., and ss-Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,638.
81, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,633.
82, a-Victor VanHentenryck, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,632.
83, ss-Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 1,629.
84, ss-Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,628.
85, ss-Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 1,625.
86, (tie) ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., and ss-Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,624.
89, a-Gary Gatchell, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1,621.
90, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 1,620.
91, (tie) ss-Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., and ss-Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,617.
93, ss-Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,616.

94, ss-Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 1,612.
95, ss-Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,611.
96, Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,598.
97, ss-Terry Fronterhouse, Phoenix, 1,593.
98, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 1,584.
99, (tie) ss-Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, and Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 1,580.
101, ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,575.
102, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,570.
103, ss-Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,564.
104, ss-Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,558.
105, (tie) Kenneth Galitsky, Plainfield, Ind., and John Scully, Streamwood, Ill., 1,554.
107, ss-Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., 1,518.
108, ss-Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 1,501.
109, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 1,485.
110, Robert Michalojko, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,479.
111, ss-Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,433.
112, Dave Sill, Titusville, Fla., 1,255.

ss-denotes PBA60 players ages 60 and over a-denotes amateur

Mike Scroggins Averages 253.8 to Top
PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship Qualifying

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 11, 2015) – Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, averaged 253.8 to earn top qualifier honors Tuesday in the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite.

Scroggins, a PBA50 Tour rookie who started the season in April after a year-long absence from competition because of a serious foot ailment, led a field of 37 players at Pro Bowl West advancing to Wednesday's match play rounds which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

The eight-time PBA Tour titlist and 2009 U.S. Open winner, maintained his first round lead finishing qualifying with a 4,062 16-game game pinfall total bowling games of 299, 224, 280, 289, 216, 227, 279 and 215 in Tuesday's second eight-game round.

With his physical game back in order, Scroggins turned his attention to guarding against becoming too complacent after getting off to a fast start in the tournament.

"I didn't want to repeat what I did last week," said Scroggins, who was well up in the qualifying order in the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles only to bowl poorly in the second round to miss the cut. "I looked at today as a clean slate, as if I had to battle to make the cut.

"When I shot the 299 in the first game it was a reminder of what I could do if I just kept my focus. It was a good momentum builder for the rest of the block."

A win in the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship would make Scroggins the season's only three-time winner. His two wins this season came in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages and the Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

Scroggins held a 62-pin lead over PBA Hall of Famer and fellow lefthander Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., finishing qualifying with a 4,000 pinfall with the help of two 300 games in the second round. Bohn, who is also trying for a third title, had games of 279, 204, 195, 257, 300, 280, 300 and 236 Tuesday. Bohn's wins this season came in the Pasco County Florida Open and the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open.

By finishing in the top eight Scroggins and Bohn will take advantage of a two-round bye for Wednesday's match play.

Scroggins and Bohn dominated qualifying with Bohn finishing 220 pins ahead of Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio in third with 3,790; Rounding out the top eight were Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,784; Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,774, and Walter Ray Williams Jr., 3,741; Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,721 and Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 3,692.

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PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND EBONITE Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday

Second Round Standings (after 16 games. Top 24 advance to match play; places 25-37th plus eight PBA60 players advance to cashers round to determine eight additional match play finalists)

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 4,062.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,000.
- 3, Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3,790.
- 4, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 3,784.
- 5, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,774.
- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,741.
- 7, Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3,721.
- 8, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 3,692.
- 9, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,679.
- 10, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 3,651.
- 11, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 3,644.
- 12, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3,639.
- 13, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3,637.
- 14, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3,622.
- 15, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 3,611.
- 16, John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 3,610.
- 17, Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 3,605.
- 18, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 3,600.
- 19, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 3,599.
- 20, Gary Kammer, Winfield, Ill., 3,597.
- 21, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 3,583.
- 22, (tie) Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., and Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,579.
- 24, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3,565.
- 25, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3,560.
- 26, Brent Beery, Kansas City, Mo., 3,553.
- 27, Peter Knopp, Germany, 3,546.
- 28, Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 3,542.
- 29, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3,541.
- 30, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 3,538.
- 31, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 3,527.
- 32, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 3,526.
- 33, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,501.
- 34, (tie) Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., and John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 3,500.
- 36, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3,495.
- 37, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 3,490.
- 38, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3,487.
- 39, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 3,482.
- 40, Rick Zakrajsek, Lorain, Ohio, 3,480.
- 41, Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 3,478.
- 42, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., 3,477.
- 43, Mark Everette, Aliquippa, Pa., 3,473.
- 44, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 3,468.
- 45, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3,466.
- 46, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3,465.
- 47, (tie) Tom Howison, Chillicothe, Ohio, and Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 3,464.

49, Robert Brown, Cody, Wyo., 3,463.
 50, (tie) Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 3,462.
 52, Don Herrington, Ballston Lake, N.Y., 3,461.
 53, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3,458.
 54, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 3,447.
 55, John Burkett, Southlake, Texas, 3,446.
 56, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 3,436.
 57, (tie) Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, and Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 3,431.
 59, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 3,428.
 60, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3,427.
 61, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 3,408.
 62, (tie) William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., and John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 3,400.
 64, Lyle Zikes, Arlington Heights, Ill., 3,395.
 65, Dave Flemming, Fairborn, Ohio, 3,393.
 66, (tie) Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, and Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 3,382.
 68, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 3,380.
 69, Al Danz Jr., Escanaba, Mich., 3,370.
 70, Ernie Segura Jr., Taylor, Mich., 3,368.
 71, (tie) Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, and a-Robert Reeder Jr., Bellefonte, Pa., 3,356.
 73, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 3,354.
 74, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 3,345.
 75, Rick Woloszyn, Griffith, Ind., 3,334.
 76, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 3,332.
 77, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 3,329.
 78, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 3,314.
 79, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 3,313.
 80, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 3,309.
 81, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 3,307.
 82, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 3,300.
 83, (tie) a-Victor VanHentenryck, Fort Wayne, Ind., and a-John Chapman, Canada, 3,293.
 85, Robert Harvey, Boise, Idaho, 3,279.
 86, (tie) ss-Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., and a-Gary Gatchell, Fort Wayne, Ind., 3,271.
 88, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 3,270.
 89, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3,264.
 90, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 3,255.
 91, Tommy Martin, Olive Branch, Miss., 3,252.
 92, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,250.
 93, a-Mark Nance Sr., Grove City, Ohio, 3,248.
 94, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 3,232.
 95, a-Dave Welch, St. Louis, Mo., 3,228.
 96, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 3,225.
 97, John Scully, Streamwood, Ill., 3,217.
 98, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 3,211.
 99, Don Birkentall, Omaha, Neb., 3,202.
 100, Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio, 3,191.
 101, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 3,164.
 102, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 3,141.
 103, Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 3,128.
 104, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 3,124.
 105, Kenneth Galitsky, Plainfield, Ind., 3,110.
 106, Terry Fronterhouse, Phoenix, 3,106.
 107, Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., 3,092.
 108, Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 3,086.
 109, Robert Michalajko, Pittsburgh, Pa., 2,999.
 110, Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 2,986.
 111, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,943.

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Scroggins Wins PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship for Third Title of the Season and Rookie of the Year Honors

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber finishes tied for seventh to clinch first PBA50 Player of the Year crown

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 12, 2015) -- PBA50 Tour rookie Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, won his third PBA50 Tour title of the season and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., clinched PBA50 Player of the Year honors Wednesday in the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite.

Scroggins, who returned to PBA competition in April after a year-long absence because of a serious foot ailment, defeated 10-time PBA Tour winner and finals top qualifier Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan., 278-221, in the title match at Pro Bowl West to become the season's only three-time winner.

With his three wins Scroggins was the runaway winner for PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors.

"I just wanted to be in the running for rookie of the year when the season started," Scroggins said. "Winning one tournament would have been icing on the cake. I didn't know what to expect this season but to have the year I had was much more than I expected."

Scroggins, who qualified third for the finals, defeated Ed Silva of Manteca, Calif., in the second stepladder match, 227-217, and then beat Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., in the semifinal 248-212, to reach the championship match against Goebel.

In the finals Scroggins had to use two different balls, one for each lane, to attack the challenging finals lane condition.

"When I was practicing I was surprised by the ball reaction on the left lane so I had to use a different ball there," Scroggins said. "It's something I've done before because I prefer to make my adjustments with my equipment rather than moving left or right on the lane."

In the opening stepladder match, Silva, making his first finals appearance, defeated Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 186-184. Bohn, who left a pocket 7-10 split in the 10th frame to lose the match, was also trying for a third PBA50 Tour title this season.

Weber's seventh-place finish in the tournament was enough to secure PBA50 Player of the Year, his first player of the year crown of any kind during his more than three-decade-long PBA Hall of Fame career.

"It took me 35 years to do it but I've got a player of the year title -- PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour I don't care -- I'll take it," said Weber, who owns 37 PBA Tour titles including a record-tying 10 major wins. "I didn't have a lot of wins this season, but I had a lot of top finishes and did well in the majors which was good enough to achieve another goal in my career."

Weber earned PBA50 Player of the Year in large part because of his performances in the Suncoast Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters, the season's two majors. He won the Senior U.S. Open and finished second in the Senior Masters. He had other top finishes of second in the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, and a third-place finish in the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic.

Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., earned his first PBA60 Player of the Year award for players 60 and over.

The top eight players in competition points also earned berths in the PBA Challenge Finals qualifier which is part of the GEICO World Series of Bowling VII this December in Reno, Nev. The qualifier will determine two finalists who will compete in the PBA50 title match which will be televised by ESPN. Advancing will be Weber, Scroggins, Bohn, Williams, Amleto Monacelli, Brian LeClair, Jack Jurek and Bob Learn Jr.

The PBA50 Tour season will wrap up with the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic presented by Pro Bowl West and Hammer, Friday through Sunday for players 60 years and older. Fans can catch all the action on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information click on <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA50 DeHAYES INSURANCE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIP

PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND EBONITE
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Wednesday

Final Standings

- 1, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, \$7,500.
- 2, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$4,000.
- 3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$2,500.
- 4, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., \$2,000.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

Match One – Silva def. Bohn, 186-184.
Match Two – Scroggins def. Silva, 227-217.
Semifinal Match – Scroggins def. Williams, 248-212.
Championship – Scroggins def. Goebel, 278-221.

Modified Match Play Round 2 (after six games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., 5-1, 1,661.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4-2, 1,606.
- 3, Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5-1, 1,590.
- 4, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 4-2, 1,556.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-2, 1,540.
- 6, Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 4-2, 1,527, \$1,500.
- 7, (tie) Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2-4, 1,507, and John Brockland, St. Charles, Mo., 4-2, 1,507, \$1,500.
- 9, Lennie Boresch Jr, Kenosha, Wis., 2-4, 1,450, \$1,300.
- 10, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2-4, 1,441, \$1,300.
- 11, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 3-3, 1,440, \$1,300.
- 12, Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2-4, 1,373, \$1,300.
- 13, Christopher Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 3-3, 1,354, \$1,300.
- 14, ss-Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1-5, 1,339, \$1,300.
- 15, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1-5, 1,335, \$1,300.
- 16, Jerry Brunette Jr., Rochester, N.Y., 2-4, 1,314, \$1,300.

Modified Match Play Round 1 (after five games, including match play bonus pins)

- 17, Ralph Brunt Jr., Jensen Beach, Fla., 3-2, 1,239, \$1,200.
- 18, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., 3-2, 1,235, \$1,200.
- 19, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-2, 1,230, \$1,200
- 20, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 2-3, 1,215, \$1,200.
- 21, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-2-1, 1,193, \$1,200.
- 22, Brian Cooper, Henderson, Nev., 3-2, 1,179, \$1,200.
- 23, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2-3, 1,152, \$1,200.
- 24, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2-3, 1,140, \$1,200.
- 25, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 2-3, 1,138, \$1,100.
- 26, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3-2, 1,136, \$1,100.
- 27, Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1-4, 1,127, \$1,100.
- 28, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1-4, 1,125, \$1,100.
- 29, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2-3, 1,121, \$1,100.
- 30, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 1-4, 1,082, \$1,100.
- 31, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1-4, 1,049, \$1,100.
- 32, Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2-3, 1,031, \$1,100.

Other Cashers (after five-game cashers' round)

- 33, Peter Knopp, Germany, 1,116, \$1,000.
- 34, John Conroy, Mahopac, N.Y., 1,110, \$1,000.
- 35, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,101, \$1,000.
- 36, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,075, \$1,000.
- 37, Brent Beery, Kansas City, Mo., 1,073, \$1,000.
- 38, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,061, \$1,000.
- 39, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,056, \$1,000.
- 40, Brian Miller, Springfield, Ohio, 1055, \$1,000.
- 41, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 1,030, \$1,000.
- 42, Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 1,023, \$1,000.
- 43, Tracy Teeters, Eugene, Ore., 997, \$1,000.
- 44, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 983, \$1,000.
- 45, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 900, \$1,000.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA PLAYERS CONTINUE MAKING “MAKE-A-WISH” DREAMS COME TRUE

Over the years, a number of PBA Tour players have been asked to make dreams come true for youngsters through the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The latest was PBA Tour star **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., who granted the wish of 11-year-old cancer survivor **Solomon Wohrer** of Lancaster, Ohio.

Wohrer, who is recovering from Ewing’s Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer, realized his dream by meeting and bowling with Rash prior to the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind.

“I really like bowling and Sean is my favorite bowler,” Wohrer told the Northwest Indiana Tribune. “I thought about meeting wrestler **Dean Ambrose**, but I really wanted to meet Sean. It’s awesome to have my whole family here.”

In March Rash fulfilled a dream for Make-A-Wish kid **Demetri Przybylinski**, a 12-year-old from Mokena, Ill., who had a cardiac condition. Przybylinski and his family attended all of the PBA League shows in Portland, Maine, met and bowled with Rash, toured the behind-the-scenes of a PBA Tour stop including ESPN and PBA trucks, and he received a new a Radical ball from Rash.

“It isn’t anything you get used to or want to get used to,” said the eight-time Tour winner and former Player of the Year. “Anytime you can make a young kid smile, that’s what it’s all about.”

Earlier this season PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** made a dream come true for 14-year-old **Matt Brauckman** of Carroll, Iowa at the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions in Indianapolis. Brauckman, who has Hodgkin’s lymphoma, beat Williams in a challenge match, 213-206.

UPCOMING ON XTRA FRAME: PBA60, PWBA “DOUBLEHEADER” BEGINS FRIDAY

Next up on Xtra Frame will be PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open, presented by Pro Bowl West and Hammer, from Ft. Wayne, Ind., Friday thru Sunday, and the PWBA Lincoln Open from Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Neb., Friday and Saturday.

The Xtra Frame PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Eastern Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center in Middletown, Del., Aug. 22-23, and the PWBA Minnesota Open from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., Aug. 21-22, are set for the following week. Wrapping up the August schedule will be the PWBA Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., Aug. 28-29.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire August package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA’s best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

SMALLWOOD’S UNDERDOG WIN JOINS PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ON YOUTUBE

Tom Smallwood’s underdog victory in the 2009 PBA World Championship will be the newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics library on PBA’s YouTube channel, starting Friday. Smallwood’s victory was an American success story, emerging from the ranks of America’s unemployed after being laid off at General Motors to chase a dream. He entered the old PBA Tour Trials, earned an

exemption to bowl a full season on the PBA Tour, and converted his chance into the World Championship with an upset win over **Wes Malott** of Pflugerville, Texas, earning his first PBA Tour title along with a \$50,000 first prize. To watch all of the PBA Modern Classic championship events on YouTube, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

PB3 TIES WALTER RAY IN LIFETIME PBA 300 GAMES RACE

Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., became the first player in PBA history to bowl 100 perfect games in PBA competition (PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour, Regional and PBA50 Regional) when he rolled No. 100 during the PBA50 Northern California Classic in early July, and he added No. 101 during the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles last week.

But former career 300s leader **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., was up to the task, rolling a pair of perfect games during the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Open in Fort Wayne, Ind., earlier this week to pull back into a tie with Williams at 101 300s.

During the Fort Wayne event, **Pete Weber** of St. Ann, Mo., improved his hold on third place on the 300 games list, recording his 80th career PBA perfect game.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DAUGHERTY TOPS ALL-STAR FIELD IN LOCKPORT

PBA Tour titlist **Tom Daugherty** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., defeated future PBA Hall of Famer **Tommy Jones** of Simpsonville, S.C. 268-170, to win the PBA Strike N Spare II Midwest Region Open at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Sunday.

Daugherty collected his first PBA Midwest Region title and earned \$2,200 in an event that featured a number of top PBA Tour players who were in the area in advance of the Xtra Frame PBA/PBA50 Tour South Shore Double at Olympia Lanes in Hammond, Ind. Jones, a 16-time PBA Tour winner, defeated former PBA Player of the Year **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill., 228-169, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after defeating **Mitchell Katic** of Whiting, Ill., 214-206, to start the stepladder finals.

- **Rick Graham** of Lancaster, Pa. defeated **Rusty Thomsen** of South Amboy, N.J., 225-205, to win the PBA Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Eastern Open at Colony Park North Lanes in York, Pa., Sunday. It was Graham's third PBA Regional title, his first since 2011, and earned him \$2,700.

Graham advanced to the championship match by defeating **Jon Van Hees** of Charlestown, R.I., 211-197, in the semifinal round while Thomsen defeated **Greg Ostrander** of Freehold, N.J., 258-187, in the other semi-final match.

- Former PBA member **Clint Dacy** from Keller, Texas, defeated **Andy Patterson** of Tyler, Texas, 210-180, to win the 19th annual PBA Killeen Southwest Open at Hallmark Lanes in Killeen, Texas, Sunday.

After receiving a first round bye in the single-elimination match play finals, Dacy eliminated **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game Round of 12; three-time Southwest Region Player of the Year **David Anthony** of Austin, Texas, in the Round of 8, 2-0, and **Brandon Bivens** of East Ridge, Tenn., in the semifinal round, 208-203.

After qualifying in 14th place, Patterson eliminated Amarillo's **Mason Edmondson** in the Round of 12, 2-1; **Josh Maxson** of Arlington, Texas, 2-0, in the Round of 8, and 18-year-old two-hander **Anthony Simonsen** of Princeton, Texas, 226-204, to reach the final match.

- The Aug. 14-16 PBA Regional schedule includes the Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio; the Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by MOTIV at Husted's Milwaukie Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.; the Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open presented by Track at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla.; the Emerald Bowl Houston Southwest Challenge for non-title winners, presented by Track, in Houston, Texas, and the PBA50 Craig Mueller Memorial presented by Ebonite at Jersey Lanes in Linden, N.J.

- PBA50 Central and Midwest players will visit Bowling Green, Ohio, Aug. 17-19, for the PBA50 Progressive/German Insurance/Al Smith Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes followed by the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Arlington Heights, Ill., Aug. 21-23. Also on the Aug. 21-23 schedule are the Greenville Southwest Open presented by DV8 at Shenaniganz in Greenville, Texas, and the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., where a projected \$15,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be at stake (Xtra Frame will cover the Gene Carter Pro Shop event live from start to finish).

- Closing out the August schedule over the Aug. 28-30 weekend will be the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Invitation at FireLake

Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the LaFayette Lanes Fayetteville (N.C.) South Open presented by 900 Global, and the Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Craig Pezzano**, the 57-year-old son of the late PBA Hall of Famer **Chuck Pezzano**, died unexpectedly Monday in Clifton, N.J. Craig Pezzano operated Pezzano’s Pro Shop inside Van Houten Lanes for 25 years, and had been employed by the center for an even longer period of time. He is survived by brothers Charles (Linda) Pezzano of Hawthorne, N.J.; Curt (Diane) Pezzano of Stevensville, Md., and Clay Pezzano of Clifton. Funeral services will be held Friday at the Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home in Clifton. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that a donation be made to the Junior Bowlers Tour Scholarship Fund, 198 10th Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506.
- DV8 has joined the PBA “sweepstakes club,” offering a new high-performance DV8 Vandal to a lucky person who becomes a first-time Xtra Frame subscriber. A DV8 winner will be selected each month among those who purchase a monthly (\$7.99) or XF Season Ticket (12-month plan for \$64.99). New subscribers will be automatically entered into the sweepstakes.
- Book a room through HotelPlanner.com’s link on pba.com and you’ll automatically become eligible to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the monthly sweepstakes sponsored by PBA’s official hotel booking partner. Subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) to automatically enter MOTIV’s monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV bowling ball.

Kerry Painter Averages 237 to Top First Round Qualifying In PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 14, 2015) – PBA50 Tour veteran Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., averaged 237.6 to top first round qualifying Friday in the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open presented by Pro Bowl West and Hammer.

Painter led the field of 117 players ages 60 and over with a 1,426 six-game pinfall total at Pro Bowl West bowling games of 279, 267, 216, 214, 234 and 216.

“I felt like I might have left a 300 game out there,” said the 62-year-old Painter. “I got off to a great start but I just felt like I didn’t take advantage of what was out there like I should have.

“Overall I’m bowling well and I avoided the bad game so I’m happy about that. I just have to keep the ball around the pocket like I’ve been doing and with a few good breaks here and there I should have a good tournament.”

Painter, who has bowled on the PBA50 (senior) Tour since 2007 has won one title, the PBA50 Senior/Super Senior Doubles Classic in 2013. He won the inaugural USBC Super Senior Classic for players 60 and over in 2013.

Rounding out the top five were Ted Staikoff of Black Hawk, S.D., 1,398, followed by three PBA Hall of Famers, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,392; Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,365, and Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,353.

The field will return for another six-game qualifying round Saturday morning which will determine the top 32 players who will advance to the first match play round Saturday at 5 p.m. ET. Another match play round will be conducted Sunday morning beginning at 8 a.m. to determine the five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for noon.

Xtra Frame, PBA’s online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the Dick Weber Super Senior Open. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

**PBA60 DICK WEBER SUPER SENIOR OPEN
PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND HAMMER
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Friday**

First Round Standings (after 6 games)

- 1, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 1,426.
- 2, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 1,398.
- 3, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 1,392.
- 4, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,365.
- 5, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 1,353.
- 6, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 1,349.
- 7, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 1,346.
- 8, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 1,328.
- 9, a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 1,306.
- 10, a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1,295.
- 11, (tie) Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, and Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 1,293.
- 13, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 1,292.
- 14, Richard Nesbit, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,290.
- 15, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 1,288.
- 16, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 1,283.
- 17, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 1,280.
- 18, a-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 1,277.
- 19, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 1,272.
- 20, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1,270.
- 21, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,264.
- 21, (tie) Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., and Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 1,264.
- 24, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 1,262.
- 25, (tie) Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, and Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 1,257.
- 27, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,254.
- 28, George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 1,246.
- 29, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 1,245.
- 30, (tie) Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., a-David Eatmon, Ferndale, Mich., and Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 1,244.
- 33, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 1,239.
- 34, (tie) Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, and a-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 1,236.
- 37, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 1,234.
- 38, Mal Helmuth, Elk Grove, Calif., 1,233.
- 39, Larry Zacharias, Naperville, Ill., 1,232.
- 40, (tie) Daniel Nicklin, Aviston, Ill. and Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 1,229.
- 42, Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 1,227.
- 43, (tie) Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., and a-John Weltzien, Wellington, Fla., 1,221.
- 45, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 1,211.
- 46, Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 1,207.
- 47, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,204.
- 48, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 1,201.
- 49, a-Ed Austreng, Wterford, Mich., 1,199.
- 50, (tie) Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., and Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,197.
- 52, (tie) Frankie May, Reading, Pa., and Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 1,192.
- 54, Mitchell Jabczenski, Novi, Mich., 1,191.
- 55, (tie) Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., and Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 1,186.
- 57, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,185.
- 58, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 1,184.
- 59, Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 1,181.
- 60, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 1,178.
- 61, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 1,176.
- 62, a-Phil Prieto Jr., El Paso, Texas, 1,171.
- 63, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 1,167.
- 64, Leonard Cianciolo, Warren, Mich., 1,158.
- 65, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 1,157.
- 66, (tie) Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., and Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 1,156.
- 68, Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,148.
- 69, Roger Painter, Woodbridge, Va., 1,143.
- 70, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wis., 1,142.
- 71, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 1,141.

72, (tie) Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio and Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 1,138.
74, Terry Fronterhouse, Phoenix, 1,133.
75, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 1,132.
76, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 1,131.
77, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,128.
78, Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 1,127.
79, (tie) Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., and Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., 1,124.
82, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 1,118.
83, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 1,116.
84, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 1,114.
85, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 1,111.
86, Edgar Gomez, Colombia, 1,105.
87, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 1,099.
88, Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 1,097.
89, a-Nick Smith, Livonia, Mich., 1,094.
90, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 1,091.
91, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 1,090.
92, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 1,083.
93, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 1,078.
94, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,076.
95, Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 1,065.
96, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 1,062.
97, John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 1,057.
98, Michael Hansen, Harlan, Iowa, 1,052.
99, JamiLynn Fox, Toledo, Ohio, 1,050.
100, a-Frogg Elkins, Berryville, Ark., 1,047.
100, Phil Regan, Alameda, Calif., 1,047.
102, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 1,045.
103, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 1,040.
104, Ron Burgess, Plymouth, Mich., 1,038.
105, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 1,037.
106, James Brenner, Bettendorf, Iowa, 1,024.
107, Tim Collinsworth, Edgewood, Texas, 993.
108, Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, 950.
109, (tie) Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., and Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 932.
111, Bruce Siegel, Highland Park, Ill., 909.
112, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,067.
113, Dave Kangas, Gwinn, Mich., 977.
114, Jean-Marc Gagnon, Port Charlotte, Fla., 970.
115, (tie) a-Mark Blome, Green Forest, Ark., and Frank Verni, Bronx, N.Y., 904
117, a-Bob Valentino, Syosset, N.Y., 861.

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**Mike Henry Goes 6-0 in Match Play to Take
PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open Lead**

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 15, 2015) – A 6-0 record in the first round of match play helped propel Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio into the third round lead of the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open presented by Pro Bowl West and Hammer Saturday at Pro Bowl West.

Henry finished the third round with a 4,386 18-game overall pinfall (which includes match play win bonus pins) to move ahead of second round leader Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., in second who finished with a 4-2 record in match play and 4,352 pinfall.

“Today it was a case of having the right ball for the conditions,” said Henry, who won the 2010 PBA Senior Lake County Open for his only PBA50 Tour title. “I used a ball I drilled up about three years ago for lane conditions like we’re bowling on here and it worked great. We’ll try it again tomorrow and see what happens.”

Henry averaged 251 in the third round bowling games of 267, 223, 259, 256, 268 and 234.

“I didn’t make many errant shots today,” the 65-year-old Henry added. “Overall it’s been an up-and-down year for me. Hopefully I can go out on a high note.”

Rounding out the top five in the tournament for senior players 60 and over were PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, N.J. in third with 4,315, followed by Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 4,224 and Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio, 4,172.

The field will return Sunday morning for another match play round at 8:30 a.m. to determine the five players for the stepladder finals scheduled for noon.

Final day coverage of the Dick Weber Super Senior Classic can be seen live on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription information click on <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>

**PBA60 DICK WEBER SUPER SENIOR OPEN
PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND HAMMER
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Saturday**

Third Round Results (18-game pinfall totals including match play record and bonus pins)

- 1, Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 6-0, 4,386.
- 2, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 4-2, 4,352.
- 3, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 5-1, 4,315.
- 4, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 4-2, 4,224.
- 5, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 5-1, 4,172.
- 6, Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 5-1, 4,114.
- 7, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3-3, 4,081.
- 8, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 3-2-1, 4,074.
- 9, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2-4, 4,072.
- 10, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 4-2, 4,053.
- 11, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 3-3, 4,030.
- 12, a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 4-2, 4,010.
- 13, Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 4-2, 3,951.
- 14, Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3-3, 3,950.
- 15, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 3-3, 3,947.
- 16, Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 4-2, 3,939.
- 17, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 3-3, 3,934.
- 18, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 3-3, 3,924.
- 19, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2-4, 3,922.
- 20, (tie) Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 3-3, and a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 1-5, 3,920.
- 22, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2-4, 3,891.
- 23, Larry Zacharias, Naperville, Ill., 3-3, 3,870.
- 24, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2-4, 3,869.
- 25, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 0-6, 3,850.
- 26, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 3-1-1, 3,849.
- 27, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 2-4, 3,838.
- 28, Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 3-3, 3,836.

29, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 3-3, 3,832.
30, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 2-4, 3,820.
31, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 1-5, 3,704.
32, Richard Nesbit, Pittsburgh, 0-6, 3,675.

Second Round Results (after 12 games. Top 32 advanced to match play)

1, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 2,848.
2, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 2,749.
3, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 2,742.
4, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 2,738.
5, a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 2,710.
6, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 2,699.
7, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 2,692.
8, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 2,686.
9, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,682.
10, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 2,665.
11, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 2,605.
12, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 2,596.
13, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 2,594.
14, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 2,586.
15, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 2,576.
16, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 2,571.
17, Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 2,569.
18, (tie) Larry Zacharias, Naperville, Ill., and a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 2,567.
20, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 2,565.
21, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 2,564.
22, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 2,562.
23, Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 2,545.
24, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 2,537.
25, (tie) Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., and Don Blatchford, Santa Monica, Calif., 2,532.
27, (tie) Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., and Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., 2,527.
29, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 2,520.
30, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2,511.
31, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 2,507.
32, Richard Nesbit, Pittsburgh, 2,503.

Did not advance:

33, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 2,500, \$1,000.
34, Tommy Brodowski, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 2,499, \$1,000.
35, Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio, 2,498, \$1,000.
36, Tommy Kress, Rochester, N.Y., 2,497, \$1,000.
37, Mitchell Jabczynski, Novi, Mich., 2,495, \$1,000.
38, Don Robinson, Boise, Idaho, 2,490, \$1,000.
39, a-John Weltzien, Wellington, Fla., 2,477, \$1,000.
40, John Dudak, Orland Park, Ill., 2,476.
41, Rich Giragosian, Charlotte, N.C., 2,470.
42, a-David Eatmon, Ferndale, Mich., 2,468.
43, Leonard Cianciolo, Warren, Mich., 2,463.
44, Mark Scime, Winter Garden, Fla., 2,461.
45, Emilio Mora Sr., Defiance, Ohio, 2,460.
46, George Lord, Lakeland, Fla., 2,455.
47, Frankie May, Reading, Pa., 2,438.
48, Mal Helmuth, Elk Grove, Calif., 2,437.
49, Larry Graybeal, Elizabethton, Tenn., 2,434.
50, (tie) a-Phil Prieto Jr., El Paso, Texas, and Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 2,431.
52, Marc Lineberry, Camanche, Iowa, 2,430.
53, Bob Knipple, Long Beach, Calif., 2,424.

54, Michael Chrzanowski, Shepherd, Mich., 2,421.
55, Bill Argenbright, New Hope, Va., 2,418.
56, Lew Elting, Carlsbad, Calif., 2,405.
57, a-Dick Selgo, Archbold, Ohio, 2,401.
58, Daniel Nicklin, Aviston, Ill, 2,398.
59, George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 2,391.
60, (tie) Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., and a-Ed Austreng, Wterford, Mich., 2,384.
62, a-Peter Minaudo, Chesterfield, Mich., 2,372.
63, Gary Simon, Bridgeport, W.Va., 2,367.
64, Richard Hunt, Valparaiso, Ind., 2,364.
65, Darrell Adams, Flintstone, Ga., 2,359.
66, Brendan Bierch, Grafton, Mass., 2,353.
67, William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,352.
68, Thomas Ream, Tampa, Fla., 2,348.
69, Jim Heintz, St. Charles, Mo., 2,341.
70, Roger Painter, Woodbridge, Va., 2,328.
71, (tie) Edgar Gomez, Colombia, and Tim Pierce, Portland, Ore., 2,321.
73, (tie) Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, and Ken Waters, Kingsport, Tenn., 2,312.
75, Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio, 2,308.
76, Michael Truitt, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,295.
77, Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,292.
78, Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 2,291.
79, Mike Schmid, St. Paul, Minn., 2,289.
80, (tie) Ray Johnson, Battle Creek, Mich., and Mike Moore, Marietta, Ohio, 2,286.
82, Lee Rautenberg, Boynton Beach, Fla., 2,268.
83, Bill Idzior, Crown Point, Ind., 2,263.
84, Fred Ferreira, Kings Park, N.Y., 2,261.
85, Steve Stein, Staten Island, N.Y., 2,260.
86, Glen Nakagawa, Highland Village, Texas, 2,256.
87, Steven Jansson, Barnes, Wisc., 2,254.
88, Ken Gibson, Greenville, S.C., 2,250.
89, Jerry Lau, St. Peters, Mo., 2,237.
90, James Brenner, Bettendorf, Iowa, 2,230.
91, Frank Gallo Jr., Jacksonville, Fla., 2,229.
92, Stephen Nowicki, Rochester, N.Y., 2,225.
93, Galen Keas, Alda, Neb., 2,174.
94, Terry Fronterhouse, Phoenix, 2,165.
95, Steven Banks, Leesburg, Va., 2,159.
96, (tie) Dale Holgate, Peninsula, Ohio, and John Younger, Winston-Salem, N.C., 2,148.
98, Phil Regan, Alameda, Calif., 2,146.
99, a-Nick Smith, Livonia, Mich., 2,137.
100, Robert Donovan, Prattsville, N.Y., 2,133.
101, a-Frogg Elkins, Berryville, Ark., 2,132.
102, JamiLynn Fox, Toledo, Ohio, 2,127.
103, Michael Hansen, Harlan, Iowa, 2,111.
104, Allen Meskan, Addison, Ill., 2,057.
105, Peter Brainard, Tampa, Fla., 2,023.
106, Howard Frostman, Washburn, Wis., 1,973.
107, (tie) Frank Verni, Bronx, N.Y., and Robert Teeters, Lapel, Ind., 1,842.
109, Bruce Siegel, Highland Park, Ill., 1,811.
110, a-Mark Blome, Green Forest, Ark., 1,689.
111, Tim Collinsworth, Edgewood, Texas, 1,362.
112, Sam Perrotta, Newark, Del., 1,076.
113, Phillip Moros, Lombard, Ill., 1,067.
114, Ron Burgess, Plymouth, Mich., 1,038.
115, Dave Kangas, Gwinn, Mich., 977.
116, Jean-Marc Gagnon, Port Charlotte, Fla., 970.

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Williams Wins PBA50 Ft. Wayne Central/Midwest Shootout

Ft. Wayne, Ind. (Aug. 13, 2015) – Walter Ray Williams of Oxford, Fla. defeated Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colo., 279-207, to win the PBA50 Ft. Wayne Central/Midwest Shootout at Pro Bowl West Thursday.

The title was Williams' seventh PBA50 Regional title to go along with his record 47 PBA Tour, nine PBA50 Tour and 32 standard PBA Regional titles. He also earned \$2,500.

Williams downed Richie Brown of Marion Ohio, 280-209, and Dias topped Kent Wagner of Bradenton, Fla., 299-236, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Dias earned \$1,300 for second place. Brown and Wagner each earned \$950 as semifinal round losers.

The one-day, reduced entry fee event – sandwiched between the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Open and PBA50 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic – drew a field of 84 bowlers.

The next PBA50 Central Region tournament is event in Bowling Green, Ohio, Aug. 17-19.

PBA50 FT. WAYNE CENTRAL/MIDWEST SHOOTOUT Pro Bowl West, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Thursday

Championship: Walter Ray Williams, Oxford, Fla. (\$2,500) def. Mike Dias, Lafayette, Co. (\$1,300), 279-207.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$950):

Williams def. Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 1-0 (280-209).

Dias def. Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., 1-0 (299-236).

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):

Wagner def. Darron Peters, Temecula, Calif., 2-0.

Williams def. Brad Sipes, Bloomington, Ill., 2-0.

Brown def. ss-Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 2-0.

Dias def. a-Bob Shank, Fort Wayne, Ind., 2-0.

Round of 16 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Wagner def. Todd Kjell, Roscoe, Ill., 2-0.

Shank def. ss-Frank Gallo, Jacksonville, Fla., 2-0..

Peters def. Peter Knopp, Germany, 2-0.

Williams def. Ron Mohr, North Las Vegas, Nev., 2-1.

McCordic def. Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 2-0.

Brown def. David Traber, Hebron, Ill., 2-1.

Dias def. Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 2-1.

Sipes def. ss-Tim Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 2-0.

a-denotes amateur; ss-denotes PBA60 player

Henson Defeats Petraglia to Win PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open For First PBA50 Tour title

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (Aug. 16, 2015) – In a back-and-forth championship match, Bill Henson defeated PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia, 244-233, to win the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open presented by Pro Bowl West and Hammer for his first career PBA50 Tour title.

Henson, whose previous best finish was second in the 2010 PBA Senior Decatur Open, needed at least a strike and then nine-spare in the 10th frame, but was able to throw a double to seal the win at Pro Bowl West.

Qualifying fourth for the finals, Henson, of Westerville, Ohio, had to win three consecutive matches to meet top qualifier Petraglia in the title match of the final tournament of the season.

In the opening stepladder match, Henson defeated Dale Csuhta of Wadsworth, Ohio, 247-214, and then went on to beat Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio, 256-225. In the semifinal match, Henson beat Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., in another 256-225 match to advance to the title match.

“That stepladder final was tall and steep,” said the 63-year-old Henson. “There was a lot of great talent ahead of me. I had no choice but to take it one shot at a time.”

In the title match, Henson got off to a shaky start with an open in the second frame but then recovered with a string of strikes. Petraglia nearly left the door wide open in the ninth frame when he left the 1-3-7-9 washout, but he was able to make the spare to keep the match close.

“I had all the confidence in the world in my equipment and the way I was throwing the ball,” Henson said. “I just needed to keep my mental game together. When I stepped up in the 10th, I just kept telling myself I’ve done this before, I can do it again.”

The 68-year-old Petraglia, who has won 14 times on the PBA Tour and eight times on the PBA50 Tour, would have been the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title with a victory.

**PBA60 DICK WEBER SUPER SENIOR OPEN
PRESENTED BY PRO BOWL WEST AND HAMMER
Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sunday**

Final Standings

- 1, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, \$7,500.
- 2, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000.
- 3, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., \$2,500.
- 4, Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, \$2,000.
- 5, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, \$1,750.

Stepladder Results

- Match One – Henson def. Csuhta, 247-214.
Match Two – Henson def. Henry, 256-225.
Semifinal Match – Henson def. Painter, 256-225.
Championship – Henson def. Petraglia, 244 -233.

Fourth Round Results (after 24 games, including match play record and bonus pins. Top five advanced to stepladder finals)

- 1, John Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., 9-3, 5,865.
- 2, Kerry Painter, Henderson, Nev., 8-4, 5,857.
- 3, Michael Henry, Brunswick, Ohio, 10-2, 5,815.
- 4, Bill Henson, Westerville, Ohio, 7-5, 5,691.
- 5, Dale Csuhta, Wadsworth, Ohio, 8-4, 5,642.
- 6, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7-5, 5,565, \$1,600.
- 7, Sam MacCarone, Blackwood, N.J., 10-2, 5,529, \$1,550.
- 8, Roger Kossert, Lithia, Fla., 8-4, 5,405, \$1,500.
- 9, Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 6-6, 5,397, \$1,450.
- 10, Dennis Lane, Kingsport, Tenn., 5-6-1, 5,396, \$1,425.
- 11, Ted Staikoff, Black Hawk, S.D., 3-8-1, 5,361, \$1,400.
- 12, Dick Gran, Hartville, Ohio, 5-7, 5,353, \$1,375.
- 13, Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 8-4, 5,351, \$1,350.

- 14, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 7-5, 5,346, \$1,325.
- 15, Chuck Richardson, The Villages, Fla., 6-5-1, 5,338, \$1,300.
- 16, Paul McCordic, Sugar Land, Texas, 6-6, 5,297, \$1,275.
- 17, a-Michael Lucente, Warren, Mich., 7-5, 5,286, \$1,250.
- 18, Robert Flaws, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 7-5, 5,282, \$1,240.
- 19, Don Sylvia, Daytona Beach, Fla., 7-5, 5,279, \$1,230.
- 20, Bill Neumann, Rensselaer, N.Y., 6-6, 5,278, \$1,220.
- 21, a-Edward Roberts, Braintree, Mass., 4-8, 5,275, \$1,210.
- 22, Lee Brosius, Ashburn, Va., 6-6, 5,248, \$1,200.
- 23, James Knoblauch, Waukesha, Wis., 4-7-1, 5,236, \$1,190.
- 24, Mitchell Vernon, Olympia, Wash., 5-7, 5,227, \$1,180.
- 25, Timothy Kauble, Marion, Ohio, 2-10, 5,196, \$1,170.
- 26, Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 4-8, 5,170, \$1,160.
- 27, Larry Zacharias, Naperville, Ill., 5-6-1, 5,159, \$1,150.
- 28, Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 4-8, 5,127, \$1,140.
- 29, Harv Pallas, Stevensville, Mich., 6-6, 5,102, \$1,130.
- 30, Gary Kammes, Winfield, Ill., 5-5-1, 5,075, \$1,120.
- 31, Greg McMahan, Dandridge, Tenn., 4-8, 4,979, \$1,110.
- 32, Richard Nesbit, Pittsburgh, 0-12, 4,867, \$1,100.

a-denotes amateur

Rising Stars to Challenge PBA's Best in PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic

Delaware's Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment to host PBA Tour title event

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 17, 2015) – Several of the Professional Bowlers Association's most talented future stars will take on an all-star roster of PBA Tour champions when Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment hosts the PBA Tour Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23.

The entire tournament will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. Xtra Frame is a subscription-based video-streaming service, available on a three-day plan for only \$3.99, month-long plan for \$7.99 and full year XF Season Ticket plan for \$64.99. Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for details.

At stake in the PBA East Region's largest and most prestigious tournament of the year will be a \$15,000 first prize and, for PBA members, a PBA Tour title.

Veteran PBA Tour champions among the capacity-field of 180 entries are Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; defending champion Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla.; Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.; Ray Edwards of Middle Island, N.Y.; Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y.; Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill.; Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind.; Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y.; two-hander Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.. and Dave Wodka of Beavercreek, Ohio.

Challenging the established PBA stars will be next-generation stars 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; 2014 Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash.; 2015 PBA Rookie of the Year contender AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., along with the four most recent PBA East Region Rookies of the Year: Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y. (2014); Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y. (2013); Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J. (2012) and Adam Chase, Seaford, N.Y. (2011-12).

The tournament also is a PBA-PWBA Women's Regional points event, and will include a handful of women including newly-crowned PWBA Tour champions Elysia Current of Ephrata, Pa., and Liz Kuhlkin of Rotterdam, N.Y.

The Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic gets underway on Friday, Aug. 21, with a practice session for tournament players from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., followed by pro-am squads at 3, 5:15 and 8 p.m. when grassroots league bowlers – men, women, kids, seniors – can bowl with PBA stars for their own prizes.

Competition begins with three seven-game qualifying squads on Saturday at 8 a.m., 1:30 and 7 p.m., with the top 24 players advancing to the modified 16-game round-robin match play finals on Sunday starting at 9 a.m. Based upon combined 23-game pinfall totals (including 30 bonus pins for matches won), the top four will compete in a stepladder finale at the conclusion of match play.

For pro-am information, call Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment at (302) 378-0677.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER PRO SHOP EAST CLASSIC

Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Aug. 21-23 (all times Eastern)

Friday, Aug. 21

11 a.m. - Practice Session

3 p.m. – A/B Sports Junior Scholarship pro-am

5:15, 8 p.m. – Williams Family Auto Mall adult pro-am squads

Saturday, Aug. 22

8 a.m. - A Squad, 7 qualifying games

1:30 p.m. – B Squad, 7 qualifying games

7 p.m. – C Squad, 7 qualifying games

Top 24 after 7 games advance to match play

Sunday, Aug. 23

9 a.m. - Top 24, 16 games modified round robin match play

Top four based on 23-game composite pinfall advance to a stepladder finals

PBA's 2015-16 ESPN Schedule Kicks Off Live in Prime Time on December 17

36th consecutive season on ESPN includes four major championships, 17 telecasts

CHICAGO (Aug. 19, 2015) – On the heels of a break-out viewership season, the Professional Bowlers Association returns to ESPN for the 36th consecutive year with a live prime-time telecast on Thursday, Dec. 17, as part of a 17-event schedule that includes four major championship live telecasts.

The 2015-16 schedule, released today by the PBA and ESPN, begins with two hours of live coverage of the PBA World Championship from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., at 7 p.m. ET on Dec. 17, and concludes with the PBA League Elias Cup finals on Sunday, May 8, from Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

In between, the schedule includes three consecutive Sunday telecasts in February featuring live coverage of major championships: the PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions originating from Shawnee, Okla., live on Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 7) at 2 p.m. ET; the United States Bowling Congress Masters on Sunday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m. from Indianapolis and the PBA Players Championship on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. from Columbus, Ohio.

The February schedule concludes at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28, with Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational which in 2015 garnered the highest PBA TV viewership (averaging more than 1.1 million viewers) for any event since 2012.

Across the schedule, ESPN will provide PBA fans with 30 hours of world-class bowling coverage. The complete schedule is listed below.

"The PBA is looking forward to building on our exciting 2014-15 season which saw our audience increase by 23 percent, the largest year-over-year viewership increase in decades," PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark said. "It's a credit to our great partners at ESPN, our business partners and host proprietors, the PBA players who consistently deliver thrilling sports entertainment, and the wide-spread awareness we have developed through our multi-media PBA Network."

Brian Kweder, ESPN Senior Director, Programming and Acquisitions, also had praise of the network's long-standing relationship with the PBA.

“The PBA has been a staple of ESPN’s schedule for the past 36 years and following the success of last year’s rating, we’re excited to kick things off with a live prime time event on December 17,” Kweder said. “We are looking to continue the ratings upswing this season with an appealing and consistent schedule.”

As part of the comprehensive ESPN schedule, the PBA will provide coverage of five PBA Tour titled events that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, season four of PBA League competition, and five additional events that have become part of the PBA’s traditional schedule: the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, the PBA Challenge Finals (featuring top players from the PBA50 Tour, PBA Regional program, PBA-PWBA Women’s Regional program and the Teen Masters Grand Championship); the DHC PBA Japan Invitational finals from Tokyo (airing on ESPN2), and the World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals presented by PBA which will feature three men and three women who have qualified in world-wide World Bowling-PBA International Tour competition.

Australia’s Jason Belmonte is the two-time defending PBA Player of the Year, and is on an unprecedented run in major championships, winning the past three USBC Masters and past two PBA Tournaments of Champions. His revolutionary two-hand bowling style has inspired legions of young bowlers.

Belmonte heads a group of players in the prime of their careers, while legends of the game such as Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr. continue to compete for titles with them and an exuberant crop of rising stars.

The PBA’s schedule of ESPN-televised tournaments will be supported by the entire PBA Network, including extensive live preliminary-round coverage on Xtra Frame, PBA’s online video-streaming channel; mainstream news media, PBA.com, social media outlets including the PBA’s YouTube Channel and more. For a video recap of the 2014-15 PBA Tour season, click here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jl_7Y1Znw0

2015-16 PBA-ESPN TELECAST SCHEDULE (all times are Eastern)

Thursday, Dec. 17 – PBA World Championship (live), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20 – WSOB VII PBA Cheetah Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27 – WSOB VII PBA Viper Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – WSOB VII PBA Chameleon Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10 – WSOB VII PBA Scorpion Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17 – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 24 – WSOB VII PBA Challenge Finals (PBA-PWBA Women’s Regional, PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Finals plus Teen Masters Grand Championship), 3 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31 (ESPN2) – DHC PBA Japan Invitational from Tokyo, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 7 – PBA FireLake Tournament of Champions (live), 2 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 14 – United States Bowling Congress Masters (live), 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21 – PBA Players Championship (live), 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 21 – World Bowling Tour Men’s and Women’s Finals presented by PBA, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 28 – Chris Paul’s CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 17 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 24 – PBA League Quarterfinals, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 1 – PBA League Semifinals, 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 8 – PBA League Elias Cup Finals, 1 p.m.

Bohn Wins PBA Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic

Coldwater, Ohio (Aug. 16, 2015) – Parker Bohn of Jackson, N.J. defeated Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, 184-165, to win the eighth annual Professional Bowlers Association Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes Sunday.

The title was Bohn's second of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 23rd career PBA Regional title. He earned \$4,000 along with his title.

Dombrowski defeated amateur Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 224-201, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Dombrowski edged Mitch Beasley of Clarksville, Tenn., 189-185. Dombrowski earned \$2,200 for second place, Via won \$1,800 for third and Beasley \$1,400 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will take place in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sept. 11-13.

PBA LEFELD IMPLEMENT CENTRAL/MIDWEST CLASSIC Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings: 1, s-Parker Bohn, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000. 2, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, \$2,200. 3, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$1,800. 4, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., \$1,400.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Dombrowski def. Beasley, 189-185.

Semifinal Match – Dombrowski def. Via, 224-201.

Championship – Bohn def. Dombrowski, 184-165.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games):

1, Bohn, 3,660.

2, Via, 3,616.

3, Beasley, 3,586.

4, Dombrowski, 3,552.

5, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,543, \$1,200.

6, a-Joe Bailey, Doylestown, Ohio, 3,492, \$1,100.

7, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,480, \$1000.

8, a-Eric Sacks, Vandalia, Ohio, 3,452, \$900.

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PBA Spare Shots

U.S. OPENS, XF SOUTH POINT LAS VEGAS OPEN TO QUALIFY PLAYERS FOR DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

PBA members will compete for 10 automatic invitations to bowl in the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational during qualifying rounds in the BowlmorAMF U.S. Open and the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger has announced.

In addition, one additional invitation will be extended to a PWBA member based on similar qualifying.

For PBA members, the 10 automatic invitations will be based on total pinfall for 16 qualifying games in the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, Oct. 20-22, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas plus 24 qualifying games during the BowlmorAMF U.S. Open Nov. 2-8 at AMF Garland Lanes in Garland, Texas. The one automatic PWBA invitation will be based on qualifying pinfall during the XF South Point Las Vegas Open plus qualifying pinfall from the BowlmorAMF Women's U.S. Open Aug. 31-Sept. 6 at Brunswick Zone Carolier in North Brunswick. N.J.

PBA star **Chris Barnes** is invited as the defending champion. First prize in 2015 was roughly US\$43,000 (Barnes won an additional US\$43,000 for bowling a 300 game during the stepladder finals, which aired live, world-wide on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel). Additional details about the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, scheduled for January in Tokyo, will be announced later.

The PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open is a part of the new PBA Fall Classic, a multi-event program that will take place Oct. 19-26 at South Point's new Bowling Plaza. Included will be the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, PBA Team

Challenge (a new five-player team event) and PBA West/Northwest Region Challenge and PBA50 events. Players can enter each event individually. For complete entry information, visit pba.com and click on the “schedules” tab:

(<http://news.pba.com/page/South-Point-Bowling-Plaza-Fall-Classic-Schedule.aspx>).

2016 USBC MASTERS SET FOR INDIANAPOLIS; SENIOR MASTERS RETURNS TO VEGAS

USBC has announced the 2016 USBC Masters will be held at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis Feb. 7-14 while the 2016 USBC Senior Masters will return to Las Vegas June 19-25, hosted by Sam’s Town Bowling Center.

The Masters, first was contested in 1951, made it’s only previous appearance in Indianapolis in 1974 when it was held at the Indiana Convention Center alongside the USBC Open Championships. Australia’s **Jason Belmonte** will return in 2016 to try for an unprecedented fourth consecutive Masters title.

The Senior Masters made its debut in 1993 as a showcase for bowlers ages 50 and older. PBA and USBC Hall of Famer **Amleto Monacelli** is the defending champion.

NEXT ON XF: PBA TOUR TITLE AT STAKE IN GENE CARTER PRO SHOP EAST CLASSIC

Next up on Xtra Frame will be the Xtra Frame PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Eastern Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center in Middletown, Del., Aug. 22-23, with a PBA Tour title and a \$15,000 first prize on the line. Also on the weekend Xtra Frame schedule is live coverage of the PWBA Minnesota Open from Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., Friday and Saturday.

Wrapping up the August schedule will be the PWBA Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., Aug. 28-29.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire August package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA’s best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

RONNIE RUSSELL TO TRY PGA’S “Q SCHOOL”

Three-time PBA Tour titlist **Ronnie Russell** of Marion, Ind., describing himself as a plus “4-ish” handicap golfer – the “other side” of zero, is going to give the Professional Golf Association’s Q School a shot this fall in an attempt to earn the right to play on PBA’s Web.com Tour.

“It’s something I’ve thought about doing for a long time, and I’ve improved a great deal over the past couple of years, so I decided to give it a try,” Russell said during the PBA-PBA50 South Shore Doubles event in Hammond, Ind., recently. “It’s a complicated and difficult qualifying process, but I’m hoping to make it out of the first group and maybe earn the right to play in a couple of web.com events. It won’t interfere with my bowling at all unless I make it to the final round, which conflicts with the (PBA) World Series (of Bowling VII), but I’ll worry about that if I make it that far.”

Russell, an outstanding all-around athlete during his high school days, was asked if his recent success in PBA competition has translated to confidence in golf. “No question about that,” he said.

Russell plays a lot of golf with fellow Indiana PBA star **EJ Tackett**, who lives about 20 miles away and who also plays at a very high level, Russell said. While Tackett – who ranks himself as a “plus-2 handicap” player – thinks Russell has what it takes, Tackett doesn’t plan to take the same route at this point.

“When Ronnie’s game is sharp, he has as good a chance as anyone,” Tackett said. “It’s a matter of doing it at the right time. He’s as good as a lot of PGA players, but you have to perform well at the right time to make it.

“I’ve thought about it, too, but I’m not going to do it this year,” Tackett added. “To do what I’d need to do in golf, I’d have to give up bowling, and that’s not something I want or am willing to do.”

DANNY WISEMAN, RHINO PAGE, BALLARD FAMILY SPECIAL EVENTS ON TAP

The 7th annual **Rhino Page** and Friends “Lace Up” to Strike Out Crohn’s & Colitis Fundraiser is set for Saturday, Sept. 26, from 7 until 10 p.m. at South Levittown Lanes in Levittown, N.Y. The fundraising event, organized after Page befriended young **Tyler Cacioppo** during a 2009 pro-am event, has raised more than \$160,000 to combat the disease. For information on how to participate in the event, visit www.strikeoutcrohns.com.

The 4th annual **Danny Wiseman** Youth Scholarship Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 11, at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore, and is already sold out with a capacity field of 152 youth bowlers signed up. Bowlers who would like to sign up on the waiting list must fill out an online entry form and hope for a vacancy:
<http://dannywisemanbowling.linkedupradio.com/pages/online-entry>.

PBA Hall of Famer **Del Ballard Jr.** and PWBA Tour champion wife **Carolyn Dorin-Ballard** will host their annual Ballard Vs. The Big “C” fundraiser to benefit the Baylor Cancer Care Center on Saturday, Sept. 9, at AMF Eulless Lanes. For more information about the four-player team event, call Tina or Terry Taylor at 817-996-4544 or look for Ballard Vs. The Big “C” on Facebook.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: CHRIS WARREN NOW THIRD IN OVERALL PBA REGIONAL TITLES

Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., posted an 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,796 pins Sunday to win his 43rd PBA Regional title in the PBA Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by MOTIV at Husted’s Milwaukee Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore., to take over sole possession of third place on the all-time PBA Regional titles list.

Warren, who earned \$2,000, defeated **Dean Richards** of Tacoma, Wash., by 127 pins to win the 36th annual PBA Regional hosted by the Husted family at Milwaukie Bowl.

With his 43rd PBA Regional title, Warren now trails only all-time leader **Pete Weber** (52) and **Dale Traber** (51) on the overall titles list. Warren’s 43 titles is second only to Weber’s 48 on the list of standard PBA Regional titles. Weber also has four PBA50 Regional titles while Traber has 40 standard and 11 PBA50 titles. Warren previously was tied for third on the overall titles list with **Guppy Troup**, **Ross Packard** and **Steve Jaros**, all with a combined 42 titles.

- PBA Hall of Famer and top qualifier **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J. defeated **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 184-165, to win the eighth annual PBA Lefeld Implement Central/Midwest Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday for his 23rd career PBA Regional title and a \$4,000 first prize.

Dombrowski defeated amateur **Chris Via** of Springfield, Ohio, 224-201, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Dombrowski edged **Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn., 189-185.

- **Jason Sterner** of Covington, Ga., continued his winning ways, capturing the 27th annual PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open title Sunday at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hills, Fla., by defeating former PBA member **Paul Koehler** of Stuart, Fla., 255-204.

Sterner, the top qualifier going into the stepladder finals with an 8-4 match play record and 4,888 total pins, received \$2,400 for the win. In the first stepladder match, Koehler, the No. 3 qualifier, disposed of **Chris Spoo** from Boynton Beach, Fla., 222-181, and he then defeated **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., 256-192, to advance to the championship match.

- **Darryl Bower** of Middletown, Pa., defeated **Gary Bondarchuk** of Langhorne, Pa., 236-162, to win the PBA East Region’s PBA50 Craig Mueller Memorial presented by Ebonite at Jersey Lanes in Linden, N.J., Sunday, earning his 17th career PBA Regional title.

Bower, a PBA Tour champion in 1985, was competing in his second event of the year after returning from elbow and wrist surgery that sidelined him most of the 2014 season. Bondarchuk, the winner of 11 regional titles, recently reinstated his membership in order to compete in upcoming PBA50 events in the PBA’s East Region. Bower earned \$1,500 for the win while Bondarchuk received \$850 as the runner-up.

- PBA50 Central and Midwest players will visit Bowling Green, Ohio, Aug. 17-19, for the PBA50 Progressive/German Insurance/Al Smith Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes followed by the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Arlington Heights, Ill., Aug. 21-23, which will help celebrate Beverly Lanes’ 60th anniversary. Also on the Aug. 21-23 schedule are the Greenville Southwest Open presented by DV8 at Shenanigans in Greenville, Texas, and the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic at Mid-County Lanes in Middletown, Del., where a projected \$15,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be at stake (Xtra Frame will cover the Gene Carter Pro Shop event live from start to finish).

- Closing out the August schedule over the Aug. 28-30 weekend will be the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Invitation at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the LaFayette Lanes Fayetteville (N.C.) South Open presented by 900 Global, and the Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open at I.V. Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Sean Rash's** day with Make-A-Wish kid **Solomon Wohrer** of Lancaster, Ohio, was captured on video by PBA Xtra Frame Video Production Manager **Jef Goodger** during the PBA/PBA50 South Shore Doubles in Hammond, Ind. To view the activities of the day, visit PBA's YouTube page: <https://youtu.be/LYiJTp-eq3A>
- Congratulations to PBA Tour veteran **Dino Castillo** who married **Stacy Rohr Strive** Saturday in Texas. The newlyweds will reside in Highland Village, Texas.
- Long-time Dallas Times Herald bowling writer and former Dallas Bowling News editor **Jim Woodruff** died on Aug. 13 at a Dallas area assisted living center. He was 89.
- Reminder: Book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com and you'll automatically become eligible to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the monthly sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner. And subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) to automatically enter both the MOTIV and DV8 monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball.

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Pete Weber Dominates Statistical Categories on His Way to a Milestone PBA50 Player of the Year Season

CHICAGO (Aug. 20, 2015) – It hardly seems possible that Pete Weber, in his 35 years of PBA competition, had never won PBA Player of the Year recognition despite a Hall of Fame career that included 37 PBA Tour titles, a record-tying 10 majors including a record five U.S. Open titles, and nearly \$4 million in career earnings, among his most notable accomplishments.

But during the 2015 PBA50 Tour campaign, at age 52 and in his third campaign with the 50-and-older generation, Weber finally had the breakthrough season he had pursued ever since earning PBA Rookie of the Year honors as an 18-year-old in 1980.

Thanks in part to his win in the 2015 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, along with a runner-up finish in the United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, Weber dominated the PBA50 earnings, average and competition points standings to earn the 2015 PBA50 Player of the Year crown, the first PBA Player of the Year honor of his illustrious career.

"Marshall Holman wasn't here to take it away from me," Weber said kiddingly when referring to the 1987 Tour season when he finished second to Holman in PBA Player of the Year voting, the closest he had ever come to that goal.

In 1987, Holman earned the award based largely on seven championship round appearances including three runner-up finishes and leading in average and tournament points, but he didn't win a title, while Weber won his first Tournament of Champions title and led in Tour earnings.

"It took me 35 years to do it, but I've got a Player of the Year title. PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour, I don't care. I'll take it," said Weber, who will turn 53 on Friday (Aug. 21). "I didn't have a lot of wins this season, but I had a lot of top finishes and I did well in the (PBA50) majors, which was good enough to achieve another goal in my career."

Weber's Senior U.S. Open title win was the fourth PBA50 title of his career and his second major to go along with his USBC Senior Masters title in 2013. With his Senior U.S. Open win he joined fellow Hall of Famer and 2014 Senior U.S. Open winner Norm Duke as the only players to win U.S. Open titles on both the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour. During the 2015 season, Weber also finished second in the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, and third in the PBA50 Miller High Life Classic. His seventh-place finish in the season-ending DeHayes Insurance Group Championship gave him enough competition points to secure PBA50 Player of the Year.

Weber led the season-long points list with 239,964 points. Second was 2015 PBA50 Rookie of the Year Mike Scroggins with 207,108. Scroggins was the season's only three-time winner, winning the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, Johnny Petraglia BVL Open and UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages.

Weber also led the PBA50 Tour in average (227.82 for 327 games bowled), edging fellow Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III who ranked second bowling at a 227.54 scoring pace. Bohn was a two-time winner, capturing the season-opening Pasco County Open and the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open.

Weber, who won the earnings title with \$36,875 over runner-up Amleto Monacelli's \$33,675, tied with Scroggins with most championship round appearances (five) and tied with five other players with most match play appearances with nine.

Another player who had a hallmark season was Hall of Famer and four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker of King, N.C., who earned his first PBA60 Player of the Year award for players 60 and over. Baker had five top-10 finishes including a third-place finish in the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl in The Villages and a fourth in the Miller High Life Classic.

The top eight players in competition points earned paid entries into the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno, Nev., in December along with berths in the PBA50 Challenge Finals qualifier which is part of WSOB VII. The eight-game head-to-head match play qualifier will determine two finalists who will compete in the PBA50 title match which will be televised by ESPN on Jan. 24, 2016. The qualifiers are Weber, Scroggins, Bohn, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Monacelli, Brian LeClair, Jack Jurek and Bob Learn Jr.

The winner of the PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award, selected by PBA50 Tour players, will be announced later.

For complete 2015 PBA50 Tour stats, visit pba.com and click on the "statistics" link.

(Editor's Note: The top 20 leaders in PBA50 Tour stats are attached in a Word document to retain formatting).

Maccarone Wins Joint PBA Central/Midwest Senior Classic in Bowling Green

Bowling Green, Ohio (August 19, 2015) – Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J. defeated Parker Bohn of Jackson, N.J., 257-235 to win the Professional Bowlers Association PROGRESSIVE/Gerdeman Insurance/Al Smith Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes Sunday.

The title was Maccarone's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 14th career PBA Regional title. He earned \$3,500 along with his title.

Maccarone defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield, Twp, Mich., 236-184, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Sullins downed Kent Wagner of Bradenton, Fla., 248-223. Bohn earned \$2,000 for second place, Sullins won \$1,500 for third and Wagner \$1,000 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will take place in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sept. 11-13.

PBA PROGRESSIVE/GERDEMAN INSURANCE AGENCY/AL SMITH JEEP CENTRAL/MIDWEST CLASSIC Al-Mar Lanes, Bowling Green, Ohio, Wednesday

Final Standings: 1, ss-Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., \$3,500. 2, Parker Bohn, Jackson, N.J., \$2,000. 3, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp., Mich., \$1,500. 4, Kent Wagner, Bradenton, Fla., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Sullins def. Wagner, 248-223.

Semifinal Match – Maccarone def. Sullins, 236-184.

Championship — Maccarone def. Bohn, 257-235.

Final Qualifying Standings (after 17 games):

1, Bohn, 4,109.

2, Maccarone, 4,065.

3, Wagner, 3,962.

4, Sullins, 3,919.

5, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3,897, \$900.

6, ss-Willie Wells, Las Vegas, 3,814 \$900.

7, ss-Dick Gran, Hartsville, Ohio, 3,773 \$900.

8, Richie Brown, Marion, Ohio, 3,762 \$900.

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Two-Hander Kyle Troup Races Away with Qualifying Lead in Delaware's PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic

Rookie A.J. Johnson second as top 24 advance to Sunday's 16-game match play round

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 22, 2015) – Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., averaged 245.7 for seven games Saturday to lead the field of 24 finalists into Sunday's match play finals in the PBA Tour Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment.

Troup, a 23-year-old two-handed player, won his only PBA Tour title in the PBA Wolf Open during the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort Summer Swing earlier this year in Shawnee, Okla. Saturday he posted a 1,720 total to easily pace the sold-out field of 180 bowlers. In second place, 62 pins behind in the race for the \$15,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title, was PBA rookie A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill., with a 1,658 pinfall total.

Johnson, who is trying for his first PBA title, finished second in the USBC Masters earlier in the season while still an amateur completing his senior year at Lindenwood University. Defending champion Jason Couch of Clermont, Fla., was among the 24 players who advanced to match play, qualifying in 15th place with 1,533 pins.

The top 24 will begin the modified 16-game round-robin match play finals Sunday at 9 a.m. Based upon combined 23-game pinfall totals, including 30 bonus pins for matches won, the top four will compete in a stepladder finale at the conclusion of match play.

All of Sunday's competition will be video-streamed live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. To subscribe, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER PRO SHOP EAST CLASSIC Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 7 games; top 24 advance to modified round-robin match play Sunday)

1. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,720. 2. A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,658. 3. Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 1,611. 4. Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,602. 5. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,590. 6. John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,582. 7. Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,582. 8. Frank H. Gray, Elkton, Md., 1,581. 9. Greg Ostrander, freehold, N.J., 1,577. 10. Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 1,576. 11. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,560. 12. Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,546. 13. Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., 1,546. 14. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,541. 15. Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 1,533. 16. Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 1,531. 17. Chris Arcaro, Willmington, N.C., 1,529. 18. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, , SC, 1,527. 19. Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,526. 20. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,525. 21. Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 1,522. 22. Connor Pickford, Matthews, N.C., 1,522. 23. Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa., 1,519. 24. Kristian Rogers, Charlotte, N.C., 1,500.

Other Cashers (after 7 games)

25. Jim Tomek Jr., Camp Hill, Pa., 1,498, \$550. 26. Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,497, \$550. 27. Noel Vega, Kew Gardens, N.Y., 1,494, \$550. 28. Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,492, \$550. 29. Jason Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,489, \$550. 30. Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,480, \$550. 31. Stephanie Casey, Yonkers, N.Y., 1,476, \$550. 32. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,475, \$550. 33. B.J. Moore, Apex, N.C., 1,472, \$550. 34. Josh Schmehl, Seaford, Del., 1,470, \$550. 35. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,466, \$550. 36. Brian Cavey, Baltimore, Md., 1,461, \$550. 37. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 1,459, \$525. 38. Rusty Thomsen, south amboy, N.J., 1,458, \$525. 39. Chris Blackmore, Fairfax, Va., 1,451, \$525. 40. Stephen Pavlinko, Sewell, N.J., 1,451, \$525. 41. Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 1,450, \$525. 42. Tim Mack, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,449, \$525. 43. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,445, \$525. 44. Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,438, \$525. 45. Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,437, \$525. 46. Brian Elder, Newark, Del., 1,433, \$525. 47 (tie). Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y.; Richard Horsley, Morrisville, N.C., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,431, \$516.67. 50. Brandon Hinderer, York, Pa., 1,429, \$500. 51. Billy Asbury, Odenton, Md., 1,427, \$500. 52. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,424, \$500. 53. John Ferraro, Kingston, N.Y., 1,424, \$500. 54. Craig Schneider, Marcy, N.Y., 1,423, \$500.

55. Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,422, \$500. 56. Chris S. Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 1,411, \$500. 57. Mike McDonnell, Chesterfield, Va., 1,402, \$500. 58. Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,402, \$500. 59. David Harvey, Danville, Pa., 1,399, \$500. 60. Ethan Gray, North East, Md., 1,397, \$250.

61. William Ray Barlow, Edgewood, Md., 1,397. 62. Anthony Pepe, East Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,395. 63. Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,395. 64. John Neral, Vienna, Va., 1,395. 65. Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,395. 66. Isaac Kim, Lebanon, Pa., 1,393.

67. Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,392. 68. Zack Brown, Holly Springs, N.C., 1,392. 69. Ronnie Horton, Christiansburg, Va., 1,391. 70. Brian Robinson, WESTOVER, W. Va., 1,390. 71. John DiSantis, Wilmington, Del., 1,390. 72. Paul Pinto, Philadelphia, Pa., 1,389.

73. Ernest Lukacs, Manville, N.J., 1,389. 74. Bob Caruso, Dayton, N.J., 1,389. 75. Brandon Korczykowski, East Amherst, N.Y., 1,387. 76. Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,386. 77. Collin Raineri, Gilbertsville, Pa., 1,385. 78. Ken Yokobosky, Rockaway, N.J., 1,383.

79. Bradley Hoffman, Lemoyne, Pa., 1,378. 80. Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,375. 81. Keith Doran, Pomona, N.Y., 1,374. 82. Sammy Ventura, Syracuse, N.Y., 1,372. 83. Victor Florie Jr., Richmond, Va., 1,372. 84. Tommy Dakouvanos, Belford, N.J., 1,369.

85. Hayward Marlow, Bronx, N.Y., 1,367. 86. Thomas Coco Jr., Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., 1,364. 87. Tim Gillick, Milford, Conn., 1,363. 88. Ray Edwards, Middle Island, N.Y., 1,362. 89. Elysia Current, Ephrata, Pa., 1,362. 90. Adam Travis, Cockeysville, Md., 1,362.

91. Michael Markis, Tafton, Pa., 1,362. 92. Michael Houtz, Myerstown, Pa., 1,360. 93. Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 1,359. 94. James Joseph Wallace, Hicksville, N.Y., 1,357. 95. Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,356. 96. Darren Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,353.

97. Marty Berke, Allentown, Pa., 1,350. 98. Terry Wiley, Vienna, Va., 1,348. 99. Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,346. 100. Stephen Pavlinko Jr., Sewell, N.J., 1,345. 101. Michael L. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,345. 102. Jeremy Elder, Smyrna, Del., 1,342.

103. Keith Wagner, Easton, Pa., 1,340. 104. Christopher Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,337. 105. Tnia Falbo, Greensburg, Pa., 1,336. 106. Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,336. 107. Joseph Rzemieniewski, Middletown, Del., 1,334. 108. Jay Boyle, Garnet Valley, Pa., 1,334.

109. Jeff Voght, Canajoharie, N.Y., 1,332. 110. Brian Knauer Sr., Federalsburg, Md., 1,332. 111. Mike Deckelman, Milford, Del., 1,331. 112. David Haynes, Las Vegas, Nev., 1,330. 113. David Asbury, Ellicott City, Md., 1,329. 114. Travis Celmer, Wernersville, Pa., 1,328.

115. John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,325. 116. Brian Klonarides, Vienna, Va., 1,324. 117. Calvin Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 1,323. 118. Louis Gaudio, Morganville, N.J., 1,323. 119. Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,318. 120. Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ky., 1,317.

121. Lizabeth Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 1,316. 122. Richie Bebbler, Galena, Md., 1,315. 123. Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,313. 124. Terry Smallwood, Germantown, Md., 1,313. 125. Ben Zakrocki, Philadelphia, Pa., 1,312. 126. Geordin Krupski, Newtonville, N.J., 1,312.

127. Michael J. Cimba, Monroeville, Pa., 1,311. 128. Gary Faulkner, Norfolk, Va., 1,309. 129. Adam Chase, North Babylon, N.Y., 1,307. 130. Ross McDonald, Clarksville, Md., 1,307. 131. Michael Stocks, Leesburg, Va., 1,306. 132. Jason Stadtler, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,305.

133. George Dougherty II, Newark, Del., 1,300. 134. Jesse Gibson, West Grove, Pa., 1,299. 135. Jeffrey Roberts, Montverde, Fla., 1,298. 136. Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,296. 137. Tony Myers, Pensacola, Fla., 1,292. 138. Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,292.

139. Robert Mockenhaupt, Rutherford, N.J., 1,291. 140. Jack Bogan, Kensington, Md., 1,290. 141. David Powers, Newport News, Va., 1,289. 142. Tim Beaver, Kingston, N.Y., 1,288. 143. Colton Wilson, North East, Md., 1,285. 144. Stephen Haas, Enola, Pa., 1,281.

145. Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,276. 146. Paul Nickle III, Rising Sun, Md., 1,273. 147. Timothy Martin, Harrisville, R.I., 1,273. 148. Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J., 1,273. 149. Sam Maccarone, Blackwood, N.J., 1,269. 150. Rob Manley, Wilmington, Del., 1,260.

151. Michael Tweed, Camp Hill, Pa., 1,260. 152. Pat Scott, Manassas, Va., 1,258. 153. Otis Reff, Conshohocken, Pa., 1,257. 154. Clifton Wolfe, West Grove, Pa., 1,255. 155. Mike Hastings, Millsboro, Del., 1,250. 156. Arthur Nowlin, New Castle, Del., 1,248.

157. Dan Buchman, Maple Shade, N.J., 1,247. 158. Benjamin Enea, Utica, N.Y., 1,243. 159. Pat Merrill, Newark, Del., 1,239. 160. Greg Rottengen, Washington, N.J., 1,235. 161. Robert Fusik III, East Windsor, N.J., 1,234. 162. Jeremy Domingo, Sewell, N.J., 1,232.

163. David Kneas, Annapolis, Md., 1,229. 164. Gregory Smith, Baltimore, Md., 1,227. 165. David Bleggi, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,227. 166. Thad Rand, Rapidan, Va., 1,225. 167. Troy Lehigh, York, Pa., 1,215. 168. Howard Snyder, Hunt Valley, Md., 1,215.

169. Jackson Getting, Hampton, N.H., 1,212. 170. Charles Beam, Henrico, Va., 1,208. 171. Leon Platt, Summerville, S.C., 1,207. 172. John Schmidt, Warners, N.Y., 1,205. 173. Bill Vannoy, Jacksonville, N.C., 1,190. 174. Derek James, Wyandanch, N.Y., 1,189.

175. Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,187. 176. Bob Andretta, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1,178. 177. Bill Michael Sr., Bowie, Md., 1,147. 178. Joseph Hanussak, Hamilton, N.J., 1,124. 179. Richard Lyles, Poolesville, Md., 1,105. 180. Derek C Engeln, Clifton Park, N.Y., 671, WD.

Ryan Shafer Wins PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic in Delaware

29-year PBA Tour veteran ends 12-year title drought with fifth career victory

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (Aug. 23, 2015) – Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., ended a 12-year title drought Sunday, defeating Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., 254-144, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter Pro Shop East Classic at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment.

Shafer, who turned 49 five days earlier, started the title match with seven strikes and ran away with the match when Kent ran into split trouble, leaving four and failing to convert any of them. Shafer, a 29-year PBA Tour veteran and a 26-time PBA Regional title winner, earned \$15,000 along with his fifth PBA Tour title and first since the 2003 Empire State Open in Latham, N.Y.

"It's been a long time, 12 years. I'm glad it's over. It really feels good," Shafer said.

"I've been through a rough few years. You start to feel like the young guys are really taking over," Shafer said. "You lose ball speed. The only thing you can do is practice a lot and make your spares, and grind it out. That's the kind of tournament I prefer. I like a lot of games.

"They were a little toasty, the second eight games today," Shafer said, referring to the lane conditions that got burned out during Sunday's 16-game match play competition leading up to the stepladder finals. Without re-oiling the lanes, conditions became difficult, but, he noted, "That's what I'm best at. I'm a grinder."

Shafer qualified seventh for Sunday's match play and then won 10 of his 16 matches, averaging 221 for the tournament to earn the top berth for the stepladder finals.

After rolling a 279 in the final game of match play to advance from eighth place to capture the third berth in the stepladder finals, Kent defeated No. 4 qualifier John Szczerbinski of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 225-189, ending Szczerbinski's bid for his first PBA Tour title.

In the semifinal match, Kent continued his hard loft-shot to the first arrow, throwing the final five strikes to edge PBA East Region veteran Tommy Gollick of Oberlin, Pa., 244-242. Gollick, a 38-year-old lefthander, also was trying for his first PBA Tour title in his first stepladder finals appearance, but when he left the 1-3-4-7 washout in the fifth frame and failed to convert, Gollick gave Kent a lead he was never able to overcome.

The PBA Tour's next event will be the Xtra Frame PBA Iowa Midwest Open from Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 9-11. The tournament will be covered live from start to finish, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA XTRA FRAME GENE CARTER PRO SHOP EAST CLASSIC Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment, Middletown, Del., Sunday

Final Standings: 1, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$15,000. 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$7,800. 3, Tommy Gollick, Oberlin, Pa., \$4,000. 4, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., \$2,500.

Stepladder Results: Match One – Kent def. Szczerbinski, 225-189. Semifinal – Kent def. Gollick, 244-242. Championship - Shafer def. Kent, 254-144.

Final Match Play Standings (after 23 games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Shafer, 10-6, 5,399.
- 2, Gollick, 10-6, 5,367.
- 3, Kent, 11-5, 5,315.
- 4, Szczerbinski, 11-5, 5,311.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 11-5, 5,297, \$1,700.
- 6, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 8-8, 5,288, \$1,300.
- 7, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 9-6-1, 5,276, \$1,100.
- 8, Steven Arehart, Chesapeake, Va., 9-7, 5,223, \$1,000.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7-9, 5,196, \$950.
- 10, Matt O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 9-7, 5,162, \$925.
- 11, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6-9-1, 5,125, \$900.
- 12, Rick Graham, Lancaster, Pa., 8-8, 5,082, \$880.
- 13, Kristian Rogers, Charlotte, N.C., 8-8, 5,064, \$860.
- 14, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 8-8, 5,056, \$850.
- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 7-9, 5,051, \$840.
- 16, Nick Christy, Newport, N.C., 8-8, 5,026, \$830.
- 17, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 7-9, 5,006, \$820.
- 18, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8-8, 4,988, \$810.
- 19, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 8-8, 4,962, \$800.
- 20, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 6-10, 4,924, \$790.
- 21, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 6-10, 4,916, \$780.
- 22, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 7-9, 4,902, \$770.

23, Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa., 5-11, 4,876, \$760.

24, Frank Gray, North East, Md., 4-12, 4,576, \$750.

PBA Spare Shots

TEAM FISH: SOMETIMES, BOYS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN, TOO

To borrow from the famous Cyndi Lauper song, sometimes boys just wanna have fun, too. Take "Team Fish" for example. "Team Fish" began to create national curiosity among Professional Bowlers Association fans during the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel PBA Summer Swing when **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, N.C., made his national television debut on CBS Sports Network, winning the PBA Wolf Open title with fellow "Team Fish" friends **Connor Pickford** of Matthews, N.C., and **Craig Nidiffer** of Trenton, Mich., in the background, cheering him on.

Contrary to conclusions drawn by some fans, the "Team Fish" concept had nothing to do with Troup being the son of PBA Tour champion **Guppy Troup**:

"At the (PBA) World Series (of Bowling) two years ago, Connor, Craig and I were rooming together," Kyle Troup explained. "Nidiffer plays online poker, and there are a lot of 'fish' who play as well. People who don't play poker well are called 'fish.' So during the World Series, we all bowled bad. None of us got a check. We decided we bowled like 'fish' so we kind of made up a little team among the three of us, and called ourselves Team Fish.

"When I made (the Wolf Open) show, the name kinda took off because I had the name on my collar," Troup continued, "so we decided to make a logo and have fun with it. It's nothing serious; it's just going along to see what we can do with it."

The little group began giving each other nicknames. Troup is "AfroFish" because of the Afro hairstyle he sported during the Wolf Open finals. Nidiffer became "NidiFish." Pickford is "FishFord." They created their own Facebook and Twitter pages (Team Fish), and a website is in the works. Through Facebook, fans create their own "fish" nicknames and can order o-FISH-al merchandise, like t-shirts.

"If it takes off, hopefully other guys on Tour will make their own teams with their own names," Troup said. "It's all in fun. It just gives fans something special to cheer for."

Next up, Team Fish will make its formal competitive debut during the upcoming PBA South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic in Las Vegas when five "fish" will bowl together in the new five-player PBA Team Challenge Oct. 24-25. Bowling for Team Fish will be Dick (FishStick) Allen of Columbia, S.C.; Kyle (AfroFish) Troup; Connor (FishFord) Pickford; two-hander Anthony (TwoFinFish) Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, and Kris (WickedFish) Prather of Milton, Fla.

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WEST, NORTHWEST FINALISTS FOR PBA CHALLENGE EVENTS ARE SET

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Earning paid entries into WSOB VII along with berths in the eight-player PBA Regional Finals qualifying tournament are West Region competition points champion **Josh Blanchard** of Gilbert, Ariz., and Northwest Region points winner **Scott Norton** of Mission Viejo, Calif. Topping the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional standings in the West Region is **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif., while **April Lord Wittig** of Steilacoom, Wash., is runner-up in Northwest Region women's points but gets the region's berth because Parkin, the points leader, is already in the field as West Region winner.

NEXT ON XTRA FRAME: PWBA TOUR HEADS TOWARD SEASON FINALE

Coming up on Xtra Frame will be the final three events of the PBWA's revival season, including exclusive live coverage of the PWBA Detroit Open from Super Bowl in Canton, Mich., Aug. 28-29, the final standard PWBA event of its revival season; the BowlmorAMF U.S. Women's Open from Brunswick Zone-Carolier in North Brunswick, N.J., Sept. 1-5, and the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship presented by gobowling.com, Sept. 11 at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

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PBA STARS TO REPRESENT U.S. IN PAN AMERICAN MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

Five PBA Tour champions – **Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Bill O'Neill** and **Sean Rash**) along with highly-regarded amateur competitor **John Janawicz** will represent the United States in the Pan American Bowling Confederation (PABCON) Men's Championships in Puerto Rico Sept. 14-18.

The competition at AMF Bolera Paradise Lanes in San Juan will feature the best bowlers from the American Zone competing for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and match-play Masters.

At the last PABCON Men's Championships in Las Vegas in 2012, Team USA took gold medals in singles, doubles, team and all-events. Janawicz is the defending singles champion, O'Neill is the reigning all-events champion and O'Neill teamed with Jones to win the doubles gold medal that year. O'Neill, Jones, Janawicz and Kent were a part of the gold-medal winning team.

A number of other PBA members are expected to compete, representing their home countries within the American Zone.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WALTER RAY IMPROVES HIS OVERALL PBA TITLES RECORD

- **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** improved his overall PBA titles record to 95 when he defeated **Mike Dias** of Lafayette, Colo., 279-207, to win the one-day the PBA50 Ft. Wayne Central/Midwest Shootout, an event sandwiched between the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Group Championship and the PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Open, all hosted by Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind.

The latest title was Williams' seventh PBA50 Regional title to go along with his record 47 PBA Tour, nine PBA50 Tour and 32 standard PBA Regional titles. He's two titles ahead of **Pete Weber** who has 93 titles: 37 PBA Tour, 48 standard regionals, four PBA50 Tour and four PBA50 regionals.

- Reigning PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado** from Houston, Texas, won his last five matches to overtake **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas, and successfully defend his PBA Greenville Southwest Open title Sunday at Shenaniganz in Greenville, Texas.

Maldonado opened the tournament with a 279 game and remained near the top of the leader board throughout qualifying and the match play finals. Trailing Bohr by 39 pins going into the final game position match, Maldonado recorded a decisive 226-200 victory to finish the event with a 21-game total of 4,835 pins and a 17-pin margin of victory over Bohr. Maldonado earned \$2,500 along with his first PBA Southwest Region title of the year.

- **Sam Maccarone** of Blackwood, N.J. defeated **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., 257-235, to win the PBA Progressive/Gerdeman Insurance/Al Smith Jeep Central/Midwest Classic at Al-Mar Lanes in Bowling Green, Ohio, on Aug. 19. The title was Maccarone's first of the year in the PBA Central Region, his 14th career PBA Regional title and he earned \$3,500.

- **Ted Staikoff** of Black Hawk, S.D., finished with a 4,261 pinfall total over 20 games to win the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Allstate Midwest/Central Open Sunday by 16 pins over **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Township, Mich. Staikoff, 67, earned \$1,600 along with his first PBA Regional singles title. He recently won his first PBA Regional title in a PBA50 doubles event in Minnesota with partner **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas.

- Closing out the August schedule over the Aug. 28-30 weekend will be the Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at Fourth Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.; the Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Invitation at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the LaFayette Lanes Fayetteville (N.C.) South Open presented by 900 Global, and the Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

- Also on tap as part of the Southwest Region's PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational, Aug. 28-30, at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., will be the region's second annual hall of fame induction ceremonies. The Invitational event will boast 32 of the top bowlers in the Southwest Region, and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 29, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Grand Casino, Hotel and Resort in Shawnee when **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas; **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas; the late **Sean Swanson** of Springfield, Mo.; **Cary Mogard** of Houston; and former College Bowl proprietors **Ed and Virginia Autry** of Texarkana, Texas, will be honored.

- A limited schedule of Labor Day weekend activity for the PBA Regional program includes back-to-back events at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. – the PBA60 Wilson & Son Pest Control Super Senior South Open, Sept. 3-5, followed by the PBA50 Budweiser Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300. Also on tap is the PBA50 Strike Zone/Ebonite East Open, Sept. 4-6, at Strike Zone in Pottsville, Pa.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- Former PBA Rookie of the Year **Rhino Page** will make an appearance in a charity bowling event in conjunction with the Tidewater Patriot Day Charity Golf Tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C., over Labor Day weekend. The weekend event is a benefit for the Folds of Honor Foundation, benefitting soldiers who have been wounded in combat.

- Correction: The Ballard Vs. The Big "C" fundraiser to benefit the Baylor Cancer Care Center will be held on Saturday, Sept. 19, at AMF Euless Lanes, not Sept. 9 as noted in last week's Spare Shots. For more information about the four-player team event, call Tina or Terry Taylor at 817-996-4544 or look for Ballard Vs. The Big "C" on Facebook.

- Reminder: Book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com and you'll automatically become eligible to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the monthly sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner. And subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) to automatically enter both the MOTIV and DV8 monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball.

2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Heads to Oklahoma

Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Grand Casino Resort & Hotel to host PBA Tour's signature event Jan. 30-Feb. 7

SHAWNEE, Okla. (Aug. 27, 2015) – After hosting two highly successful Professional Bowlers Association Summer Swing events in 2014 and 2015, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Grand Casino Resort & Hotel, and FireLake Bowling Center and Arena will partner with the PBA to host the organization's signature event in 2016, the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

The premier event for PBA champions will take place Jan. 30-Feb. 7, concluding with live ESPN coverage of the five-player stepladder finals staged in a special installation inside FireLake Arena at 2 p.m. ET on Sunday, Feb. 7. All preliminary rounds will be conducted across the parking lot at 24-lane FireLake Bowling Center.

The 2016 PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies will be part of the package.

"Citizen Potawatomi Nation and its properties have been outstanding partners," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "This is going to be a very special week for our players and all of our fans."

Chris Skillings, Director of FireLake Bowling Center, said the sponsorship agreement is part of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's strategy to make the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel complex a focal point for visitors to Oklahoma.

"We are thrilled to partner with our friends at FireLake Arena to host the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions," Skillings said. "Citizen Potawatomi Nation has proven that we are a premier destination for PBA events in recent years, and the Tournament of Champions will only build on that."

The 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions will include a field of 96 players, including 72 PBA Tour title holders based on the number of titles each player has won, and 24 additional PBA champions who will qualify during a special TOC Regional qualifying event that will precede the first major championship of the 2016 PBA season.

The TOC gets underway with 96 players bowling eight-game qualifying squads at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2-3. After 16 games, the top 40 advance to an eight-game cashers' round at 10 a.m. Thursday. Based on 24-game pinfall totals, the top 24 will advance to eight-game round-robin match play rounds at 5 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday. The top five players after 48 games will compete for the \$50,000 first prize during Sunday's ESPN finals.

The TOC week schedule also includes practice squads on Monday, Feb. 1, with the PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies at 6 p.m. at the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel. Saturday, Feb. 6, will be a day of pro-am squads when Oklahoma grassroots league bowlers will bowl alongside PBA stars for their own prizes.

Australia's Jason Belmonte is the two-time defending champion. He will attempt to join Jason Couch as the second player to win three consecutive TOC titles.

All of the preliminary rounds of TOC week, including the TOC Regional, PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies and TOC qualifying and match play rounds, will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online video-streaming service. For Xtra Frame subscriptions, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

2016 FIRELAKE PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE

FireLake Bowling Center, Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 7 (times listed are Central)

Friday, Jan. 29

3 & 5 p.m. – TOC Regional practice sessions

Saturday, Jan. 30

8 a.m. – TOC Regional Squad A, 8 qualifying games (max. field 60)

2:30 p.m. – TOC Regional Squad B, 8 qualifying games (max. field 60)

Top 1/3 of combined field advance to cashers' round

Sunday, Jan. 31

8:30 a.m. – TOC Regional cashers' round, 5 games

Top 24 PBA TOC-eligible title winners based on 13 games advance to FireLake TOC; top 16 players in the field advance to modified match play round

Noon – TOC, top 16, 8 games modified round-robin match play

Winner decided based on 21 games, total pinfall including match play bonus pins.

Monday, Feb. 1

10 a.m. – PBA TOC Squad A practice session

2 p.m. – PBA TOC Squad B practice session

6 p.m. – PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies (Grand Casino Resort & Hotel)

Tuesday, Feb. 2

10 a.m. – TOC Squad A, 8 qualifying games

5 p.m. – TOC Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Wednesday, Feb. 3

10 a.m. – TOC Squad B, 8 qualifying games

5 p.m. – TOC Squad A, 8 qualifying games

Top 40 players after 16 games advance to cashers' round

Thursday, Feb. 4

10 a.m. – TOC top 40 cashers' round, 8 games

Top 24 after 24 games advance to round-robin match play

5 p.m. – TOC top 24, 8 games match play

Friday, Feb. 5

10 a.m. – TOC top 24, 8 games match play

5 p.m. – TOC top 24, 8 games match play

Top 5 after 48 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 6

tba – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, Feb. 7

1 p.m. (2 p.m. ET) – Top 5 ESPN stepladder finals

The following feature was provided to the PBA by PBA60 Tour member Bill McCorkle; a photo of McCorkle and Henson is available upon request to: bill.vint@pba.com

For Childhood Friends, PBA60 Titles Fulfill an Unlikely Dream

Ohioans Bill McCorkle, Bill Henson win same Fort Wayne event under eerily similar circumstances

Editor's Note: *Friends since childhood, growing up together in Westerville, Ohio, PBA60 players Bill McCorkle and Bill Henson achieved their dream of winning a national PBA title by winning the same tournament in Fort Wayne, Ind., in back-to-back years. Below, McCorkle tells the story of the pair's friendship and oddly similar experiences.*

Bill Henson and I were born in 1952 and grew up together in Westerville, Ohio. We began bowling at an early age at Westerville Lanes, one of the last "dry" (no alcohol served) bowling centers in the country.

We both played all sports. We were both pitchers in Little League baseball, advancing to Pony League and eventually to high school. Around 1961 at age 9, we became good friends bowling in youth bowling leagues on Saturday mornings. Both of us admired and respected each other when we pitched on opposing teams in Little League. We still have the scoresheet from the 1-0 pitcher's duel in 1962. (Footnote: McCorkle was the winning pitcher that day, allowing only one hit. Henson allowed two, but one of them was a home run "by the only good hitter we had," McCorkle recalls. "I always remind him he never should have pitched to that kid.")

Both of us also worked at Westerville Lanes as porters, cleaning the ash trays and filling the pop machines and we even did a little pin jumping in the back. While in high school, both of us practiced a lot and worked very hard on our games. We bowled in the adult All Star and Classic leagues as youngsters and dreamed of becoming professional bowlers. We earned the nicknames "Mac" and "Hac." And we graduated from Westerville High School together in 1970.

Let's fast forward about 52 years later to 2014. Both of us are in our 60s. We are both very proud grandfathers and still live in Westerville, just north of Columbus. We bowl together in a high-powered scratch league in Columbus along with a couple of fellow PBA champions, PBA Hall of Famer Roy Buckley and Mike Henry of nearby Gahanna. We compete regularly on the PBA50 Tour, traveling the country to compete against the greatest bowlers in the world.

We've both had success winning PBA regional titles, but neither of us has ever given up our childhood dream to be a national PBA champion and earn a banner that is displayed over the lanes at each tournament site along with the best champions ever to throw a bowling ball.

My bowling dream came true in 2014 when I won my first national title in the inaugural PBA60 Dick Weber Super Senior Classic at Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind. In an odd coincidence, left-handed Mike Henry, a teammate of mine in league in Columbus, was leading the tournament going into the final position round game. A loss in the last game dropped Henry to fifth place for the stepladder finals and I qualified second behind Johnny Petraglia, one of the greatest bowlers in PBA history.

After I beat Dave Patchen, another Ohioan, 212-195, in the semifinal match, I defeated Petraglia in the title match, 244-173. Petraglia, the legendary lefthander who was the bowler of the year in 1971, is the only bowler in PBA history to win national titles in six different decades and he was trying to become the oldest bowler to win a PBA national event at age of 67.

At the end of the 2014 season, both were nominees for the PBA50 Tour's Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award, which is voted on by our peers. It was a proud moment even though Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Fla., was the top vote-getter.

This year, one year after my win, my good friend “Hac” made his bowling dream come true when he won his first national title in the second annual Dick Weber Super Senior Classic, also at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne.

Once again, our friend Mike Henry was leading the tournament going into position round before he lost and dropped into third place for the stepladder finals. Once again the title went through Petraglia who this time was the tournament leader, and now trying to become the oldest to win a PBA national event at age 68.

On the same pair of lanes (41-42) at Pro Bowl West, Henson began his climb from fourth place, defeating yet another Ohioan, Dave Csuhta of Wadsworth, 247-214; then Henry, 256-225, and finally Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nev., 256-225, to advance to the title match against Petraglia.

In the championship match, Henson def. Petraglia, 244-233, rolling the same winning score I had bowled in winning my first title the previous year.

When I congratulated Bill on his win, it took us both back to memories more than 50 years old. Mac said, “I know how you feel.” Hac laughed and said, “I know you do.”

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INAUGURAL PBA TEAM CHALLENGE ROSTER FEATURES FISH, COUCH POTATOES & MORE

The inaugural PBA Team Challenge, inviting PBA players and all comers to put together a roster of five players for a team battle never before seen in the United States, has already produced some interesting combinations of players.

Among the first 15 teams entered are Team Fish, the Couch Potatoes, the unnamed “super team,” another unnamed team with a distinct international flavor, teams with pronounced regional ties, others with lots of collegiate experience, and it’s rumored an all-women’s team will be in the field.

Team Fish, as previously announced, includes five PBA players who like to have fun: Dick (FishStick) Allen, Kyle (AfroFish) Troup, Connor (FishFord) Pickford, Anthony (TwoFinFish) Simonsen and Kris (WickedFish) Prather while PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch’s Couch Potatoes includes fellow lefty Ryan Ciminelli, Denmark’s Thomas Larsen, Ryan Shafer, Dave Wodka and Couch himself.

The so-called “super team” without an official name features Chris Barnes, Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott and Bill O’Neill – owners of a combined 13 major championships among their 63 total PBA titles. The “internationals” includes England’s Dom Barrett and Stu Williams bowling with Sweden’s Martin Larsen, Finland’s Osku Palermaa and token U.S. player Patrick Allen.

Team Brunswick is in the field with Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner and the king of PBA title winners, Walter Ray Williams Jr. South America will challenge the field with Colombia’s Andres Gomez, Jaime Gonzalez, Jaime Monroy, Manuel Otalora and Venezuela’s Ildemaro Ruiz.

If experience counts, look to the McCorkle Real Estate team which includes PBA50 Tour stars Tom Baker, Bob Learn Jr., Ron Mohr, Amleto Monacelli and Pete Weber.

For more information on who is entered, check out the link to current team rosters:

[http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20\(Team\).pdf](http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20(Team).pdf)

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PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ON YOUTUBE

Australian two-handed star **Jason Belmonte** gave PBA fans a preview of things to come when he won the Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic in West Babylon, N.Y., in March 2009, leading to his selection as PBA Rookie of the Year. You can re-visit Belmonte as a PBA rookie and re-live his first PBA Tour victory, earned on a pair of lanes featuring different lane conditions on each lane, by watching the newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApZeNclxFus>.

Coming soon to the PBA Modern Classics collection will be the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Championship from Reno, Nev., where **Patrick Allen** ran the table, winning the title over PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** in a match that wasn't settled until a dramatic 10th frame.

You'll find the complete collection of classic PBA Tour telecasts in the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube, with new telecasts being added on a regular basis.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FINAL MONTH OF PBA REGIONAL CHALLENGE QUALIFYING

September is the final month of qualifying for men and women trying for berths in the PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge events which will be held as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in December at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The top players in competition points in each of the PBA's eight regions will earn paid entries into the World Series and they'll compete for berths in the PBA Challenge Finals, which will be part of the PBA's ESPN series originating from WSOB VII. For current points standings in each PBA region, click here (<http://www.pba.com/Tours/Regional/>) and then click on the region in question to find points standings.

For news of last weekend's activities, and a full schedule of September tournaments, see below:

- Amateur **Michael Tang** of San Francisco and partner **Jeff Frankos** of Daly City, Calif., posted a 6-4 match play record and a combined 18-game total of 8,487 pins Sunday to win the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at 4th Street Bowl in San Jose, Calif.

Tang, a member of Junior Team USA, and Frankos defeated **Jake Peters** of Henderson, Nev. and amateur **Adam Ishman** of Las Vegas, who had a 9-1 match play record and 8,329 pins. Tang and Frankos shared the \$4,000 first prize. Peters and Ishman earned \$2,000.

- **Shawn Maldonado** from Houston, Texas, defeated **Roger Petrin** of Grand Prairie, Texas, 257-212, to win the second annual PBA Grand Casino Resort & Hotel Southwest Invitational at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., Sunday.

Maldonado, fresh off his victory in Greenville, Texas, a week earlier, overcame an open frame to start the championship match and followed with seven strikes to claim the \$4,500 winner's check.

After qualifying fifth and earning a berth into the Round of 12, the Houston two-handed player started his road to victory by eliminating defending champion **Wes Malott** of Pflugerville, Texas, 2-1, in their best-of-three-game match; newly-inducted PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer **Chris Barnes** from Double Oak, Texas, 2-0, in the Round of 8, and **DJ Archer** of Kingwood, Texas, in the semifinal round, 246-170.

- **Brian Gunn** of Chicago defeated **Sean Rash** of Montgomery, Ill. 279-269, to win the PBA Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Region Open at Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., Sunday.

Gunn, who fired a 269 game in his position round match to sneak into the stepladder finals, then posted an 809 series in three stepladder matches to collect his second career PBA Regional title along with the \$2,100 first prize. He defeated Brad Miller of St. Charles, Mo. 251-195, in the first match before eliminating PBA rookie A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 279-233.

- **Lee Vanderhoef** of Canton, Ga., rallied to defeat **Kip Roberts** of Glen Allen, Va., 2-1, in the best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA Fayetteville South Open presented by Global 900 at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday.

After losing the first game, 232-190, Vanderhoef came back to win the next two games, 237-227 and 221-173, to win his 12th South Region title and his first since 2008. He also earned \$2,500.

In the semifinal round, Vanderhoef defeated **Tom Daugherty** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 2-1. After winning the opening game in a one-ball roll-off, 9-7, after a 258-258 tie, Daugherty won game two, 210-214, before Vanderhoef won the third game, 278-208. Roberts eliminated **Dan Buchman** of Maple Shade, N.J., 247-214, 236-214, in the other semifinal match.

- A limited schedule of Labor Day weekend activity for the PBA Regional program includes back-to-back events at George Pappas' Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. – the PBA60 Wilson & Son Pest Control Super Senior South Open, Sept. 3-5, followed by the PBA50 Budweiser Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300. Also on tap is the PBA50 Strike Zone/Ebonite East Open, Sept. 4-6, at Strike Zone in Pottsville, Pa.

- The PBA60 Warpath Kingsport Super Senior South Open is scheduled for mid-week (Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 8-10) in Kingsport, Tenn., leading into the Sept. 11-13 weekend schedule which includes the McAlester Southwest Open presented by Columbia 300 at Great Balls of Fire Entertainment Center in McAlester, Okla.; the PBA50 Howell Lanes East Open presented by Radical in Howell, N.J., and the Moon City Central Classic at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

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QUICK NOTES

- Remember, book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com and you'll become eligible to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the monthly sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner, just like **Paul Bajorski** did in the month of August.

- Subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) to automatically enter the monthly MOTIV and DV8 sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball. New subscribers **Harry Archer** of Churchville, Va., won the new MOTIV ball in August while **Philip Cotton** of Salem, Ore., won the DV8 ball.

PBA Spare Shots

“ROOKIE” ED ROBERTS WINS BATTLE OF SEPTUAGENARIANS FOR FIRST PBA TITLE

In a contest between players with a combined age of 143 years, 72-year-old Professional Bowlers Association “rookie” Ed Roberts of Braintree, Mass., defeated 71-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Roy Buckley of Westerville, Ohio, to win his first PBA title in the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Termite and Pest Control Super Senior Southern Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., over the Labor Day weekend.

Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio, also won his first title in the second half of the PBA50 South Region “doubleheader” at Victory Lanes.

Roberts, bowling in his first PBA tournament after years of PBA competition as an amateur, defeated Buckley, 257-219, 214-276, 228-217, in their best-of-three-game title match to win his first PBA title.

Roberts, a member of Team USA 1995, earned \$2,400 while Buckley, a seven-time PBA Tour champion in the 1970s era, pocketed \$1,200 as the runner-up.

Profitt, 63, captured the PBA50 Budweiser Mooresville South Open, also at Victory Lanes, on Monday, defeating Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 199-221, 210-199, 206-132 in their best-of-three-game title match. Profitt, a PBA member since 2007, earned \$2,400 along with his first PBA title. Scarborough earned \$1,200 for the second place finish.

By virtue of their titles, Roberts and Profitt both became eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions which will take place in Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 7.

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Next up on Xtra Frame will be the preliminary match play elimination rounds of the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship presented by gobowling.com, Friday at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas. The PWBA Tour Championship finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Sept. 13, at 1 p.m. ET.

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PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ON YOUTUBE

Coming soon to the PBA Modern Classics collection is the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Championship from Reno, Nev., where **Patrick Allen** ran the table, winning the title when PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** left a pocket 8-10 split in the 10th frame.

You’ll find the complete collection of classic PBA Tour telecasts in the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube, with new telecasts being added on a regular basis: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>.

CHRIS BARNES WINS SAMHO KOREA CUP

PBA Tour champion **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas, defeated Korea’s **Jung Taewha**, 249-183, to win the \$24,910 first prize in the 17th Samho Korea Cup Sunday at Hogy Gymnasium in Anyang City, South Korea. Finland’s **Osku Palermaa** finished fourth in the independent international event.

The tournament was not part of the PBA International-World Bowling Tour schedule.

In the four-player eliminator finals, Korea’s **Jo Namyi** led the opening round with a 300 game while Barnes posted a 246, Jung a 236 and Palermaa was eliminated with a 221 game. Jung led the second round with a 246, Barnes had a 238 and Jo was eliminated with a 223. Barnes then beat Jung for the title.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FINAL MONTH OF PBA REGIONAL CHALLENGE QUALIFYING

September is the final month of qualifying for men and women trying for berths in the PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge events which will be held as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in December at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The top players in competition points in each of the PBA's eight regions will earn paid entries into the World Series and they'll compete for berths in the PBA Challenge Finals, which will be part of the PBA's ESPN series originating from WSOB VII. For current points standings in each PBA region, click here (<http://www.pba.com/Tours/Regional/>) and then click on the region in question to find points standings.

For news of last weekend's activities, and a full schedule of September tournaments, see below:

- **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., defeated **Steve Pavlinko** of Sewell, N.J., 248-171, to win the PBA East Region's PBA50 Strike Zone/Ebonite Open at Strike Zone Alleys in Pottsville, Pa., Sunday.

LeClair, who won his first PBA50 Tour title earlier in the year, was a late entry into the Pottsville event after battling tendonitis since competing on the PBA50 Tour during the summer. He wrapped his wrist and bowled through the discomfort on his way to his first PBA50 Regional title and the \$1,500 first prize.

LeClair defeated **Patric Donaghue** of Honeoye Falls, N.Y., 247-167, while Pavlinko defeated qualifying leader **Kent Wagner** of Bradenton, Fla., 213-201, in the semifinal matches.

- The PBA60 Warpath Kingsport Super Senior South Open concludes today in Kingsport, Tenn. The weekend schedule includes the McAlester Southwest Open presented by Columbia 300 at Great Balls of Fire Entertainment Center in McAlester, Okla.; the PBA50 Howell Lanes East Open presented by Radical in Howell, N.J., and the Moon City Central Classic at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

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PBA League Returns to Maine in 2016; Draft Set for December 17 in Reno

Bayside Bowl to host fourth season of PBA League competition, PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout

CHICAGO (Sept. 10, 2015) – After its rousing, raucous, outrageously fun first-ever visit to Maine, the Professional Bowlers Association will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland for Maine Event 2016 including its fourth annual round of PBA League competition and the Xtra Frame PBA Maine Shootout, March 30-April 6.

The draft to fill team rosters for 2016 will be done before a live international audience watching on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, on Thursday, Dec. 17, during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII from Reno, Nev. (time to be announced).

The eight-team PBA League will compete in two days of team competition on April 2 and 3 for delayed telecast over a span of four consecutive Sundays, April 17-May 8, on ESPN. All four PBA League shows will air at 1 p.m. ET.

The PBA League in 2016 will return with the same eight managers and teams. In order of their 2015 finish, they will be: Mark Baker (two-time defending Elias Cup champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters), Andrew Cain (L.A. X), Johnny Petraglia (Brooklyn STyLES), Tim Mack (Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits), Jason Couch (Philadelphia Hitmen), Norm Duke (Dallas Strikers), Del Ballard Jr. (Motown Muscle) and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard (New York City WTT KingPins).

Teams will draft in the reverse order of how they finished in 2015 (KingPins first, Atom Splitters last). Managers will be allowed to protect up to three players from their 2015 rosters. All players who would like to be considered for the PBA League must declare their intentions by no later than Nov. 13 (managers will declare their protected players by no later than Oct. 26).

Team competition will remain the same as 2015: preliminary rounds will feature Baker-format elimination matches leading to the Elias Cup Finals which will be decided by points earned in singles, doubles, trio and Baker team matches.

Other highlights of the 2016 program include:

- The draft will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, prior to the live ESPN coverage of the PBA World Championship from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The draft will be video-streamed live on Xtra Frame at a time to be announced.
- All PBA members in good standing are invited to declare themselves eligible for the draft.
- After teams are selected, managers will have until Jan. 8 to make trades, if they wish.

In 2016, PBA League teams will compete for \$280,000 in prize money, including \$60,000 to the winning team.

The PBA's return to Portland will include a day of practice and pro-am activity when Maine adult, youth and senior league bowlers will have a chance to bowl with the stars of the PBA, followed by two days of Baker-format team competition for delayed telecast on ESPN, and three days of Xtra Frame PBA Maine Shootout competition, a singles event with a PBA Tour title at stake.

2016 PBA MAINE EVENT SCHEDULE **(All times are subject to change)**

Thursday, Dec. 17

Tba - PBA League Draft, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (live coverage on Xtra Frame)

PBA League Schedule, Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

Thursday, March 31

9 a.m. – Practice Session

tba – Pro-Am squads

Friday, April 1

tba

Saturday, April 2 (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

Noon – Quarterfinal Match One: Silver Lake Atom Splitters vs. New York City WTT KingPins

Quarterfinal Match Two: Philadelphia Hitmen vs. Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits

3:30 P.M. – Quarterfinal Match Three: L.A. X vs. Motown Muscle

Quarterfinal Match Four: Brooklyn STyLES vs. Dallas Strikers

Sunday, April 3

Noon – Semifinal Match One: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

Semifinal Match Two: Winner Match Three vs. Winner Match Four (best of two games, Baker format; one-ball roll-off to break ties)

3:30 p.m. – Elias Cup Finals: Winner Semifinal One vs. Winner Semifinal Two, total pinfall (singles, 10 bonus pins; alternate-shot doubles, 15 bonus pins; trios, 20 bonus pins; Baker team, 50 bonus pins)

PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout Schedule

Monday, April 4

tba – Match Play Draw Party (to determine Maine Shootout match play bracket positions)

Tuesday, April 5

9 a.m. – Round of 64, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)

11 a.m. – Round of 64, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)
1:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round three (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)
3:30 p.m. – Round of 64, round four (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 32)
6 p.m. – Round of 32, round one (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)
8 p.m. – Round of 32, round two (8 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 16)

Wednesday, April 6

10 a.m. – Round of 16, round one (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)
11:30 a.m. – Round of 16, round two (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Round of 8)
2 p.m. – Round of 8 (4 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Semifinal Round)
6 p.m. – Semifinal Round (2 best-of-three-game matches; winners advance to Championship Match)
7:30 p.m. – Championship Match (best-of-three-games)

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Ciminelli Wins PBA Moon City Central Classic

Wapakoneta, Ohio (Sept. 13, 2015) – Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. defeated E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 228-227, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Moon City Central Classic presented at Astro Lanes Sunday.

The title was Ciminelli's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his ninth career PBA Regional title. He also earned \$3,000.

Ciminelli defeated J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 299-216, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, Raymond eliminated Brandon Korczykowski of E. Amherst, N.Y., 247-218.

Tackett earned \$1,800 for second place; Raymond won \$1,400 for third, Korczykowski, \$1,000 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will take place in Troy, Ohio, Sept. 18-20.

PBA MOON CITY CENTRAL CLASSIC

Astro Lanes, Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$3,000. 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$1,800. 3, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., \$1,300. 4, Brandon Korczykowski, E. Amherst, N.Y., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Raymond def. Korczykowski, 247-218.

Semifinal Match – Ciminelli def. Raymond, 299-216.

Championship – Ciminelli def. Tackett, 228-227.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play records; top four advance to stepladder finals):

1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 8-4, 4,843. 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8-4, 4,773. 3, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 9-3, 4,753. 4, Brandon Korczykowski, East Amherst, N.Y., 8-4, 4,622.

5, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 6-6, 4,613, \$850. 6, Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 6-6, 4,585, \$800. 7, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5-7, 4,565, \$750. 8, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 4-8, 4,542, \$700. 9, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 6-6, 4,393, \$675. 10, Kyle Bigelow, Troy, Ohio, 5-7, 4,298, \$562.50. 11, s-Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 4-8, 4,280, \$625. 12, a-Tim Bell, Garden City, Mich., 3-9, 4,095, \$600.

s-denotes PBA50

a-denotes amateur

Columbus, Ohio to Host 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship

Third consecutive major championship of the year to air live on ESPN on February 21

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Sept. 16, 2015) – Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl will host the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, a Professional Bowlers Association major championship that will conclude with live ESPN television coverage on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 1 p.m. ET.

The 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship will return to PBA major title status, featuring a 48-game qualifying and match play format, and a five-player stepladder final with a \$40,000 first prize. All of the preliminary rounds of Players Championship week will be covered live, exclusively on PBA’s Xtra Frame online video-streaming service.

“We are thrilled to extend our long-standing partnership with the PBA again this year,” said John Price, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Perio, Inc. “The Barbasol PBA Players Championship will showcase the best bowling talent from around the world in Columbus, Ohio, which has a rich history with the PBA.”

With its sponsorship, the Official Shaving Cream of the PBA continues to expand its fully-integrated partnership with the PBA, which also includes jersey sponsorship of the PBA League’s Motown Muscle.

The Barbasol partnership brings the PBA event close to the company’s headquarters and manufacturing facilities. Perio Inc., the parent company of Barbasol LLC, is located in Dublin, a suburb of Columbus, and the company’s Barbasol products are manufactured in Ashland, Ohio.

PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark was excited to welcome Barbasol’s continuing participation with the PBA.

“Barbasol is an American classic product,” said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. “Continuing its relationship with the PBA as a partner in the production of a major championship tournament is a great fit, for Barbasol and for bowling.”

The third consecutive major championship of the 2016 season will follow on the heels of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla., and the United States Bowling Congress Masters in Indianapolis, both of which will conclude with live ESPN coverage on Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, respectively.

The Players Championship will get underway on Monday, Feb. 15, with practice and a celebrity pro-am at Columbus Bowl, which is co-owned by PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb. Eight-game qualifying rounds will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by an eight-game cashers round on Thursday, and three eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday and Friday. Additional pro-am squads that provide an opportunity for Ohio grassroots adult, youth and senior league bowlers to bowl alongside the pros will be conducted on Saturday, leading up to Sunday’s live ESPN finals.

The tournament will be open to all PBA members. Additional entry information will be announced soon.

2016 BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 15-21 (times listed are Eastern)

Monday, Feb. 15

Noon – Official practice session

7 p.m. – Celebrity pro-am

Tuesday, Feb. 16

9 a.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

Wednesday, Feb. 17

9 a.m. – Squad B, 8 qualifying games

4 p.m. – Squad A, 8 qualifying games

Top one-fourth of the field after 16 games advance to cashers’ round

Thursday, Feb. 18

10 a.m. – Cashers’ round, 8 games

Top 24 after 24 games advance to round-robin match play
5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games match play

Friday, Feb. 19

10 a.m. – Top 24, 8 games match play
5 p.m. – Top 24, 8 games match play
Top 5 after 48 games advance to ESPN stepladder finals

Saturday, Feb. 20

tba – Pro-Am squads

Sunday, Feb. 21

1 p.m. – Top 5 ESPN stepladder finals

PBA50 Tour Veteran Tom Carter Receives
2015 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award

CHICAGO (Sept. 17, 2015) - Tom Carter, a competitor on the PBA50 Tour for nine seasons, has been selected as the PBA50 Tour's 2015 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award winner by his fellow players.

"It's better than winning a title," said an emotional Carter. "It's extremely humbling and I really don't know what else more to say other than to thank my fellow competitors for the honor."

In addition to competing on the PBA50 Tour, Carter, a player services representative for Brunswick, travels the PBA50 Tour in his motor home with wife Linda who serves as assistant to tournament director John Weber.

The award has special meaning for Carter not only because it was voted on by his fellow players but also because of his admiration for the late bowling legend the award is named after who passed away in 2005.

"It's special to me because I've been a friend of the entire Weber family," said Carter, a long-time Rochelle, Ill., resident before moving to Columbus, Ohio. "After Dick died (Dick's son and Midwest PBA Regional Manager) Rich Weber gave me one of Dick's 300 rings and I wear it to this day."

Carter can also often be heard as a color commentator on Xtra Frame broadcasts of PBA50 Tour events.

"I enjoy doing the commentary immensely," Carter said. "It's kind of an extension of what I do as a player services rep and pro shop operator. I want to do anything I can to bring enjoyment to the game whether it be working with the guys out on the PBA50 Tour or anyone for that matter."

The Carters operate five pro shops and are now based in Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio. Columbus Bowl has just been announced as the host center for the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship next February.

On the lanes this season, Carter, a six-time PBA50 Regional titlist and 2007-08 Midwest PBA50 Regional Player of the Year, had a best PBA50 Tour finish of 16th in the Pasco County Florida Open. His career-best PBA50 Tour finish of fourth came in the 2010 Senior HP Lanes Open.

PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winners

2015 - Tom Carter
2014 - Chris Keane
2013 - Robert Harvey
2012 - Dave Soutar
2011 - Ray Randall
2010 - Robert Harvey
2009 - Larry Graybeal

PBA Spare Shots

GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII TIES INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION RECORD

With more than two months to go before GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII gets underway at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., the annual multi-championship event has already tied its record for international representation with 21 different countries entered, and is virtually assured that record will fall soon.

As of September 15, entries have been received from bowlers in Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Sweden, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela in addition to the United States. A number of entries from China are pending, which will raise the country total to 22 after they are confirmed.

Since its inception in 2009, bowlers from 39 different countries have been represented in at least one PBA World Series.

WSOB VII will include the PBA Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships – all title events that are also qualifying rounds as part of the PBA World Championship. The entry fee for WSOB VII is \$1,000 for members and \$1,200 for non-members. The field is limited to 312 players. Players must have a reservation confirmation number for a room at the Silver Legacy at the time of entry. Silver Legacy is offering a special room rate of \$49.99 for single and double occupancy for WSOB VII. Call 800-687-8733 or visit www.silverlegacyreno.com and use the code WSOB15 when making reservations.

After making a reservation, bowlers may submit entries to PBA Membership Services Manager Mary von Krueger (email: maryvk@pba.com; cell: 206-332-9688).

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR 2015 TONY REYES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The PBA is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Tony Reyes Community Service award, named in honor of the late PBA Tour player in recognition of his service to the bowling community. The award will be presented to a PBA member in good standing, based upon the extraordinary community service, charitable and/or educational contributions the nominee has made during the 2015 calendar year.

PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., and **Missy Parkin** of Laguna Hills, Calif., were the winners of the Reyes award for 2013 and 2014, respectively.

The postmark deadline for nominations will be Monday, Dec. 21. Nominees must be current PBA members in good standing. The winner will be selected by a PBA committee and announced along with the 2015 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year and Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winners early in 2016.

Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The nomination form is available on pba.com: (http://www.pba.com/Content/images/forms/TonyReyes_App_2015.pdf)

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: PBA SHOOTOUT, IOWA MIDWEST OPEN

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The Iowa Midwest Open is the final Xtra Frame event leading into the PBA Fall Classic, a multi-event Xtra Frame extravaganza hosted by South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas beginning Oct. 19. During the Fall Classic, Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play rounds Oct. 19-20, start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, Oct. 21-22, and the new PBA Team Challenge, Oct. 24-25.

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CONNECTICUT BOWLERS GET A CHANCE TO BOWL WITH NORM DUKE, PETE WEBER

Bowlers in the Milford, Conn., area will have an opportunity to not only learn inside tips from two of the greatest PBA bowlers in history, **Norm Duke** and **Pete Weber**, but a select few also will get a chance to bowl in a "legends Baker team match" with the two PBA stars.

Duke and Weber will host two Next Level Bowling clinics at AMF Milford Lanes on Saturday, Sept. 26. Session one begins at 8:45 a.m. and the second session starts at 2 p.m. Participation, for \$85 per person, will include on-lane instruction, video analysis, expert grip analysis, a chance to try the newest Storm and Roto Grip balls, and more. Eight clinic participants from Session One will be invited to bowl in the Baker team match, pairing up with Duke and Weber as anchor bowlers on their respective teams.

Enrollment is limited. To sign up, visit nextlevelbowling.com and click on the registration link:

http://nextlevelbowling.com/index.php?option=com_registrationpro&Itemid=165&view=event&did=37

PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ON YOUTUBE

Coming soon to the PBA Modern Classics collection will be the 2001 Great Lakes Classic from Grand Rapids, Mich., where **Pete Weber** bowled a 299 game on his way to the title...and unveiled his signature "crotch chop" on national television.

Now available in the PBA Modern Classics collection is the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Championship from Reno, Nev., where **Patrick Allen** ran the table, winning the title when PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** left a pocket 8-10 split in the 10th frame:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGG4m52VEEI&index=1&list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

You'll find the complete collection of classic PBA Tour telecasts in the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube, with new telecasts being added on a regular basis: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BOHN ROLLS THREE 300S, REGAINS PBA PERFECT GAME LEAD

Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., rolled his third perfect game of the weekend to defeat **Ernie Segura Jr.** of Taylor, Mich., 300-191, in winning the PBA50 Howell Lanes East Open presented by Radical at Howell Lanes Sunday.

With his three perfect games, Bohn regained the all-time PBA 300 game lead with 104, breaking a tie with fellow PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** of Oxford, Fla., who has 101 300 games bowled in PBA competition.

Bohn, who began his career at Howell Lanes, dominated the field, averaging 267 in qualifying. **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., qualified second but trailed Bohn by 286 pins after qualifying. Segura qualified third while another hometown favorite, PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia of Jackson, qualified fourth. While Segura was edging LeClair, 211-191, in the semifinal round, Bohn outscored Petraglia, 257-235, after Petraglia opened in the 10th frame.

Bohn earned \$1,500 for his first PBA50 Regional title and his 24th overall PBA Regional title.

- **Shawn Maldonado** from Houston, Texas, overcame **Mike Scroggins'** 146-pin lead with three games to go to win his third consecutive PBA Southwest Region title Sunday in the second annual McAlester Southwest Open presented by Columbia 300 Sunday at Great Balls of Fire in McAlester, Okla.

Along with his sixth PBA regional title, the Houston two-handed player won the \$2,500 first prize.

In overtaking Scroggins, a veteran lefthander from Amarillo, Texas, Maldonado won seven of his eight matches and used a 300 game in game six to narrow Scroggins' lead. By winning game seven, 236-204 over **Sean Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas while Scroggins was losing, Maldonado took a 49-pin lead going into position round. Maldonado then defeated Scroggins, 208-196, while **Dino Castillo** of Highland Village, Texas, rolled the event's third 300 game to climb past Scroggins into second place. Maldonado finished with a 21-game total of 5,229 pins, including match play bonus pins, while Castillo finished with a 5,148 total.

Southwest Region competition points leader, **Nathan Bohr** of Austin, Texas, finished eighth to maintain his lead over **Joe Findling** of Greenville, Texas, who finished 11th. Maldonado moved into third place with two events to go. Each PBA Regional points leader as of September 30 will earn an entry into the PBA World Series of Bowling and a spot in the PBA Regional Challenge.

● **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. nipped **E.J. Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., by a single pin, 228-227, to win the PBA Moon City Central Classic presented at Astro Lanes in Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sunday. In addition to his ninth career PBA Regional title, Ciminelli also earned \$3,000.

Ciminelli defeated **J.R. Raymond** of Bay City, Mich., 299-216, to advance to the championship match after eliminating **Brandon Korczykowski** of East Amherst, N.Y., 247-218, in the opening stepladder match.

● **Greg McMahan** of Dandridge, Tenn., defeated PBA Hall of Famer **Tom Baker** of King, N.C., by 109 pins to win the second annual PBA60 Kingsport South Open presented by Storm at Warpath Lanes in Kingsport, Tenn., on Thursday, Sept. 10.

McMahan, who finished second in the inaugural Warpath Lanes event in 2014, went 7-2-3 over 12 games of match play, finishing with a 4,877 pinfall total and completed his run to the title with a 215-207 win over Baker in position round to win the \$2,000 first prize.

● September is the final month of qualifying for men and women trying for berths in the PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge events which will be held as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in December at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The top players in competition points in each of the PBA's eight regions will earn paid entries into the World Series and they'll compete for berths in the PBA Challenge Finals, which will be part of the PBA's ESPN series originating from WSOB VII. For current points standings in each PBA region, click here (<http://www.pba.com/Tours/Regional/>) and then click on the region in question to find points standings.

● On tap over the Sept. 18-20 weekend are the Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial/BW3's/Nance Construction Central Open presented by MOTIV at Troy Bowl in Troy, Ohio; the Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes in Sarasota, Fla.; the PBA50 Lakeview Lanes East Open presented by Brunswick in Fulton, N.Y.; the Dallas Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons Southwest Open at Brunswick Zone-Watauga, Texas, and the Sunday-only Budweiser Midwest Open at Diamond Jo Casino's Cherry Lanes in Dubuque, Iowa.

● The Sept. 25-27 weekend is the final chance to earn PBA and PWBA Regional Challenge points for 2015. The schedule includes the PBA and PWBA-PBA Women's Tomball Southwest Open at Tomball Bowl in Tomball, Texas; the Battle at Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne, Calif.; the Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by MOTIV in Tavares, Fla.; the Monte Skeels Allstate and PWBA-PBA Women's Midwest Open tournaments at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Delphos Recreation Center in Delphos, Ohio,

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McCune Wins PBA Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial Central Open

Troy, Ohio (Sept. 20, 2015) – Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. defeated J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 211-161, to win the Professional Bowlers Association Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial/BW3's/Nance Construction Central Open presented by MOTIV at Troy Bowl Sunday.

The title was McCune's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his 21st career PBA Regional title. He also earned \$3,000.

Raymond defeated Dan MacLelland of Canada, 246-199, to advance to the championship match. In the first stepladder match, MacLelland eliminated Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw, Mich., 211-203.

Raymond earned \$1,500 for second place; MacLelland won \$1,200 for third, Lorincz, \$1,000 for fourth.

The next PBA Central Region event will take place in Kokomo, Ind., Oct. 3-4. Xtra Frame, PBA's online video-streaming channel, will cover Sunday's Kokomo Central Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank from Heritage Lanes. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REX & GRIFFIN BIGELOW MEMORIAL/BW3'S/NANCE CONSTRUCTION CENTRAL OPEN

PRESENTED BY MOTIV
Troy Bowl, Troy, Ohio, Sunday

Final Standings:

1, Eugene, McCune \$3,000. 2, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., \$1,500 3, Dan MacLelland, Canada \$1,200. 4, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – MacLelland def. Lorincz, 211-203.

Semifinal Match – Raymond def. MacLelland, 246-199.

Championship – McCune def. Raymond, 211-161.

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play records; top four advance to stepladder finals):

1, McCune, 9-3, 4,450. 2, Raymond, 7-4-1, 4,417. 3, MacLelland, 8-4, 4,377. 4, Lorincz, 5-7, 4,310. 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6-6, 4,243, \$850. 6, Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 4-7-1, 4,201, \$800.

7, Carleton Chambers, Detroit, 6-6, 4,142, \$775. 8, Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 4-6-2, 4,140, \$760. 9, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6-6, 4,125, \$745. 10, Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 6-6, 4,089, \$730. 11, Brian Nicodemus, Elkhart, Ind., 6-6, 4,070, \$715. 12, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-9, 3,975, \$700.

PBA Spare Shots

SHAWN MALDONADO WINS FOUR STRAIGHT PBA SOUTHWEST REGION TOURNAMENTS

Reigning PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, Texas, outlasted fellow Texans **Wes Malott** of Pflugerville, **Dino Castillo** of Highland Park and **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo to win the 11th annual PBA Dallas Orthopaedic Trauma Surgeons Southwest Open hosted by Brunswick Zone Watauga in Watauga, Texas, Sunday.

With his victory, Maldonado has won four consecutive PBA Southwest Regional tournaments. While the PBA doesn't maintain such records for regional competition, the 29-year-old Houston two-hander's win in four consecutive regional tournaments is thought to be a first in the PBA Southwest Region.

Maldonado, a third-year PBA member, led Saturday's 10 games of qualifying and won his first two matches of the 16-game round robin finals before losing his next three games. Castillo and Malott took turns atop the leader board before Maldonado won his next 10 matches. Malott defeated Maldonado in their position round match, 279-218, to narrow Maldonado's final margin of victory to 38 pins and to stay ahead of Scroggins and Castillo.

For his win in Watauga, Maldonado earned a \$5,000 first prize along with his seventh career PBA Regional title. He won his first three titles during the 2014 season.

DUKE, MALOTT TO DEFEND ROTH/HOLMAN DOUBLES TITLE IN PBA FALL CLASSIC

Two-time defending **Mark Roth/Marshall Holman** PBA Doubles champions **Norm Duke** and **Wes Malott** will begin defense of their 2011 and 2014 titles during the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic which will take place Oct. 19-26 in Las Vegas.

Preliminary rounds of the Roth/Holman doubles event will kick off the Fall Classic, starting with an eight-game qualifying round on Monday, Oct. 19, followed by two six-game match play rounds for the top 12 teams on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The top five teams after a combined 40 individual games will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals which will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII. The finals will air Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. ET and will be counted as a 2016 title for each member of the winning team.

As of Sept. 23, 48 teams had entered the Roth/Holman doubles event. For a current roster of teams, click here:

[http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20\(Doubles\).pdf](http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20(Doubles).pdf)

Following the doubles event, the Fall Classic continues with the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, a PBA Tour singles event, Wednesday and Thursday. The PBA South Point West Challenge, a regional tournament for players who haven't won a PBA

title, is set for Friday, Oct. 23. The inaugural PBA Team Challenge, a wide-open five-player team event, is set for Saturday and Sunday with qualifying, Baker format match play and Baker format stepladder finals. For a current roster of teams, click here:

[http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20\(Team\).pdf](http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20(Team).pdf)

The PBA50 Western Open, a PBA West Region tournament for players ages 50-and-older, will conclude the Fall Classic on Monday.

All of the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic competition will be covered live on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

TEAM FISH UNVEILS "BOWL FOR THE CURE" FUND-RAISING PROJECT

Team Fish, the group of young PBA members who have banded together for fun and friendship, is adding "fund-raising" to its portfolio. Led by North Carolina team members **Connor Pickford** of Charlotte and **Kyle Troup** of Taylorsville, Team Fish is unveiling a custom-designed t-shirt that will be sold to raise money in support of the efforts to find a cure for breast cancer.

Pickford, who lost his mother Valerie to breast cancer in September 2001, and Troup, whose grandmother died from the disease in 2010 and whose mother is a breast cancer survivor, are leading the Team Fish effort to raise money as part of the national October Breast Cancer Awareness month campaign. The special breast cancer t-shirt can be ordered through the Team Fish page on Facebook. Orders are now being accepted. All proceeds from the t-shirt sales will be donated to Susan G. Komen for the Cure through the bowling family's Bowl for the Cure program.

MARSHALL KENT SHINES IN PABCON MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

PBA's 2014 Rookie of the Year, **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., won a pair of gold medals, a silver and a bronze, for Team USA in the Pan American Bowling Confederation Men's Championships at AMF Bolera Paradise Lanes in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in mid-September.

Kent won the all-events gold medal and teamed with fellow PBA star **Sean Rash** and amateur **John Janawicz** to win trios. Janawicz also won singles and the Masters finale. Team Colombia, with PBA members **Andres Gomez, Jaime Gonzalez, Jaime Monroy, Manuel Otalora** and non-member **Santiago Mejia**, won the team title by 61 pins over the favored U.S. team (**Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Janawicz, Kent, Rash and Tommy Jones**).

Barnes won silver in singles and trios with O'Neill and Jones. O'Neill and Jones won silver in doubles with Kent and Rash claiming the bronze medal.

28-EVENT EXTENDED 2012-13 PBA TOUR SERIES NOW AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

PBA fans now have access to television coverage of the entire extended 2012-13 PBA Tour schedule on the PBABowling channel on YouTube. The 2012-13 season included a unique 14-month schedule as the PBA was preparing to return to a calendar-year schedule at the start of 2014. For that reason, the 2012-13 season included two PBA World Series of Bowling (eight animal pattern championships plus two PBA World Championships), along with the 2013 Winter Swing (which included a full schedule of PBA League telecasts), the 2013 Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, the complete 2013 Summer Swing from Milwaukee, the 2013 U.S. Open and two Round1 Japan Cup finals.

To access the complete schedule of telecasts now available on YouTube, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol89fM1TzbSNEMMrCJjIXk54>

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: KOKOMO SHOOTOUT, IOWA MIDWEST OPEN

PBA action returns to Xtra Frame on Sunday, Oct. 4, with the Kokomo Central Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank from Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., followed by the PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open from Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 10-11, where a projected \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be at stake.

The Iowa Midwest Open is the final Xtra Frame event leading into the PBA Fall Classic, a multi-event Xtra Frame extravaganza hosted by South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas beginning Oct. 19. During the Fall Classic, Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play rounds Oct. 19-20, start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, Oct. 21-22, and the new PBA Team Challenge, Oct. 24-25.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: McCUNE WINS 21ST REGIONAL TITLE IN OHIO

Top qualifier **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind. defeated **J.R. Raymond** of Bay City, Mich., 211-161, to win \$3,000 and his 21st PBA Regional title in the PBA Rex & Griffin Bigelow Memorial/BW3's/Nance Construction Central Open presented by MOTIV at Troy Bowl in Troy, Ohio, Sunday.

Raymond defeated **Dan MacLelland** of Canada, 246-199, to advance to the championship match after MacLelland eliminated **Aaron Lorincz** of Saginaw, Mich., 211-203, in the opening match.

- **Rhino Page** of Orlando, Fla., defeated Webber International University competitor **Nate Garcia** of Port St. Lucie, Fla., 259-170, to win the inaugural PBA Sarasota South Open at Sarasota Lanes Sunday. Page earned \$2,300 along with his seventh PBA Regional title.

Page posted a 6-4 match play record and an 18-game pinfall total of 4,257, including match play bonus pins, to qualify first for the stepladder finals. Garcia earned his place in the title match by defeating **Scott Newell** of Deland, Fla., 211-189, in the semifinal round. In the first stepladder match, Newell defeated **Chris Polizzi** of Spring Hill, Fla., 238-178.

- Amateur **Mike Dole** of Loves Park, Ill., won five of his eight matches and finished with a total of 3,767 pins for 15 games to defeat PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber** of St. Ann, Mo., by 65 pins to win the PBA Budweiser Midwest Open at Cherry Lanes inside Diamond Jo Casino on Sunday. The win was Dole's first in PBA Regional competition, but he does not get credit for a title because he is a non-member. He earned \$2,000 while Weber earned \$1,000 for second place.

- **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., outscored **Sammy Ventura** of Syracuse, N.Y., by 182 pins over 17 games to win the PBA50 Lakeview Lanes Eastern Open presented by Brunswick at Lakeview Lanes Sunday in Fulton, N.Y.

LeClair, in his first year of PBA50 competition, trailed Ventura by 91 pins after Saturday's qualifying round, but averaged 254 over the first four games on Sunday to open a 103-pin lead and was never challenged thereafter. Ventura out-dueled **Sam Maccarone** of Blackwood, N.J., for the runner-up spot, rolling a 257 final game to regain second place.

- Next weekend is the final chance to earn PBA and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge points for 2015. The schedule includes the PBA and PWBA-PBA Women's Tomball Southwest Open at Tomball Bowl in Tomball, Texas; the Battle at Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne, Calif.; the Break Point Alley Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by MOTIV in Tavares, Fla.; the Monte Skeels Allstate and PWBA-PBA Women's Midwest Open tournaments at Liberty Lanes in Carpentersville, Ill., and the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Delphos Recreation Center in Delphos, Ohio,

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QUICK NOTES

- Bowling fans who may not have had a chance to watch the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship on CBS Sports Network can now watch the final event of the PWBA season on Xtra Frame. Look for the show in the Xtra Frame archives.

- Now is your chance to book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com for a chance to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the September sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner. And if you subscribe to Xtra Frame before Oct. 1 (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99), you will automatically enter both the MOTIV and DV8 monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball. September winners will be announced in early October.

Profitt Wins PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open

Delphos, Ohio (Sept. 27, 2015) – Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio, defeated Harry Sullins of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., by 234 pins to win the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Delphos Recreation Center Sunday.

Profitt finished with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 5,065 pins for 20 games, including match play bonus pins. The title was Profitt's first of the year in the PBA Central Region and his second overall PBA Regional title. He also earned \$1,500.

The next PBA Central Region tournament will be the Kokomo Central Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank from Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., on Sunday, Oct. 4. The one-day reduced entry fee tournament will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

PBA50 MEL WESTRICH MEMORIAL CENTRAL/MIDWEST OPEN PRESENTED BY STORM

Delphos Recreation Center, Delphos, Ohio, Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 20 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, ss-Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, 10-2, 5,065, \$1,500. 2, Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp, Mich., 7-4-1, 4,831, \$1,000. 3, Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 8-4, 4,706, \$800. 4, Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 6-6, 4,486, \$750.
5, ss-Emilio Mora, Defiance, Ohio, 7-5, 4,450, \$700. 6, ss-Roy Buckley, Westerville, Ohio, 5-6-1, 4,409, \$675.

7, Robert Michalojko, Mars, Pa., 5-7, 4,393, \$650. 8, Ernie Segura, Taylor, Mich., 6-6, 4,331, \$625. 9, Terry Metzner, Kentwood, Mich., 6-6, 4,264, \$600. 10, Dave Osim, Roscommon, Mich., 6-6, 4,158, \$580. 11, ss-Dannie Hettinger, Circleville, Ohio, 3-9, 4,137, \$565. 12, Michael Craig, Westerville, Ohio, 2-10, 3,855, \$550.

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PBA Spare Shots

CHRIS BARNES TO UNDERGO BACK SURGERY, WITHDRAWS FROM PBA FALL CLASSIC

Eighteen-time PBA Tour champion **Chris Barnes**, 45, of Double Oak, Texas, has withdrawn from the South Point PBA Fall Classic and will undergo back surgery next week in Dallas to repair a herniated disc.

"Nothing specific happened," Barnes said, noting an extensive schedule of competition in Korea, PBA Southwest Regional competition and with Team USA in recent weeks aggravated the condition.

"The last time I got off the plane, it hurt all the way down to my shoes," Barnes said. "The pain part is manageable, but I just don't have any strength in my right leg, so it's time to get it fixed."

Barnes said the "discectomy" involves trimming a portion of the disk that's leaning on the nerve to alleviate the pain.

"It's the same thing (Dallas Cowboys quarterback) Tony Romo had done and it'll be done by the same doctor, Barnes noted. "Recovery time is a guess at this point, but I'd think the (GEICO PBA) World Series (of Bowling VII) is very much a long shot at this point."

Barnes was scheduled to bowl in the PBA Fall Classic PBA Team Challenge with the 4 POY & A Nice Run team along with fellow past/current PBA Players of the Year Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones and Wes Malott and frequent POY contender Bill O'Neill. Barnes also was paired with Jones for the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. His replacement for both events has not yet been announced.

PBA ANNOUNCES CHRIS PAUL FAMILY FOUNDATION CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL DATE

The PBA has announced the seventh Chris Paul Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, at a site to be determined in Los Angeles. The annual fundraiser to benefit the NBA superstar's foundation will be televised on ESPN on a delayed basis on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. ET.

In addition to the four major championships recently announced, the PBA has confirmed the dates for several additional tournaments that will be covered exclusively by Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel. For the most current 2016 PBA Tour schedule, check under the "schedule" tab on pba.com:

<http://www.pba.com/Tournaments/Seasons/81?showAll=True>.

PBA, PWBA-PBA WOMEN'S REGIONAL CHALLENGE QUALIFYING FIELDS SET...ALMOST

Seven domestic PBA Regional competition points leaders, and six of seven PWBA-PBA Women's Regional points leaders, have been decided for the PBA Challenge qualifying events that will be conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno in December. Each of the points leaders also receives a paid entry to compete in the World Series itself.

While qualifying in the regional program ended on Sept. 30, the PWBA-PBA Women's East Region points race received a one-week extension because of an earlier date conflict with the PWBA Tour schedule. Therefore, the Maple City Dodge PWBA East Open

presented by 900 Global in Hornell, N.Y., this weekend will decide the East Region's women's champion. Heading into the event, six women are mathematically in the running: points leader **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., and challengers **Kerry Smith** of Lititz, Pa.; **Stephanie Casey** of Yonkers, N.Y.; Colombian native **Rocio Restrepo** of Louisville, Ky.; **Amanda Greene** of Romney, W.Va., and **Liz Kuhlkin** of Rotterdam, N.Y. While she's still in the race in the East, Restrepo has already won her spot in Reno as the PBA Central Region's women's points leader.

The other PBA Regional players who have punched their tickets to WSOB VII and the PBA Challenge qualifying events are as follows:

- East Region – **Patrick Allen**, Mount Kisco, N.Y.; women's winner to be determined.
- South Region – **Tom Daugherty**, Wesley Chapel, Fla.; **Elise Bolton**, Merritt Island, Fla.
- Central Region – **Patrick Dombrowski**, Parma, Ohio; **Rocio Restrepo**, Louisville, Ky.
- Midwest Region – **Mitch Beasley**, Clarksville, Tenn.; **Inngellimar Beasley**, Clarksville, Tenn.
- Southwest Region – **Nathan Bohr**, Austin, Texas; **Clara Guerrero**, Pflugerville, Texas.
- West Region – **Josh Blanchard**, Gilbert, Ariz.; **Missy Parkin**, Laguna Hills, Calif.
- Northwest Region – **Scott Norton**, Mission Viejo, Calif.; **April Lord Wittig**, Steilacoom, Wash.
- Japan Region – to be announced.

Also earning berths in the World Series as the PBA50 Tour's 2015 points leaders are **Pete Weber**, St. Ann, Mo.; **Mike Scroggins**, Amarillo, Texas; **Parker Bohn III**, Jackson, N.J.; **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, Oxford, Fla.; **Amleto Monacelli**, Venezuela; **Brian LeClair**, Fulton, N.Y.; **Jack Jurek**, Lackawanna, N.Y., and **Bob Learn Jr.**, Erie, Pa.

The PBA Regional and PBA50 qualifiers will bowl an eight-game, round-robin match play event at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno on Monday, Dec. 7. To avoid a conflict with the World Bowling Women's World Championships Dec. 5-14 in UAE, the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional match play qualifier will be held on Friday, Dec. 18. In all three events, the top two players after eight games will advance to the PBA Challenge Finals which will be contested on Saturday, Dec. 19, for telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. ET.

The PBA Challenge Finals telecast also will include the Teen Masters Grand Championship match between 2015 boys' and girls' division winners **Brandon Soedarmasto** of Levittown, N.Y., and **Brigitte Jacobs** of Freeport, Ill.

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U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN, PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIPS AVAILABLE ON XTRA FRAME

Bowling fans who may not have watched the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open and/or Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship on CBS Sports Network can now watch the final two events of the PWBA season on Xtra Frame. Look for the shows in the Xtra Frame archives under the category "2015 PBA National Telecasts."

The PBA's exclusive online video streaming service also will archive the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open within a few days of its live air date (Sunday, Nov. 7) on CBS Sports Network. The Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open will be a major championship on the PBA Tour.

PBA MODERN CLASSICS LIBRARY ON YOUTUBE

Now available in the PBA Modern Classics collection is the 2001 Great Lakes Classic finals from Grand Rapids, Mich., where **Pete Weber** bowled a 299 game on his way to the title...and unveiled his signature "crotch chop" on national television.

You'll find the complete collection of classic PBA Tour telecasts in the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube, with new telecasts being added on a regular basis: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BAILEY, JOHNSON WIN IN TOMBALL AS MALDONADO'S STREAK ENDS

Mike Bailey from Allen, Texas, successfully defended his PBA Tomball (Texas) Southwest Open title, winning his fourth PBA Southwest Regional title Sunday after **Stefanie Johnson** of Grand Prairie, Texas, topped the PWBA/PBA Tomball Southwest Women's Open field on Saturday.

The Open tournament also saw **Shawn Maldonado's** four consecutive tournament win streak come to an end as the Houston two-handed player finished fifth.

Bailey, who finished the 21-game tournament with a 7-1 match play record and 5,240 total pins, started the final position round match with a 55-pin lead over amateur **Eric Traylor** of Friendswood, Texas, and his 243-216 win over Traylor clinched his \$2,500 first place check. Also in position round, **Andy Patterson** from Tyler, Texas, defeated **Anthony Simonsen** of Princeton, Texas, 220-188, to move into second for a \$1,600 prize.

On Saturday, Johnson, fresh off her Rookie of the Year season on the revived PWBA Tour, finished the eight-game women's event with games of 250 and 257 to top amateur **Karen Marciano** of Venezuela, 1,758-1,711. Johnson won \$1,500 while Marciano cashed for \$1,000.

- PBA rookie **A.J. Johnson** of Oswego, Ill., defeated **Mitch Beasley** of Clarksville, Tenn. 238-235, to win the Monte Skeels Allstate Midwest Region Open at Liberty Lanes Saturday for his first PBA title. On Sunday, **Inngellimar Beasley**, Mitch's wife, won the PWBA Liberty Lanes Midwest Open in Carpentersville, Ill., for her first PWBA title.

By virtue of his title, Johnson, who also earned \$2,300, became eligible to enter the 2016 PBA Tournament of Champions which will be held in Shawnee, Okla. The former McKendree University star defeated **Steven Taylor** of Deer Creek, Ill., 246-212, in the semifinal game to advance to the championship match after defeating **Eugene McCune** of Munster, Ind., 275-203, in the first stepladder finals match.

Inngellimar Beasley, who missed Saturday's Open stepladder finals by finishing 29 pins behind Johnson, finished Sunday's women's event with 2,874 pins, cruising to a 345-pin victory over **Samantha Kelly** of Waukesha, Wis.

- **Ron Profitt** of Brookville, Ohio, defeated **Harry Sullins** of Chesterfield Twp., Mich., by 234 pins to win the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open presented by Storm at Delphos Recreation Center in Delphos, Ohio, Sunday. Profitt finished the 20-game pinfall event with a 10-2 match play record and a total of 5,065 pins, including match play bonus pins, to earn his second overall PBA Regional title and the \$1,500 first prize.

- **Tom Daugherty** of Wesley Chapel, Fla., and amateur partner **Trevor Roberts** of Crystal River, Fla., won six of their eight matches and finished with a 16-game total of 7,473 pins to win the \$4,000 first prize in the PBA South Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Motiv at Break Point Alley Bowling Center in Tavares, Fla., Sunday. Daugherty and Roberts defeated fellow Floridians and defending champions Mike Moore of Oviedo and Shawn Naumann of Orlando by 112 pins to claim the title.

- **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix posted a 9-1 match play record and an 18-game total of 4,222 pins Sunday to win his 21st PBA Regional title in the PBA Battle of Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne, Calif. Haugen, who earned \$2,500, defeated **David Haynes** of Las Vegas by 213 pins for the title.

- October's PBA Regional calendar begins this weekend with the PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open I and II, two one-day events in Junction City, Kan.; the Maple City Dodge PBA and PWBA East Opens presented by 900 Global in Hornell, N.Y.; the Sunday-only Kokomo Central/Midwest Classic presented by Security Federal Savings at Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., and the DHC Japan Chameleon Open from Soundbowl Ushiku in Ibaraki, Japan.

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QUICK NOTES

- The September winner of the HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes, including a \$200 gift certificate for future lodging, is **Tracey Gainey** of St. Marcos, Texas. Gainey was automatically entered in the monthly sweepstakes after booking a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com.

Diana Zavjalova Wins PBA Kokomo Central/Midwest Shootout

Kokomo, Ind. (Oct. 4, 2015) – Diana Zavjalova of Beavercreek, Ohio, defeated J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 210-186, to win the PBA Kokomo Central/Midwest Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank at Heritage Lanes Sunday, becoming the eighth woman to win a standard PBA Regional title.

Zavjalova, a native of Latvia and a two-time Professional Women's Bowling Association champion, earned \$2,000 and is now eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions. She joins Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Missy Parkin, Shannon O'Keefe, Adrienne Miller, Clara Guerrero and Japan's Yuka Tsuchiya as a PBA Regional title winner. Amy Stolz and Jodi Woessner also have won regionals as non-members and therefore didn't receive credit for titles.

To reach the title match, Zavjalova downed Kelly Jordon of Marion, Ohio, 255-202, while Raymond topped Ronnie Sparks of Ecorse, Mich., 211-135, in the semifinal round. She has previously eliminated Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, 2-0, in the best-of-three-game Round of 8 and Dean Mueller of Vernon Hills, Ill., 2-0, in the best-of-three Round of 12.

Raymond earned \$1,300 for second place. Sparks and Jordon each earned \$850 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is a one-day/reduced entry fee event in Muskegon, Mich., this Sunday.

PBA KOKOMO CENTRAL/MIDWEST SHOOTOUT PRESENTED BY SECURITY FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

f-Diana Zavjalova, Beavercreek, Ohio, (\$2,000) def. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., (\$1,300), 210-186.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$850):

Raymond def. Ronnie Lee Sparks, Ecorse, Mich., 211-135.

f-Diana Zavjalova def. Kelly Jordon, Marion, Ohio, 255-202.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$600 each):

Sparks def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-1.
Jordon def. Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 2-0.
Raymond def. Jimmy Ogden, Indianapolis, Ind., 2-0.
Zavjalova def. Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2-0.

Round of 12 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$450 each):

Tackett def. Michael Schlabach, Goshen, Ind., 2-1.
Zavjalova def. s-Dean Mueller, Vernon Hills, Ill., 2-0.
Matthys def. A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 2-1.
Ogden def. Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 2-1.

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Boston Red Sox Star Mookie Betts Enters PBA World Series of Bowling VII

Former standout Tennessee youth bowler to test his bowling skills in Reno in December

CHICAGO (Oct. 6, 2015) – Boston Red Sox centerfielder Mookie Betts, a rising star in major league baseball, has entered the Professional Bowlers Association's GEICO World Series of Bowling VII which will be held Dec. 7-19 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

Betts, who turns 23 on Wednesday, will test his bowling skills against more than 200 of the best players in the world in the multi-event WSOB VII.

During a number of media interviews throughout the 2015 baseball season, Betts discussed his love for bowling, and mentioned during one interview that he would love to participate in Chris Paul's annual CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational. Those discussions led the PBA to contact Betts and extend an invitation to bowl in the World Series.

Betts is a former standout youth bowler who averages in the plus-200 range. He has bowled a pair of certified 300 games and finished third in the Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association state championships individual event as a junior at Nashville Overton High School in 2010, earning Tennessee Boys' Bowler of the Year honors after setting Tennessee high school records with a 290 game and 827 series.

After winning his first bowling tournament at age 8 – a no-tap Thanksgiving turkey shoot in Murfreesboro, Tenn. – Betts won several other youth tournaments, his mother Diana Benedict noted.

Betts, who also excelled as a basketball player, was drafted by the Red Sox in the fifth round (172nd pick) of the 2011 Major League Baseball draft and signed with Boston, rescinding his commitment to the University of Tennessee. He quickly rose through Boston's minor league system, earning a promotion to the major leagues in 2014 after reaching base in a stunning 66 consecutive regular season games in the minor leagues. A second baseman at the time, he converted to the outfield when he joined the Red Sox in June 2014, and has evolved into an everyday outfielder with Boston during the 2015 season.

After playing in 52 games with Boston in 2014, Betts played in his first full season in 2015, batting leadoff and posting a .291 batting average with 18 home runs, 77 runs batted in, 92 runs scores and 21 stolen bases in 145 games. During his extraordinary season, he became one of four players in major league history to finish a season with 40-plus doubles, 15-plus home runs and 20-plus steals before the age of 23.

Betts, whose full name is Markus Lynn Betts, is the son of Diana Benedict and Willie Betts, who intentionally gave him a name that reduces to the initials "MLB." He got the nickname, Mookie, from his parents who were fans of NBA star Mookie Blaylock.

Betts got his introduction to bowling from his mother, an avid bowler in the Nashville area who also was his first Little League Baseball coach.

In Reno, Betts will compete against a field of bowlers representing more than 20 countries. The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling, the most lucrative event in the sport, includes the PBA Cheetah Championship, PBA Viper Championship, PBA Chameleon Championship and PBA Scorpion Championship – the four qualifying events leading into the PBA World Championship. The finals of

all five events will be televised on ESPN, beginning with live coverage of the PBA World Championship on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT).

After an official practice session on the four unique lane conditioning patterns on Monday, Dec. 7, Betts will bowl nine qualifying games in each of the respective “animal pattern” tournaments Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If he finishes among the top 25 percent of the field based on those 36 games, he will advance to the PBA World Championship cashers’ round on Saturday, Dec. 12.

All qualifying and match play elimination rounds of the four animal pattern events plus the PBA World Championship match play competition will be covered live on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel, as well as live scoring on pba.com. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA Spare Shots

RED SOX STAR MOOKIE BETTS CREATES IMMEDIATE MEDIA IMPACT FOR PBA WORLD SERIES

The news of Boston Red Sox star **Mookie Betts’** decision to enter the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII made an immediate impact on news media attention for WSOB VII. Within minutes of the PBA’s announcement, Boston Globe Red Sox beat writer **Peter Abraham** tweeted the news, which led to re-tweets and comments on masslive.com, redsoxlive.com and overthemonster.com, among others.

Within hours, the news spread to ESPN, Fox Sports, the Providence Journal, New York Daily News, Bangor Daily News, CBS Boston, NESN (New England Sports Channel), Boston.com, millcitysports.com and many other websites, social media outlets and publications, including many throughout the bowling industry.

Immediately upon the close of the major league season on Sunday, Betts returned to his Brentwood, Tenn., home and, according to his mother **Diana Benedict**, headed to the bowling center Tuesday morning to begin preparations for WSOB VII. Bowling – and Red Sox fans – around the world will be able to follow Betts’ throughout his WSOB experiences by watching PBA’s Xtra Frame online video-streaming service and/or free live scoring on pba.com. Betts will compete in the PBA Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships Dec. 8-11 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, and additional rounds if he finishes among the top qualifiers.

SANDS REGENCY CASINO WEST/NORTHWEST CLASSIC OFFERS \$10,000 TO WINNER

PBA West/Northwest Region tournament manager **Gary Mage** has announced the Sands Regency Casino West/Northwest Classic, presented by Radical, will offer a guaranteed \$10,000 first prize. The tournament, which will be covered live on Xtra Frame, will take place Oct. 16-18 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno as a prelude to the South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic which gets underway on Monday, Oct. 19, in Las Vegas.

The Sands Regency regional event will be a reduced-entry fee tournament (\$175 for PBA members, \$225 for non-members). To assist players who have already made travel plans to Las Vegas, a 15-passenger van will be available to transport players from South Point to Reno on Friday, Oct. 16, returning to Las Vegas right after the tournament ends on Sunday.

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: IOWA MIDWEST OPEN

PBA Tour competition returns to Xtra Frame this weekend with start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open from Thunderbowl in Council Bluffs, Iowa. A projected \$10,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title will be at stake.

Following coverage of the Iowa Midwest Open, the PBA has added a new Sands Regency Casino West/Northwest Classic in Reno, Nev., to the Xtra Frame schedule. Following coverage of the Sands Regency event Oct. 17-18, Xtra Frame coverage of the PBA Fall Classic begins Oct. 19 at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. During the Fall Classic, Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play rounds Oct. 19-20, start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, Oct. 21-22; the South Point West Challenge (for non-title winners) on Oct. 23; the new PBA Team Challenge, Oct. 24-25, and the PBA50 Western Open on Oct. 26.

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: ZAVJALOVA WINS IN KOKOMO; McEWAN WINS WSOB BERTH

Diana Zavjalova of Beavercreek, Ohio, and **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., who won titles during the PWBA's newly-completed revival season, and veteran women's star **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., made PBA Regional news over the weekend.

Zavjalova, a 24-year-old native of Latvia, defeated **J.R. Raymond** of Bay City, Mich., 210-186, to win the PBA Kokomo Central/Midwest Shootout presented by Security Federal Savings Bank at Heritage Lanes in Kokomo, Ind., Sunday, becoming the eighth woman to win a standard PBA Regional title. The event was covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame video streaming service.

Zavjalova, winner of the 2013 USBC Queens along with the 2015 PWBA Minnesota Open, earned \$2,000 and is now eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions. She joins **Liz Johnson**, **Kelly Kulick**, **Missy Parkin**, **Shannon O'Keefe**, **Adrienne Miller**, **Clara Guerrero** and Japan's **Yuka Tsuchiya** as a PBA Regional title winner. **Amy Stolz** and **Jodi Woessner** also have won regionals as non-members and therefore didn't receive credit for titles.

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McEwan, winner of the end-of-season Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship, survived a six-woman race to win the PBA East Region's points competition and earn a paid entry into the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII along with a berth in the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge qualifying event in Reno. McEwan won the regional women's points race with a fifth-place finish in the PWBA Maple City Dodge East Open in Hornell, N.Y., an event won by Kulick with a 12-game total of 2,519 pins.

Brittni Hamilton of Webster, N.Y., finished second in Hornell with 2,475 pins, 44 behind Kulick. Kulick earned \$1,500 while Hamilton took home \$1,000. McEwan finished the season with 34,647 points, topping **Kerry Smith** of Lititz, Pa., who had 29,302 points.

In Sunday's PBA Open portion of the Maple City Dodge event, presented by 900 Global, **Patrick Allen** of Mount Kisco, N.Y., won seven of his 12 matches and finished with a 20-game total of 4,667 pins to edge **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. by 20 pins. Allen won \$2,400 for his 28th career regional title.

● **Bryan Goebel** of Shawnee, Kan., and **Mike Dias** of Lafayette, Colo. won PBA50 Southwest Region titles in a doubleheader weekend at Junction City Bowl in Junction City, Kan.

On Saturday, Goebel defeated **Scott Greiner** from Platte City, Mo., 192-184, to win his first Junction City title. Goebel opened in the ninth frame of the championship match, but converted the 4-5 split in the 10th frame to force Greiner to throw two strikes for the win. Greiner, a previous Junction City champion, struck once but left a 7 pin on his second shot to allow Goebel to collect the \$1,000 first place check.

On Sunday, Dias used two 279 games in the round-robin match-play finals to outpace **Kurt Gengelbach** from Carrollton, Texas, to win his third Junction City title. Dias finished with of 3,295 pins, including match play bonus pins, for 13 games.

● **Mai Takasaka** became the second woman to win a PBA Japan Region Open title Sunday, topping the 112-player field to win the \$4,172 first prize in the DHC PBA Chameleon Open at Soundbowl Ushiku in Ibaraki, Japan. After qualifying seventh for the eight-player elimination finals, Takasaka defeated **Yuuhi Shinbata**, 180-168, in the Round of 8; **Hiroko Shimizu**, 201-183, in semifinal round and **Yuta Saito**, 184-174, for the title. **Yuka Tsuchiya**, who swept the 2014 Chameleon Women's and Open titles, was eliminated by Saito in the semifinal round, 186-172, to finish in a tie for third.

Shimizu won Saturday's Chameleon Women's Open, also earning \$4,172, by nipping **Maki Nakano**, 167-166, in the title match. Takasaka lost to Nakano in the Round of 8, 234-201, to finish tied for fifth in the women's event.

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- **Lynda Barnes** confirms husband **Chris Barnes'** discectomy has been successfully completed in Dallas and the 18-time PBA Tour champion is ready, willing and eager to go home to complete his recovery. Barnes expects to be out of action for at least eight weeks.

Weber Averages 232 to Top Qualifying in PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open

Field cut to 16 for Sunday's match play round

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (Oct. 10, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., averaged 232 after qualifying Saturday to lead a field of 16 players who advanced to match play in the PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open at Thunderbowl.

Weber, who ranks fourth on the PBA Tour all-time titles list with 37 wins, bowled a 1,857 eight-game pinfall total to hold a 63-pin lead over former PBA Player of the Year and eight-time Tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in second with 1,794 (224 average). Rash managed his second-place qualifying effort despite dropping a ball on his foot earlier in the day.

Weber's previous best Tour finish this season was third in the United States Bowling Congress Masters and Rash's best was third in the Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Rounding out the top five after qualifying were Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw, Mich., with 1,784; three-time PBA Tour winner Ronnie Russell of Marion, Ind. with 1,765, and PBA Tour rookie and Masters runnerup AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 1,761.

Sunday's match play round gets underway at 9 a.m. CT which will determine the top four players who will advance to the stepladder finals at approximately 3 p.m.

Xtra Frame, PBA's online bowling channel, is providing live coverage of the Iowa Midwest Open. For subscription information visit <http://www.xtraframe.tv/pba/>.

PBA XTRA FRAME IOWA MIDWEST OPEN Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Saturday

**First Round Qualifying Standings
(8-game pinfall totals. Top 16 advance to Sunday's match play round)**

- 1, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,857
- 2, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,794
- 3, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,784
- 4, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,765
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,761
- 6, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,760
- 7, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,749
- 8, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,738
- 9, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,736
- 10, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 1,728
- 11, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,725
- 12, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,715
- 13, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, Ariz., 1,711
- 14, a-Tony Manna, Omaha, Neb., 1,703
- 15, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 1,698
- 16, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,695

Did not advance

- 17, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,683, \$825
- 18, a- Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb., 1,673, \$825
- 19, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,664, \$825
- 20, a-Sean Rangel, Oskaloosa, Iowa, 1,654, \$825
- 21, David Williams, Omaha, Neb., 1,646, \$825
- 22, Joe Carlson, Omaha, Neb., 1,638, \$800
- 23, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,634, \$800
- 24, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,633, \$800
- 25, Kenny Calkins, Des Moines, Iowa, 1,625, \$800
- 26, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,619, \$800
- 27, a-Dallas Baldrige, Lenexa, Kan., 1,609, \$800
- 28, a-Andy McIntosh, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1,600
- 29, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,598
- 30, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,588
- 31, Quentin Mamer, Pleasant Hill, Mo., 1,587
- 32, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,583
- 33, Brett Cooper, Denver, 1,582
- 34, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,575
- 35, Matt Tomsu, Omaha, Neb., 1,569
- 36, (tie) Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,565
- 38, a-Ryan Powers, Portage, Mich., 1,560
- 39, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,559
- 40, Matt McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 1,558
- 41, Mike Kruse, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,543
- 42, Steven Black, Maricopa, Ariz., 1,540
- 43, Dave Han, Orlando, Fla., 1,537
- 44, Dylan Burns, Lawrence, Kan., 1,531
- 45, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,529
- 46, Matt Taylor, Youngsville, N.C., 1,520
- 47, Ryan Ragland, Gardner, Kan., 1,519
- 48, Perry Crowell, Hoquiam, Wash., 1,517
- 49, Scott Greiner, Platte City, Mo., 1,514
- 50, Ingellimar Contreras, Venezuela, 1,500
- 51, Dave Axon, Bellevue, Neb., 1,494
- 52, a-Scott Ehresmann, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,488
- 53, Ted Baer, Omaha, Neb., 1,486
- 54, Austin Boulds, Creal Springs, Ill., 1,481
- 55, Chad Vendeville, Otsego, Mich., 1,480
- 56, JT Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,478

57, a-Brandy Sanderson, Bossier City, La. 1,477
58, Tom Elborne, Amarillo, Texas, 1,471
59, Robert, Aimers, Marion, Iowa, 1,465
60, Nick Powers, Sun Prairie, Wis., 1,464
61, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,452
62, John Weber, Lansing, Kan., 1,445 1
63, Kristi Rosberg, Ord, Neb., 1,444
64, a-Jason Polreis, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,440
65, Scott Stofko, Flower Mound, Texas, 1,439
66, a-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 1,435
67, a-Bryan Roth, Papillion, Neb., 1,432
68, Dennis Erckfritz, Sioux Falls, S.D., 1,414
69, a-Mike Wachtel, St. Joseph, Mo., 1,411
70, a-Cory Schwiesow, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1,407
71, John Woodford, Jefferson, Iowa, 1,391
72, Rich Wilkinson, Bennington, Neb., 1,381
73, Nick Schafer, Jefferson City, Mo., 1,375
74, a-Adam Pogge, Omaha, Neb., 1,371
75, a-Jonathan Burttram, Decatur, Ala., 1,369
76, a-Bryan Sindelar, Fremont, Neb., 1,368
77, a- Dennis Walsh, Dakota City, Neb., 1,363
78, a-Scott Sullinger, Lavista, Neb., 1,361
79, Pete Heim, Omaha, Neb., 1,357
80, Dwayne Da Moude, Dwyane, Lincoln, Neb., 1,319
81, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,293
82, Chris Yoshimura, Rochester, Texas, 1,248
83, a-Marquis Goblisch, Decatur, Ala., 1,202

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Sean Rash Wins PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open For Ninth Career Tour Title

Rash overcomes foot injury to beat Pete Weber 219-217 in title match

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa (Oct. 11, 2015) – Despite dropping a ball on his foot a few days ago, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., persevered to win the PBA Xtra Frame Iowa Midwest Open Sunday at Thunderbowl.

Rash won his first title of the season and ninth of his career by defeating PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo., 219-217, in the championship match.

It was an emotional win for me for a number of reasons,” said Rash, who was the 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year. “First, I wasn’t sure I’d be bowling this weekend, then, having to bowl against one of the all-time greats for the title and finally having won on my grandmother’s birthday made this win very special.”

Rash dropped a ball on his foot while unloading a ball bag from his car just prior to getting some last minute practice in before traveling to Council Bluffs.

“Fortunately, all I had to do was ice it down a lot so it got to a point where it was feeling well enough that I could bowl with not much problem,” Rash added.

In the title match, Rash, who qualified first for the finals, was able to shut out Weber in the 10th frame with a spare and eight count on the final shot.

“He’s (Weber) one of the best ever and if you want to be considered one of the best you have to beat the best,” said Rash, whose last win came in the 2014 PBA Wolf Open. “It’s nice to be in the winner’s circle again.”

In the opening stepladder match, PBA Tour rookie A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill. defeated three-time Tour winner Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 231-209, to advance to the semifinal.

In the semifinal, Weber, trying for his 38th career title to tie fellow Hall of Famer Norm Duke for third on the all-time list, beat Johnson 213-187 to advance to the title match against Rash. Weber was trying for his first title since winning the 2013 Barbasol Tournament of Champions.

The PBA Tour moves to Las Vegas Oct. 19-25 for the PBA South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic. PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame will capture all the action. For schedule and subscription information visit www.xtraframe.tv/pba/.

PBA XTRA FRAME IOWA MIDWEST OPEN Thunderbowl, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday

Final Standings: 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000. 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., \$6,000. 3, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$3,200. 4, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$2,400.

Playoff Results: Match One – Johnson def. Allen, 231-209. Semifinal – Weber def. Johnson, 213-187. Championship match – Rash def. Weber, 219-217.

SECOND ROUND MATCH PLAY RESULTS

(20-game pinfall totals including bonus pins, match play record and money earned.
Top four advanced to stepladder)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 10-2, 4,641.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 6-6, 4,580.
- 3, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 8-3-1, 4,472.
- 4, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8- 3-1, 4,467.
- 5, Brad Miller, St. Charles, Mo., 10-2, 4,462, \$1,700.
- 6, Michael Haugen, Jr., Phoenix, 8-4, 4,438, \$1,500.
- 7, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5-7, 4,388, \$1,400.
- 8, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 6-6, 4,342, \$1,300.
- 9, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 4-8, 4,336, \$1,275.
- 10, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 7-5, 4,330, \$1,250.
- 11, a-Tony Manna, Omaha, Neb., 7-5, 4,328, \$1,225.
- 12, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 5-7, 4,301, \$1,200.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3-9, 4,297, \$1,175.
- 14, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 2-10, 4,266, \$1,150.
- 15, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 3-9, 4,251, \$1,125.
- 16, Brandon Curtis, Manson, N.C., 3-9, 3,993, \$1,100.

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PBA Spare Shots

PBA’S 2014-15 ESPN RATINGS UP 23%, INCLUDE KEY DEMOGRAPHIC GAINS

PBA television ratings on ESPN for 2014-15 not only showed a 23 percent increase in viewership, but made important gains in valuable demographics, PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark** said.

Newly-released ratings data comparing the overall 2014-15 PBA telecasts on ESPN to the 2013-14 season showed ratings gains in desirable areas such as males age 18-49, which was up 55 percent. The combined male-female audience in both the 18-34 and 18-49 age groups were up 50 percent year-over-year.

“It’s an exciting time for the PBA,” Clark said. “These numbers are rarely achieved in sports TV and are very encouraging. They are both valuable and attractive to sponsors and partners. The PBA’s mix of exciting players including Hall of Famers, international stars and former collegiate players making their mark in increasingly diverse and prestigious events, plus the continued support of ESPN have the PBA positioned for further growth.”

The new PBA on ESPN schedule begins Dec. 17, with a special Thursday, 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT) live telecast of the PBA World Championship from the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

2016 PBA LEAGUE DECLARATION DEADLINES LOOMING

Two key deadlines for PBA League competition in 2016 are looming – the Oct. 26 deadline for team managers to declare up to three players they wish to protect from their 2015 rosters, and the Nov. 13 deadline for PBA members to declare themselves eligible for the 2016 draft.

Team managers must advise PBA Commissioner **Tom Clark** of the maximum of three players from their 2015 rosters that they want to return to their respective teams in 2016. Players not protected must then declare their intent to participate in the 2016 draft by contacting PBA Director of Events **Janay Haggerty** (janay.haggerty@pba.com) by no later than Nov. 13.

The 2016 PBA League draft will be held on Dec. 17 during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Las Vegas. The draft will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT).

NEXT UP ON XTRA FRAME: SANDS REGENCY CASINO WEST/NORTHWEST CLASSIC

The Sands Regency Casino West/Northwest Classic, presented by Radical, will reward its winner with a \$10,000 first prize at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., and the entire tournament will be covered live on Xtra Frame Saturday and Sunday.

The Sands Regency regional event will be a reduced-entry fee tournament (\$175 for PBA members, \$225 for non-members) leading into the multi-event PBA South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic which gets underway on Monday, Oct. 19, in Las Vegas.

Xtra Frame coverage of the PBA Fall Classic begins Oct. 19 at South Point. During the Fall Classic, Xtra Frame will provide live coverage of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship qualifying and match play rounds Oct. 19-20, start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open – a PBA Tour title event – Oct. 21-22; the South Point West Challenge (for non-title winners) on Oct. 23; the new five-player PBA Team Challenge, Oct. 24-25, and the PBA50 Western Open on Oct. 26.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire October package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA’s best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SMALLWOOD WINS GREATER MUSKEGON TITLE

Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., defeated **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 228-193, to win the \$2,000 top prize in the PBA Greater Muskegon USBC Bowling Association/Northway Lanes Central Open at Northway Lanes in Muskegon, Mich., on Sunday.

En route to his fourth PBA Regional title, Smallwood downed **Eric Tackett** of Huntington, Ind., 268-194, while Ciminelli topped **Patrick Dombrowski** of Parma, Ohio, 246-224, in the semifinal round.

● **Troy Kendrick** of Coto de Caza, Calif., and **Jeff Frankos** of Daly City, Calif., took advantage of their superior match play record to win the PBA/PBA50 Ken Fowler Auto Center West/Northwest Doubles hosted by Yokayo Bowl in Ukiah, Calif., Sunday.

Kendrick and Frankos won five of their six matches to finish the tournament with a 14-game total of 6,150 pins, including 150 match play bonus pins, to top **Joe Goldstein Sr.** of Hayward, Calif., and **Chris Warren** of Grants Pass, Ore., by 29 pins for the title, giving Kendrick his fifth PBA Regional title and Frankos his 19th. They shared the \$3,000 first prize. Goldstein and Warren had a 2-4 match play record and a total of 6,121 pins, including 60 bonus pins.

● The Oct. 16-18 PBA Regional calendar includes the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop Eastern Open from AMF Woodlawn Bowl in Baltimore, and the PBA50 Park Centre Lanes Senior/Super Senior Doubles Central Open presented by Columbia 300 from North Canton, Ohio, as well as the Sands Regency West/Northwest events at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Oct. 19 marks the beginning of the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic in Las Vegas.

● The Oct. 23-25 weekend includes the PBA50 Tomball Southwest Open from Tomball Bowl in Tomball, Texas, and the one-day PBA Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. Two Teen Masters qualifying events also are scheduled

over the Oct. 24-25 weekend: the Erie Open Teen Masters event, presented by the Erie Sports Commission, at Rolling Meadows Lanes, and the Frisco Open presented by the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau at Strikz in Frisco, Texas.

- October's regional activity closes with the PBA50 WGB Accounting Craig Pezzano Memorial presented by The Insurance Market at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del.; the Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Arlington Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill., over the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 weekend.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

- **Conner Kolessides** (scratch) and **Tommy Sanfilippo** (handicap) earned \$1,700 and \$2,000 scholarship awards, respectively, in the fourth annual **Danny Wiseman** Youth Scholarship Tournament at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore on Saturday. The sold-out event rewarded participants with more than \$22,000 in scholarships.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Stakes are High for Competitors in PBA's South Point Fall Classic

New multi-event program at South Point Bowling Plaza may affect Player, Rookie of Year races

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 15, 2015) – The Professional Bowlers Association Fall Classic, an entirely new multi-event series for PBA competitors, gets underway Monday at the new South Point Bowling Plaza with ramifications on a variety of levels for its international field of players.

PBA fans in Las Vegas will be able to watch all of the action in the new South Point tournament facility at no cost and fans around the world will be able to catch every round of every event in the PBA Fall Classic live exclusively on Xtra Frame, the PBA's on-line live streaming channel.

To get things started Monday afternoon, a diverse field of doubles teams – men and women, seniors and rookies, amateurs and professionals – will try to de-throne two-time defending champions Wes Malott and PBA Hall of Fame partner Norm Duke as qualifying begins in the 2016 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship. The high-powered duo won the 2015 Roth/Holman Doubles title in Indianapolis when they defeated England's Dom Barrett and Finland's Osku Palermaa, 228-203, after winning their previous doubles title at South Point in 2011 when they defeated Ronnie Russell and Sean Rash in the title match.

Barrett and Palermaa will return to challenge for the title again, along with teams including leading PBA Player of the Year contender Jason Belmonte and partner Bill O'Neill; the left-handed tandems of PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn and partner Ryan Ciminelli as well as Anthony Pepe and rookie Matt McNiel; 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent with 2015 ROY hopeful A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill.; mixed-doubles partners Ryan Shafer and newly-crowned Professional Women's Bowling Association titlist Liz Kuhlkin along with Scott Norton and Missy Parkin, who grew up bowling together in California youth programs; and the team of Rash and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber of St. Ann., Mo., who were rivals as recently as last Sunday when Rash defeated Weber to win the Xtra Frame PBA Iowa Midwest Open title in Omaha.

That's just a sampling of the doubles roster, which can be found on pba.com under the Schedules tab:

[http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20\(Doubles\).pdf](http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20(Doubles).pdf).

The Roth/Holman Doubles event in Las Vegas will include eight qualifying games on Monday, Oct. 19, followed by two six-game match play rounds on Tuesday. Based upon a combined total of 20 doubles (40 individual) games, the top five teams will advance to the ESPN-televised finals which will be conducted on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno for delayed airing on Sunday, Jan. 17, and will be counted as a 2016 title on the official PBA stats.

The Fall Classic continues on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 21-22, with the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, a PBA Tour title event. More than 110 players will bowl two qualifying rounds Wednesday with the top 16 advancing to round-robin match play Thursday. After 32 games, the top five will meet in the stepladder finals Thursday at 5:30 p.m. PT (8:30 p.m. ET). All rounds of the Las Vegas Open will be covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame (for subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link).

The South Point Las Vegas Open could play a role in the 2015 PBA Player and Rookie of the Year races. Heading into the Fall Classic, Australia's Belmonte, his doubles partner O'Neill and Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., have each won two PBA Tour titles during the 2015 season. Belmonte's are both majors (USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions), so he's the heavy favorite heading into the final two months of the season which will include the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open (Nov. 3-8 in Garland, Texas) and the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno Dec. 7-19, which will include four standard PBA Tour titles plus the year's final major, the PBA World Championship.

As of Oct. 15, Belmonte also holds the PBA earnings and averages leads. He has earned \$168,861 so far in 2015 with a 228.54 average over 237 games bowled. Chris Barnes, who will miss the Fall Classic while recovering from recent back surgery, is second on the money list with \$113,920 while O'Neill is second on the average list at 227.04 for 187 games.

The Las Vegas Open field also includes a slew of PBA Hall of Famers, including 47-time champion Walter Ray Williams Jr., 38-time champion Norm Duke, 37-time champion Pete Weber and 34-time titlist Parker Bohn III along with many of the sport's rising stars, several of whom are trying for their first PBA Tour title. The singles event – the first PBA Tour event ever held from start-to-finish in the South Point Bowling Plaza – also is the first qualifying leg for players hoping to earn automatic invitations to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Open in January. Qualifying pins from the Las Vegas Open and the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open will determine the 10 players who will earn invitations to Japan. One PWBA member also will be invited based on qualifying pins from the U.S. Women's Open and the South Point Las Vegas Open.

For a current singles roster, visit [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) and look for PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open under "schedules/PBA Tour" or click here: <http://www.pba.com/Rosters/Details/2095>

Friday, Oct. 23, is set aside for the PBA South Point West Challenge, a PBA West Region event open to players who have never won a PBA title. Xtra Frame also will cover this event.

PBA's newest venture, the PBA Team Challenge, takes center stage Saturday and Sunday. Seventeen five-player teams have already entered the one-of-a-kind PBA team battle. The Team Challenge will begin with a six-game qualifying round on Saturday, Oct. 24, with all five players bowling full games, followed by a 12-game Baker format round. Based on the combined 18-game team totals, the top eight teams will advance to eight games of Baker format round-robin match play Sunday morning followed by a Baker format stepladder finale at 3 p.m. local time. All rounds of the Team Challenge also will be covered live on Xtra Frame.

To check out the current PBA Team Challenge roster, visit [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) and look for PBA Team Challenge under "schedules/PBA Tour" or click here: [http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20\(Team\).pdf](http://www.pba.com/Content/files/Downloads/2015%20FALL%20CLASSIC%20(Team).pdf)

The Fall Classic will conclude on Monday, Oct. 26, with the PBA50 Western Open, a PBA West Region event for players ages 50 and older and another event covered by Xtra Frame.

PBA's live coverage of the Fall Classic is available exclusively on Xtra Frame. Subscriptions for three days (\$3.99), a full month (\$7.99) or the 12-month Season Ticket (\$64.99) are available. Visit [pba.com](http://www.pba.com) and click on the Xtra Frame link to enroll.

PBA SOUTH POINT BOWLING PLAZA FALL CLASSIC SCHEDULE

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Oct. 19-26

(All rounds of all events listed below will be covered live by Xtra Frame)

Monday, Oct. 19

1 p.m. – Fall Classic practice session

5 p.m. – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 8 qualifying games (16 individual games)

Top 12 teams advance to round robin match play

Tuesday, Oct. 20

9 a.m. – Roth/Holman PBA Doubles, 6 games match play (12 individual games)

2 p.m. – Roth/Holman PBA Doubles, 6 games match play (12 individual games)

Top 5 teams after 20 doubles games (40 individual games) advance to ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Dec. 19 at National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

7 p.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open practice session

Wednesday, Oct. 21

9 a.m. – PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 qualifying games

Top 24 advance to round robin match play

4 p.m. - PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

Thursday, Oct. 22

8:30 a.m. - PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

1 p.m. - PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, 8 games round-robin match play

Top 5 after 32 games advance to stepladder finals

5:30 p.m. - PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open stepladder finals

Friday, Oct. 23

9 a.m. – PBA South Point West Challenge qualifying and match play (open to non-champions)

6 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge practice session

Saturday, Oct. 24

9 a.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 6 qualifying games (30 individual games)

5 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 12 Baker format qualifying games

Top 8 teams after 18 combined team games advance to round robin match play

Sunday, Oct. 25

9 a.m. – PBA Team Challenge, 8 games Baker format round robin match play

Top 4 teams after 26 combined team games advance to stepladder finals

3 p.m. – PBA Team Challenge Baker format stepladder finals

Monday, Oct. 26

9 a.m. – PBA50 Western Open qualifying and match play

GEICO is Title Sponsor of PBA World Series of Bowling VII; Rolltech to Sponsor Main Event PBA World Championship

CHICAGO (Oct. 16, 2015) – Reno, Nev., will be the center of the bowling universe as ESPN, Xtra Frame and the National Bowling Stadium set the stage that will showcase the largest field of PBA players from a record 21 countries who will compete in the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy and Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority Dec. 7-19.

The two weeks of competition will produce seven national telecasts on ESPN and 100 hours of digital coverage through PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

The PBA has announced an exciting, engaged list of WSOB primary sponsors including GEICO, Rolltech, Silver Legacy Resort Casino and Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. Participating presenting sponsors are PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game by Concrete Software, Storm Products, Xtra Frame, HotelPlanner.com and the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

GEICO, one of America's largest automobile insurers, will celebrate its 13th anniversary as a primary partner of the PBA by serving as the entitlement partner of WSOB VII. GEICO serves more than 13 million private passenger customers and insures more than 22 million vehicles (auto & cycle).

PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark also announced that Rolltech, which has provided PBA with enhanced live scoring and statistical data for PBA Tour events over the past two years, will be title sponsor for the PBA World Championship which will culminate with the finals telecast Thursday Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). Rolltech also provides mobile and web applications related to tracking individual, league and event bowling scores and statistics as well as connecting bowlers for real-life borderless competition.

The Silver Legacy and Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority join the WSOB in the first year of a two-year sponsorship agreement.

Located in downtown Reno, the Silver Legacy Resort Casino offers amenities and attractions for the perfect vacation getaway. Towering above downtown as the newest and tallest casino hotel, spacious guest rooms and suites offer grand views of the city

skyline and mountains. The Silver Legacy features big-name entertainment, six award-winning restaurants, eight shops and boutiques, outdoor pool, health spa and state-of-the art fitness center.

Reno, known as the “Biggest Little City In the World” and has hosted major bowling events for nearly four decades, is a beautiful four season resort destination - in a spectacular natural setting - that offers world class gaming, attractions, activities and events to excite the passion of almost anyone.

After the Rolltech PBA World Championship, the ESPN telecast schedule continues with four animal pattern finals telecasts on consecutive Sundays at 1 p.m. ET, beginning with the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game by Concrete Software on Dec. 20. The official mobile game of the PBA features actual tournaments, oil patterns, bowling balls and legendary PBA bowlers.

PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile game has surpassed 8.3 million downloads on Android mobile devices, and has added almost 2 million downloads on iOS and Apple devices which translates into 4,700 downloads per day by Android users and 2,700 daily downloads by iOS users.

The PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame, PBA’s online bowling channel, will air Dec. 27. The PBA’s live streaming digital service has grown 200 percent since 2013, added hundreds of hours of live content including PBA50, PWBA and all PBA national events.

The PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com will air on Jan. 3. HotelPlanner.com is a leading provider of online services to the global group hotel sales market. Its technology ensures the lowest rates by allowing bowlers and bowling fans to receive quotes online directly from hotel group sales managers.

Utah-based Storm Products, the maker of high-performance bowling balls and accessories, is presenting sponsor of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship which will air on Jan. 17.

WSOB telecasts will conclude on Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. ET with the PBA Challenge presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, the keeper of the sport’s history, located on the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas. The unique PBA Challenge finals will feature PBA50, PBA Regional and PWBA-PBA Women’s Regional title matches.

Other PBA participating WSOB VII partners include PBA product registered companies 900 Global, Brunswick, Roto Grip, Storm, Track, Ebonite, Columbia 300, Hammer, Radical, DV8, MOTIV, Dexter, High 5 Gear, Vise, Turbo, KR Strikeforce, Mongoose, Power House, Master, AMF300, Lane Masters, Legends, 3G, Genesis and Rolltech.

GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII PRESENTED BY SILVER LEGACY AND RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY ESPN TELECAST SCHEDULE (All times Eastern)

Thursday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. (4 p.m. PT) – Rolltech PBA World Championship Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. - PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game by Concrete Software Sunday, Dec. 27, 1 p.m. - PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame Sunday, Jan. 3, 1 p.m. - PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Sunday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m. - PBA Scorpion Championship Sunday, Jan. 17, 1 p.m. - Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm Sunday, Jan. 24, 3 p.m - PBA Challenge presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII PRESENTED BY SILVER LEGACY AND RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY XTRA FRAME SCHEDULE (All times Eastern)

Dec., 7, 7:45 p.m. -PBA Regional & PBA50 Challenge presented by International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum match play.
Dec., 8, 11:10 a.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship Round (Cheetah A) 1 qualifying Dec. 8, 6:40 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Cheetah-B) Round 1 qualifying Dec. 9, 11:10 a.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Viper-B) Round 2 qualifying Dec. 9, 6:40 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Viper-A) Round 2 qualifying Dec. 10, 11:10 a.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Chameleon-A) Round 3 qualifying Dec. 10, 6:40 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Chameleon-B) Round 3 qualifying

Dec. 11, 11:10 a.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship (Scorpion-A) Round 4 qualifying Dec. 11, 6:40 p.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship (Scorpion-B) Round 4 qualifying Dec. 12, 12:40 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers qualifying Dec. 12, 7:45 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship Round 1 match play Dec. 13, 12:45 p.m. - Rolltech PBA World Championship Round 2 match play Dec. 13, 7:45 p.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship Round 3 match play Dec. 14, 12:45 p.m. - Cheetah Championship

presented by PBA Mobile Game by Concrete Software elimination match play Dec. 14, 3:45 p.m. - Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Mobile Game by Concrete Software elimination match play Dec. 14, 7:15 p.m. - Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame elimination match play Dec. 14, 10:15 p.m. - Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame elimination match play Dec. 15, 12:45 p.m. - Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com elimination match Play Dec. 15, 3:45 p.m. - Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com elimination match play Dec. 15, 7:15 p.m. - Scorpion Championship elimination match Play Dec. 15, 10:15 p.m. - Scorpion Championship elimination match play Dec. 16, 12:45 p.m. - Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game by Concrete Software round of 8 match play Dec. 16, 3:45 p.m. - Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame Round of 8 match play Dec. 16, 7:15 p.m. - Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Round of 8 match play Dec. 16, 10:15 p.m. - Scorpion Championship Round of 8 match play Dec. 17, 1:45 p.m. - 2016 PBA League Draft Dec. 18, 11:40 a.m. - PWBA-PBA Challenge presented by International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame match play

Bowling fans are never more than a click away from comprehensive coverage through the PBA Network which includes the online bowling channel Xtra Frame, social media, pba.com website, PBA YouTube channel and much more.

Tickets Now on Sale for ESPN Rolltech PBA World Championship, GEICO World Series of Bowling Telecasts National Bowling Stadium in Reno to host bowling extravaganza Dec. 7-19 to be highlighted by Rolltech PBA World Championship prime time finals on Dec. 17

RENO, Nev. (Oct. 19, 2015) - Tickets are now on sale for the live ESPN telecast of the Rolltech PBA World Championship Thursday, Dec. 17, the pinnacle event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority at the National Bowling Stadium.

The season's final major will mark the first live prime-time telecast of a PBA Tour event in 14 years when the stepladder finals get underway at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. local time). For the World Championship, ESPN telecast tickets are \$10 and \$20. All tickets, which can be purchased in advance through the "tickets" link on pba.com or at the door, are general admission.

From Dec. 7-19, Reno's National Bowling Stadium will be the center of the bowling universe as ESPN, pba's online bowling channel Xtra Frame and the best players in the world converge for a series of the most unique and lucrative events in the sport.

WSOB VII will again showcase the world's greatest players including the top stars from the PBA Tour who will compete for PBA titles across five diverse PBA lane oil patterns, highlighted by the main event, which is the World Championship.

The focal point of the World Championship will be the player's ultimate test of versatility and endurance. The five players who qualify for the live stepladder finals on ESPN on Dec. 17 will survive a total of 66 games of qualifying and round-robin match play bowled on the PBA's Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and World Championship lane conditions.

The international representation for the World Series has already tied a record for entries from 21 countries, including Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, England, Finland, Germany, Japan, Mexico, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Sweden, United Arab Emirates and Venezuela in addition to the United States. Anticipated entries from China will break the record.

In addition to the World Championship, tickets are also on sale for the other World Series events, the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championship finals on Friday, Dec. 18, as well as the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge shows (Saturday, Dec. 19). An all-weekend KingPin Club ticket for the animal pattern events, PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge telecasts is available for \$20. While tickets may be purchased at the door, it is suggested that fans order early to get the best seating. For the latest WSOB information visit www.pba.com<<http://www.pba.com>>.

Admission for the World Series preliminary rounds including World Championship qualifying and match play rounds Dec. 7-16 is free.

The National Bowling Stadium will also host a pro-am for Reno area grassroots youth, adult and senior bowlers on Sunday, Dec. 6 with squads at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The pro-am entry fee is \$99. Additional details are available by calling the stadium at (800) 304-2695.

GEICO PBA WSOB VII PRESENTED BY SILVER LEGACY AND RENO-SPARKS CONVENTION AND VISITORS AUTHORITY ESPN TAPING SCHEDULE (All times Pacific)

Sunday, Dec. 6

9 a.m., 3 p.m. – Pro-ams

Thursday, Dec. 17

(Tickets \$10 and \$20)

4 p.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship (live on ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 18

(Friday and Saturday taping tickets available through \$20 weekend pass)

1 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Mobile Challenge Game by Concrete Software (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1 p.m. ET) 3:30 p.m. – PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 1 p.m. ET)

5:15 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. ET)

7 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. ET)

Saturday, Dec. 19

Noon – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. ET)

3:30 p.m. – PBA Challenge Finals presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (airs on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. ET)

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Marshall Kent Wins PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic

RENO, Nev. – Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., defeated top qualifier Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind., 276-237, to win the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic presented by Radical at the National Bowling Stadium Sunday. Along with his second career PBA Regional title, the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year earned a \$10,000 first prize.

Kent advanced to the championship match by defeating Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, 257-237, after Castillo eliminated Cameron Weier of Federal Way, Wash., 276-222, in the first stepladder finals match.

On Friday, Weier, a PBA rookie and Kent's former Robert Morris-Illinois University teammate, won his first PBA title in the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Challenge presented by Radical, defeating amateur Nicholas Duplan of Citrus Heights, Calif., in the title match, 224-204.

Weier, who earned \$1,700, also became eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla.

PBA SANDS REGENCY WEST/NORTHWEST CLASSIC

presented by Radical

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Oct. 18

Final Standings: 1, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., \$10,000. 2, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., \$5,000. 3, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, \$3,000. 4, Cameron Weier, Federal Way, Wash., \$2,000.

Playoff Results: Match One – Castillo def. Weier, 276-222. Semifinal Match – Kent def. Castillo, 257-237. Championship – Kent def. Wolfe, 276-237.

Final Match Play Standings (after 24 games):

5, Jason Sterner, McDonough, Ga., 5,742, \$1,200.

6, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,781, \$1,100.

7, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,754, \$1,000.

8, Mike DeVaney, Hemet, Calif., 5,699, \$900.

9, a-Chip Aki, Grand Prairie, Texas, 5,679, \$800.

10, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 5,577, \$750.

11, Kevin Foley, Reno, Nev., 5,550, \$725.

12, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 5,506, \$700.

13, Jeff Frankos, Daly City, Calif., 5,539, \$675.

14, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 5,465, \$650.

15, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,394, \$625.
16, f-Lindsay Boomershine, Brigham City, Utah, 5,244, \$600.

f-denotes female

PBA SANDS REGENCY WEST/NORTHWEST CHALLENGE
presented by Radical
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Oct. 16

Championship: Cameron Weier, Federal Way, Wash. (\$1,700) def. a-Nicholas Duplan, Citrus Heights, Calif. (\$1,000), 224-204.

Pickford, Simonsen Roll into Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship Lead
Two-time defending champions Duke, Malott fail to advance to match play

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 19, 2015) – Fifth-year Professional Bowlers Association member Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., and 18-year-old rookie Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, bowling as doubles partners for the first time, averaged a combined 240 to lead qualifying in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm at the South Point Bowling Plaza Monday.

Both players, trying for their first PBA Tour titles, led the field of 12 teams that advance to two six-game rounds of round-robin team match play competition Tuesday. The top five teams after 20 team games (40 individual games) will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals which will be contested on Saturday, Dec. 19, at part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

Among the teams failing to advance were two-time defending Roth/Holman Doubles champions Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, who qualified in 14th place.

Pickford and Simonsen, who dropped to ninth place with three games to go Monday, fired games of 289 and 266, respectively, in game six to charge into the lead and they held on to finish with 3,810 pins, 26 pins ahead of DJ Archer of Friendswood, Texas, and Shawn Maldonado of Houston, Texas.

Third with a combined 16-game total of 3,756 pins was the team of Matt McNeil, Prior Lake, Minn., and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y.

Simonsen, who decided to join the PBA a little over a year ago after cashing in a pair of PBA regional tournament as an amateur, “decided to take the opportunity and go after it. I had the desire to bowl on the PBA Tour for a long time. My parents used to record all of the TV shows and I grew up spending my nights watching the PBA.”

He also took up the sport as a two-handed player at age 3, when a bowling ball was too heavy to throw with one hand, and he never stopped using the two-handed technique that is growing in popularity.

Pickford, who led the PBA Viper Championship at South Point a year ago only to lose in the title match to Finland’s Mika Koivuniemi, picked Simonsen as his doubles partner when a group of five players known as “Team Fish” entered the PBA Team Challenge, which will be held later in the week.

“Once we made up Team Fish for the Team Challenge, we kinda decided to pick our own partners and I instantly put dibs on Anthony,” Pickford said. “But after the way all of us bowled today, it seemed like any of the five of us could have put our scores together and we’d have done fine. There was no such thing as a bad partner in that group.”

While their big game propelled them to the top, Pickford said, “We didn’t really lose the pocket all day. We missed one makeable spare all day, and that was a chop, so we’re pretty proud of that.

“Our key was just communicating what we saw on the first couple of shots on each pair and staying on top of the transition. It kinda threw us at first that teams on the left lane were moving to the left, and teams on the right lane moved right all day. We’ve never done that before in a PBA event, but it was cool. We got to bowl with a lot of guys. I liked it, and we just happened to capitalize on it.”

The Roth/Holman Doubles event is the first in a series of tournaments that make up the PBA Fall Classic. Following doubles match play rounds Tuesday, competition continues with the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open – a PBA Tour title event – Wednesday and Thursday; the South Point West Challenge (a regional event for non-title winners) on Friday; the new five-player PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday, and the PBA50 Western Open next Monday. All competition in the Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Storm

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Monday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 12 doubles teams games):

- 1, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C./Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3,810.
- 2, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,784.
- 3, Matt McNeil, Prior Lake, Minn./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,756.
- 4, Dom Barrett, England/Osku Palermmaa, Finland, 3,722.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,719.
- 6, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,715.
- 7, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3,701.
- 8, Andrew Cain/Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,665.
- 9, a-Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./f-Liz, Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,650.
- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,643.
- 11, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz./Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,641.
- 12, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla./E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,633.

Failed to advance:

- 13, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla./Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,627.
- 14, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla./Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,620.
- 15, a-Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia/Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 3,615.
- 16, a-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis/Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,611.
- 17, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich./a-Steve Novak, Bay City, Mich., 3,601.
- 18, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla./Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,598.
- 19, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif./Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,585.
- 20, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,580.
- 21, David Haynes, Las Vegas/Eddie VanDaniker, Chatsworth, Calif., 3,564.
- 22, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J./Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,557.
- 23, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz./a-Benjamin, Canfield, San Diego, 3,547.
- 24, Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif./Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,537.
- 25, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J./Jason Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,526.
- 26, Adam Ishman, Las Vegas/Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,525.
- 27, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio/Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,514.
- 28, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif./f-Missy, Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3,495.
- 29, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich./Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,460.
- 30, f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y./Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,459.
- 31, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla./Brian Himmeler, Cincinnati, 3,457.
- 32, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore./Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,456.
- 33, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis/Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,450.
- 34, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich./Ronnie Sparks, Ecorse, Mich., 3,432.
- 35, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y./Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,422.
- 36, Johnathan Bower/Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,412.
- 37, Manuel Otalora, Colombia/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,409.
- 38, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga./Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,400.
- 39, Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y./Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,392.
- 40, Jaime Gonzalez/Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 3,387.
- 41, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan./Kris Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,379.

42, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill./Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,376.
42, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif./Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,376.
44, Gary Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn./Mike Williams, Montgomery, Ala., 3,373.
45, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan./Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,355.
46, a-Robert, Gotchall, Lincoln, Neb./Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,329.
47, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y./Matt O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 3,310.
48, B.J. Moore, Apex, N.C./Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,286.
49, Martin Larsen, Sweden/Stuart Williams, England, 3,248.
50, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill./John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,135.

a-denotes amateur; f-denotes female.

300 Game: Liz Johnson.

Henry, Carter Win PBA Park Centre Lanes PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Title

NORTH CANTON, Ohio (Oct. 18, 2015) – PBA60 competitor Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio and PBA50 partner Tom Carter of Columbus, Ohio, defeated amateurs Joe Nuzzo of Girard, Ohio and Danny Guerrieri of Youngstown, Ohio, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Park Centre Lanes PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Central Open presented by Columbia 300 at Park Centre Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the event included one bowler between the ages of 50 and 59 and one bowler over the age of 60. The title was Henry's and Carter's first of the year in the PBA Central Region. It also was the seventh career PBA Regional title for both players, who split a \$3,200 first prize.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Henry and Carter defeated Dave Bernhardt of Romeo, Mich., and Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, Mich., 2-1, while Nuzzo and Guerrieri downed Charlie Tapp of Portage, Mich. and Larry Verble of Mason, Mich., 2-1, to set up the championship match.

Nuzzo and Guerrieri shared the \$2,000 prize for second place while the teams of Tapp/Verble, and Bernhardt/Wyatt earned \$1,500 as semifinal round losers.

The event drew 29 teams.

PBA PARK CENTRE LANES PBA50/PBA60 DOUBLES CENTRAL OPEN presented by Columbia 300 Park Centre Lanes, North Canton, Ohio, Sunday

Championship (best of three games):

ss-Mike Henry, Brunswick, Ohio/s-Tom Carter, Columbus, Ohio (\$3,200) def. ss-a-Joe Nuzzo, Girard, Ohio/s-a-Danny Guerrieri, Youngstown, Ohio (\$2,000), 414-412, 467-426.

Semifinal Round (best of three games, losing teams eliminated and earned \$1,500 each):

Nuzzo/Guerrieri def. ss-Charlie Tapp, Portage, Mich.s-/Larry Verble, Mason, Mich., 2-1.

Henry/Carter def. ss-Dave Bernhardt, Chesterfield, Mich./s-a-Ken Wyatt, Sterling Hts., Mich., 2-1.

Round of 8 (best of five games, losing teams eliminated earned \$1,100 each):

Tapp/Verble def. ss-Dave Patchen, Oregon, Ohio/s-Dean Billings, Rootstown, Ohio, 3-2.

Nuzzo/Guerrieri def. ss-a-Michael Chapman, Garden City, Mich./s-a-Gerald Johnson, Taylor, Mich., 3-1.

Bernhardt/Wyatt def. ss-Bill McCorkle, Westerville, Ohio/s-Jeff Zaffino, Warren, Pa., 3-1.

Henry/Carter def. ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C./s-Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Twp, Mich., 3-0.

a-denotes amateur

s-denotes PBA50 player

ss-denotes PBA60 player

With apologies, below is a corrected Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championships release. Positions of players listed last night were correct, but scores didn't include match play bonus pins. The release below corrects body copy and agate summary.

Pickford, Simonson Lead Field into Roth/Holman PBA Championship Doubles Finals

Stepladder finals set for December 19 at GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 20, 2015) – Qualifying leaders Connor Pickford, 23, of Charlotte, N.C., and teenage partner Anthony Simonson of Princeton, Texas, earned the top qualifying position for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals, presented by Storm, at the South Point Bowling Plaza Tuesday.

Pickford, whose best career finish was second in the 2014 PBA Viper Championship, and Simonson, an 18-year-old rookie whose top finish was third in the PBA Xtra Frame Pensacola Open earlier in the year, held off every challenge throughout 20 team games of qualifying and match play to win the top berth in the finals by 220 pins over England's Dom Barrett and Finland's Osku Palermaa, the runners-up in the Roth/Holman Doubles Championship held in February in Indianapolis.

Pickford and Simonson split their 12 team matches, 6-6, but finished with a combined total of 9,657 pins while Barrett and Palermaa posted a 9,437 total. Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., and Andres Gomez of Colombia qualified third; rookie Matt McNiel of Prior Lake, Minn., and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., qualified fourth, and Australia's Jason Belmonte and partner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., advanced from seventh to fifth in the final game.

"We just did the same thing we did yesterday," Pickford said. "We stayed focused, made good shots and it seemed like every time someone got close, we had a big game to stay in front."

"I don't know what the difference was this week," said Simonson, who had struggled in most of his 13 previous PBA Tour events. "I was Mr. 60th place during the PBA Summer Swing, but everything seemed to click. I feel like I've been bowling well, and today it all came together."

"I'm kinda bummed that the finals won't be held until Dec. 19, though. If it was two days earlier and we could win, I'd become the youngest player ever to win a PBA Tour title."

That record currently belongs to PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke, who won his first title in 1983 at the age of 18 years, 11 months, 8 days.

The top five teams will advance to the ESPN stepladder finals on Saturday, Dec. 19, as part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The finals telecast will air on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 17, and will officially count as a 2016 title.

The South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic continues with the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, a PBA Tour singles event, Wednesday and Thursday; the South Point PBA West Challenge on Friday; the five-player PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday, and the PBA50 Western Open on Monday. All competition in the Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

Presented by Storm

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Tuesday

Final Match Play Standings (after 40 team games, including match play bonus pins; top five teams advance to ESPN stepladder finals on Dec. 19 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.):

- 1, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C. /Anthony Simonson, Princeton, Texas, 6-6, 9,657.
- 2, Dom Barrett, England /Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7-4-1, 9,437.

- 3, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz./ Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5-6-1, 9,423.
- 4, Matt McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 8-4, 9,389.
- 5, Jason Belmonte, Australia/Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8-4, 9,342.
- 6, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas/Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 5-7, 9,339, \$7,000.
- 7, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla./E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 7-5, 9,301, \$6,000.
- 8, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill./Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5-7, 9,374, \$5,500.
- 9, Andrew Cain/Michael Haugen, Phoenix, 5-7, 9,205, \$5,000.
- 10, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio/Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 6-6, 9,141, \$4,500.
- 11, a-Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich./f-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5-7, 9,101, \$4,000.
- 12, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C./Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 4-8, 8,854, \$3,500.

a-denotes amateur; f-denotes female.

300 Games: Shawn Maldonado, A.J. Johnson, Anthony Simonsen.

Anthony Pepe Takes First Round Lead in PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open

Tom Daugherty trailed by 41 pins heading into Wednesday night's second round

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 21, 2015) – Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., who bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game and won the first PBA title awarded in the new South Point Bowling Plaza, continued his run of quality bowling in the Plaza Wednesday, claiming the lead after eight of 16 qualifying games in the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open.

Pepe, who won the 2014 PBA Cheetah Championship in his national television debut last fall, averaged 240.5 during Wednesday afternoon's opening qualifying round, finishing with 1,924 pins to take a 41-pin lead over Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla.

"I have a lot of friends in Las Vegas who are lefthanders and they say conditions here, for some reason are conducive to our side of the lane," Pepe said. "But that doesn't necessarily help my confidence. You still have to make good shots, and you have to match up with your ball and the condition or none of the rest of it makes any difference."

In third place was Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., with 1,877 pins followed by Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., at 1,854 and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., with 1,838 pins.

The final eight games of qualifying were held Wednesday evening. After 16 games, the top 16 players to round-robin match play Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The top five after 32 games will advance to the stepladder finals that will be covered live on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame, at 5:30 p.m. PT (8:30 p.m. ET).

In addition to bowling for a PBA Tour title in the Las Vegas Open, players are bowling for qualifying points to earn invitations to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo in January. The top 10 men will earn automatic invitations based on points earned in the Las Vegas Open and the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open Nov. 2-8 in Garland, Texas. One woman also will be invited to Japan. Women earned points in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open, won by Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in early September).

The South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic continues with the match play and stepladder final rounds of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open Thursday; the South Point PBA West Challenge on Friday; the five-player PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday, and the PBA50 Western Open on Monday. All competition in the Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME SOUTH POINT LAS VEGAS OPEN

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Wednesday

First Round Qualifying Standings (after 8 games):

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,924.
- 2, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,883.
- 3, Kris Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,877.
- 4, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,854.
- 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,838.
- 6, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,837.
- 7, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,829.

8, Matt McNeil, Prior Lake, Minn., 1,820.
9 (tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,816.
11, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,815.
12, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 1,812.
13, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,811.
14, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,809.
15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,804.
16, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 1,796.
17, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,771.
18, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,770.
19, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,765.
20, Steven Villanueva, North Las Vegas, Nev., 1,752.
21, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,741.
22, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,739.
23, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,738.
24, f-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,734.
25, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,732.
26 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,731.
28 (tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and a-Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia, 1,729.
30, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 1,728.
31, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,724.
32, Stuart Williams, England, 1,723.
33, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,721.
34, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,720.
35, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,714.
36 (tie), David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,712.
38, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,710.
39, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 1,708.
40, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,703.
41, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,702.
42, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,701.
43, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,700.
44, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,698.
45, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,690.
46, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,688.
47, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,686.
48, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,684.
49, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 1,683.
50, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,677.
51, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,676.
52 (tie), Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., and Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 1,673.
54 (tie), Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., and Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,671.
56, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,668.
57, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,656.
58 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,655.
60, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,652.
61, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,651.
62, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,649.
63, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,648.
64 (tie), Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,646.
66 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and a-Anthony Santos, LaPuente, Calif., 1,645.
68 (tie), a-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,637.
70, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,631.
71, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,628.
72, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 1,625.
73, a-Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 1,618.
74 (tie), f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., and Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 1,615.
76, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 1,612.

77, a-Michael Hartter, Henderson, Nev., 1,610.
 78, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 1,605.
 79, Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, 1,602.
 80, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,600.
 81, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 1,588.
 82, Dom Barrett, England, 1,585.
 83 (tie), Steven Black, Maricopa, Ariz., and A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,583.
 85, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,580.
 86, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 1,579.
 87, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,578.
 88, a-Brandon Love, Las Vegas, 1,577.
 89, Lanndyn Carnate, Glendale, Ariz., 1,572.
 90, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,571.
 91, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,558.
 92, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,548.
 93, a-Benjamin Canfield, San Diego, 1,547.
 94, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 1,545.
 95 (tie), Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., and Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 1,537.
 97, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,534.
 98, ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,531.
 99, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,524.
 100 (tie), Lamont Hanna, Salt Lake City, and Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 1,516.
 102, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,500.
 103, ss-Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, 1,497.
 104, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 1,482.
 105, a-Matthew Kushner, Santa Clarita, 1,473.
 106, a-Ari Wilson, Henderson, Nev., 1,425.
 107, Bobby Westbrook, Nuevolif., 1,329.
 108, Mitchell Caldwell, Canyon Country, Calif., 1,278.
 Withdrew: Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.; ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C.; a-Mathew Vierra, Walnut Creek, Calif., and Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif.

a-denotes amateur; f-denotes female; ss-denotes PBA60 player.

300 Games: Shawn Maldonado, Sean Rash.

Pepe Leads Qualifying in PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open

Two match play rounds, stepladder finals set for Thursday at South Point Bowling Plaza

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 21, 2015) – Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., who bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game and won the first PBA title awarded in the new South Point Bowling Plaza, continued his run of high-quality bowling in the Plaza Wednesday, averaging 240 to claim the lead after qualifying in the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open.

Pepe, who won the 2014 PBA Cheetah Championship in his national television debut last fall, led the field by 41 pins after the first eight games and finished qualifying with a 16-game total of 3,843 pins and a 138-pin lead over Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., who had 3,705 pins. Patrick Girard of Canada was third with a 3,603 total, followed by Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw, Mich., at 3,598 and Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., who were tied for fifth place with 3,571 pins.

Prather, Girard and Lorincz are trying for their first PBA Tour title. Bohn, a PBA Hall of Famer, is a 34-time champion.

“I have a lot of friends in Las Vegas who are lefthanders and they say conditions here, for some reason are conducive to our side of the lane,” Pepe, a 27-year-old lefthander, said. “But that doesn’t necessarily help my confidence. You still have to make good shots, and you have to match up with your ball and the condition or none of the rest of it makes any difference.”

The top 16 players advanced to eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. PT. The top five after 32 games will advance to the stepladder finals that will be covered live of PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame, at 5:30 p.m. PT (8:30 p.m. ET).

In addition to competing for a PBA Tour title in the Las Vegas Open, players were bowling for points during qualifying toward invitations to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo in January. The top 10 men will earn automatic invitations based on combined points earned in the Las Vegas Open and qualifying rounds of the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open Nov. 2-8 in Garland, Texas. One woman also will be invited to Japan. Women were awarded points in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open, won by Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., in early September, in addition to the Las Vegas Open.

The South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic continues with the final rounds of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open Thursday followed by the South Point PBA West Challenge on Friday; the five-player PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday, and the PBA50 Western Open on Monday. The entire Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME SOUTH POINT LAS VEGAS OPEN

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Wednesday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 16 games, top 16 advance to match play):

- 1, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3,843.
- 2, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,705.
- 3, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3,603.
- 4, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 3,598.
- 5 (tie), Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,571.
- 7, Matt McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 3,562.
- 8, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3,559.
- 9 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia, and Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,549.
- 11, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3,531.
- 12, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3,506.
- 13, a-Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia, 3,476.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3,469.
- 15, f-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3,452.
- 16, Sam Cooley, Australia, 3,448.

Other Cashers (after 16 games):

- 17, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3,446, \$800.
- 18 (tie), Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., and Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 3,439, \$755.
- 20, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,437, \$710.
- 21, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3,436, \$680.
- 22, f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 3,426, \$650.
- 23, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3,424, \$620.
- 24, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 3,422, \$600.
- 25, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 3,420, \$600.
- 26 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,419, \$550.
- 28, Steven Villanueva, North Las Vegas, Nev., 3,415, \$550.
- 29, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 3,414, \$550.
- 30, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 3,408, \$550.
- 31, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,403, \$550.
- 32, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,401, \$500.
- 33, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 3,391, \$500.
- 34, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3,388, \$500.
- 35, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,386, \$500.
- 36, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 3,383, \$500.
- 37, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 3,382, \$500.

Failed to Cash:

- 38, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3,367.
- 39, Dom Barrett, England, 3,366.
- 40, a-Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3,360.
- 41 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,359.

43, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 3,358.
44, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 3,356.
45, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 3,354.
46, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,346.
47, a-Anthony Santos, LaPuente, Calif., 3,341.
48, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,337.
49, a-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 3,335.
50, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3,334.
51, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 3,326.
52, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,320.
53, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 3,318.
54, Stuart Williams, England, 3,316.
55, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas, 3,306.
56, fp-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 3,299.
57 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,286.
59, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,281.
60, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 3,274.
61, Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3,268.
62, Eric Cornog, Cherry Hill, N.J., 3,257.
63, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,255.
64 (tie), Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,252.
66, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,243.
67, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 3,241.
68, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 3,235.
69 (tie), John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 3,224.
71, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,222.
72 (tie), Brett Spangler, Niles, Ohio, and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,217.
74, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 3,213.
75, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 3,209.
76, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,207.
77, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3,205.
78, Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 3,191.
79, Paul Bajorski, West Babylon, N.Y., 3,184.
80, Lanndyn Carnate, Glendale, Ariz., 3,180.
81, Alex Cavagnaro, Massapequa, N.Y., 3,178.
82, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,177.
83 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 3,169.
85, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 3,164.
86, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,155.
87, a-Michael Hartter, Henderson, Nev., 3,146.
88, Steven Black, Maricopa, Ariz., 3,138.
89, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 3,132.
90, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 3,127.
91, Jaime Monroy, Colombia, 3,121.
92, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 3,104.
93, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,101.
94, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 3,096.
95, a-Benjamin Canfield, San Diego, 3,088.
96, Doug Kempt, Arcadia, Calif., 3,043.
97, a-Ari Wilson, Henderson, Nev., 3,032.
98, ss-Kerry Fulford, Ft. Worth, Texas, 2,981.
99, ss-William Keenan Jr., Orlando, Fla., 2,979.
100 (tie), ss-Bill Hewlett, Eagle, Idaho, and ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 2,978.
102, Lamont Hanna, Salt Lake City, 2,912.
103, a-Matthew Kushner, Santa Clarita, 2,886.
104, Bobby Westbrook, Nuevo, Calif., 2,743.
105, Mitchell Caldwell, Canyon Country, Calif., 2,591.
106, a-Brandon Love, Las Vegas, 2,857.

107, Gary Haines, West Babylon, N.Y., 2,799.

Withdrew: Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C.; Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla.; ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C.; a-Mathew Vierra, Walnut Creek, Calif., and Robert Smith, Ventura, Calif.

a-denotes amateur; f-denotes female; ss-denotes PBA60 player.

300 Games: Shawn Maldonado, Sean Rash.

PBA Spare Shots: Japan, Rookies, Records & More from the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic
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The inaugural PBA Fall Classic, hosted by South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, has been a showcase for some of the PBA's brightest young stars, some of the country's best women bowlers and it'll provide a unique look at PBA stars in team competition before it's over.

The first contest officially concluded during the Fall Classic was the awarding of the women's invitation to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in January in Tokyo. Based on total pinfall for 40 qualifying games in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open and PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., won the women's invitation, knocking down 5,199 pins in the Women's U.S. Open and 3,426 in Las Vegas for an 8,625 total to the competition by 27 pins over Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (5,146, 3,452, 8,598 total).

The top 10 men based on the same qualifying pinfall totals from the Las Vegas Open and the upcoming Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open will be invited to the DHC event. Based on Las Vegas Open qualifying, the men's pinfall leaders are: Anthony Pepe, 3,843; Kris Prather, 3,705; Patrick Girard, 3,603; Aaron Lorincz, 3,598; Parker Bohn III, 3,571; Ryan Ciminelli, 3,571; Matt McNiell, 3,562; Lonnie Waliczek, 3,559; Jason Belmonte, 3,549, and Tom Daugherty, 3,549.

☐ One of the most competitive PBA Rookie of the Year races was on display during the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic where a handful of talented young players are making a splash after graduating from college in late May and early June.

Among the rookies who are getting a real test under fire of a full field of PBA Tour stars are McKendree University grad A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill., who got the sport's attention as top qualifier and eventual second-place finisher in the USBC Masters earlier in the year; lefthander Matt McNiell of Prior Lake, Minn., who completed his graduate degree at Wichita State after helping the team win the USBC Intercollegiate Team Championship in addition to winning his record third USBC Open Championships all-events title, and former Wichita State star Kris Prather of Milton, Fla., who won the MOTIV Revolution tournament in July, earning a full season of PBA Tour competition as a representative of MOTIV's products.

Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, skipped college, joined the PBA in 2014 at age 17 and now he's also in the thick of the Rookie of the Year race. Approaching his 19th birthday on Jan. 6, the young two-handed player made a statement when he finished third in the Xtra Frame PBA Pensacola Open in June and this week in Las Vegas, he teamed with Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., to claim the No. 1 berth in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm...which presents Simonsen with a dilemma. One of his goals is to become the youngest PBA Tour champion but he's running out of time.

Thirty-two years later, Norm Duke still holds the "youngest PBA Tour champion" record after winning the Cleveland Open in 1983 at the age of 18 years, 11 months, 8 days. That means Simonsen needs to win a title by Dec. 13 to break Duke's record by one day, and the Roth/Holman Doubles finals won't be contested until Dec. 19 in Reno. After missing the cut to match play in the PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open Wednesday, Simonsen's last chance is to win the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in Garland, Texas, Nov. 2-8, the final PBA Tour event to be completed prior to Dec. 13.

For the record, if he wins the U.S. Open, Simonsen would become the youngest player to win a PBA major. That record is held by Hall of Famer Mike Aulby who won the 1979 PBA National Championship at age 19 years, 75 days.

📺 Liz Johnson distinguished herself once again by rolling a 300 game in the final game of the qualifying round of Roth/Holman Doubles Championship presented by Storm on Monday. The 2015 PWBA Player of the Year, USBC Queens and Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open champion became the first woman to bowl four 300 games in PBA Tour competition. Perfect game no. 4 came in a clutch situation, boosting her and partner Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., into the match play finals of the doubles event. Kelly Kulick and Diana Zavjalova also have bowled a 300 in a PBA Tour event. Several women have bowled 300s in PBA Regionals.

📺 PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, suffering from a pinched nerve in his lower back, was forced to withdraw from the PBA Fall Classic. He was replaced in the Roth/Holman doubles event, where he had been paired with Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., by Tom Hess of Urbandale, Iowa. His replacement on the McCorkle Real Estate team of PBA50 all-stars (Tom Baker, Brian LeClair, Amleto Monacelli and Ron Mohr) for the PBA Team Challenge hasn't been confirmed yet.

XTRA FRAME PROVIDES WALL-TO-WALL COVERAGE OF SOUTH POINT'S PBA FALL CLASSIC

Comprehensive Xtra Frame coverage of the South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic got underway Monday and Tuesday with the qualifying and match play rounds of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, followed by start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open – the first PBA Tour singles event to be contested start-to-finish in the new South Point Bowling Plaza, Wednesday and Thursday. Coverage will shift to the South Point PBA West Challenge (a regional event for non-title winners) on Friday. The new five-player PBA Team Challenge will fill the Saturday-Sunday schedule, and the PBA50 Western Open will conclude the week-long series of events on Monday.

Following the Fall Classic, Xtra Frame will head to Garland, Texas, to provide live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds of the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open, Nov. 3-7. The finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire October package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: MARSHALL KENT WINS SANDS REGENCY

Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., defeated top qualifier Mike Wolfe of New Albany, Ind., 276-237, to win the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic presented by Radical at the National Bowling Stadium Sunday. Along with his second career PBA Regional title, the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year earned a \$10,000 first prize.

Kent advanced to the championship match by defeating Dino Castillo of Highland Village, Texas, 257-237, after Castillo eliminated rookie Cameron Weier of Federal Way, Wash., 276-222, in the first stepladder finals match.

On Friday, Weier, Kent's former Robert Morris-Illinois University teammate, won his first PBA title in the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Challenge presented by Radical, defeating amateur Nicholas Duplan of Citrus Heights, Calif., in the title match, 224-204. Weier, who earned \$1,700, also became eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla.

📺 PBA60 competitor Mike Henry of Brunswick, Ohio and PBA50 partner Tom Carter of Columbus, Ohio, defeated amateurs Joe Nuzzo of Girard, Ohio and Danny Guerrieri of Youngstown, Ohio, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game match to win the Park Centre Lanes PBA50/PBA60 Doubles Central Open presented by Columbia 300 at Park Centre Lanes in North Canton, Ohio, Sunday. It also was the seventh career PBA Regional title for both players, who split a \$3,200 first prize.

In the best-of-three-game semifinal round, Henry and Carter defeated Dave Bernhardt of Romeo, Mich., and Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights, Mich., 2-1, while Nuzzo and Guerrieri downed Charlie Tapp of Portage, Mich. and Larry Verble of Mason, Mich., 2-1, to set up the championship match.

📌 Rusty Thomsen of South Amboy, N.J. earned his third career title and \$2,000 when he defeated Tim Foy Jr. of Seaford, Del., 233-194, in the PBA Bowlers Discount Eastern Open at AMF Woodlawn Bowl in Baltimore on Saturday.

Thomsen, who was recently diagnosed with two herniated discs in his back, was the qualifying leader while Foy qualified third. After a first-round bye for both players, Thomsen eliminated Greg Ostrander of Freehold, N.J., 189-165, in the semifinal round while Foy outlasted Paul Nickle III of Rising Sun, Md., 178-169, to also advance to the title match.

📌 This weekend's schedule includes the PBA50 Tomball Southwest Open from Tomball Bowl in Tomball, Texas, and the one-day PBA Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. Teen Masters qualifying events are scheduled in Erie, Pa., and Frisco, Texas: the Erie Open Teen Masters event, presented by the Erie Sports Commission, at Rolling Meadows Lanes, and the Frisco Open presented by the Frisco Convention and Visitors Bureau at Strikz in Frisco.

📌 October's regional activity closes with the PBA50 WGB Accounting Craig Pezzano Memorial presented by The Insurance Market at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del.; the Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Arlington Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill., over the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 weekend.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

📌 PBA West/Northwest Region Manager Gary Mage is recovering at home after a stent procedure performed following a heart attack he suffered Sunday in Reno, following the PBA Sands Regency West/Northwest Classic. "They have ran every test possible the last two days and the future seems to be good for me as long as I take all the new pills and listen to the doctors," Mage said Tuesday. "I want to say I have been overwhelmed from the calls from so many of the bowlers talking to (my wife) Toni and sending their prayers and for all the wishes for a speedy recovery."

📌 Reminder: It isn't too late to book a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com for a chance to win a \$200 lodging certificate in the October sweepstakes sponsored by PBA's official hotel booking partner. And if you subscribe to Xtra Frame before Nov. 1 (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99), you will automatically enter both the MOTIV and DV8 monthly sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball. October winners will be announced in early November.

📌 Reminder to PBA players: Oct. 26 is the deadline for 2016 PBA League team managers to declare up to three players they wish to protect from their 2015 rosters, and Nov. 13 is the deadline for PBA members to declare themselves eligible for the 2016 draft. Players not protected by team managers must then declare their intent to participate in the 2016 draft by contacting PBA Director of Events Janay Haggerty (janay.haggerty@pba.com) by no later than Nov. 13. The 2016 PBA League draft will be held on Dec. 17 in Reno. The draft will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT).

📌 Reminder: Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 Tony Reyes Community Service award. The award will be presented to a PBA member in good standing, based upon the extraordinary community service, charitable and/or educational contributions the nominee has made during the 2015 calendar year. The postmark deadline for nominations will be Monday, Dec. 21. Nominees must be current PBA members in good standing. Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The nomination form is available on pba.com: (http://www.pba.com/Content/images/forms/TonyReyes_App_2015.pdf)

📌 Correction: the qualifying final release for the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open noted Anthony Pepe had bowled the first nationally-televised 300 game in the new South Point Bowling Plaza during the 2014 Cheetah Championship. He actually bowled the first nationally-televised 295 game during the Cheetah finals. Ronnie Russell bowled the first televised 300 in the Plaza during the PBA Chameleon Championship shootout match.

Ciminelli Out-Strikes Pepe to Win PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 22, 2015) – Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., struck on 10 of 12 shots to defeat top qualifier Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 269-211, in the title match of the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open Thursday at South Point Bowling Plaza.

In winning the duel of New York lefthanders, Ciminelli picked up his third career title and first since the 2013 PBA Chameleon Championship. It was a big disappointment for Pepe who had led the tournament from the first round, qualifying first for the stepladder finals by 370 pins over Ciminelli.

"It's so hard to win a tournament twice, and leading by 370 pins...man, I've been there," Ciminelli said. "I know what it feels like. I thought he was a little nervous and I tried to show a little emotion, and get after him. That's just part of competition."

In the first match, Ciminelli's boyhood idol, 52-year-old PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., put together a string of four strikes, but got help when Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., left the 2-10 and 4-5 splits, opening in the fifth and eighth frames to give Bohn a comfortable cushion in his 215-200 victory. He then started the second match with seven strikes and ran away from Australia's Jason Belmonte, who left three 10 pins in the first five frames, 253-210.

Bohn's bid for his 35th career title and sole possession of fifth place on the PBA's all-time titles list (he currently is tied with Mark Roth) came to an end in the semifinal match when Ciminelli followed a missed split conversion in the first frame with a string of five strikes on his way to a 234-190.

"It's funny because when Parker bowls good, I seem to bowl bad. When Parker bowls bad, I bowl good, because of the differences in our styles," Ciminelli said. "But this week, it seemed like if you threw the ball well, you were rewarded."

Ciminelli, 29, said the win also was an important building block in her career.

"I still have a ways to go in taking what comes to you, and just dealing with it. Parker's my idol that way. He just never gets upset about anything. I still have some things to learn about being a professional bowler and one thing that happened this week was dealing with perseverance. I had two 140 games and usually when I do that, I just miss the cut. To come back from that was big for me; the old me wouldn't have been able to do that."

The South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic continues Friday with the South Point PBA West Challenge, a regional tournament open to players who have not won a PBA title. Action then shifts to the most high-powered five-player team competition in PBA history, the PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday. The PBA Fall Classic concludes with the PBA50 Western Open, a regional tournament for players ages 50 and older, on Monday.

The entire Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

PBA XTRA FRAME SOUTH POINT LAS VEGAS OPEN South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Thursday

Final Standings

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$10,000.
- 2, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., \$5,000.
- 3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$2,500.
- 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$2,000.
- 5, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$1,500.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Bohn def. O'Neill, 215-200.
Match Two – Bohn def. Belmonte, 253-210.
Semifinal Match – Ciminelli def. Bohn, 234-190.
Championship – Ciminelli def. Pepe, 269-211.

Final Match Play Standings (after 32 games, including match play bonus pins):

- 1, Pepe, 11-5, 7,888.
- 2, Ciminelli, 10-6, 7,518.
- 3, Belmonte, 10-6, 7,385.
- 4, Bohn, 8-8, 7,350.
- 5, O'Neill, 10-6, 7,344.
- 6, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 8-8, 7,280, \$1,400.
- 7, Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw, Mich., 7-8-1, 7,248, \$1,350.
- 8, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 8-7-1, 7,218, \$1,300.
- 9, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 5-11, 7,210, \$1,250.
- 10, Patrick Girard, Canada, 5-11, 7,140, \$1,200.
- 11, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 10-6, 7,125, \$1,150.
- 12, Sam Cooley, Australia, 7-9, 7,100, \$1,100.
- 13, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 6-9-1, 7,085, \$1,075.
- 14, f-Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7-8-1, 7,069, \$1,050.
- 15, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 6-9-1, 6,980, \$1,025.
- 16, a-Oscar Rodriguez, Colombia, 7-8-1, 6,816, \$1,000.

Danielle McEwan Wins South Point PBA West Challenge for First PBA Title

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 23, 2015) – Competing against a strong field of U.S. and international non-champions, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., defeated Aaron Lorincz of Belleville, Mich., 277-236, to become the ninth woman to win a Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the South Point PBA West Challenge at South Point Bowling Plaza Friday.

The tournament, part of the multi-event South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic, was open to players who have never won a PBA event and drew bowlers from Colombia, Australia, Sweden, Venezuela and Canada. As a PBA West Region title winner, McEwan is now eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions which will be held in Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 7.

"Every time you win it's pretty awesome, but against the guys? That's pretty cool," the 24-year-old former Fairleigh Dickinson collegiate All-American said.

In the semifinal round, Lorincz eliminated Colombia national team member Manuel Otalora, 212-178, while McEwan defeated eight-time European Bowling Tour titlist Martin Larsen of Sweden, 207-203.

McEwan is riding a stunning hot streak which began with her victory in the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour Championship in early September, concluding the first full season of women's professional bowling since 2003. She was in the field of 16 finalists in the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open singles event that ended Thursday until the final qualifying game when she dropped to 22nd place in the male-dominated field of 112. Her finish was still good enough to clinch an invitation to represent the PWBA in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational in Tokyo in January.

"I think I'm doing so well because of the women's tour," McEwan said. "It's the first time we got to bowl on a regular tour, and my game got really sharp, and I've been able to keep it going. I'm going to ride it as long as I can."

As a four-time member of Team USA, McEwan's next competition will be the World Bowling Women's World Championship Dec. 4-13 in the United Arab Emirates. Afterward, she will immediately fly to Reno, Nev., where she will represent the PBA East Region in the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge, a head-to-head match play competition involving women's points leaders for all eight PBA Regions, during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII.

The South Point Bowling Plaza PBA Fall Classic continues with the most high-powered five-player team competition in PBA history, the PBA Team Challenge, Saturday and Sunday. The PBA Fall Classic concludes with the PBA50 Western Open, a regional tournament for players ages 50 and older, on Monday.

The entire Fall Classic is being covered live, exclusively on PBA's online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

SOUTH POINT PBA WEST CHALLENGE

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Friday

Championship

Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. (\$1,500) def. Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich. (\$900), 277-236.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$700)

Aaron Lorincz def. Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 212-178.

f-McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 207-203.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers earned \$550)

Lorincz def. Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2-0.

Larsen def. Francois Lavoie, Canada, 2-0.

Otalora def. Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 2-1.

f-McEwan def. Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best of five games, losers earned \$450)

Gonzalez def. a-BJ Harvey, Martinsburg, W.Va., 3-0.

Otalora def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 3-2.

Cook def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 3-2.

Lorincz def. Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 3-1.

Larsen def. a-Matthew Schermorhorn, El Segundo, Calif., 3-1.

Lavoie def. Ari Wilson, University Park, Ill., 3-0.

Butturff def. Toby Sambueno, Saginaw, Mich., 3-1.

f-McEwan def. Daniel Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 3-2.

a-denotes amateur; f-denotes female

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900 Global Phoenix Tops PBA Team Challenge Qualifying

Six teams advance to Sunday's match play round

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Oct. 24, 2015) – 900 Global Phoenix averaged 238 as a team to lead qualifying Saturday in the inaugural Professional Bowlers Association Team Challenge at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The PBA Team Challenge, a first of its kind five-player team competition for the sport's most talented players, got underway with all 17 teams bowling six complete team games (30 individual games) which was followed by a round of 12 Baker format games where players alternated frames to complete a game.

900 Global Phoenix, with four-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr., Russ Oviatt, Ben Canfield, Andrew Cain and Jakob Buttruff, compiled a 10,014 42-game pinfall total to top Dead Money with Alex Cavagnaro, Matt O'Grady, Matt McNiel, South Point Las Vegas Open runnerup Anthony Pepe and South Point PBA West Regional winner Danielle McEwan, in second with 9,854.

"One thing in our favor is we're a team that has a lot of team experience," said Cain, a past-president of the United States Bowling Congress who still serves on the board. "On paper you may not see the star power of a lot of the other teams but we're a group of guys who have a lot of team experience and we're also able to practice together which is a huge benefit.

"It was as much of a team effort as you could have," the former Team USA member and Arizona State standout added. "We got out of the gate strong and everyone contributed. We have the collegiate team experience and the experience of a PBA Tour winner so we have all the right ingredients."

The top six teams advanced to Sunday's match play match play round which begins at 9 a.m. PT followed by the stepladder finals at 3 p.m., which will involve the top four teams bowling Baker format matches.

Other teams advancing to Sunday's match play were: 4 Majors & 100 at 1 (Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott, Bill O'Neill, Tom Daugherty), 9,761; Team Brunswick (Parker Bohn III, Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner, Walter Ray Williams Jr.), 9,544;

Playin' On House Money (DJ Archer, Josh Blanchard, Dino Castillo, Rob Gotchall, Shawn Maldonado), 9,513 and Yee Yee Nation (Marshall Kent, Chris Loschetter, Rhino Page, Ronnie Russell, EJ Tackett), 9,467.

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PBA TEAM CHALLENGE

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Saturday

Final Qualifying Standings (after six five-player team games plus 12 Baker format team games; top six teams advance to round-robin match play Sunday)

- 1, 900 Global Phoenix (Jakob Buttruff, Andrew Cain, Benjamin Canfield, Michael Haugen Jr., Russ Oviatt), 10,014.
- 2, Dead Money (Danielle McEwan, Alex Cavagnaro, Matt O'Grady, Matt McNiel, Anthony Pepe), 9,854.
- 3, 4 Majors & 1 at 1 (Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott, Bill O'Neill, Tom Daugherty), 9,761.
- 4, Team Brunswick (Parker Bohn III, Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner, Walter Ray Williams Jr.), 9,544.
- 5, Playin' On House Money (DJ Archer, Josh Blanchard, Dino Castillo, Rob Gotchall, Shawn Maldonado), 9,513 .
- 6, Yee Yee Nation (Marshall Kent, Chris Loschetter, Rhino Page, Ronnie Russell, EJ Tackett), 9,467.

Did not advance:

- 7, The Latin Rollers (Andres Gomez, Jaime Gonzalez, Jaime Monroy, Manuel Otalora, Idlemaro Ruiz), 9,391.
- 8, Devin and The Soft Hands (Devin Bidwell, Nathan Bohr, Francois Lavoie, Jake Peters, Ronnie Sparks Jr.), 9,380.
- 9, Easy Strikers (Mark Sullivan, Bryon Smith, Mike Wolfe, Jimmy Cook, Jon VanHees), 9,305.
- 10, PA's BFFs (Patrick Allen, Dom Barrett, Martin Larsen, Osku Palermaa, Stuart Williams), 9,293.
- 11, Couch Potatoes (Ryan Ciminelli, Jason Couch, Thomas Larsen, Ryan Shafer, Dave Wodka), 9,238.
- 12, Four Balls and a Doll (Andrew Anderson, PJ Haggerty, David Haynes, Liz Johnson, Eddie VanDaniker), 9,206.
- 13, Semi-Pros (Jesse Buss, AJ Johnson, Aaron Lorincz, John Szczerbinski, JR Raymond), 9,141.
- 14, McCorkle Real Estate (Tom Baker, Brian LeClair, Amleto Monacelli, Ron Mohr, Tom Hess), 9,139.
- 15, Spare of the Dog (Mike Edwards, Brian Himmeler, Tim Mack, Robert Smith, Lonnie Waliczek), 9,046.
- 16, Team Fish (Dick Allen, Conner Pickford, Kris Prather, Anthony Simonsen, Kyle Troup), 9,006.
- 17, The MOTIV Nation (Toby Sambueno, Randy Weiss, Scott Newell, Gary Faulkner Jr., Patrick Girard), 8,929.

"Dead Money" Upsets PBA Stars to Win Inaugural PBA Team Challenge Title

Long-time bowling friends unite to topple decorated team of PBA veterans

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (Oct. 25, 2015) – "Dead Money" is a poker term related to the money left in the pot by players who have folded. It also is the name a team of five relatively untested bowlers gave themselves before upsetting a highly-decorated team of Professional Bowlers Association stars in the inaugural PBA Team Challenge at the South Point Bowling Plaza Sunday.

The PBA Team Challenge, a first-of-its-kind five-player team competition for the sport's most talented players, was conducted as part of the multi-event South Point Bowling Plaza Fall Classic.

Dead Money featured a lineup including PWBA Tour Championship winner Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., who stepped into the lineup to replace injured Alex Aguiar (who came up with the team name); one-time PBA Regional winners Alex Cavagnaro of Massapequa, N.Y., and Matt O'Grady of Matawan, N.J.; one-time PBA Tour winner Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., and 30-year-old PBA rookie Matt McNiel of Prior Lake, Minn., who made his PBA Tour debut during the Fall Classic.

With McNiel bowling anchor, Dead Money put together a string of six strikes to take a 249-234 lead after the first game of the two-game Baker format title match and locked up a 497-452 victory by out-bowling "4 Majors and 100 at 1" in the second game, 248-218.

Combined, the five Dead Money players have won one PBA Tour title. The top-seeded "4 Majors and 100 at 1" own a combined 46 titles including PBA Tour major championship by Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa.; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C.; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, and Jason Belmonte of Australia. Tom Daugherty of Wesley Chapel, Fla., the fifth team member, is known for bowling a nationally-televised 100 game in "one" major – the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions.

“We all kind of grew up together bowling in Junior Gold and other tournaments, and we’re good friends,” McNiel said of his team’s chemistry. “The big thing for us was throwing good shots and having a good time, and we had a blast.”

In the first match, 900 Global Phoenix, with a lineup featuring four past or current Arizona State University collegiate bowlers plus Phoenix-based Michael Haugen Jr., a four-time PBA Tour winner, eliminated Team Brunswick in the first two-game Baker format match, 471-411. PBA rookie Jakob Butturff, a 21-year-old lefthander, threw seven strikes in eight attempts as 900 Global’s anchor bowler.

Dead Money then ousted 900 Global, rallying from a 43-pin deficit after game one with a 278 game to win the match, 493-484. McNiel threw two strikes in the 10th frame to lock up Dead Money’s comeback.

The round-robin match play competition leading into the stepladder finals included a Baker format 300 game by Team Brunswick’s Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner and anchor bowler Parker Bohn III, the all-time leader in 300 games bowled in PBA competition (104). Williams, Rash, Smallwood and Sterner each threw two strikes. Bohn struck in the fifth frame and completed the perfect game with the final three strikes in the 10th.

The PBA Fall Classic concludes with the South Point PBA50 West Open Monday. Monday’s event will be covered live, exclusively on PBA’s online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame. For details, visit pba.com.

PBA TEAM CHALLENGE

South Point Bowling Plaza, Las Vegas, Sunday

Final Standings

- 1, Dead Money (f-Danielle McEwan, Alex Cavagnaro, Matt O’Grady, Anthony Pepe, Matt McNiel), \$30,000.
- 2, 4 Majors & 100 at 1 (Bill O’Neill, Tom Daugherty, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott, Jason Belmonte), \$15,000.
- 3, 900 Global Phoenix (Michael Haugen Jr., Russ Oviatt, Ben Canfield, Andrew Cain, Jakob Butturff), \$10,000.
- 4, Team Brunswick (Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III), \$7,500.

Stepladder Results (two-game, Baker format total pinfall):

Match One – 900 Global Phoenix def. Team Brunswick, 471-411.

Semifinal Match – Dead Money def. 900 Global Phoenix, 493-484.

Championship – Dead Money def. 4 Majors and 100 in 1, 497-452.

Final Match Play Standings (after 26 team games, including 50 bonus pins for each two-game Baker format match won):

- 1, 4 Majors & 100 at 1, 5-1, 12,894,
- 2, Dead Money, 2-4, 12,847,
- 3, 900 Global Phoenix, 2-4, 12,763,
- 4, Team Brunswick, 4-2, 12,696,
- 5, Playin’ On House Money (DJ Archer, Josh Blanchard, Dino Castillo, Rob Gotchall, Shawn Maldonado), 4-2, 12,549, \$2,500.
- 6, Yee Yee Nation (Marshall Kent, Chris Loschetter, Rhino Page, Ronnie Russell, EJ Tackett), 1-5, 12,036, \$2,500.

Baker Format 300 Game: Team Brunswick.

Amateur Russ Davies Defeats Walter Ray Williams Jr. To Win PBA50 South Point West Open Regional

LAS VEGAS (Oct. 26, 2015) – Amateur Russ Davies of Las Vegas won the most memorable match of his career by defeating PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. to win the PBA50 South Point West Open presented by Track regional Monday at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

The 60-year-old Davies defeated Williams 217-206 in the title match for his first PBA title in the concluding event of the inaugural PBA Fall Classic.

“This is unbelievable,” said Davies, primarily a local league and tournament bowler who is a member of the Southern Nevada Bowling Association Hall of Fame. “It’s the highlight of my career for sure. There’s nothing like winning a PBA title especially when you can do it by beating one of the all-time greats.”

Davies got off to an early lead in the title match by starting with the first three strikes and was able to hold off Williams for the rest of the match. Williams struck on the final ball of the 10th frame forcing Davies to mark. The lefthander left a six pin and then picked up the spare in the final frame to clinch the win.

“Let’s face it, I’m the underdog so I was pretty calm for most of the match,” said Davies who finished 22nd in the 1974 Showboat Invitational as an amateur. “When it came down to having to pick up that six pin for the win, I’ll admit I got a little nervous.”

In the semifinal match, Williams defeated Jeff Jamison of Boulder City, Nev., 248-234, and Davies beat Mike Kanada of Camarillo, Calif., 229-224, to advance to the title match.

The entire PBA Fall Classic, which also included the PBA Team Challenge, PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open, South Point PBA West Challenge Regional and preliminary rounds of the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm, was broadcast in its entirety by PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame.

For Xtra Frame subscription information visit pba.com.

PBA50 SOUTH POINT WEST OPEN PRESENTED BY TRACK

Final Results, Monday

Championship Round (one-game)

Russ Davies, Las Vegas (\$1,500) def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., (\$900), 217-206.

Semifinal Round (one-game matches, losers earn \$700)

Williams def. Jeff Jamison, Boulder City, Nev., 248-234.

Davies def. Mike Kanada, Camarillo, Calif., 229-224.

Round of 8 (best-of-three games, losers eliminated, earn \$550)

Williams, def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2-0.

Davies, def. Dan Miyamoto, Mililani, Hawaii, 2-1.

Kanada, def. Eric Forkel, Henderson, Nev., 2-0.

Jamison, def. Dave Bolles, Modesto, Calif., 2-1.

Round of 16 (best-of-five games, losers eliminated, earn \$450)

Mohr def. Kelly O'Driscoll, Herriman, Utah, 3-2.

Forkel def. Edward Silva, Manteca, Calif., 3-0.

Williams def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-2.

Davies def. Dale Eagle, Laguna Niguel, Calif., 3-1.

Bolles def. Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-2.

Kanada def. Troy Kendrick, Coto de Caza, Calif., 3-1.

Jamison def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-0.

Miyamoto, def. Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-2.

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PBA Spare Shots

WES MALOTT, JASON BELMONTE HEADLINE FIELD FOR BOWLMOR AMF U.S. OPEN

Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, will try to defend his 2013 Lipton U.S. Open title and Australia’s **Jason Belmonte** – Malott’s title-match victim in the 2013 U.S. Open title match in Columbus, Ohio – will be out to win his third PBA major title of the year when the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open gets underway Monday at AMF Garland Lanes in Garland, Texas.

Exclusive live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds of the U.S. Open is next up on Xtra Frame. Qualifying coverage will include eight-game squads beginning at 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3; Wednesday, Nov. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 5, and followed by the eight-game cashers round at 11 a.m. on Nov. 6. Three eight-game match play rounds will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6, and at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. All times noted are Eastern. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. ET.

Malott won the 2013 U.S. Open title with a 214-156 upset over Belmonte, the top qualifier. Since then, Belmonte has demonstrated his dominance in PBA major tournaments, winning a record three consecutive USBC Masters titles and back-to-back Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions titles, including events held earlier in 2015. The U.S. Open was not held in 2014.

Bowling fans who want to sample Xtra Frame can subscribe on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99. Fans can lock in the entire October package with a full month Xtra Frame subscription for only \$7.99. But PBA's best package is the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. To sign up, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

ALL PBA MEMBERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR 2017 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Recently announced changes in the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships beginning in 2017 will make all PBA members eligible to participate. For complete details, visit bowl.com and look under the USBC Open Championships link under tournaments, or click here: <http://bowl.com/News/NewsDetails.aspx?id=23622325499>

"The PBA appreciates USBC's decision to allow all PBA members to participate in the USBC Open Championships," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "The presence of these players will only enhance the highly prestigious and largest national event in bowling."

ULTIMATE BOWLING JOINS PBA PRODUCT REGISTERED LINEUP

Ultimate Bowling Products is joining the PBA Product Registered program, effective Dec. 1, making its full lineup of inserts, ball plug and accessories eligible for use in PBA competition. For detailed information about the company and its products, visit: <http://www.ultimatebowling.com/>

"KING OF BOWLING" SERIES TO DEBUT ON PBA'S MODERN CLASSICS ON YOUTUBE

The PBA's made-for-television "King of Bowling" series, held in 2009 at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., will make an encore appearance beginning Friday when the first telecast in that series appears as one of the PBA's Modern Classics programs on YouTube. In episode no. 1, **Chris Barnes** faces **Norm Duke** with the winner challenging **Wes Malott**. A new "King of Bowling" episode will appear in the PBA Modern Classics series every Friday through Nov. 27.

To access the free programming, visit YouTube and search for "PBA Modern Classics" or click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SCARDAVILLE TURNS 50, WINS FIRST PBA TITLE

Just two weeks into his "senior years" as a 50-year-old, **David Scardaville** from Houston won his first PBA title Sunday in the PBA50 Tomball Bowl Southwest Open in Tomball, Texas, by 118 pins over fellow Houstonian **Rick Minier**.

Scardaville's previous best finish in a PBA event was second place at a PBA Challenge event two years ago. By virtue of his victory, he is now eligible to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions that will be held Jan. 30-Feb. 6 in Shawnee, Okla.

Scardaville, who finished the 21-game tournament with a 5-3 match play record and 4,951 total pins, started the round robin match play with a 51-pin lead over **Charlie Mills** of Pasadena, Texas, and an 80-pin lead over Minier, a past Senior U.S. Open champion. The top three qualifying leaders took turns holding the lead during the eight-game match play finals until Scardaville won his last two matches with games of 227 and 230 to pull away.

☞ **Dave Williams** of Omaha, Neb., defeated **Brandon Korczykowski** of E. Amherst, N.Y., 254-222, to win the PBA Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill., Sunday. With his first in title (along with \$1,500), Williams also qualified to enter the 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

Williams defeated **Craig Keith** of Bloomingdale, Ill., 2-0, and Korczykowski edged **Matt Staninger** of Highland, Ind., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

☐ October's regional activity closes with the PBA50 WGB Accounting **Craig Pezzano** Memorial presented by The Insurance Market at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del.; the Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kan., and the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Arlington Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill., over the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 weekend.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ Reminder to PBA players: Nov. 13 is the deadline for PBA members to declare themselves eligible for the 2016 PBA League draft. Players not protected by team managers must declare their intentions to participate in the 2016 draft by contacting PBA Director of Events **Janay Haggerty** (janay.haggerty@pba.com) by Nov. 13. The 2016 PBA League draft will be held on Dec. 17 in Las Vegas. The draft will be covered live on Xtra Frame at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT).

☐ Reminder: Nominations are now being accepted for the 2015 **Tony Reyes** Community Service award. The award will be presented to a PBA member in good standing, based upon the extraordinary community service, charitable and/or educational contributions the nominee has made during the 2015 calendar year. The postmark deadline for nominations will be Monday, Dec. 21. Nominees must be current PBA members in good standing. Nominations may be submitted by anyone. The nomination form is available on pba.com:

Silver Lake Atom Splitters Gear up for PBA League "Three-Peat;" Portland Lands Its Own Team

Portland Lumberjacks will join the field for 2016 competition at Bayside Bowl

CHICAGO (Oct. 29, 2015) – The two-time defending Professional Bowlers Association League champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters will make their bid for an Elias Cup "three-peat" in 2016 with a roster led by Chris Barnes, Dick Allen and Tom Daugherty.

The three players were protected by Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker and announced today, along with players protected by the other seven PBA League teams, by PBA Commissioner Tom Clark who also announced the host city for the 2016 PBA League series will field its own team for the first time: the Portland Lumberjacks. Each team was allowed to protect three players from its 2015 roster; all unprotected players and other PBA members who want to participate in 2016 have until Nov. 13 to declare their intention to participate in the league draft that will take place on Dec. 17 in Reno, Nev.

The PBA League will return to Portland, Maine, for two days of competition on April 2 and 3 for delayed telecast over a span of four consecutive Sundays, April 17-May 8, on ESPN. All four PBA League shows will air at 1 p.m. ET.

As part of the week-long 2016 PBA Maine Event, the newly-named Portland Lumberjacks will represent Portland, Bayside Bowl and the state of Maine, replacing the Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits in the PBA League program.

"It's an excellent thing for Portland, and I think it'll get our fans even more amped up to cheer for the home team," Bayside Bowl owner Charlie Mitchell said. "We're going to have a big tailgate party and do some special things. We want to make this year's event bigger and better.

"We're working on our expansion of Bayside Bowl, which won't be ready until 2017, but we're building toward the future. We're really pleased the players were happy with what they found here last year and are as eager to come back as we are to have them."

Mitchell said the Maine bowling community has continued its buzz over last year's first-ever visit by the PBA, and can't wait for the PBA to return.

"So many people who didn't get in last year want to make sure they don't miss out this time," Mitchell said. "They have been bugging us already to make sure they get tickets or get into the pro-am. Having our own team is going to build on that."

From a personal perspective, Mitchell said being a part of the Portland Lumberjacks team is special.

"Owning a professional sports franchise has been a lifelong dream for me," he said. "I'm glad to have it finally come true."

In addition to the Silver Lake Atom Splitters players protected by manager Mark Baker, players protected by the other seven teams include:

☐ Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Bryon Smith, Wes Malott and Osku Palermaa.

- 📺 Philadelphia Hitmen (Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter and Rhino Page.
- 📺 L.A. X (Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stu Williams and Martin Larsen.
- 📺 GEICO New York City WTT Kingpins (Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Scott Norton and Mike Fagan.
- 📺 Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke): Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones and himself.
- 📺 Barbasol Motown Muscle (Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Ronnie Russell and Josh Blanchard.
- 📺 Brooklyn Styles (Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr.

On Dec. 17, each team manager will draft two additional players, selecting players in a serpentine draft in the reverse order of how they finished in 2015. Starting with the KingPins, draft order will then go to the Muscle, Strikers, Hitmen, Lumberjacks, Styles, L.A. X and the Atom Splitters. After Silver Lake makes the eighth pick, it also will pick ninth as the draft order reverses for the second round of selections.

Rostered players from 2015 who are automatically eligible for the 2016 draft include: Mika Koivuniemi, Craig Nidiffer, Dan MacLelland, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner, Patrick Allen, Andres Gomez, Dave Wodka, Ryan Shafer, John Szczerbinski, Mike DeVaney, Michael Haugen Jr., Shawn Maldonado, DJ Archer and Amleto Monacelli. Any other PBA member who would like to be considered for the 2016 PBA League draft must declare their intentions to the PBA by no later than Nov. 13.

The draft will be held on Thursday, Dec. 17, prior to the live ESPN coverage of the PBA World Championship from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The draft will be video-streamed live on Xtra Frame at 2 p.m. ET (11 a.m. PT).

In addition to the PBA League competition at Bayside Bowl, the PBA Maine Event will include the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, a PBA Tour title event, April 4-6, along with pro-am events and other activities to be announced.

PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel will provide exclusive live coverage of the entire match play elimination event. Visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link for details.

PBA MEDIA ADVISORY

PBA's Online Bowling Channel Xtra Frame to Provide Live Coverage of USBC's Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open Lane Condition Announcement Nov. 2

GARLAND, TEXAS (Oct. 30, 2015) - The PBA, in conjunction with the USBC, has announced that PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame will provide exclusive live coverage of the 2015 Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open lane conditioning pattern announcement Monday, Nov. 2 at 11:30 a.m. ET from AMF Garland Lanes in Garland, Texas.

The show will be hosted by Mike Jakubowski with special guest USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy.

In addition to the announcement of the lane conditioning pattern, Xtra Frame will provide in-depth coverage of lane conditioning procedures for the third major of the 2015 PBA Tour season including lane topography evaluation and USBC specifications.

Xtra Frame commentator Ron Hickland will also talk with PBA players during the live stream to get their insights on how they will attack what is sure to be one of the most demanding lane conditions and formats in the sport.

Exclusive live coverage of the qualifying and match play rounds of the U.S. Open follow Monday's oil pattern announcement on Xtra Frame. Qualifying coverage will include eight-game squads beginning at 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 3; Wednesday, Nov. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 5, followed by the eight-game cashers round at 11 a.m. on Nov. 6. Three eight-game match play rounds will begin at 7 p.m. on Nov. 6, and at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Nov. 7. All times noted are Eastern. The stepladder finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Sunday, Nov. 8, at 1 p.m. ET.

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BILL FONG TO REALIZE DREAM BY BOWLING IN GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII

Bill Fong gained national attention in January 2010 when he bowled a Texas record 899 series in Plano, Texas, unknowingly while fighting through the early stages of a stroke as he was preparing to throw his final shot.

A Chicago native, Fong moved to Texas where he opened a hair styling salon, and eventually developed a serious passion for bowling. In stories told by the New York Times and Fox TV, among numerous other media outlets, about his unique achievement and the events in his life that led up to his almost-perfect series, Fong – now 51 – said one of his fantasies is to bowl in the PBA World Series of Bowling.

In December, at the invitation of PBA CEO and Commissioner **Tom Clark**, Fong will get a chance to realize his dream when he begins competition in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy Resort and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Bureau, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. He'll join a field of more than 200 of the world's best bowlers representing more than 20 different countries.

To view Fong's story as told by FOX TV, click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yLuFPNADNw4&sns=em>

To view the New York Times feature, click here:

<http://www.nytimes.com/video/sports/100000003551195/the-greatest-bowling-story-ever-told.html>

All preliminary rounds of WSOB VII will be covered live on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

"BAD BOY OF BOWLING" EARNING GREAT REVIEWS ON NATIONWIDE TOUR

The "Bad Boy of Bowling" documentary centered around PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber**'s colorful career has yet to make its debut on ESPN's "30 for 30" series, but producer **Bryan Storkel** said the film continues to earn great reviews as it tours the nation's film festivals.

"The film has played at over 25 festivals and has gotten a great response everywhere we've shown it," Storkel said. "We've played in San Francisco, Boston, Baltimore, Maui, Palm Springs, Indianapolis, Portland, Seattle, Milwaukee and many more."

The film is scheduled for additional screenings in November, including the St. Louis Film Festival in Weber's hometown Nov. 14 (where Weber will make a personal appearance to answer questions); Nov. 16 at Doc NYC in New York City, and at the Cucalorus Film Festival in Wilmington, N.C., Nov. 12-14.

For additional details about those festivals, visit the following links: <http://www.cinemastlouis.org/sliff/2015/doc-shorts-st-louis-stories>; <http://www.docnyc.net/film/bad-boy-of-bowling-the/#.VjcB1q6rQUE>; http://www.cucalorus.org/film_Detail.asp?id=2497.

MYRTLE BEACH COUPLE WINS TRIP TO WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII

Edward and Ellen Simpson of Myrtle Beach, S.C., will be special guests of the PBA and Next Level Bowling during the live ESPN telecast of the PBA World Championship on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

The Simpsons won round-trip airfare for two, hotel accommodations for four nights at GEICO WSOB VII host Silver Legacy Resort, and VIP tickets for the live World Championship telecast as part of Next Level Bowling's participation in the Golf Patriot Day program in Myrtle Beach, benefitting the Folds of Honor Foundation. Next Level Bowling, the PBA, participating bowling manufacturers and PBA players including hall of famer **Norm Duke** have supported the Golf Patriot Day program for the past three years, raising more than \$19,000 to benefit American military veterans and provide children of disabled veterans with scholarship assistance.

THIS WEEK ON XTRA FRAME: BOWLMOR AMF U.S. OPEN

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: AFTER CLOSE CALL, PETRAGLIA ROLLS TO PBA50 EAST VICTORY

PBA Hall of Famer **Johnny Petraglia** of Jackson, N.J., defeated **Mike Hastings** of Millsboro, Del. 278-267, to win the PBA50 Craig Pezzano Memorial presented by WGB Accounting and The Insurance Market at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del., Sunday.

Petraglia was one game from elimination in the Round of 16 but fired 290 and 298 games to force the best-of-five-game match to a final game where he defeated **Jay Boyle** of Garnet Valley, Pa., 225-217, to advance. From there the 68-year-old lefthander eliminated **Norm Ginsberg** of West Babylon, N.Y. 2-0, and **Brian LeClair** of Albany, N.Y., 279-234, in the semi-final round.

Hastings also escaped elimination in the first round, edging **Don Herrington** of Ballston Lake, N.Y., 234-232, in game five and then defeating amateur **Jay Davis** of Silver Springs, Md., 2-1, and **Ernie Segura** of Taylor, Mich. 236-216, in the other semi-final match.

Petraglia earned \$3,000 along with his 13th PBA Regional title.

☐ Former Wichita State University competitor **Kristopher Prather** of Milton, Fla., defeated **Kevin Andes** of Wichita, Kan., 197-181, to win the \$2,700 first prize and his first PBA title in the PBA Wichita Southwest Open at Northrock Lanes in Wichita on Sunday.

Prather dominated qualifying, earning a bye to the Round of 8 match where he defeated amateur **Francois Lavoie**, a Canadian citizen who bowls for Wichita State, 2-1. In the semifinal round, Prather disposed of **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** of Pasadena, Texas, 233-203, to advance to the title match.

Prather previously had won two PBA regionals as a non-member, which means he didn't get credited with PBA titles. After winning the MOTIV Revolution tournament in July, however, Prather earned the right to represent the ball company on the PBA Tour for a full year, so his victory in Wichita as a PBA rookie qualifies him for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions Jan. 30-Feb. 6 in Shawnee, Okla.

☐ After eliminating younger brother Dave in the semifinal round, **Dale Traber** of Cedarburg, Wis., defeated amateur **Craig Keith** of Bloomingdale, Ill., 245-225, to win his 52nd overall PBA Regional title and the \$1,500 first prize in the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest/Central Open at Arlington Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill., on Saturday.

Traber defeated sibling **Dave Traber** of Hebron, Ill., 2-0, while Keith edged **Lennie Boresch** of Kenosha, Wis., 2-1, to set up the title match.

☐ The Nov. 6-8 regional calendar includes the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open presented by Lassen Toyota of Albany, a reduced entry fee event, at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Ore.; the Reality Check Southern Open at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla.; the PBA50 Victory Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Kankakee, Ill.; the Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge for non-champions, presented by Ebonite, at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, and the Pro Bowl Central/Midwest Cheetah Classic, a reduced entry fee one-day event, in Fort Wayne, Ind.

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☞ The October winner of the HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes, including a \$200 gift certificate for future lodging, is **Chip Fryer** of Traverse City, Mich. Fryer was automatically entered in the monthly sweepstakes after booking a room through HotelPlanner.com’s link on pba.com.

☞ Subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) during November and you will be automatically entered into the monthly MOTIV and DV8 sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball, courtesy of the PBA’s Product Registered partners. For October, new subscriber **Aloysius McLane** of Lusby, Md., won the new MOTIV ball while **Jeremy Farmer** of Columbia, Tenn., won the DV8 ball.

☞ Last call: Nov. 13 is the deadline for PBA members to declare themselves eligible for the 2016 PBA League draft. Players not protected by team managers must declare their intentions to participate in the 2016 draft by contacting PBA Director of Events **Janay Haggerty** (janay.haggerty@pba.com) by Nov. 13. The 2016 PBA League draft will be held on Dec. 17 in Reno.

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McCune wins PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Cheetah Classic

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The title was McCune’s 22nd PBA Regional title and he also earned \$2,000.

McCune downed Dave Wodka of Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-1 (268-195, 258-259, 237-230), and Verble topped J.R. Raymond of Bay City, Mich., 2-0 (198-187, 228-206), in the best-of-three semifinal round to set up the championship match.

Verble earned \$1,000 for second place. Wodka and Raymond each earned \$725 as semifinal round losers.

The next PBA Central Region tournament is a challenge event for non-champions in Monroe, Mich., Nov. 20-22.

PBA PRO BOWL WEST CENTRAL/MIDWEST CHEETAH CLASSIC

Pro Bowl West, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sunday

Championship:

Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind. (\$2,000) def. s-Larry Verble, Mason, Mich. (\$1,000), 227-180.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$725):

McCune def. Dave Wodka, Beaver Creek, Ohio, 2-1.

Verble def. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2-0.

Round of 8 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

McCune def. a-Jeremy Delcamp, Goshen, Ind., 2-1.

Wodka def. a-Richard Arens, Arlington Heights, Ill., 2-1.

Raymond def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2-1.

Verble def. Anthony Kennard, Wapakoneta, Ohio, 2-1.

s-denotes PBA50 player

a-denotes amateur

Mookie Betts Begins Preparations for GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII

Boston Red Sox star is working hard for his newest challenge as a professional athlete

CHICAGO (Nov. 11, 2015) – Mookie Betts returned to his home in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, Oct. 5 – the day after his highly-successful season with the Boston Red Sox ended – and that evening, a supply of new bowling balls was delivered to his house.

Tuesday afternoon, he was at Donelson Strike & Spare, practicing as he began preparing for his debut in the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VII, presented by Silver Legacy and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Bureau, in Reno, Nev., Dec. 7-19.

For the past month, the 23-year-old Red Sox outfielder has been preparing himself for his next athletic challenge: competing for the first time against a field of more than 200 of the world's best bowlers and hoping to make a "cut" in the sport's most complex environment.

"I've been bowling for a long time and the opportunity to bowl against the guys I've watched on TV on Sundays for all these years is going to be an amazing experience," Betts said.

Betts will get his chance to bowl with and against professional bowling's best because he mentioned during the baseball season that he wanted to bowl in the annual PBA Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational (which he will do in January). That expression of interest led the PBA to invite him to bowl in the World Series as well. He eagerly accepted.

Now, he said, it's a matter of getting into bowling shape and learning as much as he can about PBA-level competition before making his debut.

"I'm been practicing every other day," he said, "and I'm subbing in a couple of leagues (at Donelson Strike & Spare, and Oak Valley Lanes). I'm going to try to make a cut."

He's getting help, from a couple of childhood friends – Aaron Martin and Kamron Doyle – along with technical assistance from Rob Gotchall, Ebonite Marketing Manager for Players, Promotions and Events. Doyle has been especially helpful by inviting Betts to practice privately at the so-called "Kamron Doyle Training Center" – a modern two-lane installation in Doyle's home, complete with modern lane conditioning technology and ball drilling equipment.

"I've known Mookie since I was 7 or 8," said Doyle, an accomplished international competitor even though he's only a 17-year-old high school senior. Doyle set a record when he cashed in a PBA Regional at age 12 and another when he cashed in the 2012 U.S. Open as a 5-foot-5, 105-pound 14-year-old (he's now 6-3, going on 6-foot-4).

"We bowled in the same youth league," Doyle said. "I didn't know him well, but we talked here and there. I lost touch when he got into baseball, but when I found out he was bowling to bowl in the PBA World Series, I called and asked if he wanted to train together. That's what we're doing."

"I bowl at Kamron's place whenever I get a chance, but I'm also subbing in a couple of leagues," Betts said. "It's house conditions, but I'm just trying to hit the same line, hit my mark, be consistent, that stuff. I'm working on throwing the ball straighter at spares.

"I don't know about the (PBA) patterns, but I'm going to learn. I've got a couple of other buddies who are going to Reno, and I'll listen to what they're telling me. Right now, I'm just getting into bowling shape. Every other day helps, but I plan to bowl 7, 8 games every day when we get closer."

Doyle, who has global experience as a Junior and Adult Team USA member, also has plans to help Betts get into game shape. He also has entered WSOB VII and will offer Betts advice on-site in Reno.

"Right now we're just trying to get him sharp," Doyle said. "We're not doing anything exotic. We helped fix his footwork, which helped his accuracy. He's used to bowling on house conditions, where he wanted to throw the ball 100 miles per hour with a lot of revs. So we're working on some of the nuances, and helping him understand there isn't much room for error on PBA conditions.

"Despite not bowling much for the past couple of years because of baseball, he's still a pretty good spare shooter," Doyle continued. "His misses are maybe a couple of boards. He's not all over the place, and I think we can improve on that.

"I've kind of explained the differences between the animal patterns he'll see in Reno. We haven't put them out yet, but we will. I want to get him used to the patterns and how to adjust, and what the environment will be like in Reno," he added. "Mookie's a fast learner. "I'm not worried."

Nor is Betts.

"I don't know anything about the animal patterns," Betts said, "but I'm going to learn."

Betts has never patterned his bowling style after anyone in particular. "I really don't have a favorite bowler," he said. "I just watched to see how guys rolled the ball, how they changed things going along. I just watched and learned."

"I have no earthly idea what my strengths as a bowler might be," he chuckled. "I haven't bowled on Sport conditions. I have no feel for how good I am, but very soon, I'll be able to answer that question."

As he works to improve his techniques and broaden his knowledge about lane conditions, he's also learning about difference in bowling balls.

"Now that I've seen him bowl and we've drilled some equipment for him," Gotchall said, "we're going to give him a tour of the Ebonite plant (in nearby Hopkinsville). We'll let him work out at our training center on some of the patterns he'll see at the World Series."

"I think he has potential," Gotchall said. "He's a young athlete in his physical prime. He's very humble. He's working very hard to learn. The big thing is to get his fundamentals fine-tuned. The key to the World Series is versatility."

"We've had other pro athletes bowl PBA competition," Gotchall continued. "(Former major league all-star pitcher) John Burkett is a perfect example. He was a good bowler, but he's worked very hard to learn and now he's competitive on the PBA50 Tour. Mookie will learn, too. He'll learn to play different parts of the lane. He's taking it seriously. He doesn't want to be embarrassed."

Doyle agrees. "Mookie loves to bowl. He's competitive. He can't stand to lose," Doyle said. "I'm anxious to see how he does."

Maybe the most important thing about Betts as he prepares to enter a world he's never experienced before is that he's realistic about it. While he divides his time in off-season training for the 2016 major league baseball season, he knows he has a lot to learn about competing at the highest level of bowling. That was a lesson he learned from his mother, Diana Benedict, are a very young age.

"I have no idea, going back to when I was 3 or 4 years old, who my first coach was," Betts said, "but I do remember I'd go bowling when my mom was bowling league. She'd come down to watch me, and if I bowled two or three gutter balls, she'd make me stop. I got out of that habit in a hurry."

Betts and the entire World Series field will bowl nine-game qualifying rounds in the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Champions on Dec. 8, 9, 10 and 11, respectively. The top 24 in each animal pattern event will advance to single-elimination match play Dec. 14-15, and the top 25 percent of the WSOB VII field after a combined 36 games in the four animal pattern events will advance to the Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round on Dec. 12. The World Series continues through Saturday, Dec. 19, and also will feature the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship on Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. ET.

Bowling fans will be able to follow Mookie Betts' progress, along with all other competitors, by watching live comprehensive coverage of all preliminary rounds on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

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U.S. OPEN CHAMP CIMINELLI PACES DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL QUALIFIERS

In addition to winning back-to-back PBA titles in the Xtra Frame PBA Las Vegas Open at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas on Oct. 22 and the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open at AMF Garland Lanes in Texas on Sunday, **Ryan Ciminelli** of Cheektowaga, N.Y., led the combined pinfall totals for 40 qualifying games between those two events to earn an automatic invitation to compete in the DHC PBA Japan Invitational at Tokyo Bowl in Tokyo Jan. 12-17.

Also earning invitations for the DHC event, which will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel, are **Aaron Lorincz**, Saginaw, Mich.; **John Szerbinski**, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; **Norm Duke**, Clermont, Fla.; **Ronnie Russell**, Marion, Ind.; **Walter Ray Williams Jr.**, Ocala, Fla.; **Bill O'Neill**, Langhorne, Pa.; **Dom Barrett**, England, and **Sean Rash**, Montgomery, Ill.

Australia's **Jason Belmonte** also earned an automatic berth, but has declined his invitation to remain home to await the arrival of his third child. His spot will be assumed by the next player in line, **Ryan Shafer** of Horseheads, N.Y.

Earning an invitation as the leading women's points qualifier is **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., and players who have been invited by DHC as the event sponsor are 2015 PWBA Player of the Year and Bowlmor AMF Women's U.S. Open winner **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y. (who finished fourth in the 2015 DHC PBA Japan Invitational); defending champion **Chris Barnes** of Double Oak, Texas; **Amleto Monacelli** of Venezuela, and **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J.

The DHC PBA Japan Invitational will feature a field of 16 international players along with an elite field of 16 Japanese players competing for shares of a \$152,000 prize fund and a PBA Tour title. The tournament will involve 32 games of round-robin match play – covered live, exclusively on Xtra Frame – leading up to a five-player stepladder final that will air on ESPN2 on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m. ET.

XTRA FRAME CREW GEARING UP FOR WORLD SERIES MARATHON COVERAGE

Xtra Frame will have all hands on deck for extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, Dec. 7-17, from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. The XF crew of **Jef Goodger**, **Phil Brylow**, **Tim Burg** and **Ron Hickland** will provide exclusive live coverage of the PBA50 and PBA Regional Challenge match play qualifying events presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame to kick off coverage on Dec. 7, followed by coverage of qualifying for the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game by Concrete Software; the Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame; the Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, and the Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA Dec. 8-11.

Xtra Frame and ESPN lead announcer **Mike (Mike J. Laneside) Jakubowski** and PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman** will occupy the Xtra Frame booth Dec. 12-16 for the match play rounds of the Rolltech PBA World Championship and match play elimination rounds of the animal pattern events.

Prior to the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship Thursday night, Dec. 17, Xtra Frame will cover the 2016 PBA League Draft at 2 p.m. ET.

Xtra Frame's WSOB coverage also will feature a variety of special guests (competitors in the field who will provide their perspectives of what's taking place, industry leaders and others), and Xtra Frame will debut its newest enhancements, including replays, slow motion, and a new feature where PBA will show the oil pattern on the lane during live coverage (click here for an example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z5RKwdRJn-k>)

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: COLEMAN WINS SUDDEN-DEATH MARATHON IN FLORIDA

Dale Coleman of High Springs, Fla., threw six consecutive strikes to win an extended one-ball, sudden-death roll-off against 17-year-old amateur **James Matthews** of Prattville, Ala., to conclude the best-of-three-game title match in the PBA Reality Check South Classic at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Fla., Sunday.

After losing the first game, 255-203, Coleman won the second, 258-247 to even the match. The two finalists then tied, 279-279, in game three to force the roll-off where both players threw five strikes in a row before Matthews left a ringing 10 pin and lost to Coleman's sixth straight strike.

The title was Coleman's second in PBA South Region competition. He also earned \$2,500. Matthews earned \$1,300 for his SMART scholarship account.

☞ **Ron Mohr** of Henderson, Nev., defeated **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., 190-177, to win the PBA50 Dick's Pro Shop Northwest/West Open at Linn Lanes in Lebanon, Fla., Sunday, for his 15th PBA50 regional title and the \$2,500 first prize.

Mohr defeated **Scott Hansel** of Stockton, Calif., 191-149, and Bohn defeated **Joe Cannon** of Puyallup, Wash., 244-143, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match.

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McCune downed **Dave Wodka** of Beavercreek, Ohio, 2-1, and Verble topped **J.R. Raymond** of Bay City, Mich., 2-0, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round.

☞ Amateur **Tyler Albracht** from Amarillo, Texas, saved his best for the final position round match to win the PBA Lubbock Sports Southwest Challenge, presented by Ebonite, Sunday in Lubbock, Texas.

Albracht, a senior at West Texas A&M, trailed **Beau Peterson** of Newton, Kan., going into the final game when he shot the tournament's only 300 game to win his match, 300-248, and overtake Peterson by 36 pins to clinch the \$2,000 first-place check. PBA Challenge events are open to amateurs who have not won a PBA event and to PBA members not credited with a PBA title. Because he is a non-member, Albracht does not receive credit for a PBA title.

Albracht, who qualified 10th for the modified round robin match play finals, won his last seven matches to finish with 5,039 total pins, including match play bonus pins. Peterson held on to second place with a 5,003 total and earned \$1,200.

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☞ A first for bowling trivia buffs: Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open champ **Liz Johnson** and U.S. Open winner **Ryan Ciminelli** are both residents of Cheektowaga, N.Y. It's the first time both U.S. Open champions have come from the same city in the same year.

☞ With the addition of eight players from China, the GEICO PBA WSOB VII now has entries from a record 22 countries, beating the previous record of 21 set in two previous WSOBs.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Place Your Bets: Reno/Las Vegas Properties to Offer Fans
the Opportunity to Wager on Rolltech PBA World Championship**
Oddsmaker establishes Australia's Jason Belmonte as early favorite at 7/2 odds

CHICAGO (Nov. 17, 2015) - For the first time, bowling fans of legal gambling age will be able to wager on the outcome of the 2015 Rolltech PBA World Championship through sports book venues in Las Vegas and Reno.

The crown jewel of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy will be the season's final major championship and it will include the first live prime-time telecast of a PBA Tour event in 14 years when the stepladder finals get underway on ESPN at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. local time) Thursday, Dec. 17 at Reno's National Bowling Stadium.

Reno properties offering World Championship wagering include the Silver Legacy and Circus Circus. Las Vegas properties offering World Championship wagering are the Aria, Bellagio, Circus Circus, Excalibur, Luxor, Mandalay Bay, MGM Grand, Mirage, Monte Carlo and New York New York. Wagers may be placed in person at any of the properties' sports book locations. PBA staff, contractors and World Series participants (members and non-members) are prohibited from making wagers on the event.

The focal point of the World Championship will be the PBA Tour's ultimate test of versatility and endurance, both physical and mental. The five players who qualify for the ESPN stepladder finals will survive a total of 66 games of qualifying and round-robin match play bowled on the PBA's Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and World Championship lane conditions Dec 8-13.

The opening line odds for wagering on the World Championship are as follows, as of Nov. 17. The odds were established by Jay Rood, Vice President of Race and Sports for MGM Resorts International based on performances in past PBA World Championships and PBA Tour competition in recent years. Based on that information, Rood has established Australia's Jason Belmonte, the winner of four major titles over the past two years, as a 7/2 favorite in the opening line followed by Bill O'Neill at 9/2, Wes Malott at 5/1 and Sean Rash at 7/1. Rood also has established Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, who will be bowling PBA competition for the first time, as a 200/1 longshot.

The opening line includes:

Jason Belmonte 7/2
Bill O'Neill 9/2
Wes Malott 5/1
Sean Rash 7/1
Osku Palermaa 10/1
Ryan Ciminelli 10/1
Rhino Page 15/1
Dom Barrett 15/1
Parker Bohn III 15/1
Choi Bok-Eum 20/1
Pete Weber 20/1
EJ Tackett 20/1
Ronnie Russell 20/1
Tommy Jones 25/1
Norm Duke 30/1
Tom Daugherty 35/1
Shawn Maldonado 35/1
Stuart Williams 40/1
Anthony Pepe 40/1
Walter Ray Williams Jr. 50/1
Tom Smallwood 50/1
Josh Blanchard 50/1
Scott Norton 50/1
Mookie Betts 200/1
Field 3/1

Between the time match play concludes on Dec. 13 and before the stepladder finals begin at 4 p.m. PT on Dec. 17, MGM Resorts International will post a new line so that wagers can be placed for the five players who qualify for the stepladder finals.

Bowling fans can keep tabs on all the action leading up to the stepladder finals by watching live comprehensive coverage of all preliminary rounds via PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

ESPN telecast tickets for the World Championship are \$10 and \$20. All tickets, which can be purchased in advance through the "tickets" link on pba.com or at the door, are general admission.

While a first for the World Championship, it is not the first time wagering has been offered on PBA events. The Red Rock Bowling Center and former Showboat Lanes in Las Vegas have offered wagering on PBA events in the past.

PBA Spare Shots

62 PLAYERS ENTER 2016 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT POOL

The eight PBA League managers will have difficult decisions to make in filling the final two berths on each of their teams for the 2016 PBA League program after 62 players formally announced their wishes to participate in the 2016 PBAL competition March 31-April 3 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The eight team managers had the opportunity to protect up to three players from their 2015 rosters. Teams, managers and protected players for 2016 are:

☐ GEICO New York City WTT Kingpins (manager **Carolyn Dorin-Ballard**): **Pete Weber, Scott Norton, Mike Fagan.**

☐ Barbasol Motown Muscle (**Del Ballard Jr.**): **EJ Tackett, Ronnie Russell, Josh Blanchard.**

☐ Dallas Strikers (player-manager **Norm Duke**): **Bill O'Neill, Tommy Jones, himself.**

☐ Philadelphia Hitmen (**Jason Couch**): **Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter, Rhino Page.**

☐ Portland Lumberjacks (**Tim Mack**): **Bryon Smith, Wes Malott, Osku Palermaa.**

☐ Brooklyn Styles (**Johnny Petraglia**): **Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr.**

☐ L.A. X (**Andrew Cain**): **Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Martin Larsen.**

☐ Silver Lake Atom Splitters (**Mark Baker**): **Chris Barnes, Dick Allen, Tom Daugherty.**

All other PBA members who wish to enter the 2016 PBAL draft, which will be held Dec. 17 during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno, had until Nov. 13 to make their intentions known. The 62 players who entered the draft are:

Patrick Allen, Brad Angelo, DJ Archer, Vincent Balisky, Dennis Briggs, Bruno Bidone, Nathan Bohr, Alvar Cardona, Dino Castillo, Ryan Ciminelli,

Christopher Colella, Sam Cooley, Mike DeVaney, James Dinkins, Mike Edwards, Patrick Girard, Andres Gomez, Dan Gordon, Rick Graham, David Haines,

Michael Haugen Jr., Tom Hess, AJ Johnson, Liz Johnson, Jack Jurek, Marshall Kent, Anthony LaCaze, Thomas Larsen, Bob Learn, Aaron Lorincz,

Scott Lyons, Dan MacLelland, Shawn Maldonado, Danielle McEwan, Matt McNeil, Amleto Monacelli, BJ Moore, Paul Moore, Craig Nidiffer, Matt O'Grady,

Missy Parkin, Thomas Patterson, Jake Peters, Connor Pickford, JR Raymond, Ted Rosenquist, Ryan Shafer, David Shoop, Anthony Simonsen, Tom Smallwood,

Jason Sterner, Harry Sullins, Jesper Svensson, John Szczerbinski, Kyle Troup, Jon Van Hess, Lonnie Waliczek, Randy Weiss, Michael Williams, Dave Wodka, Mike Wolfe.

During the draft, which will be covered live on PBA's Xtra Frame video-streaming channel beginning at 1:45 p.m. ET on Dec. 17, each team manager will be allowed to select two additional players to complete the team's roster for 2016. The KingPins will make the first pick, followed by the Muscle, Strikers, Hitmen, Lumberjacks, Styles, L.A. X and the Atom Splitters. Round two will be reversed, with Silver Lake picking first, followed by L.A. X, etc.

PBA League competition will involve a series of Baker format elimination matches, taped for telecast on ESPN on Saturday, April 2 and Sunday, April 3, and airing on ESPN on four consecutive Sundays beginning April 17 and concluding with the special Elias Cup finals match. The PBA League program will be part of an expanded "Maine Event" in Portland, including pro-ams, special activities for players and fans, and concluding with the PBA Xtra Frame Shootout, a 64-player PBA Tour match play elimination event, April 5-6.

XTRA FRAME TO RETURN TO TOKYO TO COVER DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

Following its extensive coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, Dec. 7-17, from the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, the XF team will head to Tokyo to provide exclusive live coverage of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Friday, Jan. 15 through Sunday, Jan. 17. The tournament, featuring a field of 16 international and 16 Japanese professional stars, offers a PBA Tour title and a \$40,000 first prize. **Chris Barnes** is defending champion.

The DHC tournament will kick off a power-house schedule of live Xtra Frame programming for 2016, including preliminary rounds of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies from Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 6; qualifying and match play rounds of the USBC Masters from Indianapolis, Feb. 9-13, and the qualifying and match play rounds of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-19.

Bowling fans can sample Xtra Frame on a three-day (72-hour) basis for only \$3.99, purchase a 30-day subscription for \$7.99, or sign up for PBA's best package (and a great Christmas gift idea...), the 12-month XF Season Ticket for \$64.99, or \$5.41 per month. For complete details, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

QATAR, SAUDI ARABIA EVENTS PRECEDE GEICO PBA WSOB VII

Two PBA International-World Bowling Tour events will provide the final tuneup for players heading into the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy in Reno Dec. 7-19.

The PBA International-World Bowling Tour Qatar Open will be held at Qatar Bowling Center in Doha, Qatar, Nov. 21-27, followed by the PBA International-World Bowling Tour 9th Kingdom International Open at Universal Bowling Center in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Nov. 28-Dec. 2.

England's **Dom Barrett** is defending Qatar Open champion and **Marshall Kent** of Yakima, Wash., is defending Kingdom International Open champion. Both events will award PBA Tour titles if the champion is a PBA member.

"KING OF BOWLING" SERIES CONTINUES ON PBA'S MODERN CLASSICS ON YOUTUBE

The PBA's made-for-television "King of Bowling" series, held in 2009 at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Fla., is making an encore appearance among the PBA's Modern Classics on YouTube. Watch for a new episode every Friday through Nov. 27. This week you can watch **Rhino Page** take on **John Nolen** for the right to try to end **Wes Malott's** ongoing reign as "King."

To access the free programming, visit YouTube and search for "PBA Modern Classics" or click here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLwuUW8zaol88yWoNbytvj286cU8TajCgg>

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: WARREN CLOSES IN ON WEBER WITH 44TH PBA REGIONAL TITLE

Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Ore., defeated **Nathan Bohr** of Amarillo, Texas, 222-205, to win \$3,500 and his 44th PBA Regional title in the second annual PBA Harmony Lanes Southwest Open, presented by Budweiser, in Colorado Springs Sunday.

The 52-year-old Warren, who ranks second on the all-time PBA Regional titles list, is four behind PBA Hall of Famer **Pete Weber's** record 48 titles.

Warren struck out in the 10th frame to secure his 45th overall regional title (he also has one PBA50 regional win). Weber and **Dale Traber** of Cedarburg, Wis., are tied for the lead in overall PBA Regional titles with 52 each. In addition to 48 standard titles, Weber has won four PBA50 regionals while Traber has 39 standard and 13 PBA50 regional wins.

As qualifying leader, Warren earned byes to the best-two-of-three-game Round of 8 where he defeated **Frank Guccione** of Castle Rock, Colo., 2-0. He then disposed of **Kris Koeltzow** of Wheat Ridge, Colo., 252-178, in the semifinal round. Bohr defeated amateur **Cody Vaughn** from Arvada, Colo., 2-1, in the Round of 12; **Wayne Stellick** from Arvada, Colo., 2-0 in the Round of 8, and **Jason Duran** of Greeley, Colo., 233-227, in his semifinal match.

▣ **Pat Nolan**, an American military base employee living in Okinawa, won his third PBA Regional title Sunday when he defeated **Yusuke Wada**, 245-179, in the title match of the PBA Japan Shark Open at Fuji Bowl in suburban Tokyo.

Nolan, who won his previous PBA Regional titles in Roseburg, Ore., in 2004 and Atwater, Calif., in 2005, defeated Japan Region women's star **Yuka Tsuchiya**, 200-156, in the Round of 8 and **Yuuhi Shibata**, 194-182, in the semifinal round to advance to the title match. The Shark Open drew a field of 91 players.

▣ **Jeff Schrum** of Cherryville, N.C., defeated **Scott Thomsen** of Sumter, S.C., 235-228, 203-221, 236-211 in the best-of-three-game title match to win \$1,700 and his sixth PBA South Region title in the PBA50 Gastonia (N.C.) Southern Open presented by Brunswick at Liberty Lanes Sunday.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Schrum defeated **Charlie Toney** of Oak Hill, W.Va., 2-1, while Thomsen swept **Chuck Walker** of Blaine, Tenn., 2-0.

▣ Two events on the Nov. 20-22 PBA Regional calendar include the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge at Monroe Sport Center in Monroe, Mich., and the Decker Appraisal Services Waynesboro Baker Trios presented by Hammer at Wayne Lanes in Waynesboro, Va.

▣ The only PBA Regional activity over Thanksgiving weekend will be the Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 27-29.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

▣ CBS Sports Network's telecast of the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open is now available to Xtra Frame subscribers in the 2015 PBA National Telecasts archive on Xtra Frame.

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Aaron Lorincz Wins First PBA Title in La-Z-Boy Central Challenge

MONROE, Mich. (Nov. 22, 2015) – Former Saginaw Valley State University star Aaron Lorincz of Belleville, Mich., defeated amateur Frank Snodgrass of Sterling Heights, Mich., by 171 pins to win his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the La-Z-Boy Central Challenge at Monroe Sport Center Sunday.

Lorincz, who earned \$1,400, finished with a 7-0-1 match play record and a total of 3,808 pins for 16 games, including match play bonus pins. With his win, Lorincz becomes eligible to enter the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in late January in Shawnee, Okla.

Snodgrass finished with a 3,637 pinfall total. The tournament field consisted of PBA members who do not hold a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event.

The next PBA Central Region event will be another Challenge event at McKinley Lanes in Niles, Ohio, Dec. 4-6.

PBA LA-Z-BOY CENTRAL CHALLENGE (NON-CHAMPS EVENT)

Monroe Sport Center, Monroe, Mich., Sunday

Final Match Play Standings (after 16 games, including match play bonus pins):

1, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 7-0-1, 3,808, \$1,400. 2, a-Franklin Snodgrass, Sterling Heights, Mich., 6-2, 3,637, \$1,000. 3, Eric Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-5, 3,576, \$750. 4, BJ Satkowski, Jackson, Mich., 2-6, 3,508, \$700. 5, s-Robert Sommers, Ashland, Ohio, 6-2, 3,454, \$650. 6, Tony Johnson, Canton, Ohio, 4-3-1, 3,368, \$600. 7, a-Christopher McClintic, Jackson, Mich., 2-6, 3,360, \$550. 8, Mike Eaton, Mason, Ohio, 1-7, 3,243, \$525.

a-denotes amateur
s-denotes PBA50

PBA50 Tour Adds Treasure Island Resort & Casino PBA50 World Championship to 2016 Schedule as Third Major
13-tournament season begins April 16-19 in New Port Richey, Fla.

CHICAGO (Nov. 24, 2015) - The Professional Bowlers Association has announced a 13-tournament PBA50 Tour schedule for 2016 which includes a new PBA50 World Championship as a third major championship.

The Treasure Island Resort & Casino PBA50 World Championship presented by Storm and hosted by Island Xtreme Bowl in Welch, Minn., will join the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and USBC Senior Masters as major championships for players 50 years of age and older.

Island Xtreme Bowl has hosted the Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open as a standard PBA50 Tour event the past three seasons, but has worked with the PBA in recent months to enhance the event to “major” status. The 2016 event will be conducted July 17-23.

The new PBA50 World Championship will be a scaled-down version of the PBA World Championship, providing a test of versatility and endurance by employing qualifying, match play and stepladder final stages on the PBA’s Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion lane conditions. Each of the three animal pattern stages also will award prize money and a PBA50 regional title. Combined qualifying pinfall totals for the three animal pattern stages will determine the match play finalists for the PBA50 World Championship, leading up to a five-player stepladder final.

The Senior U.S. Open presented by 900 Global will again be hosted by the Suncoast Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center in Las Vegas May 29-June 3 and the USBC Senior Masters moves to Sam’s Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas June 19-25.

PBA50 Tour events will again be webcast live on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. Details regarding the Xtra Frame schedule will be announced later.

For the fourth consecutive year, the season begins with the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl in New Port Richey, Fla., and concludes with the PBA50 Pro Bowl West Championship presented by Ebonite Aug. 6-9 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship Aug. 11-13 – both at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Ind. Only players 60 years of age and older will be eligible to enter the Dick Weber Championship.

Also returning to the 2016 schedule will be events in The Villages, Fla.; Mooresville, N.C.; Farmingdale, N.Y.; Fountain Valley, Calif.; Brentwood, Calif., and Hammond, Ind. New to the schedule will be the PBA50 Dave Small’s Championship Lanes Classic in Anderson, Ind., in late summer.

Among the players who may debut as PBA50 rookies in 2016 are four-time Tour winner Dennis Horan Jr. and one-time winner Mike Shady. PBA Tour title-winners turning 50 later in 2016 who will be eligible in 2017 are five-time PBA Tour titlist Ryan Shafer, four-time Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. and one-time Tour winner Brian Kretzer.

PBA will begin taking entries for PBA50 Tour events beginning Feb. 1, 2016.

2016 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

April 16-19 – PBA50 Pasco County Open, Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla.

April 23-26 – PBA50 Sun Bowl in The Villages presented by Radical, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla.

May 1-4 – PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Columbia 300, George Pappas Victory Lanes, Mooresville, N.C.

May 7-10 – PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y.

May 29-June 3 – Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by 900 Global, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (major)

June 5-8 – PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif.

June 12-15 – PBA Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.

June 19-25 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam’s Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas (major).

July 17-23 – PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino PBA World Championship presented by Storm, Island Xtreme Bowl, Welch, Minn. (major).

July 25-28 – PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.

July 31-Aug. 3 – PBA50 Dave Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip, Dave Small's Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind.

Aug. 6-9 -- PBA50 Pro Bowl West Championship presented by Ebonite, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Aug. 11-13 – PBA60 Dick Weber National Championship presented by Hammer, Pro Bowl West, Fort Wayne, Ind.

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PBA Spare Shots

CHRIS BARNES BEGINS PREPARATION FOR DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL TITLE DEFENSE

After undergoing surgery in early October to repair a herniated disk, defending champion **Chris Barnes** has begun rehab as he works toward defending his DHC PBA Japan Invitational in January, Barnes confirmed Monday.

"I'm healing well and have been doing rehab for a week now. I can start throwing balls - light weight - in approximately two weeks," he noted. "I am definitely out for the World Series. My time table is to attempt the Team USA team trials (Jan. 2-7 at Gold Coast in Las Vegas), and then go to Japan to defend my title there."

The DHC tournament, set for Jan. 15-17, with an elite field of 16 international and 16 Japanese stars, will kick off a power-house schedule of live Xtra Frame programming for 2016 that also will include preliminary rounds of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies from Shawnee, Okla., Jan. 30-Feb. 6; qualifying and match play rounds of the USBC Masters from Indianapolis, Feb. 9-13, and the qualifying and match play rounds of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship from Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 16-19.

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PBA-PWBA STARS SET TO COMPETE IN WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

A Team USA squad featuring women who have made PBA history as well as enjoying spotlight moments on the revived Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour earlier in the year will take on a field of international stars in the World Bowling Women's World Championships Dec. 4-14 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Team USA's roster includes four women who have won standard PBA Regional titles (**Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y.; **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y.; **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., and **Shannon O'Keefe** of O'Fallon, Ill.) along with two women who own PBA Women's Series titles (**Shannon Pluhowsky** of Kettering, Ohio, and **Stefanie Johnson** of Grand Prairie, Texas). Two additional PBA Regional title winners – Colombia's **Clara Guerrero** and Latvia's **Diana Zavjalova** – will be among the international stars leading their national teams.

At the conclusion of the Women's World Championships, McEwan (PBA East Region), Guerrero (PBA Southwest Region) and Colombia's **Rocio Restrepo** (Central Region) will travel to Reno, Nev., to represent their regions in the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional qualifying tournament on Friday, Dec. 18. The eight-player, eight-game round robin match play event will determine the two women who will advance to the Saturday PBA Challenge Finals event for delayed telecast on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 24. Other women's regional representatives who also will bowl the entire GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy include **Elise Bolton**, Merritt Island, Fla. (South Region); **Inngellimar Beasley**, Clarksville, Tenn. (Midwest Region); **Missy Parkin**, Laguna Hills, Calif. (West Region); **April Lord Wittig**, Steilacoom, Wash. (Northwest Region) and **Yuka Tsuchiya**, Tokyo (Japan Region).

Bowling fans will be able to follow the singles, doubles, trios, team and Masters competitions live from the Khalifa International Bowling Centre on BOWL.com's BowlTV. Qualifying rounds in the PBA Challenge events (PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PWBA-PBA Women's Regional finals) will bookend Xtra Frame's live coverage of the PBA World Series of Bowling VII on Dec. 7 and Dec. 18.

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☐ The team composed of PBA Hall of Famer and PBA60 competitor **Tom Baker**, PBA50 regional champion **Jeff Schrum** and PBA Tour champion **Jason Sterner** defeated the team of **Dick Gran**, **Sam Ventura** and **Joe Bailey**, 213-179, to win the PBA South Region's Decker Appraisal Southern Baker Trios event presented by Hammer at Wayne Lanes in Waynesboro, Va., Sunday.

The second annual PBA South Region event featured teams composed of one player under the age of 50, one in the 50-59 age group and one 60-or-older player in a Baker format trios competition. Each member of the winning team earned \$1,700. The Gran group was the tournament leader going into the stepladder finals, but had to settle for \$1,000 each for second place.

In the first stepladder match, the team of **Darryl Bower**, **Jay Boyle** and Darryl's son **Jonathan Bower** from Harrisburg, Pa., defeated the team of "super senior" **Steve Licklitter**, **Gary Morgan** and **Connor Pickford**, 213-158. In the semifinal match, Sterner doubled in the 10th frame to shut out the Pennsylvania team, 258-213.

The event drew 24 teams. All competition involved the Baker scoring format whereby the leadoff bowler bowled the first, fourth, seventh and 10th frames; the No. 2 bowler bowled the second, fifth and eighth frames, and the No. 3 player bowled the third, sixth and ninth frames.

☐ The only PBA Regional activity over Thanksgiving weekend will be the Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 27-29.

☐ The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, set for Dec. 7-19 in Reno, will dominate the December calendar. Other activity over the Dec. 4-6 weekend includes the McKinley Lanes Central Challenge in Niles, Ohio, and the Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Eastern Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J. Both are reduced entry fee events for non-champions.

☐ The Dec. 12-13 PBA Regional calendar includes the Sands Regency Tri-Region Open presented by Radical and the PBA50 Sands Regency Tri-Region Open presented by Roto Grip at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno during a break in the GEICO PBA WSOB VII action.

☐ Closing out 2015 over the Dec. 18-20 weekend will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles Open presented by Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas, and the PBA Japan Region's DHC Women's Scorpion Open and Scorpion Open at Higashiyamato Grandbowl in Tokyo.

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QUICK NOTES

☐ Corrections: in the Nov. 18 edition of PBA Spare Shots, the names of PBA League applicants **David Haynes** and **Matt McNiell** were misspelled. Players who weren't listed on the original 2016 PBA League draft list include **Jesse Buss**, **Jakob Butturff**, **Anthony Pepe** and **Brian Valenta**.

Live World Championship Telecast, International Field, Return to National Bowling Stadium Among GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling Storylines

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 25, 2015) – Reno's National Bowling Stadium has been home to topflight bowling competition for two decades, but in December, Reno will host a professional international showcase for the first time when the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy visits town Dec. 7-19.

The 2015 WSOB lives up to its name as the premier international showcase of professional bowling competition, featuring a field of more than 230 players representing a record 22 countries.

The WSOB will include six PBA Tour events, and a special PBA Challenge Finals all to be televised by ESPN.

Live Rolltech PBA World Championship Finals - For the first time in 14 years, a PBA Tour telecast returns to a live prime-time time slot when the Rolltech PBA World Championship finals air live on ESPN on Thursday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m. (7 p.m. ET). The World Championship is the fourth and final major of the 2015 season.

An international showcase – As the premier showcase of international professional bowling competition, the World Series will feature representation from a record 22 countries, including a group of eight players from the People's Republic of China, representing an emerging market for bowling in the world's most populous nation.

The preliminary list of countries represented includes Argentina, Australia, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Colombia, China, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, England, Finland, Germany, Ireland Japan, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Venezuela and the United States.

Other ESPN telecasts: In addition to the World Championship, ESPN will tape the finals of five other PBA Tour events on Dec. 18 and 19. For a list of events and taping times click here: <http://news.pba.com/post/2015/10/19/Tickets-Now-on-Sale-for-ESPN-Rolltech-PBA-World-Championship-GEICO-World-Series-of-Bowling-Telecasts.aspx>.

Is two-handed bowling revolutionizing the sport? Australia's Jason Belmonte is recognized as the premier two-handed bowler in the world, but he's far from being the only one. Finland's Osku Palermaa also has made a mark on the sport with his high-speed, high-rev two-handed technique, and the WSOB will showcase some other emerging two-handed stars: Texas teenager Anthony Simonsen, Swedish teen Jesper Svensson and Southwest Region star Shawn Maldonado. It's a new way to play the game and it's a technique that is growing in popularity among youngsters just getting started.

PBA Hall of Famers entered: The field includes six PBA Hall of Famers – Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, Amleto Monacelli, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Past World Championship winners entered: Dom Barrett (Dec. 2013), Parker Bohn III (Jan. 2013), Osku Palermaa (2012), Tom Smallwood (2009), Walter Ray Williams Jr. (2001, '03, '06), Norm Duke (2008 (2), 2000), Pete Weber (1989, '98), Tom Baker (2004), Patrick Allen (2005).

Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts to make PBA debut: Emerging Boston Red Sox outfield star Mookie Betts will make his professional bowling debut during WSOB VII. The Nashville resident was a standout youth bowler and wants to test his bowling skills against the best in the world in Reno where he'll compete in the four animal pattern events.

"Xtra Frame" provides world-wide exposure for PBA – Xtra Frame, the PBA's online television channel, will provide approximately 75 hours of live coverage of qualifying and match play rounds during the World Series, providing the PBA with global exposure. The subscription-based webcasting service continues to show steady growth as one element of the PBA's comprehensive social media presence, which also includes growing audiences on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

World Series to play role in determining Player of the Year – With two major titles won earlier in 2015 (USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions), Jason Belmonte is the leading contender to win his third consecutive Player of the Year crown. The last player to win three consecutive Player of the Year crowns was PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who earned the crown in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

The World Series Tour events will conclude the 2015 PBA Tour season. The telecasts will begin airing on consecutive Sundays beginning with the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Mobile Challenge Game presented by Concrete Software and Sunday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. ET. For complete WSOB TV schedule visit pba.com.

Rolltech PBA World Championship wagering: For the first time bowling fans of legal gambling age will be able to bet on the outcome of the World Championship through sports book venues in Las Vegas and Reno. Reno properties offering World Championship wagering include the Silver Legacy and Circus Circus. Las Vegas properties that will offer World Championship wagering are Aria, Bellagio, Circus Circus, Excalibur, Luxor, Mandalay Bay, MGM Grand, Mirage, Monte Carlo, New York New York.

PBA Tour rookies in the spotlight as well: 2015 may be producing the best crop of “rookies” the PBA has seen in years. Among the top contenders for Rookie of the Year honors are: 18-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas; collegiate star A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill.; USBC Open Championships record-setter Matt McNeil of Prior Lake, Minn., and Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz.

Six women entered: Women entered include: Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif.; Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla.; Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y.; April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash.; Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, and Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan.

PBA Challenge Finals highlight other aspects of PBA: The PBA created the “PBA Challenge Finals” two years ago to provide a national showcase for other aspects of PBA competition – PBA Regionals, PBA Women’s Regionals, the PBA50 Tour and youth bowlers via the Teen Masters. The PBA Regional and renamed PWBA-PBA Women’s Regional program invites the top player in competition points from each of the PBA’s eight regions to bowl a qualifying event for two berths in the ESPN-televised finals. The PBA50 Tour’s top eight players also bowl a qualifying event with the top two meeting in the ESPN finals event, and the Teen Masters boys’ and girls’ high school champions round out the PBA Challenge Finals field for the title as Teen Masters Grand Champion.

Reno’s role in professional bowling history – Reno has hosted topflight bowling competition since 1977 when the Reno-Sparks Convention Center was the host of the American Bowling Congress (USBC) Championships Tournament. Since then, Reno has hosted many PBA and USBC events which have been some of the biggest bowling events in history.

PBA Tour events include “animal pattern” lane conditions – Four of the World Series events – the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championship – are names applied to specific PBA lane conditioning patterns. Each different lane condition requires players to be on top of their games in making the right lane and equipment adjustments to be successful. The ability to excel on all four lane conditioning challenges will ultimately determine the PBA World Championship winner.

Each lane condition for World Series ESPN telecasts will feature the “blue oil” lane conditioner to give fans a unique visual reference of what players must navigate when competing in the finals.

2014 champions return to defend titles – Three World Series of Bowling VI champions who will be returning to defend their titles are Anthony Pepe (Cheetah Championship), DJ Archer (Chameleon Championship) and Michael Haugen Jr. (Scorpion Championship). Mika Koivuniemi (Viper Championship) and Mike Fagan (PBA World Championship) are semi-active this season and are not entered. Koivuniemi, who has experienced chronic back issues, currently is coaching the United Arab Emirates national team and Fagan has returned to school in pursuit of a master’s degree.

Admission tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door: For ticket information click on <http://www.pba.com/Tickets/>

Harry O’Neale, Denny Schreiner, Pete Couture Elected to PBA Hall of Fame

Induction dinner set for Monday, Feb. 1, as part of FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions week

CHICAGO (Nov. 30, 2015) – Harry O’Neale Jr. of Ravenel, S.C.; Denny Schreiner of Akron, Ohio, and Pete Couture of Cocoa, Fla., have been elected to the Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame, PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark announced Monday.

Induction ceremonies will be held on Monday, Feb. 1, at Oklahoma’s Grand Casino Resort & Hotel as part of the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions.

O’Neale built the PBA South Region tournament program into the organization’s most successful proving ground for aspiring young players over a span of 31 years before his retirement in 2011. A one-time PBA Tour competitor in his own right, O’Neale assumed a regional program with fewer than 200 members and built it into a membership as high as 971 members, frequently traveling thousands of miles while conducting more than 40 weekend tournaments a year.

"I'm really proud of (getting elected)," O'Neale said. "I joined the PBA in 1963, and it's always been a dream to one day get elected to the hall of fame."

"When I went to work for the PBA, I tried to make people feel welcome and I think that's why the regional program took off. I think the guys felt at home and so they kept coming back. Watching the region grow so much, and all of the people we met through the southern states made it all worthwhile," O'Neale continued.

"It was nice to see some of the guys who grew up through the regional program go on to become some of the best in the world. I still keep up with them to see how they're doing. Even though I'm retired," he said, "the PBA is still one of my first loves."

Schreiner, who served as the ESPN television voice of the PBA between 1986 and 1995, also was a skilled bowler who joined the PBA media staff in Akron short after his graduation from the University of Akron as the PBA Tour Broadcast Director. As PBA's play-by-play announcer on ESPN, he quickly became popular for his ability to apply his knowledge as a bowler to the telecasts, working in harmony with PBA Hall of Famer Mike Durbin as his color analyst. Schreiner's career in broadcasting was cut short when he was diagnosed with Stargardt macular degeneration, an incurable genetic eye disease that began robbing him of his central vision.

"I'll tell you what, that was a pretty neat phone call (from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark)," Schreiner said. "It's my first hall of fame and that's really special, especially because (the late PBA Hall of Famer) Chuck Pezzano nominated me. Chuck's not with us anymore, but he knew more about the sport and the people in it than anyone, so that was really special."

"Just to be nominated was fun," he added. "The first thing I think about was when I went to work for the PBA in 1978, it was really, truly a family business. They were great, great people, and that's what I've always appreciated. And to go out and work for the Tour was easily the best experience in my life, as a person and as a broadcaster."

"We worked our tails off, but I had more fun – and laughed more – than I have doing anything else in my life," Schreiner said. "Bowling and the PBA gave me a chance to get to the network level, and I did the best I could with the opportunity. I was truly blessed, and to join Chris Schenkel as the second broadcaster elected is an amazing honor. Chris was truly a legend. To have known him, and worked with him, was something I'll never forget."

Couture, 70, was elected in the PBA50 Performance category based on his exceptional record for a minimum of 10 years as a "senior" competitor. On the heels of a 24-year career as a PBA Tour competitor, when he won five standard PBA titles, Couture began his PBA50 career in 1995 when he earned PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors. He won the first of nine PBA50 Tour titles in Reno in 1996, and captured a pair of USBC Senior Masters titles in 1998 (when he was selected as PBA50 Player of the Year) and 2002. The Connecticut native has earned \$959,900 during his PBA career.

"I'm kind of overwhelmed," Couture said. "I'm not sure what to think. It's a dream come true. I think everyone who bowls for a living has a dream of getting into the hall of fame, and to have it actually happen is unbelievable. It's an honor just to be on the ballot."

Couture said his 1998 PBA50 Tour season was the most memorable of his career.

"I went from being a so-called star to being a superstar in that one year," he said of his four-title season. "Everything came together. When I made match play, I was able to get to the show, and when I got to the show I was pretty successful. Everything went the right way for me that year."

"There's no higher honor," Couture added. "I'm humbled."

None of the three eligible candidates in the PBA Performance category – Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kan.; Steve Hoskins of Tampa, Fla., and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas – received the required minimum of 70 percent of votes cast needed for election. PBA and PBA50 Performance candidates are elected by a panel of PBA Hall of Famers and veteran bowling writers and industry leaders.

The 2016 PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, at Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort & Hotel following the official practice session for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions at nearby Firelake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla. Tickets for the hall of fame dinner will be available under the "tickets" link on pba.com.

The FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions program will get underway Saturday, Jan. 30-Sunday, Jan. 31 with a TOC Regional event which will qualify 24 PBA Regional, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional and/or PBA50 Regional title winners to join the field of PBA Tour champions in the Tournament of Champions field. TOC qualifying and match play rounds will be contested Tuesday, Feb. 2-Friday,

Feb. 5, with the top five players advancing to the live ESPN stepladder finals on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 1 p.m. ET. The finals will be conducted on a special installation inside the FireLake Arena, adjacent to FireLake Bowling Center.

All preliminary rounds of the TOC program, including the PBA Hall of Fame ceremonies, will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

PBA Rookie Cameron Weier Wins First PBA Tour Title in Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar (Dec. 2, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association rookie Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., won his first PBA Tour title Wednesday when he defeated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 453-431, in the two-game title match of the 15th PBA-World Bowling Tour Qatar Open at Qatar Bowling Center.

Weier, a former Robert Morris–Illinois University star, took a 218-197 lead over Rash after their first game and locked up the \$40,000 first prize with a 235-234 margin of victory in the second game.

Weier advanced to the championship match by eliminating former Robert Morris teammate Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., 542-516, in the semifinal round while Rash held off Denmark's Thomas Larsen, 481-467, in the other semifinal match.

In the semifinal round, Kent threw back-to-back 258 games at Weier, but Weier answered with games of 264 and 278 to win their match. Rash, a nine-time PBA Tour title winner, took a 57-pin lead with a 267-210 performance in the first game, and outlasted Larsen, who rallied in the second game, 257-214.

Most of the PBA players who bowled in Qatar will now travel to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for the 9th annual PBA-World Bowling Tour Kingdom International Open which concludes Sunday before flying to Reno, Nev., for the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy which officially gets underway at the National Bowling Stadium next Tuesday.

PBA-WORLD BOWLING TOUR QATAR OPEN

Qatar Bowling Center, Doha, Qatar, Wednesday

(All prize money is listed in U.S. dollars)

Championship (two games total pinfall): Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash. (\$40,000) def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. (\$20,000), 453-431.

Semifinal Round (two games total pinfall, losers earned \$7,000): Weier def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 542-516. Rash def. Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 481-467.

Final Qualifying Standings (after six games):

- 1, Kent, 1,458.
- 2, Rash, 1,450.
- 3, Larsen, 1,448.
- 4, Weier, 1411.
- 5, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,408, \$3,500.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,399, \$3,500.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,392, \$3,500.
- 8, Ryan Lausang, Indonesia, 1,334, \$3,500.
- 9 (tie), Wu Siu Hong, Hong Kong, and Marin Larsen, Sweden, 1,332, \$3,500.
- 11, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,305, \$3,500.
- 12, Richard Teece, England, 1,293, \$3,500.
- 13 (tie), Daniel Fransson, Sweden, and f-Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 1,292, \$2,500.
- 15, f-Victoria Johansson, Sweden, 1,284, \$2,500.
- 16, JR Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,278, \$2,500.
- 17, Bader Alshaikh, Kuwait, 1,264, \$2,500.
- 18, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,261, \$2,500.
- 19, Dom Barrett, England, 1,256, \$2,500.
- 20, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Redford, Mich., 1,243, \$2,500.
- 21, Stuart Williams, England, 1,234, \$2,000.
- 22, Hazeem Al-Muraikhi, Qatar, 1,228, \$2,000.

23, Jassim Al-Muraikhi, Qatar, 1,212, \$2,000.
24, Ray Teece, England, 1,189, \$2,000.
25, Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,181, \$2,000.
26, DJ Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,116, \$2,000.
27, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, Ariz., 1,113, \$2,000.
28, Ghanim Aboujassoum, Qatar, 1,081, \$2,000.

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PBA Spare Shots

GEICO WSOB VII SETS ENTRY RECORD, TIES INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION RECORD

The late entry of Puerto Rico's **Jean Perez**, a long-time member of Puerto Rico's national team, combined with last-minute withdrawals of players from South Korea and Ireland bring the international representation in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy to a record-tying 21 countries. But the 2015 World Series will set a participation record if the current roster of 244 holds up.

WSOB VII, which begins with official practice sessions Monday at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., is scheduled to include four more players than the previous sold-out fields of 240 during the past four years at South Point in Las Vegas. The international representation record of 21 countries was set in 2013, also in Las Vegas.

The 2015 field will be minus two defending champions: reigning PBA World Champion **Mike Fagan** has suspended his PBA Tour activity to return to school in pursuit of his Master's degree, and 2014 Viper champion **Mika Koivuniemi** has semi-retired to deal with a chronic back ailment, and also has accepted a position to coach the national team in the United Arab Emirates. Defending champions who will be in the field in Reno are **Anthony Pepe** (Cheetah), **DJ Archer** (Chameleon) and **Michael Hagen Jr.** (Scorpion).

And due to a lingering foot ailment, **Mike Scroggins** of Amarillo, Texas, has been forced to withdraw from the eight-player PBA50 Tour qualifying event to determine two finalists for the PBA Challenge Finals on Saturday, Dec. 19. Scroggins will be replaced in the PBA50 event by **Ron Mohr** of Las Vegas.

PBA's Xtra Frame coverage of the World Series begins Monday and continues through the qualifying and match play rounds of the four animal pattern championships, Rolltech PBA World Championship and PBA Challenge Finals qualifying events. For Xtra Frame subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link.

BONUSES AWAIT EARLY ARRIVALS FOR ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

You could call it an "indoor tailgate party." Bonuses for the first 250 early arrivals for the live ESPN finals for the Rolltech PBA World Championship on Thursday, Dec. 17, at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno will receive a free hotdog, free beverage (soda or beer), a chance to visit 18 PBA Product Registered company vendor booths, and a chance to get the best available seats.

Remaining tickets available for the live ESPN telecast (air time is 4 p.m. local time) start at \$10. Tickets are available on pba.com (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/live-rolltech-pba-world-championship-tickets-18822094391>) or at the door.

Reno fans also are invited to participate for prizes in a "best dressed Santa" costume contest, which will offer \$1,000 in cash prizes, and win free giveaways during the telecast. A DJ also will be part of the festivities.

Fans also are reminded they will still be able to place wagers on who they think will win the PBA World Championship at Silver Legacy Sports Book prior to the telecast.

NEW "TOM'S TAKE" FACEBOOK FEATURE TO DEBUT AT WSOB VII

A new PBA Facebook feature will debut during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, presented by Silver Legacy.

The new feature, called #TomsTake, is hosted by PBA Commissioner and CEO **Tom Clark** and will provide fans with an inside look at the PBA like they have never seen before.

To view the first video clip in the new Facebook series, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/videos/vb.16478974773/10153678775939774/?type=2&theater>.

To view the second clip on the Olympic Games and the PBA World Championship, click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalBowlersAssociation/videos/10153688444604774/>

ENTRIES OPEN FOR PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS, PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Entries for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions are now being accepted for all PBA title winners.

The TOC, set for Feb. 1-7 at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., will include a field of 96 players of which 72 are reserved for PBA Tour title holders. An additional 24 PBA Regional, PBA50, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional and/or PBA Women's Series champions will qualify during a special TOC Regional event that will precede the TOC.

Eligible PBA Tour champions who want to participate must submit their entries by no later than Tuesday, Jan. 4. Any spots reserved for PBA Tour title holders that are not filled will be added to the 24 spots coming out of the TOC Regional.

The TOC Regional is open to all bowlers, PBA members or non-members. If the winner is a member who has not previously won a PBA title, he/she will become TOC-eligible. Entries for the regional will be handled by PBA Southwest Region Tournament Manager Pete McCordic (email: pete.mccordic@pba.com).

TOC participants also are advised the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee has established a \$99/night PBA rate for players and fans. To book rooms, visit www.grandresortok.com/hotel/ and enter the code 160128FIRE in the Group Code under "Advanced Options." Booking early is recommended because another event is scheduled in the area at the same time.

To enter the TOC, please contact Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com or 206-332-9688. The entry fee is \$500.

To enter the Barbasol PBA Players Championship, set for Feb. 15-21 at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, use the online system at pba.com. The entry fee is \$500. The tournament is limited to a field of 160 PBA members.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: DEREK WILLIAMS WINS IN BEAUMONT

Former PBA member **Derek Williams** of Groves, Texas, won the PBA Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Sunday. It was the third time Williams has won a title in the center owned by his brother, PBA Hall of Famer **Mark Williams**.

Going into the final position round match, Williams led **Joe Findling** from Greenville, Texas, by 49 pins, and was only 86 pins ahead of third place. Williams defeated Findling, 225-180, to finish with a 21-game total of 4,954 pins, including match play bonus pins, to secure the \$3,000 first prize. Defending champion **Anthony Simonsen** from Princeton, Texas, defeated **Chris Hibbitts** of Keller, Texas, 247-244, to move up to second, 61 pins behind Williams.

☐ The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, set for Dec. 7-19 in Reno, will dominate the December calendar. Other activity over the Dec. 4-6 weekend includes the McKinley Lanes Central Challenge in Niles, Ohio, and the Knob Hill/MJK Pro Shop Eastern Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J. Both are reduced entry fee events for non-champions.

☐ The Dec. 12-13 PBA Regional calendar includes the Sands Regency Tri-Region Open presented by Radical and the PBA50 Sands Regency Tri-Region Open presented by Roto Grip at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno during a break in the GEICO PBA WSOB VII action.

☐ Closing out 2015 over the Dec. 18-20 weekend will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Doubles Open presented by Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas, and the PBA Japan Region's DHC Women's Scorpion Open and Scorpion Open at Higashiyamato Grandbowl in Tokyo.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES

☐ Correction to PBA Hall of Fame news release: newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer **Denny Schreiner** has a genetic eye disorder called **Stargardt macular degeneration** (not Stardardt as noted in the release).

☐ Subscribe to Xtra Frame (monthly plan at \$7.99 or XF Season Ticket for \$64.99) during December and you will be automatically entered into the monthly MOTIV and DV8 sweepstakes for a chance to win a new high-performance MOTIV or DV8 bowling ball,

courtesy of the PBA's Product Registered partners. For November, new subscriber **Janie Payson** of Lockhart, Texas, won the new MOTIV ball while **Joseph Simao** of Queen Creek, Ariz., won the DV8 ball.

📧 The November winner of the HotelPlanner.com sweepstakes, including a \$200 gift certificate for future lodging, is **Jesus Gonzalez** of Houston. Gonzalez was automatically entered in the monthly sweepstakes after booking a room through HotelPlanner.com's link on pba.com.

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PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour Qualifying Events Kick Off GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII

Bohn, Weber, Allen, Blanchard earn berths in PBA Challenge Finals

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 7, 2015) – Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J.; Pete Weber of St. Ann, Mo.; Patrick Allen of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and Josh Blanchard of Phoenix earned berths in the PBA Challenge Finals Monday to kick off 14 days of competition in the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy at the National Bowling Stadium.

Bohn, with a 257-236 victory in the eighth and final match, advanced from fourth place to first in the PBA50 Tour Challenge qualifying event, breaking open an intense position round that began with the top four players only 27 pins apart. Weber claimed the second berth in the PBA50 Tour Challenge Finals when Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, who led by one pin heading into the final match, failed to strike out in his match against Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa. Mohr defeated Learn, 185-174, but it wasn't enough to hold off Weber.

Bohn finished the eight-game contest with 1,911 pins, including match play bonus pins, while Weber finished with a 1,884 total. Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli threw a closing 258 to finish third with 1,868 pins and Mohr, a last-minute substitute in the PBA50 Tour event for injured Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, dropped to fourth with 1,866 pins.

The PBA50 Tour field featured the top eight players in competition points during the 2015 PBA Tour season.

In the PBA Regional Challenge included the 2015 points leaders in the eight PBA Regional programs. Allen, representing the PBA East Region, defeated Blanchard in the final match, 256-203, to overtake the defending PBA Regional Challenge champion with 2,019 total pins. Blanchard, the PBA West Region representative, finished with 1,962 pins, 19 ahead of Northwest Region representative Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif.

Monday's four qualifiers will be joined in the PBA Challenge Finals by the top two players in the PWBA-PBA Women's Regional qualifying event that will be held on Friday, Dec. 18, and Teen Masters boys and girls champions Brandon Soedarmasto of Levittown, N.Y., and Brigitte Jacobs of Freeport, Ill. The four-match special event will be contested on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the National Bowling Stadium for telecast by ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. ET.

GEICO WSOB VII competition continues Tuesday with the nine-game qualifying round in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game. A field of 245 players from 21 countries will battle for 24 positions in the best-of-five-game match play elimination round that will take place on Monday, Dec. 14.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the World Series of Bowling will be covered live, exclusively by PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Real-time results also will be posted on pba.com under its "live scoring" link.

PBA50 TOUR CHALLENGE FINALS QUALIFIER

Final Standings (after 8 games including match play bonus pins; top two players advance to PBA Challenge Finals on Saturday, Dec. 18; ESPN telecast on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. ET):

- 1, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4-4, 1,911.
- 2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 5-3, 1,884.
- 3, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 4-4, 1,868, \$1,000.
- 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 6-2, 1,866, \$700.
- 5, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 3-5, 1,827, \$600.
- 6, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., 4-4, 1,824, \$500.
- 7, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-5, 1,792, \$400.
- 8, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 3-5, 1,722, \$300.

PBA REGIONAL CHALLENGE FINALS QUALIFIER

Final Standings (after 8 games including match play bonus pins; top two players advance to PBA Challenge Finals on Saturday, Dec. 18; ESPN telecast on Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. ET):

- 1, Patrick Allen, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 6-2, 2,019.
- 2, Josh Blanchard, Gilbert, Ariz., 5-3, 1,962.
- 3, Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif., 5-3, 1,943, \$1,000.
- 4, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 3-5, 1,845, \$700.
- 5, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 4-4, 1,838, \$600.
- 6, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 4-4, 1,767, \$500.
- 7, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3-5, 1,697, \$400.
- 8, Pat Nolan, Japan, 2-6, 1,594, \$300.

2015 GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII SCHEDULE

presented by Silver Legacy

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Dec. 8-19 (all times are Pacific Time)

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

8:30 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)

4 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, 9 qualifying games (B squad)

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

8:30 a.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)

4 p.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame, 9 qualifying games (A squad)

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Monday, Dec. 14

THURSDAY, DEC. 10

8:30 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, 9 qualifying games (A Squad)

4 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, 9 qualifying games (B squad)

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

8:30 a.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA, 9 qualifying games (B Squad)

4 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA, 9 qualifying games (A squad)

Top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single elimination match play on Tuesday, Dec. 15

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

10 a.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round, 6 games (top 25 percent of the field based on combined 36-game pinfall totals after Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds)

Top 24 after 42 games advance to round robin match play

2:30 p.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open, 8 qualifying games, all players

5 p.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship match play round one (8 games)

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

9 a.m. – PBA Tri-Regional Open match play and finals

10 a.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship match play round two (8 games)

5 p.m. – Rolltech PBA World Championship match play round three (8 games)
Top five after 66 games advance to live ESPN finals

MONDAY, DEC. 14

10 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
1 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)
4:30 p.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
7:30 p.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

10 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
1 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)
4:30 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA best-of-five-game single elimination match play (qualifiers 9-24)
7:30 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA best-of-five-game single elimination match play (winners of 9-24 matches vs. qualifiers 1-8; eight winners advance to Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

10 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)
1 p.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)
4:30 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)
7:30 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA Round of 8 (best-of five-game single elimination match play; four winners advance to ESPN finals on Friday, Dec. 18)

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

9 a.m. – PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge match play qualifying event (8 games head-to-head match play; top two in each event advance to PBA Challenge Finals on ESPN)

ESPN TELEVISION FINALS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

4 p.m. (7 p.m. ET) – Rolltech PBA World Championship, five-player stepladder finals (live on ESPN)

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

1 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
3:30 p.m. – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
5:15 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)
7 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA ESPN finals (two one-game semifinal round matches, winners bowl for the title)

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

Noon – Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship finals
3:30 p.m. – PBA Challenge Series Finals (PBA50 Challenge, PBA Regional Challenge, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional Challenge, Teen Masters Grand Championship)

Bellavia Wins First Title in PBA McKinley Lanes Central Challenge

Niles, Ohio (Dec. 6, 2015) – Frank Bellavia of Niagara Falls, Ohio, defeated Aaron Morgan of Olmsted Township, Ohio, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win his first Professional Bowlers Association Regional title in the McKinley Lanes Central Challenge at McKinley Lanes Sunday.

In addition to his first title and a \$1,200 prize, Bellavia became eligible to enter the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in early February in Shawnee, Okla.

The tournament field consisted of PBA members who do not hold a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event.

Bellavia downed John Shreve of Vermillion, Ohio, 3-2, and Morgan topped Bill Burns of Elizabeth, Pa., 3-1, in the best-of-five-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

The next PBA Central Region event will be Over 50/Under 50 Doubles Event at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, Jan. 22-24, 2016.

PBA MCKINLEY LANES CENTRAL CHALLENGE

McKinley Lanes, Niles, Ohio, Sunday

Championship:

Frank Bellavia, Niagara Falls, N.Y., (\$1,200) def. Aaron Morgan, Olmsted Twp., Ohio, (\$900), 2-0, (212-198, 195-184).

Semifinal Round (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$700 each):

Bellavia def. John H. Shreve, Vermilion, Ohio, 3-2.

Morgan def. s-Bill Burns, Elizabeth, Pa., 3-1.

Round of 6 (best of five games, losers eliminated and earned \$500 each):

Bellavia def. a-Andrew Letscher, Niles, Ohio, 3-0.

Morgan def. Mike Eaton, Mason, Ohio, 3-1.

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Tickets Now on Sale for Chris Paul's CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational Charity Bowling Tournament

Tape-delayed event hosted at Lucky Strike LA Live to air on ESPN Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. ET

LOS ANGELES (Dec. 8, 2015) – Eight-time All-Star Los Angeles Clippers guard Chris Paul, the Professional Bowlers Association and GoBowling.com will join forces to host the 2016 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by GoBowling.com Tuesday, Feb. 23 at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown Los Angeles.

Ticket packages for the ESPN taping of the event are available at <http://www.flavorus.com/event/CP3-PBA-Celebrity-Invitational-pres-by-GoBowlingcom/310923>

Fans will have their choice of three admission options:

\$350 VIP package - Includes meet and greet, dinner, open bar, premium seat and signed pin

\$150 Premium Seat ticket - Includes premium seat, two drink tickets and signed bowling pin.

\$25 General Admission ticket - Seating in bleachers along the lanes.

What has become a staple of the PBA Tour's telecast season on ESPN, an all-star list of PBA Tour players and celebrities will compete in the seventh fundraiser which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education, health, sports and social responsibility. The full lineup of celebrities for the 2016 event will be announced at a later date.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Reggie Bush and Celebrity Invitational veteran Terrell Owens; hip-hop stars Chris “Ludacris” Bridges, Lil Wayne and Nelly, comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart, television star Jesse Williams and television/podcast personality Chris Hardwick.

Among the PBA stars scheduled to compete in the Celebrity Invitational are:

🎯 **Pete Weber**, PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time PBA Tour winner.

🎯 **Jason Belmonte**, two-time defending PBA Player of the Year and 13-time PBA Tour winner.

🎯 **Ronnie Russell**, three-time PBA Tour champion and defending Celebrity Invitational winner (with hip-hop star French Montana).

🎯 **Sean Rash**, 10-time PBA Tour winner and 2011-12 PBA Player of the Year.

🎯 **Bill O’Neill**, 7-time PBA Tour winner.

🎯 **Clara Guerrero**, women’s international bowling star who has a top PBA Tour finish of fourth.

The PBA players and celebrities will compete in a doubles format with teams made up of one celebrity and one Tour player. The night’s action will also feature a “Celebrity Clash” best-ball elimination event where the celebrity who gets the lowest pinfall in each frame is eliminated until there is a winner.

The Celebrity Invitational begins with a red carpet ceremony at 6 p.m. PT at Lucky Strike LA Live (800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles) with the competition beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be tape-delayed and will air Sunday Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Chris Paul PBA League All-Stars Past Winners

2015 – Ronnie Russell/French Montana

2013 – Chris Barnes/Chris Hardwick

2012 – Pete Weber/Jerry Ferrara/Blake Griffin

2011 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2010 – Jason Belmonte/Chris Paul

2009 – Jason Couch/LeBron James

About The Chris Paul Family Foundation

The Chris Paul Family Foundation strives to impact the communities it serves by using its resources and passion for philanthropy to enhance and promote education, health, sports and social responsibility for youth and families. In 2005, Chris established the CP3 Foundation, in honor of his late grandfather to provide scholarships for kids to attend Wake Forest University. Chris' emphasis on community involvement has won the Chris Paul Family Foundation the NBA's Community Assist Award five times. The foundation's initiatives include partnerships with Feed The Children, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Boys & Girls Club and Habitat for Humanity. The foundation also sponsors and supports literacy initiatives, youth basketball clinics and court refurbishments. In 2010 Chris partnered with Chase Bank to launch the CP3 Afterschool Zone in New Orleans, to provide an enriching afterschool environment for youth. To learn more about the Chris Paul Family Foundation, go to www.cp3foundation.org.

About GoBowling.com

GoBowling.com is the destination for bowling fans and enthusiasts seeking news and information about one of America’s favorite pastimes and the nation’s number one participatory sport. With more than 67 million people taking to the lanes every year, GoBowling.com is a one-stop location where people of all ages can go to satisfy their love of bowling. Consumers turn to GoBowling.com every day to find bowling fun – discovering new bowling centers, tips and tricks to use on the lanes, event news and great deals at more than 2,100+ family-friendly bowling centers across the country.

About Lucky Strike

Lucky Strike Entertainment is the creator and operator of a variety of entertainment concepts throughout the world that cater to any age, featuring premium bowling, restaurants, bars, live music, dance clubs, billiards and game rooms. Lucky Strike has been universally recognized in the media as the leading brand in the boutique bowling category. With state-of-the-art private and semi-private function rooms, Lucky Strike has hosted countless entertainment and sports celebrities, thousands of corporate and private events and has contributed to hundreds of charities. Lucky Strike Entertainment was founded in 2003 by Steven and Gillian Foster and Kevin Troy, with the opening of Lucky Strike in the heart of Hollywood. The global entertainment company is an equal opportunity employer and continues to grow, with over twenty venues. For more information, please visit www.bowlluckystrike.com.

Editor's Note: Below is an early lede for the PBA Cheetah Championship. The second half of the 246-player field begins its nine-game qualifying round at 4 p.m. Pacific time. Final results will be distributed at the conclusion of the round – roughly 9:30 p.m. Pacific (after midnight Eastern). FYI – Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts is bowling on the late squad.

Australia's Sam Cooley Averages 252 to Take Early PBA Cheetah Championship Qualifying Lead

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 8, 2015) – Australia's Sam Cooley averaged 252 for nine games to take the early qualifying lead in the Professional Bowlers Association Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Challenge Mobile Game, the first qualifying leg of the Rolltech PBA World Championship, Tuesday at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Cheetah Championships is the first of five PBA Tour title events that are part of the GEICO Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy.

Cooley, a 24-year-old right-hander, rolled games of 278, 203, 246, 210, 265, 280, 290, 289 and 211 for a total of 2,272 pins and a 77-pin lead over John Furey of Freehold, N.J., among the first group of 121 players to complete their Cheetah round. The remaining 124 players bowled their nine games later Tuesday.

Cooley, who joined the PBA in August and made his debut in the PBA Fall Classic in Las Vegas in October, got his start as a four-year-old bowling in birthday parties in Mount Warrigal, about a 90-minute drive south of Sydney. He joined a 10-and-under youth league and immediately became hooked on the sport. As a teenager, he found bowling videos of American stars Tommy Jones, Wes Malott, Pete Weber and others, and began to groom his game.

"Competing on the PBA Tour is something I've been wanting to do for past five years," Cooley said, "so I decided to take the plunge. Coming to the Fall Classic (where he finished 12th in his first PBA Tour event) gave my confidence a boost."

His performance in the Cheetah Championship "was a bit of a surprise to me, really. I didn't have to make many changes in ball or lineup, so to stay pretty much where I was the whole round. It was a surprise and a confidence boost.

"I feel pretty good about making the match play field next week," he added. "Where I'm at today gives me a lot of confidence going into tomorrow. In games six, seven, eight and nine, it was just a matter of getting as many pins as I could for World Championship qualifying. It gives me a bit of a cushion in case things don't work out later in the week."

PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III got the tournament off to a fast start, bowling his record 105th career PBA 300 game in the first game. It was one of six 300s bowled on the opening squad.

GEICO WSOB VII competition continues Tuesday with the nine-game qualifying round in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game. A field of 245 players from 21 countries will battle for 24 positions in the best-of-five-game match play elimination round that will take place on Monday, Dec. 14.

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PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Tuesday

Early Qualifying Standings (top 50 after nine games for 121 of 246 players; top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Monday, Dec. 14; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,272.
- 2, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,195.
- 3, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,194.
- 4, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,193.
- 5, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 2,158.
- 6, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,153.
- 7, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,147.
- 8, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 2,145.
- 9, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,137.
- 10, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 2,132.
- 11, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,127.
- 12, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,112.
- 13, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 2,106.
- 14, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 2,103.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,100.
- 16, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,093.
- 17, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 2,087.
- 18, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,077.
- 19, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,071.
- 20, Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 2,060.
- 21, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,058.
- 22, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 2,057.
- 23, Zhongli Mi, China, 2,056.
- 24, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 2,048.
- 25, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 2,047.
- 26, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,045.
- 27, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,039.
- 28, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,037.
- 29, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 2,033.
- 29, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,033.
- 29, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,033.
- 32, n-Harold Hill Jr., San Diego, 2,024.
- 33, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,023.
- 34, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,022.
- 35, Anthony LaCaze, Melrose Park, Ill., 2,019.
- 35, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,019.
- 37, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 2,007.
- 38, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 2,003.
- 39, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,001.
- 40, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,000.
- 41, Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 1,987.
- 42, Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, 1,986.
- 43, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,985.
- 44, Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 1,975.
- 45, Alvar Cardona, Spain, 1,973.
- 45, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,973.
- 47, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,972.
- 48, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 1,971.
- 49, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,970.
- 50, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,968.

n-designates non-member

300 Games: Parker Bohn III, Bryon Smith, John Furey, Rhino Page, Adam Barta, Manuel Otalora.

Australia's Sam Cooley Averages 252 to Lead PBA Cheetah Championship Qualifying Round

Two-time Cheetah champion Eugene McCune qualifies second in high-scoring opening round

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Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, in his debut in professional bowling, averaged a respectable 196.33 in a roller-coaster round, finishing in 212th place. For the round, he bowled games of 224, 140, 245, 180, 168, 194, 249, 213 and 154. But he wasn't overly disappointed.

"It was fun. It was tough, something to get used to," Betts said, "but I crossed with some cool guys (2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind.; 2015 Rookie of the Year candidate AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., and PBA50 Tour veteran Ray Cobb of Highland, Calif.) and they made it easy for me. It was a little more laid back than I thought it would be because of the guys I bowled with.

"I would have liked to be at least even (average 200)," he added, "but for the first time, it was okay. Tomorrow (in the Viper Championship), I'm just going to try to be even. I have no great expectations. I made some good adjustments today in games five, six and seven, but the last game I almost dropped the ball on my foot and I fouled in the first frame, so that was a bad way to start.

"That's the learning curve. Hopefully I'll do better tomorrow."

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PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

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- 1, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,272.
- 2, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2,207.
- 3, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 2,195.
- 4, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 2,194.
- 5, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 2,193.
- 6, Stuart Williams, England, 2,191.
- 7, Paul Moor, England, 2,187.
- 8, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 2,186.
- 9, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 2,180.
- 10, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,171.
- 11 (tie), Tom Baker, King, N.C., and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 2,159.
- 13, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 2,158.
- 14, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 2,153.
- 15, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,149.
- 16, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,147.
- 17, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 2,145.
- 18, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,139.
- 19, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,137.
- 19, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 2,137.
- 21, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 2,132.
- 22, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 2,127.
- 23, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,125.
- 24, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 2,112.

Other Cashers:

- 25, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 2,110, \$600.
- 26 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 2,107, \$600.
- 28 (tie), Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., and D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 2,106, \$550.
- 30, n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 2,104, \$500.
- 31, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 2,103, \$500.
- 32, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,100, \$500.

Failed to Cash:

- 33 (tie), David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 2,099.
- 35, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,093.
- 36, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 2,087.
- 37, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 2,081.
- 38, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 2,080.
- 39, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,077.
- 40, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,073.
- 41, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,071.
- 42, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 2,066.
- 43 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., and Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 2,060.
- 45, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,059.
- 46, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 2,058.
- 47 (tie), Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden; Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 2,057.
- 50 (tie), Zhongli Mi, China, and f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 2,056.
- 52, Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 2,053.
- 53, Richie Teece, England, 2,049.
- 54, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 2,048.
- 55, Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J., 2,047.
- 56, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 2,045.
- 57, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,044.
- 58 (tie), Shuichi Heki, Japan, and T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 2,042.

60, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 2,039.
61, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 2,037.
62, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 2,035.
63 (tie), Jason Belmonte, Australia; n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, and Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 2,033.
66 (tie), Martin Larsen, Sweden; Shigeo Saitoh, Japan; Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 2,029.
70, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 2,025.
71 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and n-Harold Hill Jr., San Diego, 2,024.
73, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,023.0
74 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark; Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,022.
77 (tie), Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 2,019.
79, n-Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 2,017.
80, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 2,016.
81, n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, 2,013.
82, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 2,007.
83, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 2,003.
84, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 2,001.
85, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,000.
86, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,994.
87, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,993.
88, Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 1,987.
89 (tie), f-Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, and J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,986.
91 (tie), Will Garber, Modesto, Calif., and Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,985.
93, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,982.
94, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,980.
95, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,975.
96 (tie), Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C.; Alvar Cardona, Spain, and Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,973.
99, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,972.
100, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 1,971.
101, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,970.
102, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,968.
103, Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 1,967.
104, Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 1,963.
105, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,961.
106 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,957.
108 (tie), Pat Nolan, Japan, and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,954.
110, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,953.
111, n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich, 1,951.
112 (tie), Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Dom Barrett, England, 1,950.
114, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 1,949.
115, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,948.
116, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 1,947.
117, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 1,946.
118, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,945.
119, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,944.
120, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,943.
121 (tie), n-Erik Vermilyea, Mansfield, Texas, and Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 1,940.
123, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 1,939.
124 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston, and n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 1,937.
126 (tie), Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, and Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,933.
128 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,932.
130, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,928.
131 (tie), n-Jianchao Du, China, and Peng Zhang, China, 1,925.
133 (tie), Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., and Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,924.
135, n-Jason Munkberg, Redding, Calif., 1,923.
136, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,921.
137 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,916.
139, n-Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., 1,914.

140, f-Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,911.
141, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,909.
142, Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash., 1,904.
143 (tie), n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., and Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,902.
145 (tie), Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 1,901.
147, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,898.
148, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,897.
149, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,896.
150, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,893.
151, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,892.
152, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,890.
153, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,889.
154, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 1,888.
155, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,886.
156, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,885.
157, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,884.
158 (tie), n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and n-Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 1,881.
160 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,880.
162, n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 1,874.
163, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,870.
164, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,869.
165 (tie), n-Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., and Clint Land, Houston, 1,866.
167 (tie), n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., and Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 1,865.
169, n-Carlos Tobon, Colombia, 1,863.
170 (tie), Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, and Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 1,857.
172, Lin Yao, China, 1,856.
173 (tie), Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., and n-Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, 1,855.
175, f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,852.
176, Joonas Jahi, Finland, 1,851.
177, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,848.
178, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,847.
179, Jordan Jung, Canada, 1,846.
180 (tie), Roger Koplin Jr., Carson City, Nev., and Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,844.
182, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,841.
183 (tie), David Maycock, Bermuda; Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Zhiyong Wang, China, 1,840.
186, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 1,839.
187, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,838.
188, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,837.
189, Matt Dammann, Canada, 1,833.
190, Scott Robertson, Australia, 1,830.
191, J.T. "Action" Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,824.
192, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,822.
193, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,820.
194, Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,818.
195, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,816.
196, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,811.
197, f-Jacqueline Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., 1,804.
198, Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 1,803.
199 (tie), Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., and Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,801.
201 (tie), Chuck Tillson, Santa Rosa, Calif., and n-Wankang Qi, China, 0.
203, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,793.
204, Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,791.
205, n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,788.
206, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,783.
207 (tie), Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J., and n-David Labinski, Milwaukee, 1,776.
209, David Canady, Germany, 1,775.
210, f-April Lord Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,771.
211, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,769.

212, n-Mookie Betts, Boston, 1,767.
 213, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,766.
 214, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,765.
 215, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,764.
 216, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,763.
 217, n-Bill Fong, Plano, Texas, 1,761.
 218, n-Carl-Oskar Palmer, Sweden, 1,756.
 219, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 1,753.
 220, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley. Wash., 1,749.
 221 (tie), Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Tex, and Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,746.
 223, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,734.
 224, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,729.
 225, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,728.
 226, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,720.
 227, Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 1,718.
 228, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,702.
 229, n-Stephen Bennett, Hampton, Va., 1,687.
 230, Chen Huang, China, 1,685.
 231, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,663.
 232, Brijesh Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,662.
 233, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,659.
 234, Bryan Osborne, Cypress, Calif., 1,654.
 235, Mark Fennell, Seattle, 1,632.
 236, Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,630.
 237, Christopher Yoshimura, Rochester, Minn., 1,581.
 238, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,575.
 239, n-Thomas Musante, San Mateo, Calif., 1,531.
 240, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,529.
 241 (tie), Matthew Graham, Stockton, Calif., and n-John Leathers, Anaconda, Mont., 1,492.
 243, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,456.
 244, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,420.
 245, n-Ken Davis, Sun Valley, Nev., withdrew (injury)

n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female

300 Games (12): Parker Bohn III, Bryon Smith, John Furey, Rhino Page, Adam Barta, Manuel Otalora, Johnathan Bower, Paul Moor, Jesper Svensson, Shuichi Heki, Scott Newell, Jason Sterner.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII Notebook

CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP SETS RED-HOT PACE IN RACE TO ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII field of 246 players set a blistering scoring pace in the first nine-game qualifying round that will lead to the Rolltech PBA World Championship on Thursday, Dec. 17. In Tuesday's Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, 199 players averaged 200 or higher, and it required averaging at least 234.67 (PBA50 Tour competitor Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa) to qualify among the top 24 who advanced to Monday's best-of-five-game match play elimination competition.

PBA Hall of Famer **Parker Bohn III** of Jackson, N.J., got the World Series off to a rousing start with the first of 12 300 games in the Cheetah Championship qualifying round. It was the 105th of his PBA career, improving upon his own record for perfect games bowled in PBA competition.

A PBA WORLD SERIES "ANIMAL PATTERN" PRIMER

Fans who have followed the PBA World Series since its inception in suburban Detroit in 2009 know the essence of the multi-event competition is a series of "animal pattern" lane conditions which serve as qualifying legs culminating with the PBA World Championship. In order to win the PBA World Championship, players must demonstrate a high level of consistency across the different challenges the "animal patterns" present.

Because oiling patterns applied to bowling lanes are invisible for the most part (until the PBA introduced blue dyed oil for televised World Series events in 2013), the so-called animal patterns gave a name to the different lane conditions that players and fans could understand. While the oiling patterns have been adjusted with passing years, the basics remain the same, and the animal patterns that are in play for WSOB VII include:

The Cheetah: PBA's description says "A cheetah may look harmless, but this speedster has a dangerous side. So does this pattern - with a fast scoring pace and play near the gutter, there's no room for error." The Cheetah involves applying oil on the lane to a distance of 35 feet. Past WSOB Cheetah champions include **Norm Duke** (2009), **Eugene McCune** (2010), **Bill O'Neill** (2012), **Wes Malott** (2013) and **Anthony Pepe** (2014). The Cheetah was not part of the 2011 WSOB.

The Viper: PBA's description says: "A viper strikes with multiple angles of attack. This pattern will challenge players to attack the pins from multiple angles in order to score well." The Viper pattern involves oiling to a distance of 39 feet. Past WSOB Viper champions include **Rhino Page** (2009), **Bill O'Neill** (2010), **Stuart Williams** (2011), **Brad Angelo** (2012), **Chris Barnes** (2013) and **Mika Koivuniemi** (2014).

The Chameleon: PBA's description says: "Chameleons change color to outsmart their enemies. To excel on this pattern, bowlers must be versatile in many styles of play." The Chameleon pattern involves oiling to a distance of 43 feet. Past WSOB Chameleon champions include **Bill O'Neill** (2009), **Scott Norton** (2010), **Jason Belmonte** (2011), **Scott Norton** (2012), **Ryan Ciminelli** (2013) and **Mika Koivuniemi** (2014).

The Scorpion: PBA's description: A scorpion is dangerous and unpredictable, like this pattern. If you can't find the right groove on the lanes, you'll be stung! The Scorpion pattern involves oiling to a distance of 47 feet. Past WSOB Scorpion champions include **Mike DeVaney** (2009), non-member **Yong-Jin Gu** (2010), **Dom Barrett** (2011), **Tom Daugherty** (2012), **Tom Smallwood** (2013) and **Michael Haugen Jr.** (2014).

The PBA World Championship: A specific oiling pattern, to a distance of 41 feet, is used for PBA World Championship match play and television final competition. Past WSOB PBA World Champions include: **Tom Smallwood** (2009), **Chris Barnes** (2010), **Osku Palermaa** (2011), **Parker Bohn III** (2012), **Dom Barrett** (2013) and **Mike Fagan** (2014).

In addition to the distance oil is applied to the lane for each specific event, the distribution of oil across the lane, using very sophisticated lane maintenance equipment, influences angles of attack, ball speed and numerous other decisions bowlers have to make. Instead of being able to see the oil on the lane – and how it is moved around as each round progresses – professional bowlers read the motion of their bowling balls as they travel down the lane in order to make adjustments.

The bottom line is, the PBA World Series of Bowling provides the best test of skill available in the sport. Add the talents of the world's best players to the playing environment, and you begin to understand why the WSOB is the greatest event in bowling.

ON DECK: PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HOTELPLANNER.COM

Next up on the WSOB VII schedule is qualifying for the Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com. Qualifying squads will bowl nine-game rounds at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (PT) on Thursday, with the top 24 players advancing to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play rounds at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The top eight qualifiers will receive a bye for the first round.

After Tuesday's Rounds of 24 and 16, the top eight players will bowl the Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 4:30 p.m. with the four winners advancing to the Chameleon Championship bracket finals which will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 18 at the National Bowling Stadium for delayed telecast by ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 3, at 1 p.m. (ET).

Combined 36-game qualifying scores from the nine-game Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships qualifying rounds will determine the 25 percent of the field who will advance to the six-game Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The top 24 players based on 42-game totals will then advance to the World Championship round-robin match play finals. Three eight-game match play rounds will be contested on the PBA World Championship lane condition on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After 66 games contested on five different lane conditions, the top five players will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals which will begin at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT Thursday, Dec. 17.

FOLLOW THE WORLD SERIES ON XTRA FRAME, LIVE SCORING, SOCIAL MEDIA

Bowling fans around the world can follow all of the action in WSOB VII by watching Xtra Frame's extensive live online coverage of all qualifying and match play rounds, or by checking "live scoring" on pba.com. Additional coverage will be provided on PBA's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages, both by PBA staff and a number of players in the field.

In addition to the more than 75 hours of live coverage, Xtra Frame is providing interviews with a variety of bowling industry leaders, coaches and players, both from the U.S. and international representatives, and features which highlight great stories from past World Series.

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IT'S FREE: ATTEND WORLD SERIES EVENTS UNTIL ESPN TELEVISION FINALS

Bowling fans are invited to attend all sessions of the World Series, except for the ESPN-televised finals, at no cost. Tickets will be required for the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship at 4 p.m. local time on Thursday, Dec. 17; for the finals of the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships on Friday, Dec. 18, and for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge finals on Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

Until then, there is plenty of action available at no cost. Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com squads bowl at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday. Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA qualifying squads bowl at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday. The Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by PBA Tri-Regional Open competition at 2:30 and the first round PBA World Championship match play at 5 p.m. Rounding out this week's WSOB competition will be the Tri-Regional Open match play and finals beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday followed by the final two rounds of PBA World Championship match play at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

WSOB TIDBITS

☞ The oldest player in the WSOB field is 68-year-old **Dave Bernhardt** of Romeo, Mich., the founder and owner of Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, and a regular competitor on the PBA50 Tour. The youngest in the field is 15-year-old **Trey Ford III**, a two-handed player from Bartlesville, Okla. Ford, a non-member, is allowed to bowl with parental consent. He currently bowls as an adult in his hometown.

☞ The hard-luck player award goes to non-member **Ken Davis** of Sun Valley, Nev., who sustained an injury in his very first game and was forced to withdraw from the World Series.

PBA QUICK NOTES

☞ **Frank Bellavia** of Niagara Falls, Ohio, defeated **Aaron Morgan** of Olmsted Township, Ohio, 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win his first PBA Regional title in the McKinley Lanes Central Challenge at McKinley Lanes in Niles, Ohio, Sunday. In addition to his first title and a \$1,200 prize, Bellavia became eligible to enter the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in early February in Shawnee, Okla.

☞ **Billy Asbury** of Odenton, Md., took advantage of a 2-8-10 split by **Greg Ostrander** of Freehold, N.J., in the 10th frame to defeat Ostrander, 222-201, for his first PBA title in the MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Eastern Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes on Saturday in Manalapan, N.J. Needing a mark and good count in his 10th frame, Asbury struck to win \$1,500 and qualify for the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions in early February in Shawnee, Okla.

☞ South Africa's **Francois Louw**, who recently finished second in the QubicaAMF World Cup in Las Vegas, won his first international title in the PBA-World Bowling Tour's 9th Kingdom International Open in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Monday. Louw, the top qualifier, lost the opening match to Denmark's **Frederik Ohrgaard**, 247-226, but won the second, 247-239, to win the \$25,000 first prize. Because he is not a PBA member, Louw does not receive credit for a PBA title.

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England's Stuart Williams Takes Early GoBowling.com Viper Championship Lead

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 9, 2015) – England’s Stuart Williams, who became the first player from his country to win a Professional Bowlers Association title when he won the 2011 Viper Championship, averaged 229.6 Wednesday at the National Bowling Stadium to take the early qualifying lead in the GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame.

The Viper Championship is the second of four qualifying legs leading into the Rolltech PBA World Championship. It also is the second of five PBA Tour title events that are part of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy.

Williams, 34, has a consistent round with one glitch, rolling games of 257, 225, 227, 232, 219, 244, 253, 179 and 231 for a nine-game total of 2,067 pins and a six-pin edge over Canada’s Patrick Girard among the first 124 of 246 players to complete the qualifying round. The remainder of the field bowled its round later Wednesday.

“Last night we were talking about the Viper and I had no idea what I was going to do,” Williams said. “In practice Monday, the condition was really difficult, but the guess I made today worked out.”

Williams has a history of bowling well on the Viper lane condition.

“The length of (oiling) pattern (39 feet) works out well with my ball roll,” he said.

After finished sixth in the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on Tuesday, Williams also took the early lead in Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifying with an 18-game total of 4,258 pins.

“It’s been a really good start to the week,” he said.

Also bowling on Wednesday’s early squad, Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, making his debut in professional bowling competition, had a solid round with two exceptions, rolling games of 210, 204, 148, 201, 186, 195, 149, 207 and 237 for a 1,737 total – finishing 78th among the early finishers. The two 140 games dropped his overall average to 193 for the round.

“I got lost for two or three games,” the 23-year-old Betts said, “but it was a good learning experience. I kind of have an idea of what to do moving forward.

“Today we played a deep inside angle and ball speed was important,” he continued. “That’s one thing I haven’t paid much attention to in practice, so I’m learning as we go. Those spares, man – you really underestimate them and that’s the important thing. You have to learn to go hard and straight – but that’s something I’ll have to work on.”

Betts said he hasn’t experience any physical issues because he’s been working out at home to get ready for the baseball season, “so that makes it pretty easy. My hand is a little sore, but I’ll get over it.”

GEICO WSOB VII competition continues Thursday with the nine-game qualifying round in the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com. The top 24 players in each of four “animal pattern” championships compete for 24 positions in the best-of-five-game match play elimination round that will take place next Monday and Tuesday. The top 61 players based on 36-game pinfall totals for the four nine-game animal pattern legs will advance to the cashers’ round of the Rolltech PBA World Championship on Saturday.

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GOBOWLING.COM VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Early Qualifying Standings (top 50 after nine games for 125 of 246 players; remaining 121 players will complete their round later Wednesday. Top 24 will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Monday, Dec. 14; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 2,067.
- 2, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,061.
- 3, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,054.
- 4, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 2,040.
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 2,030.

- 6, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,011.
- 7, Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 2,007.
- 8, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,999.
- 9, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 1,996.
- 10, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,978.
- 11, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,975.
- 12, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,974.
- 13, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,973.
- 14, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,967.
- 15, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,962.
- 16, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,959.
- 17, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,958.
- 18, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,951.
- 19, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,950.
- 20, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,941.
- 20, David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,941.
- 22, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 1,936.
- 23, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,933.
- 24, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,929.
- 25, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,926.
- 26, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,925.
- 27, Paul Moor, England, 1,924.
- 28, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,922.
- 29, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,920.
- 30, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,914.
- 31, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,908.
- 32, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,906.
- 32, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,906.
- 34, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,904.
- 35, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 1,901.
- 36, ss-Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,896.
- 37, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,894.
- 38, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,888.
- 39, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,887.
- 39, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,887.
- 41, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 1,880.
- 42, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,875.
- 43, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,873.
- 44, Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 1,870.
- 45, Dom Barrett, England, 1,865.
- 46, Richie Teece, England, 1,849.
- 47, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,848.
- 48, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,847.
- 49, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,845.
- 50, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 1,843.

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300 Games: none

Ryan Ciminelli Charges into PBA Viper Championship Qualifying Lead

England's Stuart Williams takes early lead in Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifying

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 9, 2015) – Hard-throwing left-hander Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., averaged 233.8 Wednesday to lead qualifying in the Professional Bowlers Association's GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame at the National Bowling Stadium while England's Stuart Williams assumed the early lead in Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifying.

Ciminelli, who is trying to become the PBA's first three-time title winner in 2015, rolled games of 190, 279, 224, 217, 245, 257, 247, 225 and 221 to pace the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII field of 246 players through the nine-game Viper qualifying event. In October Ciminelli won the PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open for his third PBA Tour title and he then won his first major title in early November in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open.

"I made about four ball changes that first (190) game," Ciminelli said. "I had a plan, but the lane condition wasn't allowing me to do what I wanted. Then I picked up the magic ball and that was pretty much it. I could do what I wanted.

"The condition was similar to the modified Viper pattern I won on in Las Vegas in October, so I was able to come in with the same game plan, same equipment, same philosophy and it worked. I was a little worried about this condition in practice, but once I picked up the right ball, that was it."

Williams, who became the first player from his country to win a title when he won the 2011 Viper Championship, averaged 229.6 Wednesday to finish with 2,067 pins, 38 behind Ciminelli. But he had the same kind of doubts coming into the round.

"Last night we were talking about the Viper and I had no idea what I was going to do," Williams said. "In practice Monday, the condition was really difficult, but the guess I made today worked out. The length of (oiling) pattern (39 feet) seems to work out well with my ball roll."

After finishing sixth in the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game on Tuesday, Williams' performance in the Viper qualifying round gave him the lead in Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifying with an 18-game total of 4,258 pins. With the Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds yet to be contested over the next two days, Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., was in second place in World Championship qualifying with a 4,225 pinfall total.

"It's been a really good start to the week," Williams said.

The Viper Championship is the second of four qualifying legs leading into the PBA World Championship. It also is the second of five PBA Tour title events that are part of the 14-day GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy. Ciminelli and Williams will head the field of 24 qualifiers who will advance to the Viper Championship best-of-five-game match play elimination rounds next Monday.

Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, who is making his debut in professional bowling competition this week, had a solid round in the Viper event with two exceptions, rolling games of 210, 204, 148, 201, 186, 195, 149, 207 and 237 for a 1,737 total – finishing in a tie for 148th place. The two 140 games dropped his overall average to 193 for the round.

"I got lost for two or three games," the 23-year-old Betts said, "but it was a good learning experience. I kind of have an idea of what to do moving forward.

"On Tuesday we played on the outside of the lane (in the Cheetah Championship). Today we played a deep inside angle and ball speed was really important," he continued. "That's one thing I haven't paid much attention to in practice, so I'm learning as we go. Those spares, man – you really underestimate them and that's the important thing. You have to learn to go hard and straight – but that's something I'll have to work on."

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

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- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,105.
- 2, Stuart Williams, England, 2,067.
- 3, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,061.
- 4, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 2,054.
- 5, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 2,040.
- 6, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 2,030.
- 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,017.
- 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 2,011.
- 9 (tie), Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, and Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 2,007.
- 11, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,001.
- 12, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,999.
- 13, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 1,996.
- 14, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 1,981.
- 15, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,980.
- 16, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 1,978.
- 17, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,975.
- 18, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,974.
- 19, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,973.
- 20, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,969.
- 21, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 1,967.
- 22, Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 1,965.
- 23, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,963.
- 24, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,962.

Other Cashers:

- 25, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 1,959, \$600.
- 26, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,958, \$600.
- 27, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,952, \$600.
- 28, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,951, \$600.
- 29, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 1,950, \$500.
- 30, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,948, \$500.
- 31, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,944, \$500.
- 32 (tie), David Maycock, Bermuda, and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 1,941, \$250.

Failed to Cash:

- 34, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 1,936.
- 35 (tie), n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,933.
- 37, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,929.
- 38, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,927.
- 39, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 1,926.
- 40, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1,925.
- 41, Paul Moor, England, 1,924.
- 42, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,922.
- 43, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,920.
- 44, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,914.
- 45 (tie), Sam Cooley, Australia, and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,909.
- 47, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,908.
- 48 (tie), Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa.; n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., and n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,906.
- 51, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,904.
- 52 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,901.
- 54, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,900.
- 55, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,896.
- 56, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,894.
- 57, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,891.
- 58, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 1,890.
- 59 (tie), Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,888.

61 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,887.
63 (tie), Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, and Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 1,886.
65, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,883.
66, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 1,880.
67, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,875.
68, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,874.
69, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,873.
70, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,871.
71 (tie), Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., and Matt Dammann, Canada, 1,870.
73, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,867.
74 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,865.
76, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 1,863.
77 (tie), Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,856.
79, n-Bill Fong, Plano, Texas, 1,854.
80, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,853.
81 (tie), Richie Teece, England, and n-Erik Vermilyea, Mansfield, Texas, 1,849.
83, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,848.
84, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,847.
85, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,845.
86, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 1,843.
87, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,839.
88 (tie), n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich., and Jordan Jung, Canada, 1,838.
90, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,837.
91 (tie), Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., and Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,836.
93, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,834.
94 (tie), Chuck Tillson, Santa Rosa, Calif.; n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, and Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,833.
97, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,828.
98, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,820.
99, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 1,817.
100 (tie), Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., and Peng Zhang, China, 1,815.
102 (tie), Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,814.
104 (tie), Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., and n-Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 1,813.
106, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,812.
107, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 1,807.
108 (tie), Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., and Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,802.
110, n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,800.
111, n-Carlos Tobon, Colombia, 1,797.
112 (tie), Santiago Mejia, Colombia, and Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,794.
114, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,793.
115, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,792.
116, David Canady, Germany, 1,790.
117 (tie), Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,788.
119, Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 1,787.
120, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,786.
121 (tie), Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,784.
123 (tie), Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J.; Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,782.
126, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,780.
127 (tie), Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and n-Jason Munkberg, Redding, Calif., 1,778.
129, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,777.
130, n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 1,776.
131, n-Jianchao Du, China, 1,773.
132, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,765.
133 (tie), Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,761.
135 (tie), John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; Scott Robertson, Australia, and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,758.
138, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,757.
139, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,756.
140 (tie), n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, and David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,754.
142, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,753.

143 (tie), Zhongli Mi, China; Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., and Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,746.
146, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,744.
147, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,743.
148 (tie), n-Mookie Betts, Boston, and Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 1,737.
150, n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 1,736.
151, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,733.
152, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,729.
153, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,728.
154, n-Wankang Qi, China, 1,727.
155, Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 1,724.
156 (tie), Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash.; Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,723.
159, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 1,721.
160, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,718.
161, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,717.
162, n-David Labinski, Milwaukee, 1,713.
163, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,710.
164, n-Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., 1,709.
165 (tie), J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Zhiyong Wang, China, 1,708.
167, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 1,707.
168 (tie), Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, and Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, 1,706.
170, f-Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, 1,703.
171, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,702.
172, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,700.
173, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,698.
174 (tie), Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., and ss-Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,697.
176 (tie), Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., and Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 1,696.
178, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,695.
179, Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,694.
180 (tie), f-Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, and f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 1,692.
182 (tie), Pat Nolan, Japan, and n-Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, 1,691.
184, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,687.
185, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 1,686.
186, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,683.
187, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 1,682.
188, Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 1,681.
189, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,680.
190, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,679.
191, f-April Lordwittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,677.
192, Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., 1,675.
193, Alvar Cardona, Spain, 1,674.
194, Bryan Osborne, Cypress, Calif., 1,669.
195, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,667.
196 (tie), Shigeo Saitoh, Japan; n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., and Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 1,664.
199, Chen Huang, China, 1,663.
200, Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Tex, 1,662.
201, Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 1,659.
202, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,658.
203, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,656.
204, f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 1,655.
205, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,650.
206, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,641.
207, Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,637.
208, Joonas Jahi, Finland, 1,636.
209, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,630.
210 (tie), Shawn Maldonado, Houston; Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., and n-Carl-Oskar Palmer, Sweden, 1,625.
213 (tie), Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, and Mark Fennell, Seattle, 1,620.
215 (tie), Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., and Roger Koplin Jr., Carson City, Nev., 1,618.
217, f-Jacqueline Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., 1,617.

218 (tie), Clint Land, Houston, and Lin Yao, China, 1,614.
 220, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,608.
 221, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 1,602.
 222 (tie), Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, and n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 1,597.
 224, Will Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,596.
 225, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,593.
 226 (tie), John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, and Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,591.
 228, n-Stephen Bennett, Hampton, Va., 1,582.
 229, n-Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,579.
 230, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,578.
 231, n-Harold Hill Jr., San Diego, 1,576.
 232, Christopher Yoshimura, Rochester, Minn., 1,575.
 233, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 1,574.
 234, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 1,560.
 235, Brijesh Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,553.
 236, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,545.
 237, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,529.
 238, n-Thomas Musante, San Mateo, Calif., 1,496.
 239, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,488.
 240, Matthew Graham, Stockton, Calif., 1,479.
 241, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,350.
 242, n-John Leathers, Anaconda, Mont., 1,334.
 Withdrew: Vincent Balisky, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Matthew O'Grady, Matawan, N.J.
 n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female
300 Games: Warren Crawford.

ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Qualifying Standings (top 100 after 18 of 36 games; top 61 after 36 games advance to cashers' round on Saturday at 10 a.m. PT):

1, Stuart Williams, England, 4,258.
 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 4,225.
 3, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4,186.
 4, Sam Cooley, Australia, 4,181.
 5, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 4,164.
 6, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 4,132.
 7, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 4,127.
 8, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 4,118.
 9, Paul Moor, England, 4,111.
 10, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 4,106.
 11, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 4,102.
 12, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,101.
 13, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 4,097.
 14, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 4,090.
 15 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Markus Jansson, Sweden, 4,088.
 17, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 4,086.
 18, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 4,074.
 19, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 4,055.
 20, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 4,041.
 21, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 4,034.
 22, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 4,032.
 23, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 4,026.
 24, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 4,020.
 25, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 4,013.
 26, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 4,001.
 27, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 4,000.
 28, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 3,993.
 29, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 3,992.

30, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 3,989.
31, Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 3,984.
32, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3,980.
33, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 3,978.
34, Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 3,974.
35 (tie), Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, and Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3,971.
37, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3,963.
38 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 3,960.
40 (tie), Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 3,957.
42, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3,955.
43, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 3,953.
44 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 3,943.
46, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3,942.
47, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3,940.
48, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 3,938.
49, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3,936.
50, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 3,935.
51, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3,934.
52 (tie), Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., and Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3,933.
54, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3,931.
55, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3,928.
56, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 3,923.
57, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 3,916.
58, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 3,913.
59 (tie), Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3,911.
61, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 3,910.
62, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 3,909.
63, Richie Teece, England, 3,898.
64, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 3,897.
65, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3,888.
66, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3,885.
67, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3,884.
68, n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 3,880.
69, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 3,877.
70, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 3,869.
71, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 3,867.
72, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 3,859.
73, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 3,856.
74, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 3,854.
75, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 3,850.
76, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3,845.
77, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 3,842.
78, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 3,840.
79 (tie), Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 3,837.
81, Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 3,833.
82, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 3,830.
83, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 3,827.
84, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 3,823.
85, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3,821.
86, Dom Barrett, England, 3,815.
87, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 3,809.
88, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 3,808.
89, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 3,803.
90, Zhongli Mi, China, 3,802.
91 (tie), Nobuhito Fujii, Japan; Santiago Mejia, Colombia, and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 3,801.
94, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 3,799.
95, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 3,798.
96 (tie), n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3,792.

98, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3,790.

99 (tie), n-Erik Vermilyea, Mansfield, Texas; n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich., and Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 3,789.

First-Timers Crawford, Winternheimer Share Early PBA Chameleon Championship Qualifying Lead

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 10, 2015) – Warren Crawford, a 37-year-old amateur who has always dreamed of bowling in Professional Bowlers Association competition, and 27-year-old Pascal Winternheimer of Germany, shared the early qualifying lead in PBA's Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Thursday in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Chameleon Championship is the third of four PBA "animal pattern" championships that serve as qualifying legs of the Rolltech PBA World Championship. Half of the World Series field of 246 players bowled their Chameleon round late Thursday.

Crawford, a two-handed bowler since age 3, rolled games of 225, 244, 257, 234, 224, 226, 239, 259 and 213 to finish nine-game round with 2,121 pins – the same total the right-handed Winternheimer posted on games of 192, 257, 247, 215, 223, 258, 194, 267 and 268. The pair of first-time World Series of Bowling contestants averaged 235.67 while bowling the round on adjacent pairs of lanes, so they were aware of how well each other was bowling.

"(The Chameleon lane condition) kind of played to my A game," Crawford said. "I could keep the ball on a tight line up the lane, which is my favorite way to play."

Crawford said he has never joined the PBA Tour because family obligations have limited his ability to travel. He has periodically bowled PBA events, but when the WSOB moved to the expansive National Bowling Stadium this year, opening the field to non-members, "I was so happy. I called the instant I heard. I've been dreaming of being a pro my whole life; I've been wanting to get out here. I've put in a lot of time and practice for this chance."

Winternheimer is making his PBA debut this week "because I've always wanted to compete against the best, so I decided this year to try it. My coach also wanted me to come."

Winternheimer said his secret Thursday was keeping his mental game under control.

"I played one shot at a time, didn't get ahead of myself. And didn't get mad at bad shots," he said. That was my whole thing today. I used to get too far ahead of myself.

"I knew Warren was doing well, but we have different styles so I wasn't watching him that much," Winternheimer added. "I played a little farther inside, a little slower, but I also played a tight line down the lane."

Both players also are in good shape after three animal pattern qualifying rounds to make the 61-player cut for the Rolltech PBA World Championship. Crawford averaged 216 on the Cheetah pattern Tuesday and finished 14th in the Viper round Wednesday. Winternheimer averaged 215 on the Cheetah and a "consistent" 207 average on the Viper pattern.

All WSOB players still have to bowl the nine-game Scorpion Championship round on Friday before the World Championship qualifiers will be known. World Championship standings will be available after the entire field has bowled 27 games.

GEICO WSOB VII competition continues Friday with the final nine-game qualifying event leading into the PBA World Championship – the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA.

The top 24 players in each of four "animal pattern" championships advance to best-of-five-game match play elimination rounds that will take place next Monday and Tuesday. The top 61 players based on 36-game pinfall totals after four nine-game animal pattern legs will advance to the cashers' round of the PBA World Championship on Saturday.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the WSOB are being covered live, exclusively by PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Real-time results also will be posted on pba.com under its "live scoring" link.

CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HOTELPLANNER.COM

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Early Qualifying Standings (top 50 after nine games for 121 of 246 players entered; remaining 125 players will complete their round Thursday evening. Top 24 will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Tuesday, Dec. 15; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1 (tie), n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., and Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 2,121.
- 3, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,119.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,100.
- 5, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 2,098.
- 6, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,084.
- 7, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,058.
- 8 (tie), Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa.; Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., and Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 2,055.
- 11, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,054.
- 12, n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 2,049.
- 13, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 2,046.
- 14, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 2,030.
- 15, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,010.
- 16, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,009.
- 17, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,008.
- 18, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 2,006.
- 19, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 2,004.
- 20, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,003.
- 21 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,992.
- 23, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,986.
- 24, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,980.
- 25, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,979.
- 26, n-Wankang Qi, China, 1,977.
- 27, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,968.
- 28, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,956.
- 29, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,955.
- 30, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,954.
- 31, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,951.
- 32, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,947.
- 33, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,942.
- 34, n-Erik Vermilyea, Eagan, Minn., 1,939.
- 35, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,938.
- 36, n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,937.
- 37, Zhongli Mi, China, 1,933.
- 38, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,930.
- 39, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,927.
- 40, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,919.
- 41 (tie), Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., and Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,912.
- 43, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,911.
- 44 (tie), Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., and Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,909.
- 46 (tie), Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, and Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 1,908.
- 48, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,906.
- 49, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 1,892.
- 50 (tie), Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,891.

n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female

300 Games: none.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII Notebook

CHINA RETURNS TO WSOB WITH SEVEN PLAYERS, ADMINISTRATIVE DELEGATION

Seven bowlers from the People's Republic of China, "graduates" of the Longmarch Pioneers League program created by **Frank Zhao**, are participating in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII. A group of six players made China's first appearance in PBA competition a year ago. Along with the players visiting Reno is a contingent of Chinese administrative leaders who are working with Zhao to expand bowling's presence in the world's most populous country.

Players who are competing in the World Series include **Huang Chen, Yao Lin, Zhang Peng, Du Jianchao** (who throws a 12-pound ball, using the distinctive “helicopter” or “spinner” technique that is popular in several Asian Rim countries), traditional left-hander **Mi Zhongli** (who finished 50th in Tuesday’s Cheetah Championship qualifying round – China’s best finish thus far), **Wang Zhiyong**, and 21-year-old lefty **Qi Wankang**, who is being hailed as one of China’s emerging stars.

By participating in Zhao’s Longmarch Pioneers League, players establish minimum 200 averages which allow them to apply for PBA membership. By bowling in the WSOB, the players are expanding their bowling knowledge and experience to take home where they are literally serving as “pioneers” in helping develop the next generation of Chinese bowlers.

Beyond the competitors, the 2015 delegation includes a group of leaders officially sent by the China Sports Bureau General, the top administrative body of all sports in China, to meet with PBA’s leaders along with USBC and BPAA leaders during a side trip to Arlington, Texas. The administrative group includes Mr. Shi, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Bowling Association; Mr. Huang, CBA Deputy Secretary; Mr. Wang, Executive Manager of Bowling, China Sports Bureau; Mr. Jia, CBB’s head coach, and Zhao, who is president of Longmarch Bowling along with leading the delegation.

EX-MLB ALL-STAR JOHN BURKETT IMPRESSED WITH MOOKIE BETTS’ DEBUT IN PBA COMPETITION

Former major league all-star pitcher **John Burkett**, who concluded his major league career as a member of the Boston Red Sox pitching staff, and recently concluded a successful “rookie” season on the PBA50 Tour, is an avid Xtra Frame viewer and PBA fan. He’s been following the GEICO WSOB VII, and here’s his take on Red Sox outfielder **Mookie Betts’** debut in PBA competition posted on Twitter Wednesday:

“I get tired of athletes from other sports claiming they can bowl. They always stink. I have respect for Mookie Betts. Kid has some game...”

ON DECK: PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO-TAHOE USA

Next up on the WSOB VII schedule is qualifying for the Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA. Qualifying squads will bowl nine-game squads at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (PT) on Friday at the National Bowling Stadium, with the top 24 players advancing to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play rounds at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The top eight qualifiers will receive a bye for the first round of Tuesday’s elimination matches.

After Tuesday’s Rounds of 24 and 16, the eight survivors will bowl the Round of 8 on Wednesday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. with the four winners advancing to the ESPN bracket finals which will be conducted on Friday, Dec. 18 at the National Bowling Stadium for delayed telecast by ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m. (ET).

Combined 36-game qualifying scores from the nine-game Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships qualifying rounds will determine the 25 percent of the field who will advance to the six-game Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers’ round at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The top 24 players based on 42-game totals will then advance to the World Championship round-robin match play finals. Three eight-game match play rounds will be contested on the PBA World Championship lane condition on Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

After 66 games contested on five different lane conditions, the top five players will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals which will begin at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT Thursday, Dec. 17.

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Bowling fans around the world can follow all of the action in WSOB VII by watching Xtra Frame’s more than 75 hours of live online coverage of all qualifying and match play rounds, or by checking “live scoring” on pba.com. Additional coverage will be provided on PBA’s Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages, both by PBA staff and a number of players in the field.

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IT’S FREE: ATTEND WORLD SERIES EVENTS UNTIL ESPN TELEVISION FINALS

Bowling fans are invited to attend all sessions of the World Series, except for the ESPN-televised finals, at no cost. Tickets will be required for the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship at 4 p.m. local time on Thursday, Dec. 17; for the finals of the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships on Friday, Dec. 18, and for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge finals on Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

Until then, there is plenty of action available at no cost. Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA qualifying squads bowl at 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Friday. The Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by PBA Tri-Regional Open competition at 2:30 and the first round PBA World Championship match play at 5 p.m. Rounding out this week's WSOB competition will be the Tri-Regional Open match play and finals beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday followed by the final two rounds of PBA World Championship match play at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Sweden's Svensson Tops PBA Chameleon Championship Qualifying Round

England's Stuart Williams leads Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifiers after three rounds

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 10, 2015) – Sweden's Jesper Svensson averaged a stunning 247 to win the qualifying round of the Professional Bowlers Association's Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Thursday in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy at the National Bowling Stadium.

The Chameleon Championship is the third of four PBA "animal pattern" championships that serve as qualifying legs of the Rolltech PBA World Championship.

Svensson, who is trying for his second PBA Tour title and first on American soil, fired games of 226, 279, 204, 246, 247, 259, 268, 235 and 259 for a 2,223 total to race into a 62-pin lead over Denmark's Thomas Larsen. After making his professional debut in PBA WSOB VI in Las Vegas last fall, the slender 20-year-old won his first PBA title in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Kingdom of Bahrain Open in March.

"I actually got lined up in the first game," Svensson said of Thursday's round. "I had some problems early in the third game, but I got some strikes late and saved it. After that, it was pretty good."

Like most of the emerging young two-handed players, Svensson said he started bowling with two hands at a very young age because "I couldn't throw the ball with one hand, so I used two, and I continued on. I've been a full-time bowler for a year now. I like coming to the World Series because it's a good learning experience. It's great to be here. I'm going to come back for many years."

After three animal pattern qualifying rounds to make the 61-player cut for the Rolltech PBA World Championship, England's Stuart Williams was bowling at a 236.5 pace to take a 103-pin lead over Canada's Patrick Girard. Rookie Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., was in third place followed by 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and two-time 2015 title winner Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. Friday's nine-game Scorpion Championship round will determine the cashers for the World Championship.

Thursday's Chameleon round proved to be the most challenging for Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, who is bowling in professional competition for the first time in Reno. Betts averaged 190.2 for the round, finishing in a tie for 204th place in the 246-player field.

"I was really frustrated with myself," Betts said. "My mechanics aren't good. I'd throw it good for a while, but I was not very consistent. I feel like I'm understanding what I need to do, but physically I'm not repeating shots and you can't compete in any sport if you can't repeat. That's what I'm really frustrated about."

The top 24 players in each of the four "animal pattern" championships that are part of the WSOB advance to best-of-five-game match play elimination rounds that will take place next Monday and Tuesday. The top 61 players based on 36-game pinfall totals after the four animal pattern legs will advance to the cashers' round of the PBA World Championship on Saturday.

All qualifying and match play rounds of the WSOB are being covered live, exclusively by PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Real-time results also will be posted on pba.com under its "live scoring" link.

CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HOTELPLANNER.COM

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Final Qualifying Standings (after nine games; top 24 advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Tuesday, Dec. 15; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 2,223.
- 2, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 2,161.
- 3, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,154.
- 4, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 2,130.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 2,128.
- 6 (tie), n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., and Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, 2,121.
- 8, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 2,119.
- 9, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 2,114.
- 10, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 2,100.
- 11, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 2,098.
- 12, Patrick Girard, Canada, 2,087.
- 13, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 2,084.
- 14, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 2,078.
- 15, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,066.
- 16, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 2,058.
- 17 (tie), Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y.; Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., and Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2,055.
- 20, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 2,054.
- 21, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 2,051.
- 22, n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 2,049.
- 23, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 2,048.
- 24, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 2,047.

Other Cashers:

- 25, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 2,046, \$600.
- 26, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,043, \$600.
- 27, Dom Barrett, England, 2,037, \$600.
- 28, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 2,030, \$600.
- 29, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 2,020, \$500.
- 30, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 2,018, \$500.
- 31, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 2,017, \$500.
- 32, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 2,010, \$500.

Failed to Cash:

- 33, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,009.
- 34, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 2,008.
- 35 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 2,007.
- 37, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 2,006.
- 38, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 2,004.
- 39, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 2,003.
- 40, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,999.
- 41 (tie), Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., and Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 1,992.
- 43 (tie), Manuel Otalora, Colombia, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 1,986.
- 45, n-Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, 1,983.
- 46, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,982.
- 47, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,980.
- 48, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,979.
- 49, n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich, 1,978.
- 50, n-Wankang Qi, China, 1,977.
- 51, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 1,973.
- 52, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,968.
- 53, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,963.
- 54, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 1,959.
- 55 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., and Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 1,956.
- 57, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,955.
- 58, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 1,954.
- 59, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,951.
- 60, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,949.
- 61, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,948.

62 (tie), Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., and T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 1,947.
64, David Maycock, Bermuda, 1,945.
65, Paul Moor, England, 1,943.
66, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,942.
67, n-Erik Vermilyea, Eagan, Minn., 1,939.
68 (tie), Daisuke Nakamura, Japan; Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., and Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,938.
71 (tie), Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, and n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,937.
73, Zhongli Mi, China, 1,933.
74, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,930.
75, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 1,928.
76 (tie), Shota Kawazoe, Japan; n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, and Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,927.
79, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,921.
80, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 1,920.
81 (tie), Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,919.
83, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 1,915.
84, Clint Land, Houston, 1,913.
85 (tie), Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., and Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,912.
87, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 1,911.
88 (tie), Santiago Mejia, Colombia, and Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 1,909.
90 (tie), Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, and Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,908.
92, Joonas Jahi, Finland, 1,907.
93, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,906.
94, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 1,901.
95, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 1,892.
96 (tie), Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., and Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,891.
98, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,890.
99, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,889.
100 (tie), Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, and Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 1,886.
102 (tie), f-Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, and Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,883.
104, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 1,882.
105 (tie), Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., and John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 1,879.
107, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,876.
108, Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash., 1,874.
109 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,872.
111, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,869.
112 (tie), Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y.; Terrance Bright, Atlanta, and f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 1,866.
115 (tie), n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., and Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 1,864.
117 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and n-Carlos Tobon, Colombia, 1,863.
119 (tie), n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,862.
121 (tie), Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., and Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 1,859.
123 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,858.
125, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,857.
126, Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 1,854.
127, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,853.
128, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,851.
129, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,849.
130, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,848.
131, Sam Cooley, Australia, 1,847.
132 (tie), Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., and Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,844.
134, PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,843.
135, David Canady, Germany, 1,841.
136, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 1,840.
137 (tie), Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., and n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 1,838.
139, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,836.
140 (tie), Shuichi Heki, Japan, and Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 1,833.
142, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,832.
143 (tie), Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio; Richie Teece, England, and n-Jianchao Du, China, 1,831.
146, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,830.

147 (tie), Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind.; Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,828.
150, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,827.
151 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Will Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,825.
153, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,824.
154, Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 1,821.
155, n-Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., 1,820.
156, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,817.
157, Jordan Jung, Canada, 1,815.
158, Zhiyong Wang, China, 1,814.
159, f-Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,812.
160, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 1,811.
161 (tie), Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., and Jonathan Hocsmán, Argentina, 1,808.
163, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,807.
164, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 1,806.
165, Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 1,804.
166, Lin Yao, China, 1,802.
167, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 1,799.
168 (tie), Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, and Chen Huang, China, 1,797.
170, n-Jason Munkberg, Redding, Calif., 1,796.
171, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,795.
172, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,792.
173, Shigeo Saitoh, Japan, 1,786.
174, n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 1,785.
175, Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Tex, 1,781.
176, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,780.
177, Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,778.
178, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 1,774.
179, Chuck Tillson, Santa Rosa, Calif., 1,773.
180, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,769.
181, Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J., 1,768.
182, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,767.
183 (tie), John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Christopher Yoshimura, Rochester, Minn., 1,766.
185, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 1,762.
186 (tie), Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., and Scott Robertson, Australia, 1,758.
188, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 1,751.
189 (tie), Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., and Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,750.
191 (tie), Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,749.
193, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 1,747.
194, f-Jacqueline Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., 1,744.
195, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 1,742.
196 (tie), f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., and Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,739.
198, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 1,738.
199, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,735.
200, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 1,730.
201, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,728.
202, n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 1,727.
203, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,714.
204 (tie), n-David Labinski, Milwaukee, and n-Mookie Betts, Boston, 1,712.
206, Brijesh Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,706.
207 (tie), Armando Santacruz, Ecuador; Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., and f-April Lord Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,702.
210, Bryan Osborne, Cypress, Calif., 1,699.
211, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,698.
212 (tie), Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., and n-Carl-Oskar Palmer, Sweden, 1,695.
214 (tie), Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C.; David Haynes, Las Vegas, and Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,685.
217, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 1,682.
218, Alvar Cardona, Spain, 1,678.
219, Matt Dammann, Canada, 1,677.
220, Peng Zhang, China, 1,670.

221, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 1,668.
 222 (tie), Mark Fennell, Seattle, and n-Stephen Bennett, Hampton, Va., 1,661.
 224, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,658.
 225, Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,655.
 226, n-Bill Fong, Plano, Texas, 1,651.
 227, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,645.
 228, Jeff Roche, Dearborn, Mich., 1,641.
 229, n-Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 1,610.
 230, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,599.
 231, Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 1,592.
 232, n-Harold Hill Jr., San Diego, 1,569.
 233, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 1,562.
 234, n-Thomas Musante, San Mateo, Calif., 1,547.
 235, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,545.
 236, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 1,515.
 237, n-Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,491.
 238, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,472.
 239, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,467.
 240, Matthew Graham, Stockton, Calif., 1,466.
 241, n-John Leathers, Anaconda, Mont., 1,464.
 (Five players have withdrawn)
 n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female
300 Games: Zeke Bayt.

ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Qualifying Standings (after 27 games in Cheetah, Viper and Chameleon Championships; top 61 after 36 games advance to cashers' round on Saturday at 10 a.m. PT):

1, Stuart Williams, England, 6,386.
 2, Patrick Girard, Canada, 6,273.
 3, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 6,220.
 4, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 6,186.
 5, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 6,181.
 6, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 6,165.
 7, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,143.
 8 (tie), Thomas Larsen, Denmark, and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 6,141.
 10, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 6,140.
 11, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 6,139.
 12, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 6,123.
 13, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 6,118.
 14, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 6,087.
 15, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 6,083.
 16, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6,055.
 17, Paul Moor, England, 6,054.
 18 (tie), Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 6,053.
 20, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 6,049.
 21, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 6,047.
 22, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 6,043.
 23, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 6,031.
 24, Sam Cooley, Australia, 6,028.
 25, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6,021.
 26, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 6,012.
 27, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 6,008.
 28, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 6,007.
 29, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 6,000.
 30, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 5,998.
 31, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 5,997.

32, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 5,979.
32, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 5,979.
34, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 5,976.
35, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 5,953.
36, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 5,950.
37, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 5,948.
38, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 5,946.
39, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 5,932.
40, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 5,931.
41, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 5,928.
42 (tie), Pascal Winternheimer, Germany, and Tobias Boerding, Germany, 5,924.
44, Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 5,912.
45, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 5,899.
46 (tie), Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, and T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 5,890.
48, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 5,887.
49, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 5,876.
50, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 5,870.
51, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 5,862.
52, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 5,860.
53, Osku Palermaa, Finland, 5,857.
54, Dom Barrett, England, 5,852.
55 (tie), n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev.; Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., and Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 5,843.
58, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 5,837.
59 (tie), Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 5,833.
61, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 5,828.
62, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 5,826.
63, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,823.
64, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 5,818.
65, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 5,817.
66, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 5,813.
67, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 5,807.
68, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 5,801.
69, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 5,800.
70, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 5,799.
71, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,787.
72, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 5,785.
73, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 5,776.
74, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 5,768.
75, n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich, 5,767.
76, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 5,762.
77, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,754.
78, Zhongli Mi, China, 5,735.
79 (tie), Richie Teece, England, and Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 5,729.
81, n-Erik Vermilyea, Eagan, Minn., 5,728.
82, David Maycock, Bermuda, 5,726.
83, n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 5,724.
84, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 5,722.
85, Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 5,720.
86, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 5,711.
87, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 5,710.
88 (tie), Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., and Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,703.
90, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 5,701.
91, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 5,698.
92 (tie), n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, and Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 5,694.
94 (tie), n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., and Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,687.
96, Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 5,682.
97, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 5,678.
98, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 5,677.

99, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 5,671.

100 (tie), Shota Kawazoe, Japan, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,670.

Japan's Fujii Takes Early PBA Scorpion Championship Qualifying Lead

England's Williams conquers animal patterns as early PBA World Championship qualifying leader

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 11, 2015) – The 2015 Japan Professional Bowlers Association's competition points leader, Nobuhito Fujii, averaged 235.78 Friday to take the early qualifying lead in the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA at the National Bowling Stadium.

England's Stuart Williams, who won his first and only PBA Tour title in the 2011 Viper Championship in Las Vegas, put himself into position to qualify among the top 24 finalists in all four animal pattern events and virtually locked himself into the 36-game Rolltech PBA World Championship lead.

The Scorpion Championship is the final "animal pattern" qualifying leg leading up to the Rolltech PBA World Championship. The top 24 Scorpion qualifiers will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Tuesday at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. PT. Half of the 246-player field in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy will complete their Scorpion round later Friday.

Fujii, 28, rolled games of 287, 177, 258, 237, 227, 237, 212, 243 and 244 for a 2,122 total and a 40-pin lead over Sweden's Martin Larsen among the early finishers on the 47-foot Scorpion lane condition. He became the first Japanese player to lead a World Series event – even among the early finishers. And he was happy to redeem himself for a disappointing 200th-place finish a day earlier in the Chameleon Championship.

"I just bowled like I usually do, because I haven't done that the past three days," the two-time JPBA title winner said through his interpreter. "I tried to be myself. Generally longer patterns are better than the shorter ones. Yesterday (the Chameleon pattern) was 43 feet, but I just couldn't score. Today I just tried to relax more on each shot. I'm happy."

Williams, the first bowler from England to win a PBA title, is likely to join an elite group of players to qualify among the top 24 in all four animal pattern events. He was sixth in the Cheetah, second in the Viper, fifth in the Chameleon and sat in seventh place among the early Scorpion leaders. His overall total of 8,407 pins – a 233.5 average for 36 games – is easily his best World Series performance since being one of the pioneering international players to bowl the first WSOB in Detroit in 2009.

"I'm ecstatic," Williams said. "This (the Scorpion) was definitely my weakest pattern so to be 221 pins over (a 200 average) is great. It's the most consistent I've ever had."

"I tend to make my preparations around the World Series, and I've previously had good results for two or three days, but never all four," he added. "The key all week has been patience. I look at it like it's a 36-game tournament, not four nine-game tournaments, so key is to avoid the really big low games."

"Having played on these oil patterns a few times, you have an idea of what you want to do. The Viper is the only one I wasn't sure what I was going to do, but when we started, I found a good plan during practice and it worked out well."

Trailing Williams among the early group to complete 36 games was 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., with 8,259 pins.

Boston Red Sox outfield Mookie Betts, bowling in the professional arena for the first time, had his most trying round on the Scorpion lane condition, averaging 181 for a nine-game total of 1,629 pins. For his 36 games, the 23-year-old Betts averaged 190.

"He's frustrated, but he's already figuring out what he needs to do to prepare for next year," his mother, Diana Benedict, said. "It has all been a great learning experience."

GEICO WSOB VII competition continues Saturday when the top 61 players based on composite 36-game totals for the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion qualifying rounds will bowl a six-game cashers' round. After 42 games, the top 14 players will move on to the PBA World Championship head-to-head match play rounds on Saturday and Sunday. After 66 games, the top five will

compete in the live ESPN stepladder finals on Thursday at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for the \$60,000 first prize and the PBA's final major championship title of 2015.

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SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO-TAHOE USA

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Friday

Early Qualifying Standings (top 50 after nine games after B Squad; A squad completed its round Friday evening. Top 24 will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Tuesday, Dec. 15; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 2,122.
 - 2, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,082.
 - 3, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,073.
 - 3, Dom Barrett, England, 2,073.
 - 5, Chris Arcaro, Wilmington, N.C., 2,024.
 - 6, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,023.
 - 7, Stuart Williams, England, 2,021.
 - 8, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,020.
 - 9, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 2,008.
 - 10, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,007.
 - 11, fp-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 2,002.
 - 12 (tie), Markus Jansson, Sweden, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 2,000.
 - 14, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 1,991.
 - 15, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,989.
 - 16, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,982.
 - 17, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,980.
 - 18, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,973.
 - 19, Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, 1,971.
 - 20, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 1,969.
 - 21, Paul Moor, England, 1,963.
 - 22, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,954.
 - 23 (tie), Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,952.
 - 25, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,944.
 - 26, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,942.
 - 27 (tie), Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 1,935.
 - 29 (tie), Shota Kawazoe, Japan; Osku Palermaa, Finland, and Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 1,932.
 - 32 (tie), J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,930.
 - 34, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,929.
 - 35, n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 1,927.
 - 36, Shigeo Saitoh, Japan, 1,926.
 - 37 (tie), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., and Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 1,924.
 - 39 (tie), Joonas Jahi, Finland, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,922.
 - 41, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 1,913.
 - 42, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,912.
 - 43, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,910.
 - 44 (tie), B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., and Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 1,909.
 - 46, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,890.
 - 47, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,886.
 - 48, n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, 1,884.
 - 49, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,882.
 - 50, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,880.
- n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female

300 Games: none.

MOOKIE BETTS COMPLETE BOWLING EXPERIENCE, HEADS HOME FOR CHARITY EVENT

After bowling his final round of professional competition for the first time, Boston Red Sox outfielder **Mookie Betts** boarded an airplane in Reno early Friday afternoon to return home to Nashville, Tenn. At 10 a.m. Saturday, he'll bowl in his mother's 25th annual celebrity charity bowling event along with his friend and newly-signed Red Sox teammate, pitcher **David Price**.

Betts, 23, completed his four "animal pattern" rounds in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy with a 190 average. His average was respectable, especially considering his inexperience, the challenging lane conditions and the caliber of competition he bowled against. His physical skills as a bowler were evident, but his lack of experience in dealing with changing lane conditions caused him problems.

Saturday, he'll be back at home, bowling with Price and others in the Mookie Betts Celebrity Bowling Classic to help raise money for several local charities. The fund-raising event was started in 1990 – two years before Betts was born – by his mother, **Diana Benedict**, in cooperation with the Music City Senate of The National Bowling Association. Donelson Strike & Spare in Nashville is the host bowling center. While entries for the celebrity bowling event are closed, the event also will auction off a variety of autographed memorabilia to help with the fund-raising.

Betts will return to Reno in time for the live ESPN telecast of the Rolltech PBA World Championship next Thursday at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. local time), and he'll make a guest appearance in the broadcast booth during the telecast.

ON DECK: ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CASHERS' ROUND, MATCH PLAY

Next up on the WSOB VII schedule is the six-game cashers' round for the Rolltech PBA World Championship Saturday at 10 a.m. local time, followed by the first of three eight-game match play rounds for the 24 World Championship qualifiers at 5 p.m. During the break, the PBA Tri-Regional Open will contest its eight-game qualifying round starting at 2:30 p.m., leading to match play and finals on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Combined 36-game qualifying scores from the nine-game Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships qualifying rounds determined the 61 players who advanced to the cashers' round at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The top 24 based on 42-game totals after the cashers' round will advance to World Championship round-robin match play. The final two match play rounds will be contested on the PBA World Championship lane condition on Sunday at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT and 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT.

After 66 games contested on five different lane conditions, the top five players will advance to the live ESPN stepladder finals which will begin at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT Thursday, Dec. 17.

MARSHALL HOLMAN JOINS XTRA FRAME TEAM BEGINNING SUNDAY NIGHT

Bowling fans around the world can follow all of the action in WSOB VII by watching Xtra Frame's more than 75 hours of live online coverage of all qualifying and match play rounds, or by checking "live scoring" on pba.com. PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman** will join the Xtra Frame broadcast team beginning Sunday at 8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT for the final round of Rolltech PBA World Championship match play. Holman then will provide analysis during the animal pattern match play elimination rounds Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Additional WSOB coverage is being provided throughout the PBA Network on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages, both by the PBA and a number of players and industry representatives who are in Reno for the greatest show in bowling.

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IT'S FREE: ATTEND WORLD SERIES EVENTS UNTIL ESPN TELEVISION FINALS

Bowling fans are invited to attend all sessions of the World Series, except for the ESPN-televised finals, at no cost. Tickets will be required for the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship at 4 p.m. local time on Thursday, Dec. 17; for the finals of the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships on Friday, Dec. 18, and for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge finals on Saturday, Dec. 19. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

Until then, all action is available at no cost. The Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, followed by PBA Tri-Regional Open competition at 2:30 and the first round PBA World Championship match play at 5 p.m. Rounding out this week's WSOB competition will be the Tri-Regional Open match play and finals beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday followed by the final two rounds of PBA World Championship match play at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Texas Teen Anthony Simonsen Leads PBA Scorpion Championship Qualifying

England's Williams conquers animal patterns to pace PBA World Championship qualifying

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 11, 2015) – Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, has a chance to tie Norm Duke's record as the youngest bowler in history to win a Professional Bowlers Association Tour title, after leading qualifying in the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA Friday at the National Bowling Stadium, and advancing into the cashers' round of the Rolltech PBA World Championship.

Simonsen, a two-handed player, averaged 241.2 for his nine games on the PBA's Scorpion lane condition Friday behind games of 216, 279, 226, 233, 217, 233, 290, 240 and 237. His 2,171 total led the top 24 qualifiers into the five-game Scorpion Championship match play elimination rounds on Tuesday.

In the interim, Simonsen has a chance to win his first PBA Tour title if he can reach stepladder finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship which will be televised live on ESPN next Thursday. As the 25th qualifier heading into the World Championship cashers' and match play rounds Saturday and Sunday, he has work to do to qualify among the top five TV finalists, but a title on Thursday would match Duke's youngest titlist record at age 18 years, 345 days, which Duke set when he won the 1983 Cleveland Open.

"That's a little extra flame for my fire," Simonsen said Friday after overtaking Japan's Nobuhito Fujii for the Scorpion lead by 49 pins.

"The first couple of days at the World Series weren't very good physically, and yesterday I missed the match play cut (in the Chameleon Championship) by a pin," Simonsen said. "That was disappointing and gave me a little more fuel today. I had a number in mind I wanted to post today to get me into the World Championship field, and I exceeded that.

"Whether or not I can get the youngest title might bother me for a while, but I'm here to bowl for a title, period. It doesn't matter whether I'm 60 or whatever."

If Simonsen can't tie Duke's record on Thursday, he has a chance to become the second-oldest titlist if he can win the Scorpion Championship and, if that doesn't happen, Simonsen and partner Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., are top qualifiers for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship that will be decided next Saturday.

Among the 60 players standing in Simonsen's way in the World Championship field is England's Stuart Williams, who won his first and only PBA Tour title in the 2011 Viper Championship in Las Vegas. Williams joined an elite group of players who have qualified among the top 24 match play finalists in all four animal pattern events in the seven-year history of the WSOB, and by doing so, he rolled into the 36-game Rolltech PBA World Championship qualifying lead.

Williams qualified 14th in Friday's Scorpion round, the final "animal pattern" qualifying leg leading into the PBA World Championship, for an overall total of 8,407 pins – a 233.5 average for 36 games in the four qualifying legs. WSOB VII is easily his best World Series performance since being one of the first international players to bowl in the inaugural WSOB in Detroit in 2009.

"I'm ecstatic," the 34-year-old Williams said. "(The Scorpion) was definitely my weakest pattern so to be 221 pins over (a 200 average) today was great.

"It's the most consistent World Series I've ever had. I tend to make my preparations for the year around the World Series, and I've previously had good results for two or three days, but never all four," he added. "The key all week has been patience. I look at it like it's a 36-game tournament, not four nine-game tournaments, so the key is to avoid the really big low games."

Trailing Williams in World Championship qualifying was 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., with 8,259 pins. Two-time 2015 titlist Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., qualified third with 8,172 pins followed by Patrick Girard of Canada with 8,134 pins and Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., with an 8,111 total.

Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, completing his debut in professional bowling competition, had his most trying round on Friday's Scorpion lane condition, averaging 181 for a nine-game total of 1,629 pins. For his 36 games on the four animal pattern lane conditions, the 23-year-old Betts averaged 190.

"It was fun, but after going through it, I have a whole new respect for what players go through to make it to the television finals," Betts said. "For me, the toughest part of it was the mental side. You have to know what kind of adjustments to make within the first couple of frames. I didn't know what to do, and it showed. But hopefully I'll have a chance to come back next year, and if I do, I'll practice more and figure it out."

Saturday's GEICO WSOB VII competition features the top 61 World Championship qualifiers bowling a six-game cashers' round. Based on 42-game totals, the top 24 players will bowl World Championship head-to-head match play rounds Saturday at 8 p.m. ET and Sunday at 1 and 8 p.m. ET. After 66 games of qualifying and match play, the top five will compete in the live ESPN stepladder finals on Thursday at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT for the \$60,000 first prize and the PBA's final major championship title of 2015.

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Final Qualifying Standings (after nine games; top 24 will advance to best-of-five-game single-elimination match play Tuesday, Dec. 15; top 8 receive first round bye):

- 1, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 2,171.
- 2, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 2,122.
- 3, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 2,082.
- 4, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 2,076.
- 5 (tie), Dom Barrett, England, and E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 2,073.
- 7 (tie), Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., and Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 2,060.
- 9, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2,034.
- 10, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 2,033.
- 11, n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 2,029.
- 12, Chris Arcaro, Charlotte, N.C., 2,024.
- 13, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 2,023.
- 14 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Stuart Williams, England, 2,021.
- 16, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 2,020.
- 17, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 2,008.
- 18, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 2,007.
- 19 (tie), f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., and Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 2,002.
- 21 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., and Markus Jansson, Sweden, 2,000.
- 23, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 1,999.
- 24, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 1,997.

Other Cashers:

- 25, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 1,994, \$600.
- 26 (tie), Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., and Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 1,991, \$600.
- 28, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 1,989, \$500.
- 29, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 1,988, \$500.
- 30, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 1,987, \$500.
- 31, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 1,982, \$500.

Failed to Advance:

- 32, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 1,980.
- 33, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 1,974.
- 34, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 1,973.
- 35, Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, 1,971.
- 36, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 1,970.
- 37 (tie), Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., and n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 1,969.

39, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 1,966.
40 (tie), Paul Moor, England, and n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 1,963.
42, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 1,960.
43, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 1,959.
44, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 1,957.
45, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 1,954.
46 (tie), n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., and Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 1,952.
49, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 1,951.
50, n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 1,950.
51, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 1,949.
52, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 1,944.
53, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 1,942.
54 (tie), Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., and Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,935.
57 (tie), Osku Palermmaa, Finland, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 1,932.
60 (tie), J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., and Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 1,930.
62, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 1,929.
63, n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 1,927.
64, Shigeo Saitoh, Japan, 1,926.
65 (tie), Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 1,924.
67 (tie), Joonas Jahi, Finland, and Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 1,922.
69, n-Erik Vermilyea, Eagan, Minn., 1,920.
70, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 1,918.
71 (tie), Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., and Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 1,916.
73 (tie), Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., and Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 1,913.
75, Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, 1,912.
76, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 1,911.
77, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 1,910.
78 (tie), Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., and B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 1,909.
81, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 1,907.
82, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla., 1,899.
83, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 1,898.
84, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 1,894.
85, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 1,893.
86 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., and Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 1,890.
88, Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,887.
89 (tie), Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., and n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 1,886.
91, n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, 1,884.
92 (tie), n-Jianchao Du, China, and PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 1,883.
94, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 1,882.
95, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 1,880.
96, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 1,879.
97, Matt Dammann, Canada, 1,878.
98, n-David Labinski, Milwaukee, 1,874.
99, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 1,871.
100, Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., 1,870.
101 (tie), Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., and Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 1,867.
104 (tie), T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., and Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 1,866.
106 (tie), Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., and Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 1,865.
108 (tie), John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., and Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 1,863.
110, Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J., 1,862.
111, Patrick Girard, Canada, 1,861.
112, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 1,860.
113 (tie), Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, and Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 1,858.
115, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 1,857.
116 (tie), John Furey, Freehold, N.J., and Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 1,856.
118 (tie), Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, n-Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, and Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 1,855.
121, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 1,854.
122, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 1,852.

123 (tie), Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., and Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 1,851.
125, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 1,849.
126 (tie), Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., and Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 1,848.
128, David Canady, Germany, 1,847.
129 (tie), Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., David Maycock, Bermuda, and Christopher Yoshimura, Rochester, Minn., 1,843.
132, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 1,841.
133 (tie), Scott Robertson, Australia, n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich., and Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 1,840.
136, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 1,838.
137, Chuck Tillson, Santa Rosa, Calif., 1,837.
138 (tie), n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, and Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 1,836.
140, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 1,835.
141, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 1,831.
142, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 1,829.
143, Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 1,828.
144, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 1,827.
145, f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 1,826.
146, Jordan Jung, Canada, 1,825.
147 (tie), Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., and Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 1,824.
149, f-Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 1,823.
150, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 1,821.
151, Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Tex, 1,820.
152, Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 1,819.
153, Zhongli Mi, China, 1,812.
154, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 1,811.
155, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 1,809.
156, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 1,806.
157, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 1,805.
158 (tie), Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, and Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 1,804.
160, Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 1,803.
161, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,802.
162, Richie Teece, England, 1,798.
163 (tie), Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., f-Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, and n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 1,797.
166, Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 1,794.
167, Alvar Cardona, Spain, 1,793.
168, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 1,790.
169, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 1,788.
170, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 1,786.
171 (tie), Shuichi Heki, Japan, and Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 1,780.
173, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 1,779.
174, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 1,778.
175, n-Bill Fong, Plano, Texas, 1,775.
176, Zhiyong Wang, China, 1,773.
177 (tie), Lin Yao, China, and n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 1,772.
179, Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 1,770.
180 (tie), Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, and Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 1,767.
182, Pat Nolan, Japan, 1,763.
183, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 1,761.
184, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 1,759.
185, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,756.
186, f-Jacqueline Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., 1,751.
187 (tie), Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 1,750.
189, Bryan Osborne, Cypress, Calif., 1,748.
190 (tie), n-Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., and Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 1,747.
193 (tie), Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., and Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 1,746.
195, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 1,741.
196, Clint Land, Houston, 1,740.
197, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 1,730.
198, n-Jason Munkberg, Redding, Calif., 1,726.

199 (tie), f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., and n-Carlos Tobon, Colombia, 1,723.
 201, n-Stephen Bennett, Hampton, Va., 1,718.
 202, Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash., 1,717.
 203, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 1,711.
 204, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 1,705.
 205, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 1,699.
 206, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 1,698.
 207, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 1,695.
 208, n-Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 1,690.
 209, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 1,686.
 210, n-Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 1,684.
 211, fp-April Lord Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,682.
 212, Will Garber, Modesto, Calif., 1,678.
 213, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 1,677.
 214, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 1,675.
 215, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 1,673.
 216, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 1,670.
 217, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 1,667.
 218, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 1,665.
 219 (tie), Peng Zhang, China, and n-Carl-Oskar Palmer, Sweden, 1,661.
 221, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 1,660.
 222, Chen Huang, China, 1,655.
 223, Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 1,648.
 224, Mark Fennell, Seattle, 1,643.
 225, n-Thomas Musante, San Mateo, Calif., 1,636.
 226 (tie), Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., and David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 1,631.
 228, n-Mookie Betts, Boston, 1,629.
 229, Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,626.
 230, Brijesh Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 1,625.
 231, n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 1,619.
 232, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 1,604.
 233, n-Wankang Qi, China, 1,577.
 234, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 1,559.
 235, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 1,555.
 236, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 1,544.
 237, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 1,526.
 238, Matthew Graham, Stockton, Calif., 1,522.
 239, n-John Leathers, Anaconda, Mont., 1,470.
 n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female

300 Games: Sam Cooley.

ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Friday

Final Qualifying Standings (after 36 games in Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships; top 61 advance to cashers' round on Saturday at 1 p.m. ET/10 a.m. PT):

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 8,407.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 8,259.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 8,172.
- 4, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8,134.
- 5, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 8,111.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 8,103.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 8,087.
- 8, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 8,075.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 8,074.
- 10, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 8,071.
- 11, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 8,070.
- 12, Sam Cooley, Australia, 8,062.

- 13, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 8,057.
- 14, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 8,050.
- 15, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 8,036.
- 16, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 8,020.
- 17, Paul Moor, England, 8,017.
- 18, n-Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 8,013.
- 19, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 8,007.
- 20, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 7,999.
- 21, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 7,996.
- 22, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 7,992.
- 23, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 7,973.
- 24, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 7,963.
- 25, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 7,947.
- 26, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 7,943.
- 27, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 7,933.
- 28, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 7,932.
- 29, Markus Jansson, Sweden, 7,928.
- 30, Dom Barrett, England, 7,925.
- 31, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 7,924.
- 32, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 7,922.
- 33, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 7,916.
- 34, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 7,899.
- 35, Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, 7,890.
- 36, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7,885.
- 37, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 7,883.
- 38, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 7,864.
- 39, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 7,863.
- 40, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 7,836.
- 41, Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 7,834.
- 42, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 7,833.
- 43, n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 7,812.
- 44, Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 7,810.
- 45, Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 7,803.
- 46, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 7,802.
- 47, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7,793.
- 48 (tie), Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., and Osku Palermaa, Finland, 7,789.
- 50, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 7,775.
- 51, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., 7,769.
- 52, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 7,768.
- 53, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 7,759.
- 54, T.J. Schmidt, Mishawaka, Ind., 7,756.
- 55, Tom Baker, King, N.C., 7,754.
- 56, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 7,753.
- 57, Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, 7,751.
- 58, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 7,728.
- 59, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7,718.
- 60, Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 7,707.
- 61, n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 7,706.

Failed to Advance:

- 62, Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 7,702.
- 63, Mitch Beasley, Nashville, Tenn., 7,699.
- 64, D.J. Archer, Friendswood, Texas, 7,693.
- 65, n-Kamron Doyle, Brentwood, Tenn., 7,687.
- 66, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 7,683.
- 67 (tie), Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, and Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 7,682.
- 69 (tie), Chris Arcaro, Charlotte, N.C., and Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 7,681.
- 71 (tie), Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 7,677.
- 73, Mark Sullivan, Indianapolis, 7,675.

74, n-Jimmy Cook, Indianapolis, 7,674.
75, Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 7,671.
76, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 7,661.
77, Mike DeVaney, Winchester, Calif., 7,659.
78, Patrick Allen, Mount Kisco, N.Y., 7,657.
79, Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 7,653.
80, n-Erik Vermilyea, Eagan, Minn., 7,648.
81, Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., 7,641.
82, Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 7,638.
83, n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 7,637.
84, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, 7,634.
85, Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 7,632.
86, Tom Daugherty, Wesley Chapel, Fla., 7,628.
87, Santiago Mejia, Colombia, 7,623.
88, Jesse Buss, Belvidere, Ill., 7,617.
89, f-Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 7,616.
90, n-Christopher Sand, St Clair Shores, Mich, 7,607.
91 (tie), Dave Wodka, Beavercreek, Ohio, and Aaron Lorincz, Belleville, Mich., 7,606.
93, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 7,602.
94, n-Jon Trzcinski, Bay Shore, N.Y., 7,600.
95, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 7,597.
96, n-Charles Easton, Sylvania, Ohio, 7,578.
97, David Haynes, Las Vegas, 7,577.
98, n-Eric Fritton, Waukesha, Wis., 7,573.
99, Chris Loschetter, Avon, Ohio, 7,572.
100, David Maycock, Bermuda, 7,569.
101, Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 7,559.
102, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 7,558.
103, Kevin Croucher, Grants Pass, Ore., 7,554.
104, Zhongli Mi, China, 7,547.
105, Humberto Vazquez, Mexico, 7,539.
106, Lee Vanderhoef, Canton, Ga., 7,529.
107, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 7,528.
108 (tie), PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., and Richie Teece, England, 7,527.
110, Dean Richards, Tacoma, Wash., 7,522.
111, John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 7,514.
112, Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 7,505.
113, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 7,495.
114, Will Barnes, Wichita, Kan., 7,493.
115, Jaime Gonzalez, Colombia, 7,486.
116, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., 7,480.
117, Keven Williams, Springfield, Mo., 7,476.
118, Joachim Karlsson, Sweden, 7,473.
119, Hashim Guinomla, Philippines, 7,471.
120, Brad Miller, Maryland Hts, Mo., 7,469.
121, n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 7,468.
122, n-Benjamin Canfield, Tempe, Ariz., 7,462.
123, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., 7,443.
124, Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 7,436.
125, Craig LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 7,434.
126 (tie), Scott Newell, Deland, Fla., and Johnathan Bower, Middletown, Pa., 7,432.
128, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 7,425.
129, n-Jianchao Du, China, 7,412.
130 (tie), Shigeo Saitoh, Japan, and f-Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif., 7,405.
132, Jeff Evans, Supply, N.C., 7,403.
133, Andrew Suscreba, Clifton, N.J., 7,402.
134, Austin Hunt, Kennewick, Wash., 7,398.
135, Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., 7,394.

136, Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 7,392.
137, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, 7,390.
138, Jeremy Mooney, West Palm Beach, Fla., 7,385.
139, n-Anton Ahlgren, Sweden, 7,384.
140, J.T. Jackson, Sherman Oaks, Calif., 7,377.
141, Joe Goldstein Sr., San Bruno, Calif., 7,376.
142, f-Inngellimar Beasley, Venezuela, 7,369.
143, Dick Allen, Columbia, S.C., 7,365.
144, Shuichi Heki, Japan, 7,362.
145, Josh Conner, Columbus, Ohio, 7,344.
146, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del., 7,334.
147, Jordan Jung, Canada, 7,324.
148 (tie), Joonas Jahi, Finland, and Casey Knutson, Femley, Nev., 7,316.
150, Miguel Lopez, Wichita, Kan., 7,315.
151, Toby Contreras, Lee's Summit, Mo., 7,313.
152, Greg Ostrander, Freehold, N.J., 7,312.
153, Julio Cesar Blancas, Mexico, 7,299.
154, Jonathan Sellers, Stratford, Conn., 7,293.
155, Kevin Donovan, Painted Post, N.Y., 7,292.
156, Ernest Lukacs Jr., Manville, N.J., 7,277.
157, Brian Valenta, Lockport, Ill., 7,274.
158, Jonathan Hocsman, Argentina, 7,266.
159, Joe Paluszek, Bensalem, Pa., 7,259.
160, Matt Dammann, Canada, 7,258.
161 (tie), Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., Bob Spaulding, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dave Bernhardt, Romeo, Mich., 7,257.
164, David Canady, Germany, 7,253.
165, Brian Robinson, Morgantown, W.Va., 7,250.
166, n-Carlos Tobon, Colombia, 7,246.
167, Chuck Tillson, Santa Rosa, Calif., 7,243.
168, Andrew Graff, Las Vegas, 7,238.
168, f-Yuka Tsuchiya, Japan, 7,238.
170, Pat Nolan, Japan, 7,235.
171, Craig Auerbach, Sunrise, Fla., 7,226.
172, n-Jason Munkberg, Redding, Calif., 7,223.
173, Eddy Smith, Stanwood, Wash., 7,218.
174, Luke Matthys, Whitestown, Ind., 7,213.
175, Terrance Bright, Atlanta, 7,210.
176, Myles Duty, Modesto, Calif., 7,200.
177, Randy Weiss, Columbia, S.C., 7,198.
178, n-Rob Edwards, Vancouver, Wash., 7,190.
179, Will Vidulich, Parsippany, N.J., 7,188.
180, Scott Robertson, Australia, 7,186.
181, Blake Demore, Springfield, Mo., 7,181.
182, Chris Colella, Templeton, Mass., 7,175.
183, Jean Perez, Puerto Rico, 7,144.
184, Zhiyong Wang, China, 7,135.
185, Clint Land, Houston, 7,133.
186, Brett Cunningham, Clay, N.Y., 7,126.
187, n-Michael Villarreal, Lakewood, Calif., 7,125.
188, Alvar Cardona, Spain, 7,118.
189, Chad Lusche, Parker, Colo., 7,100.
190, Adam Ferri, Jeannette, Pa., 7,099.
191, Cris Ferreira, Visalia, Calif., 7,085.
192, Will Garber, Modesto, Calif., 7,084.
193, n-David Labinski, Milwaukee, 7,075.
194, Peng Zhang, China, 7,071.
195, n-Trey Ford III, Bartlesville, Okla., 7,069.
196, Paul LeMond, Jasper, Ind., 7,048.

197, Lin Yao, China, 7,044.
198, Noel Vazquez, Sacramento, Calif., 7,043.
199, n-Bill Fong, Plano, Texas, 7,041.
200, Derek Handy, Redmond, Wash., 7,032.
201, David Shinn, West Columbia, S.C., 7,013.
202, Harrison Jarvis, San Antonio, Tex, 7,009.
203, n-Don Allen III, Vancouver, Wash., 6,988.
204, f-Elise Bolton, Merritt Island, Fla., 6,969.
205, Junia Yoshida, Japan, 6,933.
206, f-Jacqueline Carbonetto, Blauvelt, N.Y., 6,916.
207, Brian Nicodemus, Akron, Ind., 6,903.
208, John Austin Jr., Friendswood, Texas, 6,891.
209, Wes Newman, Panama City, Fla, 6,880.
210, n-Mookie Betts, Boston, 6,845.
211, f-April Lord Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 6,832.
212, Armando Santacruz, Ecuador, 6,809.
213, Chen Huang, China, 6,800.
214, David Sevier, Gilbert, Ariz., 6,777.
215, Bryan Osborne, Cypress, Calif., 6,770.
216, Christopher Yoshimura, Rochester, Minn., 6,765.
217, Akiko Suzuki, Japan, 6,761.
218, Warren Burr, Wilmington, Del., 6,738.
219, n-Carl-Oskar Palmer, Sweden, 6,737.
220, Glenn Morgan, Carson City, Nev., 6,719.
221, Andre Eubanks, Los Angeles, 6,703.
222, Steve Ford, Seaside, Ore., 6,696.
223, n-Nelson Sand, Maple Valley, Wash., 6,680.
224, n-Stephen Bennett, Hampton, Va., 6,648.
225, Mateo Hernandez, Argentina, 6,643.
226, n-Michael Duran, Banning, Calif., 6,626.
227, Tommy Barna, Westminster, Md., 6,620.
228, Ray Cobb, Highland, Calif., 6,574.
229, Mark Fennell, Seattle, 6,556.
230, Steve Adams, Grass Valley, Calif., 6,548.
231, Brijesh Patel, Hollywood, Calif., 6,546.
232, Cody Copeland, Abilene, Texas, 6,502.
233, Mike Watson, Grass Valley, Calif., 6,449.
234, n-Thomas Musante, San Mateo, Calif., 6,210.
235, Adrian McCoy, British Virgin Islands, 6,151.
236, Jimmy Smith, Puyallup, Wash., 6,011.
237, Matthew Graham, Stockton, Calif., 5,959.
238, n-John Leathers, Anaconda, Mont., 5,760.
Six additional players withdrew
n-denotes non-member; f-denotes female

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII Notebook

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS MAKE A STATEMENT AT WSOB VII

In its seventh generation, the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling continues to provide an unprecedented showcase for bowling around the world. The international impact on the 2015 WSOB is noted by the distribution of players throughout the animal pattern rounds. Here's a summary of the top 24 players for each of the animal pattern championships, as well as the Rolltech PBA World Championship leader board. In addition to the U.S., players represented in each animal pattern event include:

PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game: Australia, England, Venezuela, Sweden, Canada.
Other cashers: Finland.

GoBowling Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame: England, Canada, Sweden, Japan, Finland, Thailand. Other cashers: Denmark, Germany, Bermuda.

PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com: Sweden, Denmark, England, Germany, Canada, Thailand, Colombia. Other cashers: Finland.

PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA: Japan, Sweden, England, Australia. Other cashers: Colombia.

Rolltech PBA World Championship: England, Canada, Sweden, Denmark, Australia. Other top 61 cashers: Colombia, Finland, Germany, Thailand, Venezuela.

SPEAKING OF ANIMAL PATTERNS...

The PBA also has been tracking the scoring pace on every pair of lanes in use in the National Bowling Stadium. Here's a quick summary of PBA's data, which only considers the players who bowled on those lanes in the respective rounds – not the entire field:

Cheetah Championship: The highest-scoring pair of lanes during the Cheetah round was 61-62, where all players who bowled on that pair averaged 220.64. The lowest-scoring pair in the Cheetah round was 67-68, with a 206.31 composite average. Lanes 25-26, which will be used for the ESPN television finals scored at a 215.99 pace.

Viper Championship: The highest-scoring pair was 57-58 with a 208.69 average. The lowest-scoring pair was 47-48 with a 187.74 average. The TV pair scoring average was 196.14.

Chameleon Championship: The highest-scoring pair was 11-12 with a 213.24 average. The lowest-scoring pair was 5-6 with a 199.29 average. The TV pair scored at a 207.90 pace.

Scorpion Championship: The highest-scoring pair was 7-8 with a 215.06 average. The lowest-scoring pair was 49-50 with a 190.94 average. The TV pair scored at a 205.66 pace.

World Championship (combined 36 games, all four animal patterns): The highest-scoring pair overall for the four animal patterns was 19-20 with a 210.41 average. The lowest-scoring pair was 47-48 with a 200.34 average. The TV pair scored at a 205.6 pace.

BILL O'NEILL GETS FIRST-HAND LOOK AT ASIAN "HELICOPTER" TECHNIQUE

Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., has pretty much seen it all as a four-time collegiate All-American, seven-time PBA Tour titlist and seven-term member of Team USA. But during the GEICO WSOB VII in Reno this week, he's getting a first-hand look at the Asian "helicopter" or "spinner" bowling technique for the first time.

O'Neill, 34, has been bowling the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion "animal pattern" events along with **Aaron Lorincz** of Belleville, Mich.; **Mark Fennell** of Seattle and China's "helicopter" player, **Jianchao Du**.

The spinner technique involves use of a lightweight ball (12 pounds in Du's case, often even lighter), a down-the-center ball path and a unique flick-of-the-wrist release that causes the ball to travel with a very tight spin. The result is a slight "backup" or reverse-hook arc with the ball hitting the 1-3 pocket and deflecting to the right, taking out the 6 and 10 pins while throwing the 1-3-6-10 pin row into the remainder of the rack of pins.

Veteran PBA observers were hard-pressed to recall ever seeing a "helicopter" player in PBA competition before, although a number of the Asian stylists have bowled in FIQ/World Bowling competition for years.

"It's really interesting," O'Neill said of Du's technique. "He rarely misses the headpin. It's an effective technique when lane conditions are really difficult because the players who are really good at it can shoot 215 all day long. But they rarely shoot big games."

Du, one of seven Chinese bowlers competing in Reno, finished 131st on the Cheetah pattern (213.89 average), 131st on the Viper pattern (197), tied for 143rd on the Chameleon pattern (203.44), 92nd on the Scorpion pattern (209.22 average) and (205.89 average) for his 36-game World Championship qualifying total.

ON DECK: ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH PLAY

Next up on the WSOB VII schedule at Reno's National Bowling Stadium are the final two rounds of Rolltech PBA World Championship match play Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT. The match play and finals of the PBA Tri-Regional Open will begin at 9 a.m.

Monday's schedule includes best-of-five-game single elimination match play. The PBA Cheetah Championship Round of 24 begins at 10 a.m. and the Round of 16 follows at 1 p.m. The Viper Championship Round of 24 begins at 4:30 p.m. and the Round of 16 follows at 4:30 p.m.

Bowling fans around the world can follow all of the action by watching Xtra Frame's exclusive live online coverage by PBA Hall of Famer **Marshall Holman** and Xtra Frame's broadcast team including **Mike J. Laneside (Mike Jakubowski)**, **Jef Goodger**, **Phil Brylow**, **Tim Burg** and **Ron Hickman**.

Additional WSOB coverage is being provided throughout the PBA Network on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages, both by the PBA and a number of players and industry representatives who are in Reno for the greatest show in bowling.

To subscribe to Xtra Frame, visit pba.com. One-month subscriptions are offered for \$7.99 and a full-year XF Season Ticket subscription is only \$64.99.

Bowling fans in Reno are invited to attend all sessions of the World Series, except for the ESPN-televised finals, at no cost. Tickets for the live ESPN finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship at 4 p.m. local time on Thursday, Dec. 17; for the finals of the Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships on Friday, Dec. 18, and for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and PBA Challenge finals on Saturday, Dec. 19, will be available at the door or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

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Stuart Williams Leads 24 Players Into Rolltech PBA World Championship Match Play

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 12, 2015) – Leading since the second round, Stuart Williams of England topped 24 players in Saturday's Rolltech PBA World Championship cashers' round who advanced to the first eight-game match play round later this afternoon at the National Bowling Stadium.

After 36 games, which were part of the qualifying rounds of the PBA animal pattern tournaments in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, and today's six games in the cashers' round on the World Championship lane condition, Williams has compiled a 9,719 pinfall total and is maintaining a 231.4 for 42 games bowled on five different conditions (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and World Championship).

Stuart, who is trying for his second PBA Tour title and first major, had games of 232, 194, 199, 214, 236 and 237 in the cashers' round. His first and only PBA title came in the Viper Championship conducted during the 2011 World Series of Bowling.

Trailing Williams is 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in second with 9,641 pins. Two-time 2015 titlist Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., is in third with 9,588 pins followed by three-time titlist Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., 9,505, and Gary Faulkner of Memphis, Tenn., with 9,488.

Seven countries will be represented in the World Championship match play which include England, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Colombia, Australia and the U.S.

Dom Barrett of England, who won the World Championship in December of 2013, is the lone past champion making the top 24 finishing 22nd with a 9,307 pinfall. Past champions Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. (Nov. 2012) and three-time winner Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., just missed the cut finishing 25th and 26, respectively.

After today's first match play round, two more eight-game rounds will be conducted Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT which will determine the top five players for the live World Championship finals to be telecast Thursday on ESPN at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT).

All qualifying and match play rounds of the WSOB are being covered live, exclusively by PBA's online video streaming service, Xtra Frame. For subscription information, visit pba.com and click on the Xtra Frame link. Real-time results also will be posted on pba.com under its "live scoring" link.

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Saturday

CASHERS' ROUND RESULTS (after 42 games, top 24 advance to first round of match play)

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 9,719.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 9,641.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 9,588.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 9,505.
- 5, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 9,488.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 9,486.
- 7, Patrick Girard, Canada, 9,472.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,468.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9,431.
- 10, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 9,426.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9,403.
- 12, Paul Moor, England, 9,401.
- 13, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9,395.
- 14, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 9,386.
- 15, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 9,380.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 9,379.
- 17, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 9,375.
- 18, Sam Cooley, Australia, 9,369.
- 19, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 9,352.
- 20, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 9,340.
- 21, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 9,320.
- 22, Dom Barrett, England, 9,307.
- 23, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 9,276.
- 24, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 9,275.

Did not advance:

- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9,272, \$4,000.
- 26, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 9,262, \$3,800.
- 27, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9,247, \$3,800.
- 28, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,244, \$3,600.
- 29, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 9,243, \$3,500.
- 30, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 9,242, \$3,400.
- 31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 9,209, \$3,300.
- 32, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 9,186, \$3,200.
- 33, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 9,182, \$3,100.
- 34, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9,180, \$3,000.
- 35, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 9,147, \$2,900.
- 36, John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 9,144, \$2,900.
- 37, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 9,124, \$2,700.
- 38, Tobias Boerding, Germany, 9,123, \$2,600.
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- 48, Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 9,065, \$1,910.
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- 53, Manuel Otalora, Colombia, 9,035, \$1,910.
- 54, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 9,010, \$1,790.

55, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 8,989, \$1,770.
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Ciminelli Surges Into Rolltech PBA World Championship Lead With 7-1 Record and 241.5 Average in First Match Play Round

*24-player match play field returns for second and third rounds Sunday
to determine top five for Thursday's live finals on ESPN*

RENO, Nev. – Compiling a 7-1 match play record and averaging 241.5, Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., surged into the lead after the first round of match play in the Rolltech PBA World Championship Saturday at the National Bowling Stadium.

The four-time Tour winner, with two wins this season including the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open for his first major, had games of 237, 244, 250, 238, 259, 241, 217, 246 in the first match play round.

“This is the highest block I’ve had all week which has really been a boost for my confidence, said Ciminelli. “I just kept getting more and more comfortable and everything just fell into place. I need to keep riding the wave for another day.

“To win seven matches tonight was really phenomenal,” he added. “I was able to score well and win matches which is always a bonus. Going forward I think it’s going to be all about winning matches. I don’t think I’ll need to average 240, just string strikes when I can and stay in the matches.”

Overall, after 50 games, which included the qualifying rounds of the PBA animal pattern tournaments in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, and today’s six game cashers’ round, Ciminelli led with an 11,730 overall pinfall total including bonus pins. Bowling on five different PBA lane conditions – Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and World Championship – he’s averaging 230.4.

“This is the most consistent I’ve been,” Ciminelli said. “It seems like my experience in the World Series has been all or nothing, but coming in here with two wins including my first major, my confidence is still fresh.”

Trailing Ciminelli was 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in second with 11,558 pins and a 5-3 match play record. One-time Tour winner Stuart Williams of England dropped to third after holding the lead after the cashers’ round, going 4-4 in match play and finishing with 11,515 pins. Rounding out the top five were Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., 6-2, and 11,471 pins and Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., who had an excellent round going 7-1 in match play and finishing with 11,449 pins.

Dom Barrett of England, who won the World Championship in October of 2013 and is the lone past champion making the top 24, finished with 11,218 moving from 22nd to 11th with the help of a 5-3 match play record.

Seven countries are represented in World Championship match play which include England, Sweden, Canada, Denmark, Colombia, Australia and the U.S.

The 24 match play finalists will return Sunday for two more eight-game rounds at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT which will determine the top five players for the live World Championship finals to be telecast Thursday on ESPN at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT).

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Saturday

MATCH PLAY ROUND ONE (includes match play record and 50-game pinfall totals including bonus pins)

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 7-1, 11,730.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 5-3, 11,558.
- 3, Stuart Williams, England, 4-4, 11,515.
- 4, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 6-2, 11,471.
- 5, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 7-1, 11,449.
- 6, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 6-2, 11,443.
- 7 (tie), Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4-4, and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 5-3, 11,401.
- 9, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 4-4, 11,385.
- 10, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 5-3, 11,256.
- 11, Dom Barrett, England, 5-3, 11,218.
- 12, Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-5, 11,204.
- 13, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 3-5, 11,189.
- 14, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 2-6, 11,184.
- 15, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3-5, 11,175.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 4-4, 11,158.
- 17, Paul Moor, England, 4-4, 11,153.
- 18, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 1-7, 11,113.
- 19, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 4-4, 11,073.
- 20, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3-4-1, 11,072.
- 21, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 2-6, 11,013.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 2-5-1, 10,992.
- 23, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-5, 10,915.
- 24, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-5, 10,866.

CASHERS' ROUND RESULTS (after 42 games)

- 1, Stuart Williams, England, 9,719.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 9,641.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 9,588.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 9,505.
- 5, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 9,488.
- 6, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 9,486.
- 7, Patrick Girard, Canada, 9,472.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,468.
- 9, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 9,431.
- 10, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 9,426.
- 11, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9,403.
- 12, Paul Moor, England, 9,401.
- 13, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9,395.
- 14, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 9,386.
- 15, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 9,380.
- 16, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 9,379.
- 17, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 9,375.
- 18, Sam Cooley, Australia, 9,369.
- 19, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 9,352.
- 20, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 9,340.
- 21, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 9,320.
- 22, Dom Barrett, England, 9,307.
- 23, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 9,276.
- 24, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 9,275.

Did not advance

- 25, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 9,272, \$4,000.
- 26, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 9,262, \$3,800.

27, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 9,247, \$3,800.
28, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 9,244, \$3,600.
29, Ronnie Sparks Jr., Ecorse, Mich., 9,243, \$3,500.
30, n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 9,242, \$3,400.
31, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 9,209, \$3,300.
32, B.J. Moore III, Apex, N.C., 9,186, \$3,200.
33, Kristopher Prather, Milton, Fla., 9,182, \$3,100.
34, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 9,180, \$3,000.
35, Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 9,147, \$2,900.
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Ciminelli Maintains Lead in Rolltech PBA World Championship After Two Match Play Rounds

Final match play round gets underway this afternoon to determine five finalists for live ESPN telecast

RENO, Nev. – With one more eight-game match play round remaining, four-time PBA Tour winner Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., won 11 of his 16 matches to hold a 42-pin lead heading into Sunday's final round of match play in the Rolltech PBA World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium.

After a 7-1 record in the first round, Ciminelli found the going a little tougher in the second round grinding out a 4-4 record and bowling games of 269, 227, 198, 231, 183, 234, 234 and 205 for a 222.62 average, after averaging 241.5 in the first round.

Ciminelli, who leads with a 13,631 pinfall including bonus pins after 58 games, is trying for his third win of the season and second major after winning the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November.

Trailing Ciminelli in second but gaining ground was 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., with 13,589 pins. He has a 10-6 match play record after two rounds.

Collegiate standout Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., gained a position finishing the round in third. He has compiled a 10-5-1 record after two rounds and has 13,448 pins.

Faulkner was a member of the Webber International men's International Collegiate Championship team in 2012 and earned MVP honors in 2013 when the team finished third. He owns one PBA regional title and has a best PBA Tour finish of 22nd which came in the 2015 PBA Bear Open.

Three-time Tour winner Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., moved into fourth with an 11-5 match play record and 13,419 pinfall.

Stuart Williams of England, who is trying for his second Tour title, held on to fifth place with a 13,417 pinfall despite going 3-5 today and finishing with 7-9 record after two rounds.

The final eight-game match play round will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. PT. A total of 66 games of qualifying and match play on five different lane conditions will determine the five player stepladder finalists who will return for the live ESPN telecast at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT) Thursday at the National Bowling Stadium.

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Saturday

MATCH PLAY ROUND TWO (includes match play record and 58-game pinfall totals including bonus pins)

- 1, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 11-5, 13,631.
- 2, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 10-6, 13,589.
- 3, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 10-5-1, 13,448.
- 4, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 11-5, 13,419.
- 5, Stuart Williams, England, 7-9, 13,417.
- 6, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 10-6, 13,348.
- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 7-9, 13,274.
- 8, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 6-10, 13,237.
- 9, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 9-7, 13,206.
- 10, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 9-7, 13,188.
- 11, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 9-6-1, 13,183.
- 12, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 8-8, 13,182.
- 13, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 9-6-1, 13,170.
- 14, Dom Barrett, England, 11-5, 13,162.
- 15, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 8-8, 13,153.
- 16, Paul Moor, England, 8-8, 13,010.
- 17, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 7-8-1, 12,964.
- 18, Patrick Girard, Canada, 4-12, 12,908.
- 19, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 9-7, 12,888.
- 20, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-13, 12,885.
- 21, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 6-9-1, 12,871.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 5-10-1, 12,743.
- 23, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 6-10, 12,671.
- 24, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 6-10, 12,585.

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Indiana's EJ Tackett Earns Top Berth for Rolltech PBA World Championship Finals

Tackett, Ryan Ciminelli, Gary Faulkner Jr., Scott Norton and Rhino Page will compete in the live ESPN telecast of the season's final major Thursday at the National Bowling Stadium

RENO, Nev. – EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., made a late final match play round run to capture the top qualifying position for the stepladder finals of the Rolltech PBA World Championship Sunday at the National Bowling Stadium.

The 2013 PBA Rookie of the Year compiled a 16-8 match play record and 66-game 15,589 overall pinfall, including bonus pins, to edge out No. 2 qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., who finished with 15,517 pins and 15-9 match play record.

Tackett, the lone righthander, and lefthanders Ciminelli, Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn.; Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., and Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., will return for the live World Championship ESPN stepladder finals Thursday at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). The World Championship is the fourth and final major championship of the PBA's 2015 season.

Tackett, who won the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Open for his first PBA Tour title earlier this year, put together a 6-2 record in Sunday's final match play round bowling games of 221, 243, 205, 215, 234, 224, 279 and 199. Overall for the tournament, which was conducted on five different PBA lane conditions – Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and World Championship – Tackett averaged 228.92.

"It's been a special week so far," said Tackett, who as top qualifier for the stepladder final will have to bowl only one match for the title. "These kinds of weeks don't come around often but I've been here before and now it's time to take everything I've learned and do the best I can which hopefully will be good enough.

"On all the conditions I was throwing the ball well," he added. "To be safe I drilled up a few balls after the cashers' round to be ready for match play but for the most part I was letting the changing lane conditions come to me. It seemed I was always bowling best at the end of a round or end of a game."

Ciminelli, a four-time Tour winner, is trying for his third win of the season and second major after winning the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November.

Faulkner, a former collegiate standout at Webber International University, earned the No. 3 qualifying position with a 15,343 pinfall total and 14-9-1 match play record over the three match play rounds.

Faulkner will have the opportunity to become only the second African American PBA Tour champion. George Branham III, a five-time Tour winner is the Tour's only African American titlist. Now retired, his last win came in the 1996 Cleveland Open.

Faulkner was a member of the Webber International University men's International Collegiate Team Championship winning team in 2012 and earned MVP honors in 2013 when the team finished third. He owns one PBA regional title and has a best PBA Tour finish of 22nd which came in the 2015 PBA Bear Open.

"It's a dream come true to get here," said the 25-year-old Faulkner. "Everyone dreams about a moment like this. I just had to keep from thinking too far ahead and stay in the moment. If I had a bad game or threw a bad shot I just let it go."

Norton, the No. 4 qualifier, finished with a 15,331 pinfall and 15-9 record in match play. He will be trying for his fourth title and first major.

Page, also trying for his fourth title and first major, was sixth going into the final position round match, but beat Stuart Williams of England 209-193 to take the fifth and final stepladder spot. Page finished with 15,266 pins a 14-10 record.

Tickets are still available for the World Championship finals which will be available at the door or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy returns to action Monday with best-of-five-single elimination match play rounds of the Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game and GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame.

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ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Sunday

FINAL MATCH PLAY STANDINGS (after 66 games, includes match play record and pinfall with bonus pins. Top five advance to live ESPN-televised finals Thursday at 7 p.m. ET)

- 1, E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 16-8, 15,589.
- 2, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 15-9, 15,517.
- 3, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 14-9-1, 15,343.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 15-9, 15,331.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 14-10, 15,266.
- 6, Stuart Williams, England, 11-13, 15,222, \$13,000.
- 7, Dom Barrett, England, 17-7, 15,191, \$11,000.
- 8, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 11-13, 15,178, \$10,000.
- 9, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, 15-8-1, 15,123, \$9,000.
- 10, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 14-9-1, 15,100, \$8,000.
- 11, Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 12-12, 15,089, \$7,500.
- 12, Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 14-10, 15,046, \$7,000.
- 13, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 12-12, 15,021, \$6,500.
- 14, Andres Gomez, Colombia, 11-13, 14,940, \$6,000.
- 15, Paul Moor, England, 12-12, 14,918, \$5,900.
- 16, Martin Larsen, Sweden, 8-16, 14,910, \$5,600.
- 17, Patrick Girard, Canada, 8-16, 14,857, \$5,400.
- 18, J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 11-12-1, 14,847, \$5,200.
- 19, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 7-17, 14,773, \$5,000.
- 20, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 13-11, 14,767, \$4,800.
- 21, Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 9-14-1, 14,700, \$4,600.
- 22, Sam Cooley, Australia, 7-16-1, 14,564, \$4,500.
- 23, Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 10-14, 14,469, \$4,300.
- 24, n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 9-15, 14,418, \$4,300.

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GEICO PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING VII NOTEBOOK: PBA TOUR ANIMAL PATTERN TOURNAMENT ACTION RETURNS TODAY WITH MATCH PLAY

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy action continues at the National Bowling Stadium with PBA Tour animal pattern best-of-five game single-elimination match play today. Monday's competition will consist of the Round of 24 and Round of 16 for the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game followed by the Go Bowling.com PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame Rounds of 24 and 16.

Rounds of 24 and 16 for the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com (10 a.m. and 1 p.m. PT, respectively) and PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA (4:30 and 7:30 p.m. PT, respectively) are on tap for Tuesday.

Semifinal round action for the four animal pattern events, which will determine the top four for the ESPN final tapings beginning Friday, will take place on Wednesday also beginning at 10 a.m. (Cheetah), 1 p.m. (Viper), 4:30 p.m. (Chameleon) and 7:30 p.m. (Scorpion). All times are Pacific. For a complete match play schedule and results visit pba.com.

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ANDREW CAIN AND WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. ARE SANDS PBA TRI-REGIONAL CHAMPIONS

Another illustration of the diversity of competition being conducted during the World Series is the inclusion of the Sands PBA Tri-Regional tournament which concluded Sunday.

The regular division had an international field of 75 players representing 13 countries.

With a dominating 15-1 match play performance and 5,900 pinfall for 24 games including bonus pins, former Team USA member and United States Bowling Congress president Andrew Cain of Phoenix, Ariz. took home the \$2,500 first prize and his second regional title. He finished a whopping 416 pins ahead of two-time Tour and former World Championship winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich., who finished second with 5,484 and a 10-5-1 record.

In the PBA50 Division, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. took home the top prize of \$1,700 with a 5,591 pinfall and 11-5 match play record, topping a 44-player field. PBA50 Tour star Ron Mohr of Las Vegas finished second with a 5,385 pinfall and 9-5-2 record. It was Williams' eighth PBA50 Regional title.

Both Cain and Williams rolled 300 games on the way to their titles. Williams' 300 was his 102nd in PBA competition second only to Parker Bohn III's PBA record 105 perfect games bowled in PBA competition.

TICKETS FOR ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP STILL AVAILABLE

Tickets are still available for the live Rolltech PBA World Championship ESPN finals Thursday at 4 p.m. PT which will be available at the door at the National Bowling Stadium or in advance by ordering on pba.com.

Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III Among PBA Cheetah Championship Final Eight

RENO, Nev. – From a match play field of 24 made up of a mix of Hall of Famers, PBA Tour and international stars in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, eight players advanced to Wednesday's semifinal rounds at the National Bowling Stadium Monday.

In Monday's Round of 16, PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. made short work of his best-of-five game single-elimination match against fellow Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., winning in three straight games (290-234, 276-225, 247-225). Between games one and two Bohn had 18 consecutive strikes.

"The scoreboard says "X" but I'm always looking for the perfect strike," said Bohn, who currently ranks tied for fifth with legend Mark Roth on the all-time PBA Tour win list with 34 titles. "On a condition like the Cheetah, I believe my long arm swing is an advantage because it enables me to get the ball farther down the lane to keep it on line. I don't need to give the ball a violent amount of rotation to react.

"In this format, a game plan or strategy comes into play every match," Bohn added. "I'm going to play the (lane condition) pattern the way I feel I need to and just have the confidence that I make the right decisions and adjustments along the way."

Also advancing to the Round of 8 were Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., (3-1), Andrew Cain, Phoenix, Ariz. (3-1), Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif. (3-1), Ron Mohr, Las Vegas (3-2), Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., (3-2) and Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., (3-2). When the day started six international players were in the field but only Paul Moor of England, who bowled the round's only 300 game, advanced winning his match against Patrick Girard of Canada 3-0.

The 24 players competing in today's match play rounds advanced from Cheetah Championship qualifying conducted last Tuesday.

The top four players will advance to the ESPN taping of the Cheetah Championship scheduled for 1 p.m. PT Friday. The Cheetah Championship telecast will air at 1 p.m. ET this Sunday.

Round of 24 and Round of 16 matches for the GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame will get underway later this afternoon.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Monday

BEST-OF-FIVE SINGLE-ELIMINATION MATCH PLAY (eight players advance to Wednesday's Round of 8)

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,400)

Andrew Cain, Phoenix, def. Bob Learn Jr. Erie, Pa., 3-1 (268-173, 258-199, 168-258, 248-227).
Paul Moor, England, def. Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-0 (215-208, 235-210, 300-215).
Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Tom Baker, King, N.C., 3-0 (290-234, 276-225, 247-225).
Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Stuart Williams, England, 3-1 (244-203, 216-279, 248-191, 217-191).
Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., def. Markus Jansson, Sweden, 3-1 (230-173, 248-279, 234-226, 247-190).
Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, def. John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3-2 (253-247, 269-249, 205-231, 202-256, 245-240).
Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 3-2 (279-193, 228-246, 238-230, 227-235, 248-219).
Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-2 (237-236, 258-239, 171-247, 193-216, 268-214).

Round of 24 (losers earn \$800)

Rash def. Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 3-2 (239-269, 257-198, 275-187, 236-266, 258-240).
Jansson, Sweden, def. Dennis Horan Jr., Oakley, Calif., 3-1 (229-192, 191-226, 243-240, 290-242).
Duke def. John Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 3-1 (278-269, 248-224, 171-218, 216-181).
Learn def. n-Matt Gasn, Laurel, Md., 3-2 (278-238, 228-268, 197-211, 255-222, 228-209).
Girard def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-0 (203-170, 223-209, 257-182).
Page def. n-Adam Barta, Girard, Ohio, 3-1 (234-228, 227-268, 245-222, 233-216).
Mohr def. Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 3-1 (256-246, 269-235, 227-247, 259-244).
Baker def. Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 3-1 (247-225, 257-189, 247-279, 299-263).

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Rash Outlasts Williams Jr. in Best-of-Five Match Play to Advance to PBA Viper Championship Final Eight

RENO, Nev. – In a hard-fought Round of 16 best-of-five single elimination match against PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr., former PBA Player of the Year Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., was one of eight players who advanced to the Round of 8 in the GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame Monday at the National Bowling Stadium.

Rash had a 2-1 lead before Williams tied it up with a 279-225 win in the fourth game to force a game five. Needing a nine-count, spare and strike in the 10th frame, Rash struck on the first ball in the 10th to seal the match winning the final game 259-237.

"I'm exhausted," said the nine-time Tour winner. "Not just from this match, but the whole World Series seems like it's been a nail-biter for me.

"It's just an honor to be in a match with guys you look up to like Walter," Rash added. "When you bowl matches against the best and win it's always special."

Earlier in the day Rash lost in a best-of-five Round of 16 match in the Cheetah Championship to Eugene McCune.

One of the sport's emerging stars, Kyle Troup, the son of flamboyant eight-time PBA Tour winner Guppy Troup, advanced to the Round of 8 by sweeping his best-of-five match against Stuart Williams of England.

Troup, who won the PBA Wolf Open for his first PBA Tour title earlier this season, relied on some older technology and an outside line to the pocket for his success.

"When I'm going head-to-head on a condition like the Viper I like to throw the ball straighter from the outside of the lane which helps me repeat shots more," Troup said. "Going to a urethane ball and playing the outside on a condition like the Viper usually works the best for me."

Also advancing to the Round of 8 were: Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3-1; Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 3-1; Jonas Jehkinen, Finland, 3-0; Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-0; and Rolltech PBA World Championship finalists Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-1, and Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3-1

Wednesday's Viper Championship match ups will be: Rash vs. Ciminelli, Jehkinen vs. Faulkner, Crawford vs. Butturff and Troup vs. Bolleby.

All the pattern championship Round of 8 matches will be part of a super Wednesday on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame with live coverage of who makes the final four for each telecast.

The 24 players competing in today's match play rounds advanced from Viper Championship qualifying conducted last Wednesday.

The top four players will advance to the ESPN taping of the Viper Championship scheduled for 3:30 p.m. PT Friday. The Viper Championship telecast will air at 1 p.m. ET Sunday, Dec. 27.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy action continues Tuesday with Round of 24 and Round of 16 matches for the PBA Chameleon Championship presented HotelPlanner.com and PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA beginning at 10 a.m. PT.

GOBOWLING.COM VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Monday

BEST-OF-FIVE SINGLE-ELIMINATION MATCH PLAY (eight players advance to Wednesday's Round of 8)

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,400)

Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., def. Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 3-2 (224-227, 254-224, 238-227, 225-279, 259-237).

Kim Bolleby, Thailand, def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (231-267, 233-216, 209-164, 210-180).

Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., def. Magnus Johnson Jr., Sweden, 3-1 (210-215, 215-157, 234-141, 256-211).

Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., def. Anthony LaCaze, Hoffman Estates, Ill., 3-1 (233-225, 225-222, 186-204, 223-192).

Joonas Jehkinen, Finland, def. Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 3-0 (224-196, 257-233, 194-189).

n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., def. Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-0 (195-189, 195-176, 214-159).

Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., def. Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 3-1 (193-202, 203-200, 258-237, 241-180).

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. Stuart Williams, England, 3-0 (218-181, 246-244, 266-192).

Round of 24 (losers earn \$800)

Troup def. Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, 3-1 (178-204, 229-156, 227-181, 198-169).

Jehkinen, def. John Furey, Freehold, N.J., 3-0 (221-204, 214-193, 204-190).

LaCaze, def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3-2 (174-243, 237-146, 225-203, 238-245, 264-235).

Rash, def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3-0 (266-256, 244-201, 287-207).

Bolleby def. Daisuke Nakamura, Japan, 3-2 (290-162, 214-255, 234-225, 195-207, 224-175).

Angelo, def. Daniel Fransson, Sweden, 3-1 (245-176, 187-189, 224-191, 195-158).

n-Crawford def. Pontus Andersson, Sweden, 3-0 (218-189, 263-203, 219-217).

Faulkner, Memphis, Tenn., def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3-1 (221-209, 268-204, 169-194, 257-255).

Round of 8 Matches

Sean Rash vs. Ryan Ciminelli

Joonas Jehkinen vs. Gary Faulkner Jr.

Warren Crawford vs. Jakob Butturff

Kyle Troup vs. Kim Bolleby

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RENO, Nev. (Dec. 15, 2015) – Professional Bowlers Association history could be in the making when the Rolltech PBA World Championship kicks off the PBA's 36th consecutive season of coverage on ESPN Thursday at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT).

The first prime time weekday evening telecast in 14 years will involve top qualifier EJ Tackett's bid for his first major championship, No. 2 qualifier Ryan Ciminelli's bid to become the first PBA player in 44 years to win three consecutive PBA Tour titles, and Gary Faulkner Jr.'s bid to become the second African-American player to win a PBA Tour title. And there's more:

▣ Tackett, a 23-year-old right-hander and PBA's 2013 Rookie of the Year, won his only PBA Tour title in the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Open earlier in 2015. Tackett earned the top berth for Thursday's live stepladder finals by pacing the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy field of 246 players through 66 games of qualifying and match play, contested on five different lane conditions. He's also trying for his first major. He led the field, but finished second to Australia's Jason Belmonte in the 2014 USBC Masters.

▣ Ciminelli, a 29-year-old left-hander from Cheektowaga, N.Y., is two games away from becoming the fourth PBA player to win three consecutive titles After winning the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open in October and the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in early November, can join an elite club. The last time a PBA player won three titles in a row was in 1971 by PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia. Bowling legend Dick Weber did it twice: across the 1959-60 seasons and again in 1961.

▣ A win by Ciminelli also would make him the first player to win three PBA Tour titles in 2015, including two majors, and put him into contention to challenge for PBA Player of the Year honors. Australia's Jason Belmonte was considered the top contender heading into the WSOB based on his historic third consecutive USBC Masters and second straight Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions victories earlier in the year.

▣ Faulkner, a 25-year-old left-hander, is a third-year PBA member who had bowled in 27 PBA Tour events prior to WSOB VII without making a TV show. He has won a PBA Regional title, but is trying to become the first African-American PBA Tour champion since George Branham III won the 1996 Cleveland Open. Branham, a five-time PBA Tour titlist, became the first and only African-American to win a PBA Tour title when he won the 1986 Brunswick Memorial World Open. Branham also is the only African-American to win a PBA Tour major (the 1993 Firestone PBA Tournament of Champions).

▣ Thursday's first match will pit a pair of former PBA Rookies of the Year (Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., 2010 vs. Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 2008) who are trying to end winless streaks. Norton, 33, won his last title in the 2013 Earl Anthony Championship and Page, 32, last won in the 2009 Viper Championship. Both are left-handers with three PBA Tour titles.

▣ The telecast will feature the ESPN broadcast team of announcer Mike Jakubowski, color analyst PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen, sideline reporter former Miss USA Kimberly Pressler, and special reports from PBA Hall of Famer Marshall Holman plus Boston Red Sox outfielder Mookie Betts, who made his debut in professional bowling during WSOB VII.

▣ The Rolltech PBA World Championship, with its \$60,000 first prize, will be contested in Reno's National Bowling Stadium, the site of a number of historic PBA telecasts and the bowling arena made famous around the world in the movie, "Kingpin." The telecast also will include the application of blue-dyed oil, a PBA innovation that allows viewers to see where the oil is applied to the lane.

▣ The PBA World Championship is the first of seven GEICO PBA WSOB VII telecasts to air on ESPN. On Sunday, Dec. 20, ESPN will air the finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game at 1 p.m. ET. The full schedule of WSOB telecasts includes the following (all times are Eastern):

Thursday, Dec. 17 – Rolltech PBA World Championship (live), 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20 – PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27 – GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3 – PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 10 – PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno-Tahoe USA, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 17 – 2016 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 24 – PBA Challenge Finals (PBA-PWBA Women's Regional, PBA Regional and PBA50 Tour Finals plus Teen Masters Grand Championship), 3 p.m.

Adjustments Productive for Bill O'Neill As He Advances to PBA Chameleon Championship Final Eight

RENO, Nev. – Since winning two events during the Oklahoma's Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Summer Swing last May, seven-time PBA Tour champion Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa. has been generally happy with his productivity this season.

The winner of the PBA Grand Oklahoma Open and the King of the Swing non-title event, won his PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com Round of 16 match in three straight games Tuesday against Rolltech PBA World Championship top qualifier EJ Tackett at the National Bowling Stadium to advance to Wednesday's Round of eight moving a step closer to a berth in the finals. O'Neill beat Tackett 275-218, 254-173, 237-170.

"As I get a little further in my career I'm having to adjust my game so that I'm throwing the ball straighter and from the outside of the lane," said the 34-year-old O'Neill who also teamed with Shannon O'Keefe to win the Xtra Frame Mixed Doubles event later in the summer. "I can't hook it like I used to so I'm just trying to find another way to get it done and it's working pretty well for me.

"Rather than complain about it, it's my job to correct it and I've found the answer by playing straighter from the outside of the lane using a ball with more surface.

"So far it's been an up and down World Series," he added. "Qualifying went pretty well but I got into a funk in match play the last day and a half. I let some opportunities go but I think I'm getting things worked out now."

The Round of 16 featured six international players with four advancing to the Round of 8. In the battle of the Larsen's, Thomas, of Denmark, defeated Martin, of Sweden, 3-0; Stuart Williams, England beat Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-2; Pascal Winterheimer, Germany defeated Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 3-0, and Jesper Svensson, Sweden beat Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3-0.

Also advancing to the Round of 8 were Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz. after defeating World Championship finalist Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-1, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. beat Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3-1 and Scott Norton defeated Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-2.

Wednesday's Chameleon Championship Round of 8 match ups will be: Troup vs. Svensson; Butturff vs. Williams; Thomas Larsen vs. Norton and O'Neill vs. Winterheimer.

All the pattern championship Round of 8 matches will be part of a super Wednesday on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame with live coverage of who makes the final four for each telecast.

The 24 players competing in today's match play rounds advanced from Chameleon Championship qualifying conducted last Wednesday.

The top four players will advance to the ESPN taping of the Chameleon Championship scheduled for 5:15 p.m. PT Friday at the National Bowling Stadium. The Chameleon Championship telecast will air at 1 p.m. ET Sunday, Jan. 3.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy action continues this afternoon with Round of 24 and Round of 16 matches for the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA beginning at 4:30 p.m. PT.

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HOTELPLANNER.COM National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Tuesday

BEST-OF-FIVE SINGLE-ELIMINATION MATCH PLAY (eight players advance to Wednesday's Round of 8)

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,400)

Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., def. Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., 3-1 (193-213, 215-174, 255-205, 234-183).

Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., def. n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-2 (210-180, 279-225, 212-224, 191-221, 256-167).

Stuart Williams, England, def. Patrick Girard, Canada, 3-2 (195-244, 279-234, 181-216, 220-193, 275-255).

Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, def. n-Chris Drewes, Wichita, Kan., 3-0 (229-185, 211-177, 215-176).

Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., def. Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 3-1 (190-225, 254-214, 246-203, 237-223).

Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-0 (275-218, 254-173, 237-170).

Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Andres Gomez, Colombia, 3-0 (277-235, 259-213, 268-241).

Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3-0 (234-216, 216-191, 256-216).

Round of 24 (losers earn \$800)

Martin Larsen def. Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3-0 (212-178, 264-257, 247-230).
Ciminelli, def. Kim Bolleby, Thailand, 3-1 (279-201, 209-233, 280-226, 222-201).
n-Drewes, Wichita, Kan., def. Matthew McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn., 3-2 (247-221, 235-300, 243-195, 188-276, 235-206).
Weier def. Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 3-1 (188-215, 255-202, 264-184, 242-219).
Norton def. Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa, 3-1 (220-188, 223-195, 209-224, 208-192).
Gomez, def. Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., 3-1 (244-240, 228-217, 214-279, 244-198).
O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., def. n-Ronnie Sparks Jr. , Ecorse, Mich., 3-1 (254-244, 203-194, 183-239, 245-211).
Girard, Canada, def. n-Zeke Bayt, Henderson, Nev., 3-0 (237-164, 212-212, 238-206).

Round of 8 Matches

Troup vs. Svensson
Butturff vs. Williams
Thomas Larsen vs. Norton
O'Neill vs. Winternheimer

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Rolltech PBA World Championship Top Qualifier EJ Tackett Advances to PBA Scorpion Championship Final 8

Tackett beats Sean Rash 3-2 to make first GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII animal pattern event Round of 8

RENO, Nev. – Rolltech PBA World Championship top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., survived a see-saw Round of 16 best-of-five single-elimination match against nine-time Tour winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., to advance to Wednesday's Round of 8 in the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA.

Tackett won the final two games of the match to win the match, 3-2, at the National Bowling Stadium to make his first Round of 8 berth in a GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy animal pattern lane condition event.

In the final game of the match both players were strike for strike through the middle of the final game but Tackett was able to pull away at the end to win 247-216.

"I changed balls twice in the second game because I had to figure something out," said Tackett, who earned PBA Rookie of the Year honors in 2013 and won the Xtra Frame Lubbock Open earlier this season for his first PBA Tour title. "I finally found a ball that gave me a good consistent reaction so it was a matter of getting the pin carry. I was able to make some minor hand adjustments and was fortunate to get a string of strikes in the last game to win the match."

Other players advancing from the Round of 16 were: Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 3-2; John VanHees, Charleston, R.I., 3-2; Dom Barrett, England, 3-2; Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., 3-1; Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 3-1; Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3-1, and Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3-2.

Wednesday's Scorpion Championship match ups scheduled for 7:30 p.m. PT will be: Bohn vs. Simonsen; Sterner vs. Tackett; Smallwood vs. VanHees, and Waliczek vs. Barrett.

As top qualifier for the World Championship stepladder finals which will air Thursday live on ESPN at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT) from the National Bowling Stadium, Tackett will bowl one match for the title. The four other finalists are Ryan Ciminelli, Gary Faulkner Jr., Scott Norton and Rhino Page.

With the conclusion of the Scorpion Championship Round of 16, the Round of 8 match ups for all four of the PBA Tour animal pattern lane condition tournaments have been determined. All of the matches – Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion – will be part of a super Wednesday on PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame with live coverage beginning at 10 a.m. of who makes the final four for each telecast. The ESPN tapings of the animal pattern events begin Friday at 1 p.m.

The 24 players competing in today's match play rounds advanced from Scorpion Championship qualifying conducted last Friday.

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO TAHOE USA
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Tuesday

BEST-OF-FIVE SINGLE-ELIMINATION MATCH PLAY (eight players advance to Wednesday's Round of 8)

Round of 16 (losers earn \$1,400)

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Ryan Graywacz, Feeding Hills, Mass., 3-2 (216-202, 234-143, 209-300, 238-248, 178-146).
Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., def. Devin Bidwell, Wichita, Kan., 3-2 (268-180, 221-300, 185-229, 211-207, 235-216).
E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-2 (224-214, 205-279, 225-237, 237-227, 247-216).
Dom Barrett, England, def. Markus Jansson, Sweden, 3-2 (232-226, 179-235, 279-184, 221-248, 235-196).
Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., def. Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, 3-1 (189-222, 244-189, 248-175, 224-215).
Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., def. Martin Larsen, Sweden, 3-1 (204-256, 222-190, 225-190, 268-220).
Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, def. Joseph Hostetler, Louisville, Ohio, 3-1 (255-214, 224-236, 201-196, 268-188).
Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., def. Nobuhito Fujii, Japan, 3-2 (199-225, 203-226, 257-202, 208-186, 257-249).

Round of 24 (losers earn \$800)

Smallwood def. Stuart Williams, England, 3-2 (238-238, 233-216, 148-214, 279-225, 278-199).
Sterner def. Nathan Bohr, Austin, Texas, 3-2 (245-207, 235-217, 182-189, 255-258, 254-233).
Jansson, def. n-Matthew Farber, Plainview, N.Y., 3-1 (235-210, 179-202, 233-200, 221-202).
Bohn def. Sam Cooley, Australia, 3-1 (206-159, 226-210, 168-223, 268-201).
VanHees def. Gerald Marrs, Huntley, Ill., 3-0 (267-212, 269-170, 257-161).
Hostetler def. J.R. Raymond, Bay City, Mich., 3-0 (215-207, 201-192, 267-226).
Waliczek def. Liz Kuhlkin, Rotterdam, N.Y., 3-1 (158-222, 227-192, 259-195, 191-190).
Rash, def. Chris Arcaro, Charlotte, N.C., 3-2 (244-191, 234-245, 258-235, 239-243, 267-229).

Round of 8 Matches

Bohn vs. Simonsen
Sterner vs. Tackett
Smallwood vs. VanHees
Waliczek vs. Barrett.

300 games – Devin Bidwell, Ryan Graywacz

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USBC ANNOUNCES MULTI-YEAR SPONSORSHIP OF PBA TOUR

ARLINGTON, Texas (Dec. 15, 2015) – The United States Bowling Congress has signed on as a major sponsor of the Professional Bowlers Association through 2018. As part of the agreement, USBC will run commercials showcasing its Future for the Sport campaign throughout the PBA Tour telecast season.

“USBC is one of the PBA Tour’s most significant financial sponsors and we greatly appreciate its partnership,” PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said. “Having USBC as a strong national governing body in solid support of professional bowling certainly builds and protects the future for the sport.”

The agreement includes showcasing the USBC Masters as part of the PBA Tour schedule through 2018. The 2016 USBC Masters will be conducted at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis Feb. 7-14. The 2017 USBC Masters will be held in Las Vegas.

“USBC is proud to support the PBA financially and through the addition of the USBC Masters to the PBA Tour schedule,” USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “The PBA Tour provides the best exposure in the world for our sport and the PBA players are the example for the next generation. We want to send a clear message that USBC supports PBA players and looks for the players to in turn support a future for the sport.”

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Hall of Famers Bohn and Duke Advance to Cheetah Championship Finals
by Jerry Schneider December 16, 2015 07:35

Two of PBA’s all-time greats proved they still have gas in the tank on the PBA Tour as Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III advanced to the finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game Wednesday at the National Bowling Stadium.

Also advancing were PBA Tour titlist Paul Moor of England and Former collegiate standout, Team USA member and former USBC president Andrew Cain of Phoenix.

Duke, who ranks third on the all-time win list with 38 titles, defeated PBA50 Tour standout Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 3-0, in the best of five-game single elimination Round of 8 (257-246, 267-226, 216-202).

“The World Series was kind of disappointing for me but I salvaged something here making the Cheetah finals,” Duke said. “I was bowling just good enough to bowl myself out of the top 24 (for match play). It seemed like I was always down early in a round or even a game and had to struggle back but on the Cheetah condition the condition kind of developed to my advantage.”

Bohn, who ranks tied for fifth on the all-time list with Mark Roth with 34 titles, defeated Wayne Garber of Modesto, Calif., 3-0 to advance to the finals (246-193, 259-224, 258-205).

“It’s going to be filled with a lot of memories bowling in a final with Norm,” said Bohn, who has competed on Tour with Duke for more than a quarter-century. “Norm and I have our AARP cards but we’re going to give these young guys a run.”

Both Duke and Bohn compete on the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour for players 50 years and older.

“Eventually there’s going to be a last tournament for us on the PBA Tour but this isn’t going to be it,” Duke added.

Moor, trying for his second PBA Tour title and first in the U.S., also swept his best of five match beating three-time Tour winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. 3-0 (279-247, 298-247, 224-214). Moor’s first title came in the Ballmaster Open World Bowling Tour event back in January.

Former collegiate standout, Team USA member and USBC president Andrew Cain of Phoenix rounded out the top four. A two-time PBA regional titlist, he won his match 3-1 against three-time Tour winner Rhino Page (214-160, 224-255, 247-213, 224-179).

The finals for the Cheetah Championship, the first animal pattern event of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling presented by Silver Legacy will be taped Friday at 1 p.m. The show will air this Sunday on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

The crown jewel of the GEICO PBA World of Series VII presented by Silver Legacy will be Thursday’s live ESPN telecast of the Rolltech PBA World Championship from the National Bowling Stadium at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). The first prime time weekday evening telecast in 14 years will involve top qualifier EJ Tackett’s bid for his first major championship, No. 2 qualifier Ryan Ciminelli’s bid to become

the first PBA player in 44 years to win three consecutive PBA Tour titles, and Gary Faulkner Jr.'s bid to become the second African-American player to win a PBA Tour title.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 8 (best of five games, winners advance to ESPN taped finals Friday at 1 p.m. PT; losers earned \$2,000)

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-0 (257-246, 267-226, 216-202).

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3-0 (246-193, 259-224, 258-205).

Paul Moor, England, def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-0 (279-247, 298-247, 224-214).

Andrew Cain, Phoenix, def. Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3-1 (214-160, 224-255, 247-213, 224-179).

ESPN Match Play Finals (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: Cain vs. Bohn

Match Two: Moor vs. Duke

Championship: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling PBA Tour Animal Pattern Championship Finals Fields Set

PBA Cheetah Championship to kick off ESPN series on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. ET

RENO, Nev. - The final fields for the four GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling presented by Silver Legacy Tour animal pattern lane condition championships were determined Wednesday at the National Bowling Stadium. Finals will be taped on Friday and will air beginning Dec. 20 on ESPN.

Two of PBA's all-time greats proved they still have gas in the tank on the PBA Tour as Hall of Famers Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III advanced to the finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game.

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Duke, who ranks third on the all-time win list with 38 titles, defeated PBA50 Tour standout Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 3-0, in the best of five-game single elimination Round of 8 (257-246, 267-226, 216-202).

Bohn, who is tied for fifth on the all-time list with Mark Roth with 34 titles, defeated Wayne Garber of Modesto, Calif., 3-0, to advance to the finals (246-193, 259-224, 258-205).

Moor, trying for his first PBA Tour title in the U.S., also swept his best of five match beating three-time Tour winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Ind. 3-0 (279-247, 298-247, 224-214). Moor's first title came in the Ballmaster Open World Bowling Tour event in Finland in January.

Cain, a two-time PBA regional titlist, won his match 3-1 against three-time Tour winner Rhino Page (214-160, 224-255, 247-213, 224-179).

The finals of the Cheetah Championship will be taped Friday at 1 p.m. The show will air this Sunday Dec. 20 on ESPN at 1 p.m. ET.

Rolltech PBA World Championship finalists Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y. and Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., won Round of 8 matches to advance to the ESPN telecast finals of the GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame.

Ciminelli, trying for his fifth PBA Tour title and second major of the season, defeated nine-time Tour champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in three straight games (223-214, 256-203, 248-215). The Viper finals will be taped Friday at 3:30 p.m. PT and will air Sunday, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m. ET. Ciminelli won the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November for his first major title.

Faulkner also qualified for his second World Series telecast by sweeping Joonas Jehkinen of Finland, 3-0 (201-180, 246-227, 255-228).

Faulkner, a former collegiate standout at Webber International University, qualified third for the World Championship which will air live on ESPN Thursday at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). He will have the opportunity to become only the second African American to win a PBA Tour title. Retired five-time Tour winner George Branham III is the only African American Tour winner.

Kim Bolleby entered his name into the PBA record book by becoming the first player from Thailand to make a PBA Tour telecast. He defeated two-handed player Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., 3-2, (217-195, 212-246, 226-209, 184-226, 248-180).

Also advancing was Jakob Butturff of Chandler Ariz. who beat Warren Crawford of McKinleyville, Calif., 3-0 (230-193, 224-197, 218-179).

Four Europeans qualified for the finals of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com marking the first time in PBA Tour history a televised final will consist of four international players.

In the third animal pattern lane condition Tour event of the World Series of Bowling, players from Germany, England, Denmark and Sweden will compete in the ESPN taping of the Chameleon Championship Friday at 5:15 p.m. PT. The show will air Sunday, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. ET.

In a nail biter, Stuart Williams of England won his best-of-five single-elimination match 3-2 (230-257, 243-235, 220-255, 223-182, 202-200) with the last game coming down to the 10th frame. Williams, who is trying for his second PBA Tour title, needed a nine-count on his final ball and threw a strike to squeak by Butturff in the last game.

Two-time Tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark defeated three-time Tour winner Scott Norton, 3-2 (235-237, 191-226, 279-226, 227-199, 214-193) to advance to the final.

Pascal Winterheimer of Germany beat seven-time Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (234-246, 248-215, 225-216, 258-257). Two-handed lefthander Jesper Svensson of Sweden swept his match, 3-0 (300-188, 248-212, 258-225) against Troup.

Bohn survived two rollofs, including one in the fifth and final game of the best-of-five single-elimination Round of 8 match of the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA to advance to his second animal pattern final.

Bohn defeated 18-year-old Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas 3-2 (264-246, 192-259, 226-237, 196-196, 247-247). He won a five-frame rolloff in the fourth game to stay alive and then survived a three-frame rolloff in the final game to win the match.

Bohn qualified for the Cheetah Championship final earlier in the day.

Also advancing was Lonnie Waliczek of Wichita, Kan. who defeated four-time winner Dom Barrett of England 3-0 (206-162, 234-208, 222-222). Waliczek will be trying for his third Tour title and first since 2003.

Jason Sterner of Covington, Ga., trying for his second title, defeated Rolltech PBA World Championship top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 3-1 (198-173, 192-205, 256-219, 238-233).

Jon VanHees of Charlestown, R.I. defeated two-time Tour winner Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich. 3-2 (194-206, 244-228, 226-218, 191-235, 268-259). VanHees is trying for his first PBA Tour title.

The Scorpion Championship finals will be taped Friday at 7 p.m. PT at the National Bowling Stadium and will air Sunday, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. ET.

The crown jewel of the GEICO PBA World of Series VII presented by Silver Legacy will be Thursday's live ESPN telecast from the National Bowling Stadium at 7 p.m. ET (4 p.m. PT). The first prime time weekday evening telecast in 14 years will involve Tackett's bid for his first major championship, No. 2 qualifier Ciminelli's bid to become the first PBA player in 44 years to win three consecutive PBA Tour titles, and Faulkner's bid to become the second African-American player to win a PBA Tour title.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 8 (best of five games, winners advance to ESPN taped finals Friday at 1 p.m. PT; losers earned \$2,000)

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 3-0 (257-246, 267-226, 216-202).

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Wayne Garber, Modesto, Calif., 3-0 (246-193, 259-224, 258-205).

Paul Moor, England, def. Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 3-0 (279-247, 298-247, 224-214).

Andrew Cain, Phoenix, def. Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., 3-1 (214-160, 224-255, 247-213, 224-179).

ESPN Match Play Finals (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 20, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: Cain vs. Bohn

Match Two: Moor vs. Duke

Championship: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

GOBOWLING.COM VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 8 (best of five games, winners advance to ESPN finals Friday at 3:30 p.m. PT; losers earned \$2,000)

Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., def. n-Warren Crawford, McKinleyville, Calif., 3-0 (230-193, 224-197, 218-179).

Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., def. Joonas Jekinen, Finland, 3-0 (201-180, 246-227, 255-228).

Kim Bolleby, Thailand, def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-2 (217-195, 212-246, 226-209, 184-226, 248-180).

Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., def. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 3-0 (223-214, 256-203, 248-215).

ESPN Match Play Finals (ESPN telecast Sunday, Dec. 27, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: Ciminelli vs. Faulkner

Match Two: Bolleby vs. Buttruff

Championship: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY HOTELPLANNER.COM

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 8 (best of five games, winners advance to ESPN finals Friday at 5:15 p.m. PT; losers earned \$2,000)

Pascal Winterheimer, Germany, def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (234-246, 248-215, 225-216, 258-257).

Stuart Williams, England, def. Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 3-2 (230-257, 243-235, 220-255, 223-182, 202-200).

Thomas Larsen, Denmark, def. Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., 3-2 (235-237, 191-226, 279-226, 227-199, 214-193).

Jesper Svensson, Sweden, def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 3-0 (300-188, 248-212, 258-225).

ESPN Match Play Finals (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 3, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: Svensson vs. Williams

Match Two: Larsen vs. Winterheimer

Championship: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY RENO-TAHOE USA

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Wednesday

Round of 8 (best of five games, winners advance to ESPN finals Friday at 7 p.m. PT; losers earned \$2,000)

Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., def. Dom Barrett, England, 3-0 (206-162, 234-208, 222-222).

Jason Sterner, Covington, Ga., def. E.J. Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 3-1 (198-173, 192-205, 256-219, 238-233).

Jon VanHees, Charlestown, R.I., def. Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 3-2 (194-206, 244-228, 226-218, 191-235, 268-259).

Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., def. Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas, 3-2 (264-246, 192-259, 226-237, 196-196, 247-247).

ESPN Match Play Finals (ESPN telecast Sunday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m. ET)

Match One: Bohn vs. Sterner

Match Two: VanHees vs. Waliczek

Championship: Winner Match One vs. Winner Match Two

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Liz Johnson and Danielle McEwan Join PBA League, Trade Adds Drama to 2016 Draft

Eight teams complete rosters for 2016 PBA League competition in Portland, Maine

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 17, 2015) – The two-time defending Professional Bowlers Association League champion Silver Lake Atom Splitters will make their bid for an Elias Cup “three-peat” in 2016 with a roster led by Chris Barnes, Dick Allen and Tom Daugherty, and completed Thursday when manager Mark Baker added PBA Rookie of the Year contender Matt McNeil and young Swedish two-handed star Jesper Svensson to complete his lineup.

PBA League rosters were filled Thursday during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy when each of the eight team managers draft two players in a serpentine draft in the reverse order of how they finished in 2015. Earlier in the fall, each manager had protected three players from their 2015 rosters.

The first highlight of Thursday’s draft was the selection of two women who have had success in PBA competition in addition to the newly-revived Professional Women’s Bowling Association. PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., the winner of the 2015 USBC Queens and Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women’s Open, and the only woman ever to advance to two PBA television finals, was selected in the final round of the draft by Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack. With the next-to-last pick in the draft, Barbasol Motown Muscle manager Del Ballard Jr. added PWBA Tour Championship and recent PBA Regional titlist Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., to his roster.

But before the final pick of the draft, Dallas Strikers’ player-manager Norm Duke pulled off a trade with Portland, sending red-hot left-hander Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., and Johnson to Portland in exchange for Texas two-hander Shawn Maldonado and North Carolina’s BJ Moore III.

The first player off the draft board, which consisted of more than 60 PBA members who had expressed their desire to be part of the 2016 draft, was 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., by GEICO New York City WTT KingPins manager Carolyn Dorin-Ballard. Motown then selected 18-year-old two-handed player Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas. Third was the Dallas Strikers who picked Ciminelli. Picking fourth, Philadelphia Hitmen manager Jason Couch selected veteran Tom Smallwood of Saginaw, Mich. The newly-named Portland Lumberjacks selected Maldonado. Brooklyn Styles manager Johnny Petraglia, represented at the draft by PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, picked veteran Jason Sterner of Covington, Ga. Last year’s runnerup, L.A. X under manager Andrew Cain, added veteran left-hander Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y. Silver Lake completed the round by picking rookie Matt McNeil of Prior Lake, Minn.

The final round of picks prior to the last-minute trade included Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson (Silver Lake), Colombia’s Andres Gomez (L.A. X), Rhode Island’s Jon VanHees (Brooklyn), North Carolina’s B.J. Moore (Portland), Ohio’s David Wodka (Philadelphia), Liz Johnson (Dallas), McEwan (Motown) and the KingPins, with the final pick, selected New York native John Szczerbinski.

The draft was covered live, exclusively on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

Johnson and McEwan became the second and third women selected for PBA League competition. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., was picked for the inaugural 2013 PBAL season by Los Angeles and subsequently traded to New York City.

The PBA League will return to Portland, Maine, for two days of competition on April 2 and 3 for delayed telecast over a span of four consecutive Sundays, April 17-May 8, on ESPN. All four PBA League shows will air at 1 p.m. ET.

2016 PBA LEAGUE ROSTERS

☐ GEICO New York City WTT Kingpins (Carolyn Dorin-Ballard): Pete Weber, Scott Norton, Mike Fagan, Marshall Kent, John Szczerbinski.

☐ Barbasol Motown Muscle (Del Ballard Jr.): EJ Tackett, Ronnie Russell, Josh Blanchard, Anthony Simonsen, Danielle McEwan.

☐ Dallas Strikers (player-manager Norm Duke): Bill O’Neill, Tommy Jones, Duke, Shawn Maldonado, B.J. Moore (Maldonado and Moore acquired in trade with Portland).

☐ Philadelphia Hitmen (Jason Couch): Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter, Rhino Page, Tom Smallwood, David Wodka.

☐ Portland Lumberjacks (manager Tim Mack): Bryon Smith, Wes Malott, Osku Palermmaa, Ryan Ciminelli, Liz Johnson (Ciminelli and Johnson acquired in trade with Dallas).

☐ Brooklyn Styles (Johnny Petraglia): Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Jason Sterner, Jon VanHees.

☐ L.A. X (Andrew Cain): Jason Belmonte, Stu Williams, Martin Larsen, Patrick Allen, Andres Gomez.

☐ Silver Lake Atom Splitters (manager Mark Baker): Chris Barnes, Dick Allen, Tom Daugherty, Matt McNiel, Jesper Svensson.

In addition to the PBA League competition at Bayside Bowl, the week-long PBA Maine Event will include the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, a PBA Tour title event, April 4-6, along with pro-am events and other activities to be announced. The Maine Shootout will be covered from start to finish on Xtra Frame, the PBA's online video-streaming service.

Gary Faulkner Jr. Wins Rolltech PBA World Championship for First Title

Memphis left-hander becomes second African American to win PBA Tour title

RENO, Nev. (Dec. 17, 2015) – Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., making his first professional television appearance, defeated top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 216-178, to win Rolltech Professional Bowlers Association World Championship Thursday at the National Bowling Stadium. He became the second African American in the PBA's 57-year history to win a Tour title.

The PBA World Championship, the crown jewel of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, was the culmination of 66 games of qualifying and match play contested on five different lane conditions. The finals aired live on ESPN.

Faulkner, a 25-year-old third-year PBA member, qualified third for the World Championship finals and won three straight matches to join George Branham III of Indianapolis as the PBA's only African American titlists. Branham, now retired, won five times including the 1986 Brunswick Memorial World Open and the 1993 Firestone Tournament of Champions.

Faulkner, who threw two bad shots in three games, threw six strikes on his first eight attempts while Tackett, the only right-hander in the finals, left three splits in his first five frames to fall behind by 49 pins, and Faulkner never gave him an opening.

"The first shot I was nervous, but after that I didn't think about anything," Faulkner said. "My mind was free. I didn't watch the other guys. I don't show a lot of emotions. My goal is always to win; I didn't come here to lose.

"Over the past year, I felt it coming. I was making small mistakes, but I'd go home and check my stats and fix my mistakes. Those small pins add up over time. I knew I could do it. I visualized it. I had maybe a half hour of nervousness, but I took a nap and came over here to bowl, and that was it."

Faulkner said he never saw Branham bowl, but he was aware he had a chance to become the second African American titlist.

"That's definitely one thing I tried not to think about, but it's amazing. To be honest, what I did think about is I wanted to shoot 300 on TV."

Faulkner, who anchored Webber International University to the 2012 Intercollegiate Team Championship, won his way into the title match with a 247-237 victory over Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., derailing Ciminelli's bid to become the first player to win three consecutive PBA titles on American soil since PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia accomplished that feat in 1971. Ciminelli also was trying for his third title of the year and back-to-back majors after winning the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November.

Faulkner, in his first game on television, started game two with 10 strikes on his first 11 shots, running away to a 262-218 win over Norton, who left single pins four times that prevented him from stringing the strikes he needed to keep up. Faulkner started the semifinal match with a spare and four strikes while Ciminelli struck only once in the first five frames to fall into a 31-pin deficit he couldn't overcome despite rallying with a string of five strikes starting in the sixth frame. Faulkner clinched the win by converting a 7 pin in the 10th frame.

In the first match, Norton bowled an error-free game in defeating Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., 215-202. Page left a 7-10 split in the fourth frame and a 3-6-7 split in the sixth, failing to convert both, and couldn't recover from the open frames.

PBA World Series coverage on ESPN continues with the finals of the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game Sunday at 1 p.m. EST.

ROLLTECH PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Thursday

Final Standings:

1, Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., \$60,000.

- 2, EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., \$30,000.
- 3, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$25,000.
- 4, Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif., \$20,000.
- 5, Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla., \$15,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Norton def. Page, 215-202.

Match Two - Faulkner def. Norton, 262-218.

Semifinal Match – Faulkner def. Ciminelli, 247-237.

Championship – Faulkner def. Tackett, 216-178.

Parker Bohn III Wins PBA Cheetah Championship for 35th Tour Title

Hall of Famer breaks tie with Mark Roth for fifth place on all-time PBA titles list

RENO, Nev. – Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.Y., defeated England's Paul Moor, 210-206, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Cheetah Championship at the National Bowling Stadium and move into sole possession of fifth place on PBA's all-time PBA Tour titles list.

The Cheetah Championship, presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, was the first of four "animal pattern" championships contested during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Bohn, a 52-year-old left-hander, survived a 6-7 split in the ninth frame and threw a strike on his first ball in the 10th after Moor failed to throw a third consecutive strike on his first shot in his 10th frame to give Bohn a chance. With his 35th career PBA Tour title, the PBA Hall of Famer broke a tie with fellow hall of famer Mark Roth for fifth place on the career titles list. He trails only Walter Ray Williams Jr. (47 titles), the late Earl Anthony (43), Norm Duke (38) and Pete Weber (37).

"I didn't exactly make a good pass at the ball in the ninth frame," Bohn said. "I hung up just a little bit, enough to leave the 6-7, and I said to myself, 'Are you kidding? You just handed (Moor) the title.' At that point, all I could do was sit on the bench and hope.

"When I left the 7 pin, I had a chance and that's all you can ask for. I knew I needed a mark to win and the best way to get a mark is to throw a strike."

Breaking the titles tie with Roth, Bohn said, "is something I never, ever dreamed would be possible. But no matter how many titles I win, and hopefully I'm not done, Mark Roth will still go down in history as one of the greatest bowlers who ever lived."

Bohn barely made it into the title match, slipping past former Team USA member Andrew Cain of Phoenix, 204-203, in the semifinal round while Moor, an accomplished European player who was inducted into the United Kingdom Tenpin Bowling Hall of Fame earlier this year, threw seven strikes on his first nine attempts to eliminate Duke, a 39-time PBA Tour champion, 265-224.

PBA World Series coverage on ESPN continues with the finals of the GoBowling.com Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame next Sunday at 1 p.m. EST.

PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (finals aired Sunday, Dec. 20, on ESPN)

Championship: Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J. (\$20,000) def. Paul Moor, England (\$10,000), 210-206.

Semifinal Round (losers each earned \$5,000): Bohn def. Andrew Cain, Phoenix, 204-203. Moor def. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 265-224.

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Sunday on ESPN: GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship at 1 p.m. ET

RENO, Nev. - Rolltech PBA World Championship winner Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., will try for his second GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy title and Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., will continue his bid for Player

of the Year when the finals of the GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship presented by Xtra Frame air from the National Bowling Stadium Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN.

Ciminelli, trying for his fifth PBA Tour career title and third of the season defeated nine-time Tour champion Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., in three straight games (223-214, 256-203, 248-215) in the best-of-five game single-elimination Round of 8 to advance to the match play finals. Ciminelli captured the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open title in November for his first major and also won the PBA Xtra Frame Las Vegas Open for his two titles this season.

Faulkner advanced to his second World Series telecast by sweeping Joonas Jehkinen of Finland 3-0 (201-180, 246-227, 255-228) in the Round of 8. The 25-year-old former collegiate standout at Webber International University won his first PBA Tour title during the live ESPN telecast of the Rolltech PBA World Championship Dec. 17 by defeating top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 216-178, in the championship match.

Kim Bolleby entered his name into the PBA record book by becoming the first player from Thailand to make a PBA Tour telecast. He defeated two-handed player Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. 3-2, (217-195, 212-246, 226-209, 184-226, 248-180) in the Round of 8 to advance to the final.

Also advancing was rookie Jakob Butturff of Chandler Ariz. who beat Warren Crawford of McKinleyville, Calif., 3-0 (230-193, 224-197, 218-179) in the Round of 8.

In Sunday's simultaneous semifinal matches, Ciminelli will meet Faulkner and Bolleby will take on Butturff with the winners then bowling a one-game match for the Viper Championship title. Bolleby and Butturff will be trying for their first PBA Tour title.

The Viper Championship is the second animal pattern PBA Tour event of the World Series of Bowling. Future telecasts from Reno on ESPN will include: PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. ET; PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. ET; Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. ET and PBA Challenge Finals presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. ET.

For all the latest World Series of Bowling news and information, bowling fans can tap into the PBA Network on pba.com and follow the PBA on its official Facebook page and on Twitter @PBATour.

PBA Spare Shots

2015 WORLD BOWLING TOUR MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FINALS FIELD SET

The three-man and three-woman fields for the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, have been confirmed as of the completion of the Rolltech PBA World Championship, the final event on the 2015 PBA International-World Bowling Tour schedule.

The WBT finals will be contested as part of the USBC Masters in Indianapolis for telecast as part of an ESPN doubleheader on Sunday, Feb. 21. The WBT finals will air at 3 p.m. ET, following the live ESPN coverage of the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at 1 p.m.

Leading the two-year rolling men's WBT points list is England's **Dom Barrett**. He will meet the winner of a semifinal match between No. 2 **Jason Belmonte** of Australia and No. 3 **Mike Fagan** of Fort Worth, Texas. Women's points leader **Kelly Kulick** of Union, N.J., will bowl against the winner of a match between No. 2 **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, N.Y., and No. 3 **Liz Johnson** of Cheektowaga, N.Y.

FIRELAKE TOC SOUTHWEST REGIONAL TO QUALIFY PLAYERS FOR FIRELAKE TOC

PBA Regional, PBA50, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional and/or PBA Women's Series champions will have an opportunity to compete for a minimum of 24 berths in the FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions during a special PBA TOC Southwest Open regional tournament immediately preceding the TOC in Shawnee, Okla.

The 2016 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions will include a field of 96 players, including up to 72 PBA Tour title holders based on the number of titles each player has won. An additional 24 PBA champions qualify during the special TOC Regional qualifying event Jan. 29-31. If fewer than 72 eligible PBA Tour champions accept their invitations to bowl in the TOC, those vacated spots also will be added to the regional qualifying field.

The TOC will get underway with 96 players bowling eight-game qualifying squads at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 2-3. After 16 games, the top 40 advance to an eight-game cashers' round at 10 a.m. Thursday. Based on 24-game pinfall totals, the top 24 will advance to eight-game round-robin match play rounds at 5 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Friday. The top five players after 48 games will compete for the \$50,000 first prize during Sunday's ESPN finals.

The TOC week schedule also includes practice squads on Monday, Feb. 1, with the PBA Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremonies at 6 p.m. at the Grand Casino Resort & Hotel when long-time ESPN announcer **Denny Schreiner**, former PBA South Region tournament manager **Harry O'Neale** and PBA50 Tour star **Pete Coutu** will be honored. Saturday, Feb. 6, will be a day of pro-am squads when Oklahoma grassroots league bowlers will bowl alongside PBA stars for their own prizes.

Australia's **Jason Belmonte** is the two-time defending Tournament of Champions winner.

Entries for the TOC and the Feb. 15-21 Barbasol PBA Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio, are now open. Eligible PBA Tour champions who want to participate in the TOC must submit their entries by no later than Tuesday, Jan. 4. To enter, contact Mary von Krueger at maryvk@pba.com or 206-332-9688. The TOC and Players Championship entry fees are both \$500.

The TOC Southwest Open is open to non-members as well as PBA members, but non-members do not receive credit for a PBA title and they are not eligible to qualify for the TOC. If the winner is a member who has not previously won a PBA title, he/she will become TOC-eligible. Entries for the regional will be handled by PBA Southwest Region Tournament Manager Pete McCordic (email: pete.mccordic@pba.com).

TOC participants also are advised the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort in Shawnee has established a \$99/night PBA rate for players and fans. To book rooms, visit www.grandresortok.com/hotel/ and enter the code 160128FIRE in the Group Code under "Advanced Options." Booking early is recommended because another event is scheduled in the area at the same time.

GOBOWLING.COM JOINS FAMILY OF PBA TOUR SPONSORS

GoBowling.com, the bowling community's go-to website for locating places to enjoy the world's most popular form of recreation, is the titled sponsor of the GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship, presented by Xtra Frame, which will be televised Sunday at 1 p.m. ET on ESPN. GoBowling.com also will be the presenting sponsor for the seventh Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational at Lucky Strike L.A. Live on Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Los Angeles.

The partnership venture between GoBowling.com and the PBA will allow the sport's No. 1 guide to family fun to reach ESPN's extensive PBA viewership audience on two occasions, expanding public awareness of its nationwide directory of bowling centers, bowling tips and techniques, industry news, special offers and more.

"The opportunity to participate with the PBA and ESPN to create unique exposure for GoBowling.com and participating bowling centers across America benefits everyone," said BPAA President Tom Martino on behalf of GoBowling.com. "Our goal is to make more people aware that GoBowling.com is there to make it easy for them to find a place to go bowling. ESPN and the PBA will help us deliver that message to millions of bowling enthusiasts."

The Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational, hosted by Los Angeles Clippers all-star point guard Chris Paul, as a fundraiser to benefit the charities supported by the Chris Paul Family Foundation, will air on ESPN on Sunday, Feb. 28, at 1 p.m. ET.

PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: THOMAS, LAVERY-SPAHR WIN HOUSTON DOUBLES TITLE

Pete Thomas of Oklahoma City and **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** from Pasadena, Texas, captured the third annual PBA50/PBA Bowling Dynamix Houston Southwest Doubles Sunday at Houston's Emerald Bowl by 353 pins over **Rick Minier** and his partner, **Shawn Maldonado**, both of Houston.

The winning duo pulled ahead of Minier and Maldonado in game five of the eight-game round robin match play finals, and then dominated as they won their last four matches while Minier and Maldonado failed to win any of their last four matches. Thomas and Lavery-Spahr finished with a 16-game 7,673 pinfall total to claim the \$5,000 winners' check.

☐ PBA Regional competition resumes over the Jan. 8-10 weekend with the PBA Village Lanes Gloucester South Open in Gloucester, Va.

☐ The Jan. 15-17 weekend includes a PBA South Region doubleheader, the PBA50 and PBA Shore Lanes/Sill's Pro Shop Merritt Island Opens presented by Storm.

☐ The PBA Central Region returns to action in 2016 with the Don Vay Memorial PBA/PBA50 Central Doubles Classic presented by Ebonite at Legend Lanes in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

☐ In addition to the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort TOC Southwest Open at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla., over Jan. 29-31 weekend, the PBA West and Northwest Regions will conduct the Sands Regency West/Northwest Challenge (for non-champions), Sands/Regency Winter Classic and PBA50 Sands/Regency Winter Classic – all presented by Storm – at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. Also on the calendar is the PBA50 Tony Grigat Allstate Midwest Open presented by 900 Global at Arlington Lanes in Arlington Heights, Ill.

For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

QUICK NOTES FROM WSOB VIII

ESPN coverage of the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII will continue in the weeks ahead, including the finals of the Viper (Dec. 27), Chameleon (Jan. 3) and Scorpion Championships (Jan. 10), followed by the 2016 Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship (Jan. 17) and the PBA Challenge Finals (Jan. 24).

A couple of wrapup notes from WSOB VII:

☐ 114 different players, out of a record field of 246 players (a 2:15 ration) cashed in at least one event.

☐ A newly-announced \$100,000 Ultimate Spare promotion, sponsored by Ultimate Bowling Products, went unclaimed...so far. The sponsorship offers a \$100,000 bonus to the first player who converts the 7-10 split in a nationally-televised PBA Tour event. The offer will remain in effect throughout the 2016 PBA Tour season. **Rhino Page** had the first shot at the bonus in the fourth frame of the Rolltech PBA World Championship. Other attempts? You'll have to watch upcoming WSOB VII telecasts to find out...

Ryan Ciminelli Wins GoBowling.com Viper Championship for Third 2015 PBA Tour Title

Victory puts New York left-hander into contention for 2015 PBA Player of the Year honors

RENO, Nev. – Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., became the Professional Bowlers Association's first three-time winner in 2015 when he defeated Thailand's Kim Bolleby, 237-201, to win the GoBowling Viper Championship at the National Bowling Stadium and put himself into contention for 2015 PBA Player of the Year honors.

The Viper Championship, presented by Xtra Frame, was the second of four "animal pattern" championships contested during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.

Ciminelli, 29, jumped out to a 33-pin lead on the strength of three strikes and a spare while Bolleby opened in his fourth frame, and Ciminelli never gave Bolleby a chance to get back into the game.

Ciminelli got a measure of revenge over newly-crowned PBA World Champion Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., with a 245-225 victory in the semifinal round while Bolleby eliminated PBA Tour rookie Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., 222-181, in the other semifinal match.

All four players are left-handers. It was the first all-lefty field in a PBA Tour event since 2007.

Ciminelli saw his dream of a third consecutive PBA Tour title and a second major win in 2015 when he lost to Faulkner, 247-237, in the Rolltech PBA World Championship finals on Dec. 17, so he knew a win in the Viper Championship was important if he wanted to challenge Australia's Jason Belmonte in the Player of the Year chase. Belmonte, the 2013 and 2014 Player of the Year, staked himself to a big lead earlier in the year when he won the USBC Masters and Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions, both majors.

"That was the hardest show I've ever been part of, knowing Player of the Year was on the line and I had to have this win," Ciminelli said of the Viper finals. "I knew I had another chance after the World Championship even though that one was heartbreaking. I felt like I bowled one of the best games of my life in that one, but this was do-or-die.

"My legs were jello," he added. "I was comfortable where I was playing the lane, but I was using a new ball and it didn't feel quite right. I just kept it in play and fortunately (Bolleby) didn't shoot a big game against me."

Ciminelli believes his third win will make a big difference in the PBA Player of the Year voting, which will take place early in January.

"I think three titles says a lot, with one of them being the U.S. Open," he said. "I think I had some votes before this one, but now I think I deserve it. It's something I never thought I'd have a chance to win, so when you get the chance, you have to seize it. It could be 10 years before I ever have another chance.

"Belmo and I talked about (POY) yesterday, and he told me I would be deserving if I win, and I feel the same about him. I think he's the best in the world, but if he doesn't win again this year, he'll probably win it again next year. I told him, 'Hey, bro, I just want one.'"

PBA World Series coverage on ESPN continues with the finals of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner next Sunday at 1 p.m. EST. The first all-international final in PBA Tour history will feature England's Stuart Williams vs. Sweden's Jesper Svensson and Germany's Pascal Winterheimer vs. Denmark's Thomas Larsen in the semifinal round. The two winners will bowl for the Chameleon title.

GOBOWLING.COM VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY XTRA FRAME
National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (contested Dec. 18, aired Dec. 27 on ESPN)

Championship: Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y. (\$20,000) def. Kim Bolleby, Thailand (\$10,000), 237-201.

Semifinal Round (losers each earned \$5,000): Ciminelli def. Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., 245-225. Bolleby def. Jakob Butturff, Chandler, Ariz., 222-181.

Sunday on ESPN: PBA Chameleon Championship at 1 p.m. ET

RENO, Nev. - In yet another first from the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, four Europeans qualified for the finals of the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com at the National Bowling Stadium marking the first time in PBA Tour history a televised final will consist of four international players.

In the third animal pattern lane condition Tour event of the World Series of Bowling, players from Germany, England, Denmark and Sweden will compete in the ESPN finals Sunday, Jan. 3 at 1 p.m. ET.

Stuart Williams, the first player from England to win a PBA Tour title, won his best-of-five single-elimination Round of 8 match 3-2 (230-257, 243-235, 220-255, 223-182, 202-200) with the last game coming down to the 10th frame. Williams, who is trying for his second Tour title, needed a nine-count on his final ball and threw a strike to squeak by Jakob Butturff of Chandler, Ariz., in the last game of the match to advance to the finals.

Two-time Tour winner Thomas Larsen of Denmark defeated three-time winner Scott Norton of Mission Viejo, Calif., 3-2 (235-237, 191-226, 279-226, 227-199, 214-193) to advance to the final.

Bowling in his first WSOB, Pascal Winterheimer of Germany, beat seven-time Tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., 3-1 (234-246, 248-215, 225-216, 258-257), to advance to the telecast. Two-handed lefthander and 2015 Kingdom of Bahrain International Open winner Jesper Svensson of Sweden swept his Round of 8 match, 3-0 (300-188, 248-212, 258-225) against Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C.

The semifinal matches will be contested simultaneously, with Svensson facing Williams and Larsen squaring off against Winternheimer. The two winners will advance to the championship match.

For a video preview of this Sunday's show click on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XAINMUp3K6Q>

Future telecasts from Reno on ESPN will include: PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA, Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. ET; Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. ET and PBA Challenge Finals presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. ET.

For all the latest World Series of Bowling news and information, bowling fans can tap into the PBA Network on pba.com and follow the PBA on its official Facebook page and on Twitter @PBATour.

PBA's Top Stories of 2015

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2015 was another milestone year for the PBA on many levels, from the outstanding achievements of the world's greatest players to the expansion of PBA's online bowling channel Xtra Frame and the PBA Network to enhance coverage for PBA fans, just to name a few.

We considered stories that not only had an impact for 2015 but also stories that will have an impact for the sport moving forward.

Here's a look at our top stories for 2015 in chronological order:

PBA Hall of Fame Journalist Chuck Pezzano Dies

Chuck Pezzano, a charter member of the PBA Hall of Fame and recognized as the dean of bowling journalists, died at age 86 on Jan. 14. Born in Paterson, N.J., in 1929, Pezzano started his writing career with the Paterson Morning Call in 1952 and continued writing for The Record in Bergen County until his death. He contributed to more than 100 publications round the world and authored or co-authored more than a dozen books about bowling.

Pezzano was the first collegiate bowler to bowl an 800 series, but one of his proudest accomplishments was joining sons Charles Jr., Craig, Curt and Clay as the first father and four sons to bowl 300 games.

Australia's Jason Belmonte Adds to PBA Major Titles Legacy

Australia's Jason Belmonte became the first bowler in the 64-year history of the USBC Masters to win the event three consecutive times, defeating collegiate bowler AJ Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 202-157, in February at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in Green Bay, Wis. It was Belmonte's 11th career PBA Tour title, and his fourth major.

A week later, Belmonte successfully defended his title in the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, posting a 232-214 victory over top qualifier Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla. It was Belmonte's fifth major title in a span of three years.

Belmonte's win over shadowed a perfect performance by Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who threw the PBA's 25th nationally-televised 300 game in defeating Ryan Ciminelli, 300-214, in the second match of the day. Belmonte then eliminated Rash in the semifinal match, 235-203.

Bob Glass, Chris Peters and Barb Wilt Inducted Into Hall of Fame

PBA Senior standout Bob Glass, former PBA owner Chris Peters and longtime PBA staff member Barb Wilt were inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame Class of 2015 at the Marriott Indianapolis North in conjunction with the 50th anniversary Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions.

Glass was elected in the PBA50 Performance category while Peters and Wilt were recognized in the Meritorious Service category for their extraordinary contributions behind the scenes to advance the PBA.

Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III Climb PBA Titles Ladder

With an assist from partner Wes Malott, PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke moved into sole possession of third place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list when the duo successfully defended their Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. Duke's 38th career title broke a tie with Pete Weber.

The same weekend in Indianapolis, fellow Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III defeated hometown favorite Ronnie Russell in a two-shot sudden death roll-off to win the PBA Players Championship for his 34th career title, tying Roth for fifth place on the all-time titles list. Bohn broke the tie and moved into sole possession of fifth place in December when he defeated England's Paul Moor, 210-206, to win the PBA Cheetah Championship for his 35th career title.

PBA Makes First Visit to Maine

The PBA made an historic visit to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine in March for the Maine Event, its first-ever PBA Tour competition in the state. In front of enthusiastic fans, the Silver Lake Atom Splitters won their second straight PBA League Elias Cup, and in the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., made it back-to-back titles with a 2-1 victory over Australia's Jason Belmonte in the best-of-three-game title match. A week before the Maine Event, Blanchard won his first career title in the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Germany.

Television Executive Steve Bornstein Joins PBA Board

Steve Bornstein, one of the most influential sports and entertainment media executives of the last quarter century, joined the PBA Board of Directors in May 2015. Bornstein played a major role in shaping the growth and success of ESPN and the National Football League. His career included roles as ESPN President and CEO, President and CEO of the NFL Network, and President of ABC Inc.

Pete Weber Joins Norm Duke as U.S. Open/PBA50 U.S. Open Winners

PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber won the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm in June to join fellow Hall of Famer Norm Duke as the only players to win U.S. Open titles on both the PBA and PBA50 Tours. Weber, who has won a record five U.S. Open titles, defeated top qualifier Eric Forkel of Henderson, Nev., 224-212, in the title match at the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas. For Weber it was his second PBA50 Tour

major title (he also won the 2013 USBC Senior Masters) to go along with his record-tying 10 major titles in PBA Tour competition.

Ryan Ciminelli Jumps into 2015 PBA Player of the Year Race

Top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., captured his first major title in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November to become a challenger to Jason Belmonte in the 2015 Player of the Year race. After leading the field by 461 pins, Ciminelli held off Dom Barrett, 236-223, to win U.S. Open at AMF Garland Lanes in Garland, Texas.

It also was Ciminelli's second consecutive Tour win following the Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open two weeks earlier. In December, his bid to become the first player since Johnny Petraglia in 1971 to win three consecutive PBA Tour titles ended when he lost to eventual winner Gary Faulkner Jr. in the semifinal round of the Rolltech PBA World Championship. But shortly thereafter, he became the first player in 2015 to win three titles when he defeated Thailand's Kim Bolleby for the GoBowling.com PBA Viper Championship title.

Gary Faulkner Jr. Wins Landmark Title in Rolltech PBA World Championship

Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., in his PBA television debut, defeated top qualifier EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 216-178, to win the Rolltech PBA World Championship at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno and became the second African American in the PBA's 57-year history to win a Tour title. Faulkner, a 25-year-old third-year PBA member, won three straight matches to join George Branham III of Indianapolis as the PBA's only African American titlists. Branham, now retired, won five times including the 1986 Brunswick Memorial World Open and the 1993 Firestone Tournament of Champions.

Seven First-Time Champions Crowned in 2015

The PBA Tour saw a wave of newcomers claim their first Tour titles in 2015. The players who captured their first PBA Tour titles included England's Paul Moor (Brunswick Ballmaster Open), Sweden's Jesper Svensson (Kingdom of Bahrain Open), Josh Blanchard (Brunswick Euro Challenge), Kyle Troup (PBA Wolf Open), EJ Tackett (PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Southwest Open), Cameron Weier (Qatar Open), and Gary Faulkner Jr. (Rolltech PBA World Championship) with the possibility of other first-time winners coming in the two remaining WSOB Tour events on ESPN in early January.

GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII Draws Record Entry; Fall Classic Debuts

The GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy continued to solidify its standing as the world's premiere bowling showcase in 2015. The seventh annual World Series moved to Reno's National Bowling Stadium in December, attracting a record entry of 246 players from a record-tying 21 countries.

The move to Reno, to accommodate the PBA Tour's first live prime-time television event on ESPN in 14 years created an opportunity for a new tournament program, the PBA Fall Classic, at the state-of-the-art South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas. The October Fall Classic included qualifying rounds for the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, the Xtra Frame PBA South Point Las Vegas Open and an all-new five-player PBA Team Challenge event won by Dead Money (Danielle McEwan, Alex Cavagnaro, Matt O'Grady, Anthony Pepe, Matt McNiel).

Xtra Frame, PBA Network Continues to Expand Global Coverage for PBA Fans

The growth and popularity of online coverage on PBA's exclusive online video-streaming service, Xtra Frame, and expansion of PBA's social media reach through its all-inclusive PBA Network, was a highlight of the 2015 season. Xtra Frame's highlights included exclusive coverage of six new PBA Tour events, covered start to finish for the first time; exclusive coverage of the new Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour; live coverage of the entire PBA50 Tour schedule, and hundreds of hours of bonus coverage of PBA Tour preliminary rounds.

PBA Tour telecasts on ESPN also experienced a 23 percent increase in viewership in 2015.

Beyond Xtra Frame and nationally-televised events by ESPN and CBS Sports Network, PBA gave fans added coverage on its YouTube channel, Facebook, Twitter, pba.com and more.