

M KOUROS, USBC HALL OF FAME, DIES AT AGE 92

ARLINGTON, Texas – Tom Kouros of Deer Park, Illinois, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame member, passed away at his home on April 28. He was 92.

Elected to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2009, Kouros is the best-selling author of Par Bowling, which sold more than 800,000 copies, and Par Bowling: The Challenge. As a coach, he conducted hundreds of clinics in the United States and in more than 20 countries worldwide, and he also served as a technical adviser to the World Tenpin Bowling Association.

He was the longtime proprietor of River Rand Bowl in Des Plaines, Illinois, and served as president and secretary treasurer of Chicago's Northwest Bowling Proprietors' Association.

The co-founder and former president of the Mid-America Bowling Writers, he won numerous writing awards during his more than 30 years as a columnist for Bowlers Journal International.

Kouros received the Flowers for the Living Award in 2001, was the first recipient of the International Coach of the Year Award by the World Bowling Writers in 2002, and received the Louis Petersen Award from Illinois State Bowling Proprietors' Association in 2003. He also was honored by the Bowling Writers Association of America with the Rip Van Winkle Award in 1997.

He is a member of the Illinois Bowling Association Hall of Fame (2005) and was a 2009 inductee into the Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame.

Kouros is survived by his sister, Alice Malzahn, his children, Christopher Kouros (Theresa Griffin), Marcie Kouros, Tyson Kouros, Craig Kouros (Jodie Rowlett), and six grandchildren.

A memorial service is scheduled for May 11 at 11 a.m. in the Old Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave., Arlington Heights, Illinois. A reception will follow at River Rand Bowl, 191 S. River Road, Des Plaines.

USOC COMPLIANCE REPORT SHOWS USBC MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) published an audit report confirming the United States Bowling Congress is compliant with the USOC's 2018 Compliance Checklist.

The audit was conducted by the USOC National Governing Body Compliance and Audit Department.

The USOC annually conducts a review and produces a compliance checklist report for all National Governing Bodies. The report verifies USBC is aligned with key elements of the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the USOC Bylaws and certain USOC policies, in order to demonstrate ongoing commitment to the values and requirements of membership in the USOC.

As part of the review, USBC policy was examined and deemed compliant on the checklist report which includes 27 questions related to the following areas:

- Governance/Managerial
- Financial capability
- Due process and athlete representation
- SafeSport
- Anti-Doping

USOC initially identified two deficiencies needing policy clarification. USBC immediately remedied these to become fully compliant.

The full report can be found at [TeamUSA.org/footer/Compliance](https://www.teamusa.org/footer/Compliance), the compliance page of the USOC website.

USBC CONVENTION TO TAKE PLACE IN CHICAGO AREA IN 2021

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting heads to the Chicago area in 2021 as the Westin Lombard Yorktown Center in Lombard, Illinois, will be the host hotel for the event.

The 2021 USBC Convention is set for April 26-29, continuing its Monday-Thursday format of the last several years.

Convention delegates, comprised mostly of volunteers from local and state associations throughout the country, have responded through surveys that the weekday schedule is preferred. The schedule assists with rates and accommodations for delegates and their guests.

The USBC Board of Directors recently approved the site selection, as it continues the organization's commitment to host its annual meeting near a USBC Championships event. The 2021 USBC Women's Championships will take place at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, just six miles away.

At the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, delegates attend educational seminars, hear updates from USBC and industry leaders, and national awards and scholarships, including the National Recognition Awards and Stars of Tomorrow Awards, are presented.

During the Annual Meeting, delegates vote on legislative proposals to bylaws and league and tournament rules, and vote on open positions on the USBC Board of Directors.

The USBC Hall of Fame induction ceremony also is held in conjunction with the national convention.

The 2020 USBC Convention will take place April 27-30 at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

Visit [BOWL.com/Convention](https://www.bowl.com/convention) for more information about the USBC Convention.

Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, Finland native Mika Koivuniemi, and Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, were inducted for Superior Performance, the late Jim St. John was added in the Veterans category, Larry Lichstein of Fort Myers, Florida, was inducted in the Pioneer division and, for Meritorious Service, the late John Davis and veteran bowling writer Bob Johnson of Las Vegas joined the USBC Hall of Fame.

Barnes, 49, owns 19 Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour titles, including three majors – the 2005 U.S. Open, 2006 PBA Tournament of Champions and 2011 PBA World Championship. He earned PBA Rookie of the Year honors in 1998 and was the 2007-2008 PBA Player of the Year, making him one of five bowlers to have won both awards. He was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 2018.

He captured 22 gold medals as a 16-time member of Team USA, the most appearances on the team by any male bowler. He announced his retirement from Team USA earlier this year and was honored by USBC, along with longtime teammate Tommy Jones, during the USBC Convention on Wednesday afternoon.

“As I look around, I’m simply in awe of the accomplishments and the legendary pioneers in this room that inspired me and so many other people to achieve things greater than they ever thought they could,” Barnes said. “While the PBA Tour allowed me to provide for my family and made me bowling famous, it is the bowling I did within the USBC that shaped my life.

“Following in the footsteps before me, of many of you, it has long been a goal of mine to make the USBC Hall of Fame through USBC accomplishments. And I like to think I’m not done yet.”

Koivuniemi, 52, currently lives in the United Arab Emirates and has coached the UAE national team since 2015. He joined the PBA Tour at age 32, earning the first two of his 14 career PBA titles in major events – the 2000 USBC Masters and the 2001 U.S. Open – to earn the nickname Major Mika.

He captured a third major at the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions and was a two-time PBA Player of the Year (2003-2004, 2010-2011). He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier this year.

“What a year 2019 has been for me, making two big hall of fames in the same year,” Koivuniemi said. “There are so many people throughout the world who have helped me. I still remember my first (USBC) Open Championships in Reno in 1995 at the new stadium. It was something to see how it ran so smoothly with so many bowlers. I remember my first Masters and U.S. Open in 1996 – great memories and experiences – and then being lucky enough to win both of them as my first two titles.”

Kulick, 42, made history in 2010 when she captured the PBA Tournament of Champions title, becoming the first woman to win a PBA Tour event. She captured Professional Women’s Bowling Association (PWBA) Rookie of the Year honors in 2000 and won the first of her six major titles at the 2003 U.S. Women's Open.

She is a 15-time Team USA member and her international resume includes a then-record performance in winning gold in singles at the 1999 World Bowling World Championships, the first of her 22 career gold medals.

“To witness the people walking through that door earlier, the hall of famers and everyone here ... I just thankful for this moment,” Kulick said. “I learned a lot from my elders, but since commentating on the youth and collegiate events, it’s the youth who inspire me to pave the way for future generations.”

She also referenced a former Team USA teammate about what reaching the hall of fame means to her future on the lanes.

“Liz Johnson sat up here a few years ago and said just because she’s in the hall of fame doesn’t mean she’s done,” Kulick said. “Me, too. I am not done.”

St. John, who served in the Navy for nine years before turning to bowling full time, won six titles on the PBA Tour from 1963-1969 and captured a USBC Open Championships Classic Team title in 1964. He died on Jan. 11, 1987.

His most dominating performance came at the 1963 World Invitational, one of the most prestigious tournaments in bowling, that took place in Chicago. St. John set 12 tournament records, tied two others, and posted the only 300 game over the course of the 11-day tournament. He successfully defended his title at the 1964 event.

Members of St. John’s family were unable to attend the induction ceremony, but his daughter, Karen Hayward, relayed a message from the family, including her mom, Delores, and her brother, Ron.

“My family and I would like to thank the USBC Hall of Fame committee for recognizing my father in the Veterans category,” Hayward said in her letter. “When my brother and I were very small, we would travel around the U.S. with our parents to all of the bowling tournaments. ... I also enjoyed watching my dad and the other bowlers on the Falstaff bowling team. They did a lot of trick bowling. I haven’t seen anything like it since. My family and I have a lot of wonderful memories of our bowling family. Thank you again to the USBC and everyone involved.”

Lichstein, 69, who was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1996 in the Meritorious Service Category, made his mark as the long-time director of player services for the PBA. He started his PBA career as a bowler in 1969, becoming the youngest PBA Rookie of the Year at the time of his selection, and won his lone PBA title at the San Jose Open in 1970.

In May 1974, Lichstein changed career paths, and for more than 22 years, would serve as the PBA Director of Player Services, where he equipped, fit, maintained and served up to 300 PBA Tour bowlers each week. He also owns two Open Championships titles, winning Classic All-Events in 1969 and Classic Team in 1970.

“When I got the call, Nov. 2 (from USBC President Karl Kielich), that was my son’s 50th birthday,” Lichstein said. “It was a tough day, I cried a lot, because I love the sport and I couldn’t believe it was happening. I really thought it wasn’t true, but he finally convinced me it was. This is really such a special day for me.”

Davis, who passed away on Jan. 25, 2013, at age 64, started Kegel in 1981 on the heels of developing The Key™ Lane Cleaning Tool, which provided bowling centers a better and more economical way to clean lanes. With a goal of making “two lanes play the same,” he became a leading innovator and expert in the field of lane maintenance throughout a career that had a major impact in the sport.

In addition to the lane machines, conditioners, cleaners and other items he developed, he opened the Kegel Training Center in 1997, moving it to its current location in Lake Wales, Florida, in 2003, to give bowlers and coaches the latest technological advances to take their knowledge to the next level. His last invention was the Kegel LaneMapper, which measures lane topography.

“My father was a very humble man,” said Davis’ son, Chris. “He didn’t care about the rewards, or the awards, he just wanted to fix bowling. He accomplished so much over the years. He was truly a family man and loved the sport of bowling. ... What a life, what a life. What a great honor this is.”

His brother, Mark Davis added, “John had a passion for servicing the bowling industry. He spent much of his time on the phone with people all over the world, discussing the game and all aspects of it. He would call people out of the blue and talk to them for hours about nothing but bowling. I don’t doubt that some of those people are in the room now.”

Johnson, 61, of Las Vegas, has been at the forefront of telling bowling’s stories for nearly five decades. He has been honored with 75 national writing awards for his work covering the sport and industry, and has served on the USBC Hall of Fame committee since its formation.

In 2009, Johnson was selected as the Bowling Writers Association of America (now International Bowling Media Association) Luby Hall of Fame Award winner, and was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier this year.

“Looking back, I’m grateful for those tough days because they forced me to be a better researcher, a better interviewer and a better writer,” Johnson said about his start as a journalist. “I had to become a better writer to get more assignments and, over time, that is what happened.”

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women’s International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

With the induction of the seven-member class of 2019, there are 432 members of the USBC Hall of Fame – 223 in Superior Performance, 120 in Meritorious Service, 51 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneers and 16 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

BowlTV.com provided live coverage of the 2019 USBC Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Visit BOWL.com/HallOfFame to learn more about the USBC Hall of Fame.

SMART CORPORATION MAKES \$1.75 MILLION DISTRIBUTION FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the second consecutive year, the Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) will make a distribution of \$1.75 million to providers' funds from investment earnings.

Based on income earned from investments, the SMART Board determines any possible income earnings distribution and releases the funds to providers by the end of May each year. The \$1.75 million distribution is from investment earnings in 2018.

“The SMART Board is excited to make such a significant distribution for the second consecutive year,” SMART Corporation Board Chairman Steve Moehrle said about the distribution announced by SMART during its presentation at the USBC Convention. “We will continue to protect SMART funds through conservative investment strategies and look to continue our yearly earnings distributions so providers can provide more youth bowlers with scholarships.”

With this year's earnings distribution of \$1.75 million, SMART has returned more than \$4.3 million to Providers accounts in the last year. It includes \$2.2 million in expired Recipients Funds and \$430,000 in Expired Provider accounts.

The SMART Board provided an income earnings distribution of \$1 million in 2017 and \$450,000 in 2016.

SMART also has continued to make improvements to the program. Within the last year, providers were given the ability to make online payments and SMART scholarship recipients now have an easier way to request funds online.

The SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation was created in 2010 as an independent entity dedicated to the management, protection and promotion of the SMART scholarship funds with the United States Bowling Congress staff overseeing the day-to-day operation of the program. USBC started the SMART program in 1994 to offer a centralized location to manage bowling scholarship funds, as well as provide USBC members with a resource for inquiries about bowling scholarships.

The seven-member SMART Board places the largest portion of earned scholarships in conservative securities with remaining assets invested in a diversified portfolio expected to yield larger returns. The majority of investment income is distributed to participating organizations and providers, with a small portion used to cover administrative costs and investment fees.

Visit BOWL.com/SMART to learn more about the SMART program.

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MUSEUM ANNOUNCES

BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK EXHIBITION

Exhibition is in Conjunction with Blue Star Museums Program

ARLINGTON, Texas – Today the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame announced its latest museum exhibit, spotlighting the Bowlers to Veterans Link, opening just in time for Memorial Day weekend.

“This is a unique opportunity to display the accomplishments of this wonderful organization,” said Mike Aulby, President of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Board.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), founded in 1942 and bowling’s oldest and most successful charity, provides therapeutic and recreational programs and services for America’s veterans as well as active-duty troops.

BVL is supported by league bowling associations, bowling centers, and individuals nationwide who remain dedicated to our mission to provide active-duty troops and veterans with an outlet for the joy, freedom, and friendship that recreation and sport can bring. BVL is America’s only national sports organization specifically devoted to those who have served our country.

The exhibition features items from the museum’s collection and will remain on display through Labor Day weekend.

The timing of this exhibition is especially prescient as the museum enters its sixth year of membership in the Blue Star Museum Program. The program, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, allows active-duty military members and their families access to a network of participating museums nationwide free of charge.

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame extends this privilege to veterans and their families, as well. The program also will run through Labor Day weekend. For more information about the Blue Star program, visit BlueStarFam.org.

Visit BowlingMuseum.com for more information on the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

2019 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC, USBC SENIOR MASTERS READY TO GET UNDERWAY IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – Sam’s Town Bowling Center will serve as the home to a pair of events geared toward the top senior and super senior players around the world starting this week in Las Vegas.

The Super Senior Classic, for United States Bowling Congress members age 60 and older, will start the festivities at Sam’s Town and run from May 30-June 2, while the USBC Senior Masters, for bowlers age 50 and older, will take place from June 4-9 at the 56-lane venue.

BowITV.com will provide wire-to-wire coverage of each event, including the stepladder finals.

Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colorado, will return to Sam’s Town to put his title on the line at the Super Senior Classic, and Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, will look to continue the historic pace that carried him to the 2018 Senior Masters title.

Dias, a 62-year-old left-hander, claimed the 2018 title as the top overall seed, delivering 10 strikes in a 278-205 victory over Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas.

“It was a big win for me,” said Dias, who also is a USBC Gold coach. “It’s a major tournament for the super seniors, and I’m excited to be able to defend my title.”

Dias was locked in throughout the 2018 event, never finishing a round outside of the top four in the overall standings.

He has been working on getting his game back to that level in 2019 and has improved each week of the 2019 PBA50 Tour season.

On Tuesday, he was able to make his way through each round at the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by Motiv to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals, and he claimed his third career PBA50 Tour title with a 227-217 victory over USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey.

“For me, the key is to just stay in the process, not get too far ahead of myself and take this tournament one phase at a time,” Dias said. “I was a little more locked in last year than I am right now, but I’m starting to get back there. I’m looking forward to having a good event.”

Qualifying for the 201-player field at the Super Senior Classic will include 12 games over two days (six games each day), with 1 in 4 bowlers advancing to the Cashers’ Round based on total pinfall.

The top 12 bowlers after the six-game Cashers’ Round, based on 18-game pinfall totals, will advance to round-robin match play and have a chance to advance to the unique group stepladder portion of the event.

The stepladder finals of the Super Senior Classic will be broadcast live on BowITV on June 2 at 2 p.m. Eastern. The winner will take home \$8,500.

Warren, a 55-year-old right-hander, broke four tournament records on the way to his Senior Masters victory in 2018, and that included a pair of wins against USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, in the title match. The win made Warren the third player to win both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters.

After dropping his first match in the double-elimination bracket, Warren rattled off 13 consecutive wins with a record 243.9 average in match play.

He set the new marks for most overall matches (14), total and consecutive wins (13) and match-play average.

“I was a little upset and disappointed in myself after that first match,” said Warren, who won the 1990 Masters. “I bowled poorly and decided I was just going to do better. The lanes began to play to my favor, in the aspect that I could just throw the ball to a spot and not worry about trying to help it. I was able to bowl my way, and my arm swing got really loose. Once that happens, I can strike with the best of them.”

After earning the No. 4 seed in the stepladder finals, Warren rolled games of 236, 234 and 290 to earn a meeting with Duke, the top seed.

In the true double-elimination format, Warren had to defeat Duke twice and delivered wins of 269-220 and 246-241, which included an improbable miscue from Duke in his final frame.

With Warren on the bench with 246, Duke needed a strike on his first shot of the 10th frame followed by at least eight pins on his second offering, plus the spare conversion, to claim the title by a single pin.

After rolling the first strike, Duke left the 3-4-6-7-9-10 combination to allow Warren to claim his first PBA50 Tour title.

Warren has been trying to get some games under his belt after fighting some health issues personally, and within his family, in the past few months, but he feels if he can find his release, he can put himself in position to return to the stepladder finals.

“If I’m able to let go of the ball and get a loose swing, I can make it back to the stepladder,” said Warren, a six-time PBA Tour champion. “There’s not a doubt in my mind. I don’t have to worry about qualifying, but I need to use qualifying to find out what I’m doing and get everything in line, so I can come out and perform like I know I can.”

The Senior Masters is considered a PBA50 major championship, and the 289-player field will bowl 15 games of qualifying over three days starting June 4 to determine the 63 bowlers joining Warren in match play.

As the defending champion, Warren is guaranteed the No. 64 spot in the bracket but can improve his seeding through qualifying.

Match play at the 2019 Senior Masters will take place June 7-8, with the stepladder finals concluding the action at Sam’s Town on June 9 at 1 p.m. Eastern. The champion will earn \$20,000.

For more information on the Super Senior Classic, visit BOWL.com/SuperSenior. To learn more about the USBC Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com/SeniorMasters.

CALIFORNIA'S TY DAWSON WINS 2019 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC

LAS VEGAS - Google might be working overtime this weekend with bowling fans trying to learn more about Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, California, who outlasted nearly 200 of

the top United States Bowling Congress members age 60 and older at the 2019 Super Senior Classic.

The 66-year-old right-hander and first-time participant at the Super Senior Classic was the top seed for the star-studded stepladder Sunday at the Sam's Town Bowling Center and wasted no time showing his desire for the coveted title and \$8,500 top prize, striking on the first five shots of his 227-214 win over Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Washington.

Though Dawson faltered briefly, missing the 3-6-10 in the sixth frame of the title tilt, he rallied back with three more strikes to pull away from Miller for good. Miller, a seven-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion and the lone left-hander in the championship round, collected \$7,000 for the runner-up finish.

"I can't believe it, but I can, because I threw the ball really well," Dawson said. "I worked hard to get this far, and I'm excited about this. The adrenaline and emotions were really high. I shed a few tears. I had a bunch of my friends come up and congratulate me afterwards, so it feels really good knowing your peers appreciate all of the hard work."

Dawson became the seventh different player since the inaugural event in 2013 to hoist the trophy at the Super Senior Classic, and one of his keys to success this week at Sam's Town simply was to focus only on the things he could control.

Early in the championship match, when Miller missed a 6 pin and 4-10 split in back-to-back frames, Dawson wasn't watching his opponent or the scores and had no idea he'd opened up such a significant lead. He said his own miscue in the sixth frame was the adrenaline getting the best of him, something he was able to move past with a quick mental reset.

"I kept my mind still and didn't really focus on anything," Dawson said. "I wanted to clear my mind and focus on what I wanted to do. I didn't even watch to see how Hugh was bowling, so I had no idea if I was winning or not. I waited to the end of the match to look up and see the scoreboard. I was focused on my game, since I had no control over what he was doing."

Miller earned his spot in the championship match with an exciting 284-226 win against Pete McCordic of Katy, Texas. Miller started the semifinal with 10 consecutive strikes, before a 4-6-7-10 split ended his run at perfection.

In the opening match of the Super Senior Classic stepladder, McCordic eased past Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pennsylvania, 247-157.

McCordic and Bower were the survivors of the unique and simultaneous group stepladders that kicked off Sunday's action at Sam's Town.

In the Group A stepladder, Bower defeated 2017 Super Senior Classic champion Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 222-204, after Mohr missed two 10 pins and could not recover. Bower defeated Chris Keane of Cape Coral, Florida, in the opening match, 234-210.

In the Group B stepladder, McCordic caught a couple of breaks - a rolled 2 pin and a broken-up 4-9 split - to outlast USBC Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, 228-220. Baker, a two-time winner at the USBC Senior Masters, topped Japan's Takeo Sakai in the first match, 246-222.

Dawson and Miller earned automatic spots in the main stepladder based on their performances over two days of qualifying, a cashers' round and six games of round-robin match play, all of which began Thursday.

The 198 competitors this week at Sam's Town rolled 12 games of qualifying over two days, before the field was cut to the top 50 for the six-game Cashers' Round.

The top 12 bowlers, based on their 18-game pinfall totals, advanced to round-robin match play, where they were split into two six-player groups - Group A and Group B - with all odd-numbered qualifiers going to Group A and all evens going to Group B.

At the conclusion of match play, the leader from each group automatically advanced to the final stepladder, earning the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds based on total pinfall for 24 games, including 30 bonus pins for each win in match play.

Dawson, the Group B leader, edged Miller, who topped Group A, by 32 pins for the top seed, while the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 finishers in each group advanced to Sunday's group stepladders.

Before finding the spotlight at the Super Senior Classic, Dawson already knew he could compete against the best around, something he proved in 2016, when he finished third at the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV, an event he skipped last week to keep his focus on the Super Senior Classic.

The four-time PBA50 regional champion enjoys his day job at Cisco Systems in San Jose, California, and prefers to pick and choose the events in which he competes. Even after Sunday's success in Las Vegas, that will not change, and he'll sit out the upcoming USBC Senior Masters, also at Sam's Town, and the PBA Senior U.S. Open at the nearby Suncoast Bowling Center.

"I just didn't like the way I was throwing the ball, so I skipped Brentwood and focused on bowling here," Dawson said. "I worked on some things and got to where I was feeling better, and I didn't want to ruin that by bowling Brentwood. It worked out to my advantage."

Many of the Super Senior Classic competitors now will turn their attention to the 2019 Senior Masters, the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older, which gets underway Monday with official practice.

All rounds of Senior Masters competition will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com, concluding June 9 at 1 p.m. Eastern.

For complete results from the Super Senior Classic or for more information on the Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com.

2019 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC
At Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas
Sunday's results

Final standings

- 1, Ty Dawson, Sunnyvale, Calif., 227 (one game), \$8,500
- 2, Hugh Miller, Mercer Island, Wash., 498 (two games), \$7,000
- 3, Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, 473 (two games), \$5,500
- 4, Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., 157 (one game), \$4,000

Stepladder results

Match No. 1: McCordic def. Bower, 247-157

Semifinal: Miller def. McCordic, 284-226

Final: Dawson def. Miller, 227-214

Group A Stepladder

Semifinal: Darryl Bower, Middletown, Pa., def. Chris Keane, Cape Coral, Fla., 234-210 (Keane finishes tied for seventh, earns \$2,600).

Final: Bower def. Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, 222-204 (Mohr finishes tied for fifth, earns \$3,200).

Group B Stepladder

Semifinal: Tom Baker, King, N.C., def. Takeo Sakai, Japan, 246-222 (Sakai finishes tied for seventh, earns \$2,600).

Final: Pete McCordic, Katy, Texas, def. Baker, 228-220 (Baker finishes tied for fifth, earns \$3,200).

MIKE LOGAN NAMED BPAA PROPRIETOR OF THE YEAR FOR 2019

ARLINGTON, Texas — Mike Logan, the owner of Grand Station Entertainment in College Station, Texas, has been named the 2019 recipient of the Proprietor of the Year award by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

Logan will receive his award during International Bowl Expo week, June 23-27, at the Paris Las Vegas Resort in Las Vegas.

A special committee selects the award winner from submitted nomination forms. Logan's nomination was accompanied by letters of support from fellow proprietors, as well as local and state USBC association officials.

Logan, a third-generation proprietor, transformed a failing bowling center into a thriving family entertainment center. Rather than removing lanes in order to free up space for new attractions, he closed an adjoining roller skating rink and used that space to add a large arcade, laser tag and other attractions.

Logan is a bowler at heart, with numerous honor score awards to his credit, but as a businessperson he says he could see the writing on the wall as bowling's league participant base has slowly but continually diminished. While he still strongly supports local and state bowling tournaments, he says new revenue streams were needed to keep bowling available and viable.

"I'm not a trendsetter by any stretch of the imagination," Logan said in the June issue of Bowling Center Management magazine, official publication of the BPAA. "But I know how to follow the trends."

Logan noted that "without the arcade and the other additions we made, we would not have been able to buy 40 new pinsetting machines, two new lane machines and so on."

Thanks to those capital improvements, and a strong focus on cleanliness, Grand Station Entertainment maintains a strong league base.

Logan also has found time to volunteer with both the Texas Bowling Centers Association and at the national level with BPAA.

While a TBCA officer, he helped bring many centers into membership and urged that educational programs be presented to the members in multiple locations since Texas is such a large state. He chairs BPAA's FEC Committee, and has lobbied for FEC-focused educational seminars at Bowl Expo.

"I did not see it coming," Logan said of the call he received from BPAA President Randy Thompson informing him of the Proprietor of the Year award. "I asked Randy, 'Didn't anybody else get nominated?'"

A big man with a big personality, Logan retains a humble demeanor and gratitude for his family, which includes wife Deanna and son Scott, both of whom play important roles in the operation of Grand Station Entertainment.

“I’m blessed to have them in my life, and that things turned out the way they did for us,” he says. “Sometimes God looks out for you when you need it.”

IBPSIA Announces 2019 Award Winners

ARLINGTON, Texas – The IBPSIA Board selected winners in three award categories and president, Tom Zernia announced his President’s Award nominee during their April board conference call.

BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARD: ANDY DIERCKS

The Business Excellence Award is given to a pro shop that has a certified technician on staff, plays a key role in the retention/development of bowlers, a member of the association and is a pro shop operator.

Andy Diercks came into the pro shop business with a coach first mindset. After working with many students and realizing their growth could come faster with better fits, it became obvious that having pro shop experience and access was essential to being a more effective and well-rounded coach. He began operating May City Pro Shop inside May City Bowl in Cedar Rapids, IA December 2013.

Diercks is a USBC Silver Coach and has been an IBPSIA Certified Technician since 2013. Prior to IBPSIA Certification he was mentored by IPBSIA Founding member, Ron Hoppe when he was a staff coach and Business Manager for IAB (International Art of Bowling).

He served for six years as the head coach of the Linn-Mar HS Boys team in Marion, IA. At Linn-Mar, Diercks led the Lions to three Mississippi Valley Conference titles (2013, 2014, and 2015) and two regional championships. He was the 2013 MVC Coach of the Year and the Metro Coach of the Year in 2010, 2011 and 2013. He became head coach of the Mount Mercy University Bowling program in March 2015 after serving as interim head coach since December 2014. Prior to that, he was an assistant coach at Mount Mercy for two seasons.

In 2017, Diercks was appointed to the Team USA Bowling coaching staff as an assistant coach. He was elected to serve on the IBPSIA Board of Directors in 2016 and served one term as his coaching obligations began taking more of his time.

BILL BUNETTA LIGHTHOUSE AWARD: CECIL SCARBORO

The Bill Bunetta Lighthouse Award can be given to a person or business that has made significant contributions to the pro shop industry.

Cecil Scarboro has spent 34 years in the Bowling Industry, starting in the pro shop in 1994 at his home center, Bowlarama Lanes in Panama City, Fla. He continued to manage pro shops and bowling centers throughout the south for the next decade.

In 2006 he became the Generations Pro Bowling Tour Players Services Director, while working the Visionary Bowling Products Booth and managing the 900 Global Booth at the USBC Open Championships from 2005 through 2012.

Scarboro was a PBA Member for more than 25 years and served as a contributing writer for Bowling This Month Magazine with his column, Pro Shop Magic; Tips and Tricks for Pro Shops which was geared to helping make pro shops more efficient and profitable. He has been the VISE Technical Services Representative since 2010 and is currently the PWBA Player Services Representative.

FRIENDS OF IBPSIA AWARD: ACE MITCHELL

The Friends of IBPSIA Award is given to an individual or company that has made significant contributions to benefit the association and its members.

Bowler, proprietor, coach and inventor, the legacy of Charles Francis "Ace" Mitchell continues to make an impact on the bowling industry today. Ace Mitchell Bowlers Mart has been a family-owned business since 1957. Their corporate headquarters are located in Akron, OH, with three additional locations in Long Island, NY, Nashville TN,

and Sanford, FL. Ace Mitchell's serves thousands of customers around the world. From the Great Lakes and Upper Mid-Atlantic regions to the Southern part of the country, with additional sales presence throughout the Upper Midwest, and eastern Canada.

Their staff of more than 75 employees represents some of the most knowledgeable people in the bowling industry, with over two hundred combine 300 games, dozens of 800 series and numerous amateur sponsorships from bowling's biggest brands. The average employee has been with the company more than 10 years and knows our business and the bowling industry better than anyone.

With more than 40,000 different inventory items, they are one of the world's largest distributors of consumer bowling products, bowling center supplies, and lane maintenance and pinsetter parts.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: KEGEL

The President's Award is given to a member of the association who has contributed to the development/retention of bowlers.

Kegel was formed in 1981 by John Davis, Linda Davis, Mark Davis, and David Jennings. At that time Kegel had one product, a small hand operated cleaning tool named "The Key" which they built in David's garage.

Over the past three decades Kegel has grown into a world-class organization with several product divisions, over 100 employees, a specially designed 74,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located in Lake Wales, Florida, and a separate production facility located in Henderson, Nevada.

Kegel has done this with a simple philosophy of researching the problems that exist in the bowling industry, developing a product or service to solve that problem, and making sure to support the customer with the highest of standards.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TO HAVE RECORD FIELD FOR NINTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the ninth consecutive season, the Junior Gold Championships will set a record for the largest field in the history of the youth bowling event and the Junior Gold program also established a new mark for number of members.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International will take place in the metro Detroit area from July 13-20. The event brings together the top youth bowlers in the country to compete for national titles in four divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under, 17-and-under, and 20-and-under – plus spots on Junior Team USA.

[CBS Sports Network](#) will televise the stepladder finals of every division. [BowITV.com](#) will provide livestream coverage from selected centers throughout the week.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships, hosted by the city of Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission, has sold more than 4,700 spots to again establish a record for participants. Eight centers will be used during the competition with the stepladder finals in all divisions to take place at Thunderbowl Lanes.

Last year's event in the Dallas area had more than 3,800 entries and a scholarship fund of more than \$350,000, both tournament records.

The 2018-2019 season also has set a record for Junior Gold membership, as more than 7,700 youth bowlers joined the program.

“Junior Gold provides an avenue for youth bowlers to compete at a high level as they continue to learn and grow, and it's exciting to see continued growth in this great event,” said Gary Brown, the International Bowling Campus (IBC) Youth Development Managing Director. “We appreciate the support of the volunteers who run the qualifying leagues and tournaments throughout the season, and thank the bowlers who will be part of the event in Detroit.”

Athlete registration and the annual trade show will kick off the Junior Gold Championships on Saturday, July 13, at the Suburban Collection Showplace convention center. The trade show, in addition to vendors, autograph stations and more, will feature several informative seminars including United States Bowling Congress Gold coach Del Warren discussing lane patterns and how to build an arsenal. Also, Nick Hoagland, a consultant for USBC on pattern development, will host a seminar to explain how to read an oil pattern graph and Stephen Padilla, USBC Director of Coaching Certification and a USBC Gold coach, will have a seminar for two-handed bowlers.

The Ebonite International team will have two special programs for youth bowlers. On July 12, the EBI Demo Day and Bowl with the Pro event will take place at Super Bowl Lanes, and on Sunday, July 14, the EBI team will host Game Day at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium, featuring games, prizes, and more, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Athletes need to register online for the seminars and EBI events.

Competition at the 2019 Junior Gold Championships starts Monday, July 15, with first of four days of qualifying. The U12 stepladder finals for both boys and girls will take place July 19 while the U15, U17 and U20 finals will be held Saturday, July 20.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, Detroit also will host two additional major youth events – the USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets and the bowling.com Youth Open Championships.

The USA Bowling National Championships, featuring 16 U15 teams and 16 U12 teams that qualified through regional competitions, will have qualifying on Thursday, July 11, and match-play rounds on Friday, July 12, both at Astro Lanes. The finals in both divisions, on Friday, July 19, at Thunderbowl Lanes, will be taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

The Youth Open Championships, a non-qualifying tournament open to all USBC Youth bowlers, will be held July 11-12, 19-21, and 27-28 at Sterling Lanes. The event has competition in singles, doubles and four-person team.

Visit BOWL.com/Youth for more information on all youth bowling events.

USBC MEMBERS HAVE BOWL.COM SINGLE SIGN-ON WITH USBC COMMUNITY LOGIN

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress will launch the USBC Community Login for BOWL.com next week, providing USBC members with a single sign-on for many of USBC's online platforms.

The USBC Community Login already is used by USBC members to register for the USBC Open and Women's Championships, the Youth Open Championships and for BowITV.com, USBC's livestream platform.

By incorporating user logins for BOWL.com, which allows members to use popular applications such as Find a Member, along with the mobile app and SMART accounts, USBC members now have one login for many of the BOWL.com programs and for tournament registration.

“Connecting USBC platforms with a single sign-on has been an important long-term goal and major technology priority for USBC,” USBC Deputy Executive Director Jason Overstreet said. “We know our members want the convenience of one login to access popular platforms such as Find A Member, tournament registration and BowlTV.”

For those who already have an account on BOWL.com, they will notice a new look during the sign-in process through the USBC Community Login, though they will be able to use their current username and password.

For those who already have a password for USBC’s Event Registration platform – used for the USBC Open Championships and USBC Women’s Championships, for example or for BowlTV.com – users will use that username and password for the USBC Community Login.

USBC also is launching a new version of the BOWL.com mobile app. The updated mobile app is fully integrated with the Community Login and will provide a better user experience once the user upgrades to the latest version.

In the future, USBC plans to transition additional business applications with legacy logins to the USBC Community Login.

THREE-UNIT LANE DRESSING RULE IS SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY BY USBC EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS COMMITTEE

ARLINGTON, Texas – After reviewing recent research on lane dressing and examining the current rules about how lane oil is applied, the United States Bowling Congress Equipment Specifications Committee determined the three-unit rule, required at the time oil is applied to a lane, no longer is applicable and will be suspended.

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team’s research has shown advancements in technology, including how today’s bowling balls drastically alter any oil pattern applied to a lane surface, have made the rule obsolete.

Instituted by the American Bowling Congress in 1992, the three-unit rule states lane dressing could be applied in any amount and any distance, as long as there was a minimum of three units, and it became the only standard oil pattern regulation.

The review of the three-unit rule is a continuation of the USBC’s commitment to continually explore all facets in bowling while thinking about the future of the sport.

“At this time, it makes sense to suspend the rule but continue to monitor leagues and competitions as the equipment we use, and the lanes on which we compete, continue to evolve,” USBC Equipment Specifications chair Andrew Cain said. “A review of the current lane-dressing regulation was simply the next logical phase of research and one within which the applicability of the three-unit rule itself was called into question. This

process of constant inquiry and ensuing research is central to maintaining the integrity of our sport.”

With the suspension of the three-unit rule, local associations no longer will be required to submit an annual Lane Dressing Inspection Report (LDIR) for its centers.

The research performed at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington showed lane patterns are drastically altered by the use of today’s bowling balls, and most patterns likely do not comply with the three-unit rule by the end of a league session.

USBC will continue to run Sport-compliant patterns for its national events, such as the USBC Open and Women’s Championships, the Junior Gold Championships and its major short-duration events. USBC also will maintain the Standard, Challenge and Sport lane conditions average conversion charts, for those who wish to compete in leagues and tournaments on challenging lane conditions.

The Equipment Specifications Committee also set the specification for any hole drilled in a bowling ball.

Effective Aug. 1, 2020, drilled holes cannot exceed a diameter of 1-9/16 inches and a hole cannot have a depth of more than 4-1/2 inches. The specification includes holes in which removable devices are used, though the holes size specifically was set to allow all existing removeable devises to remain.

Also, because any gripping hole that does not have the thumb or fingers inserted into it throughout the approach would be classified as a balance hole, which is not allowed as of Aug. 1, 2020, any secondary hole drilled inside of a gripping hole that is not intended for gripping purpose is considered a void and not allowed, except for vent holes. Visit [BOWL.com/BowlingTechnologyStudy](https://www.bowl.com/BowlingTechnologyStudy) for the drilling rule.

Go to [BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs](https://www.bowl.com/EquipAndSpecs) for the report on the three-unit rule.

FOUR JUNIORS SELECTED TO 2018-2019 DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

ARLINGTON, Texas – Four juniors, including the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Annual Zeb Scholarship recipient, are among the 10 USBC Youth bowlers named to the 2018-2019 Dexter High School All-American Team.

Selected by Dexter Bowling in consultation with the International Bowling Campus Youth Development staff, the Dexter High School All-American Team is comprised of five girls and five boys who participated on a recognized interscholastic high school bowling team during the last school year.

To be considered for selection, candidates were required to have at least a 3.0 grade-point average (on a 4.0 scale) and submit a resume of their bowling and academic achievements, along with an essay. Applicants also had to provide two recommendation letters – one from their coach or athletic director and at least one additional letter.

“Dexter Bowling congratulates these student-athletes for their great performances on the lanes and in the classroom during the past school year,” said Tyler Jensen, Dexter Bowling Vice President. “High school bowling continues to grow and we had a very strong field of candidates for this year’s team. We appreciate the opportunity to recognize these outstanding young bowlers.”

The Dexter High School All-American Team will be recognized during the Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony in Detroit in July and each team member will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

At the presentation, one of the bowlers will be announced as team captain and will receive the Bud Clapsaddle Award, named for the former Dexter Bowling vice president who oversaw selection of the first 12 teams. The Bud Clapsaddle Award recipient will receive an additional \$500 scholarship.

Three of the five boys selected to the team just completed their junior year of high school, including Alexander Kobus of Crown Point, Indiana. The Boone Grove High School junior was awarded the Annual Zeb Scholarship earlier this year.

Katie Fraser of Elkhart, Indiana, was the only junior to make the girls team.

The five student-athletes selected to the girls’ team:

Kalei Bass (New Lenox, Illinois) – She was the anchor of the Lincoln-Way Central High School bowling team her junior and senior years. She had a 5.468 weighted GPA, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She also was on the Mathletes team that was a state qualifier each of her four years and did community work through Leo Club, part of the New Lenox Lions Club.

Katie Fraser (Elkhart, Indiana) – Her 4.45 weighted GPA ranks the junior second in her Elkhart Central High School class. A member of the National Honor Society, she was vice president of her class and student council. She was captain of the bowling team that finished seventh at state while individually she was 10th at state to earn second team all-state honors.

Linda Himes (Texarkana, Arkansas) – The senior led Arkansas Senior High School to the Class 5A state title this season, setting a state mark with a 756 series, is a four-year member of the school band and a three-time Jazz Band all-region selection. She has volunteered for Special Olympics in football and track. She earned a bowling scholarship to Kansas Wesleyan.

Alyssa Johnson (Lancaster, New York) – Ranked third in her senior class at Clarence High School, she was a two-time All-Western New York Scholar Athlete and received the Regents Award for Math and Science. She did volunteer work at Ronald McDonald House, Meals on Wheels and Salvation Army. She was captain of the bowling team for three years and two-year captain of the field hockey team.

Cassie White (Quincy, Michigan) – She helped start the girls bowling program at Quincy High School her junior year, earning all-conference honors her junior and senior years. She also is a member of the 4-H and National Honor Society. She has done volunteer work at the Branch Area Food Pantry, packing boxes for families during the holidays, and at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

The five student-athletes selected to the boys' team:

Tanner Ausec (Colorado Springs, Colorado) – The junior was captain of the state-winning bowling team at Rampart High School and placed ninth in singles at state. His 4.11 GPA ranks eighth in his class and he is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. He serves as a youth director on the Pikes Peak USBC board.

Alexander Kobus (Crown Point, Indiana) – He is the top-ranked junior at Boone Grove High School with a 4.142 weighted GPA and volunteers through the National Honor Society, Special Olympics Bowling and Boy Scouts, where he is an Eagle Scout. He also is captain of the Social Studies Academic Team and member of the concert band.

Peyton Montgomery (Wichita, Kansas) – The Eisenhower High School junior has a 3.96 GPA and qualified third in the state for Sports Copywriting and Yearbook Theme and Design. He also is a Tiger Ambassador and is on the Leadership and Peer Resolution board. He is a three-year member of the bowling team and has two top-10 finishes at state.

Matthew Ruff (Milan, Michigan) – His 4.417 GPA earned the Milan High School senior all-conference academic honors. A four-year member of the solo and ensemble band,

he also was a member of the award-winning Code Red Robotics Team. He has volunteered with local bowling tournaments and runs the lights/sound booth for school presentations.

Kai Sakamoto (Honolulu) – The first Dexter Team selection from Hawaii, Sakamoto helped Mid-Pacific Institute to a second-place finish at state and finished fifth in singles this past season. He has volunteered with the non-profit SHADE, which designs safer and more sustainable places in the rapidly urbanizing tropics, and as a farm hand for church.

Visit BOWL.com/HighSchool for more information on the Dexter High School All-American Team, grant initiatives to assist high school programs, membership benefits and more.

2018-2019 DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Name, Year, High School, Hometown

Girls Team

Kalei Bass, Senior, Lincoln-Way Central High School, New Lenox, Ill.

Katie Fraser, Junior, Elkhart Central High School, Elkhart, Ind.

Linda Himes, Senior, Arkansas Senior High School, Texarkana, Ark.

Alyssa Johnson, Senior, Clarence High School, Lancaster, N.Y.

Cassie White, Senior, Quincy High School, Quincy, Mich.

Boys Team

Tanner Ausec, Junior, Rampart High School, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Alexander Kobus, Junior, Boone Grove High School, Crown Point, Ind.

Peyton Montgomery, Junior, Eisenhower High School, Wichita, Kan.

Matthew Ruff, Senior, Milan High School, Milan, Mich.

Kai Sakamoto, Senior, Mid-Pacific Institute, Honolulu, Hawaii

ROGER NOORDHOEK NAMED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF MARKETING FOR USBC AND IBC YOUTH

ARLINGTON, Texas – Roger Noordhoek, who has served in marketing roles in the bowling industry for more than 20 years, has been named Managing Director of Marketing for the United States Bowling Congress and International Bowling Campus Youth Development.

Noordhoek joined the IBC Youth Development team in 2015 as Senior Director of Youth Marketing and took on the role of USBC Senior Director of Marketing earlier this year.

“It has been a great opportunity to promote and expand the initiatives of IBC Youth and USBC,” Noordhoek said. “I look forward to continuing to support the team’s efforts in

providing our members with outstanding programs and services as we build a Future for the Sport.”

He will continue to oversee the marketing and communications initiatives for IBC Youth and USBC, including the Open and Women’s Championships, and the new BowITV.com platform.

Noordhoek started his career in the bowling industry at the Showboat Pro Shop and worked the Storm/Roto Grip booth at the USBC Open Championships in Billings, Montana, which led to his joining Roto Grip in 2002 as Technical Customer Services Manager.

Two years later, he was promoted to Director of Sales and Marketing, then became Vice President of Business Development before taking over as Roto Grip Brand Manager in 2008, where he oversaw all sales and marketing efforts.

He was named Director of Marketing for Storm Products in 2010 and moved into the role of Vice President of Marketing for that organization in 2013.

USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS START THIS WEEK IN DETROIT

ARLINGTON, Texas – When the top youth teams in the country compete in the USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets starting Thursday in the metro Detroit area, several of the participants will be seeking to add another national title to their resumes.

In its fourth year, the USA Bowling National Championships brings together the 32 champions from 16 regional tournaments – 16 teams in the 15-and-under division and 16 teams in the 12-and-under division.

Competition starts Thursday at noon (Eastern) at Astro Lanes, where all teams will bowl 15 qualifying matches using a modified Baker format to determine seeding for the double-elimination match-play bracket. Match play starts Friday at 10 a.m., also at Astro Lanes, and will consist of best-two-of-three Baker matches until the teams for the national title matches are determined.

Thunderbowl Lanes will host the title matches on Friday, July 19, with the U12 final at 5 p.m. and U15 final at 8 p.m. The single-elimination best-three-of-five Baker matches will be taped for broadcast.

[CBS Sports Network](#) will televise the U12 title match on Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. (Eastern) and the U15 final will air Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. (Eastern).

[BowITV.com](#) will provide livestream coverage of qualifying and match-play rounds.

Four-person lineups are used in USA Bowling events, so the competition has a modified version of the Baker format. For each Baker game, the first two bowlers in the lineup each bowl three frames (1-5-9 and 2-6-10, respectively), while the other two team members bowl two frames each (3-7 and 4-8).

Nihal Mareedu of Union City, California, who won USA Bowling National Championships titles in 2017 and 2018 with the U12 Pacific Southwest representative, is a member of the U15 team that qualified as the Pacific Southwest champion at Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes in Citrus Heights, California. Mareedu will be joined by Harley Shene of San Jose, California, who also was part of the 2017 U12 team champion.

Also, in the U15 division, Reece Dunbar of Lafayette, Indiana, and Kyle Toyias of Waterloo, Indiana, are on the Ohio Valley regional champions who qualified at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia, Michigan. Dunbar and Toyias were on the Indiana All-Stars that won the inaugural U12 title in Indianapolis in 2016.

Several former Junior Gold champions also will compete in the USA Bowling National Championships, including Edgar Burgos of St. Charles, Illinois, who won the U12 Junior Gold boys title in 2016 and is on the Lower Great Lakes regional champion, and 2017 U12 boys winner Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, who is on the New England regional champion.

Katelyn Abigania of San Diego, who won the U12 girls division at the 2018 Junior Gold Championships, is on the Southwest regional team.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International also will be held in the metro Detroit area. The Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony will take place Sunday, July 14, at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center with competition starting Monday, July 15, in eight area centers.

Go to BOWL.com/USABowling to learn more about the USA Bowling program, the regional tournaments and the USA Bowling National Championships.

2019 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS YOUTH BOWLING EVENT STARTS THIS WEEKEND IN DETROIT

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International kicks off Saturday in Detroit with registration and the trade show at the Suburban Collection Showplace and five champions will take to the lanes Monday to begin defense of their titles.

The Junior Gold Championships is the premier event for the nation's top youth bowlers, who will compete for national titles in four divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under, 17-and-under and 20-and-under – plus spots on Junior Team USA and scholarships.

The event, which runs July 13-20 and is hosted by the city of Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission, has sold more than 4,700 spots to establish a tournament record for participants. Competition will be held in eight bowling centers with the stepladder finals in all divisions at Thunderbowl Lanes.

[CBS Sports Network](#) will televise the stepladder finals of each division and [BowITV.com](#) will provide livestream coverage from selected centers throughout the week.

Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center will be the host venue of the Junior Gold Championships Opening Ceremony at 7 p.m. Sunday, with the drum team rePercussion headlining the show. The Brands of Ebonite International, the event's presenting sponsor, will kick off the day's festivities with EBI Game Day starting at 3 p.m. at Eastern Michigan's football stadium.

The first of four days of qualifying gets underway Monday at eight bowling centers in the Detroit area – AMF Rose Bowl Lanes in Roseville, Astro Lanes in Madison Heights, Bowl One Lanes in Troy, Century Bowl in Waterford Township, Skore Lanes in Taylor, Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights, Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, and Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

Five of the six champions from 2018 are in this year's field, though two will move up a division.

Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, was eligible to compete in the U17 division, the first year of the division, but will stay in the U20 division to defend the title he won last year. He also won the U12 boys title in 2014 and seeks to become the first boy to win three Junior Gold titles.

Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, has the opportunity to defend her U15 girls title while Silas Lira of Tampa, Florida, who won the U15 boys title last year, is moving to the U17 division.

Katelyn Abigania of San Diego beat the defending champion in last year's U12 girls title match and now will seek to defend her title. Joseph Dominguez of Manalapan, New Jersey, moves into the U15 division after winning the U12 boys title as the No. 3 seed.

Starting Monday, competitors in all divisions will bowl 16 qualifying games over four days (four games each day) before the first cut of the field is made. The remaining bowlers in the U20, U17 and U15 divisions then will bowl five games before a second cut is made, and those remaining will bowl an additional five games to determine the 16 bowlers for match play.

In the U12 division, after the initial cut, competitors will bowl an additional four games before the field is cut to the top eight for match play.

Match play for each division will be a double-elimination bracket. Each match will consist of two games with total pinfall determining the winner. The two finalists in the match-play bracket will bowl to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the three-person stepladder final, and the winner of the Elimination Bracket will be the No. 3 seed for the televised finals.

The stepladder finals will be one-game matches, with the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds facing off in the opening match and the winner advancing to face the No. 1 seed for the title.

For the stepladder finals at Thunderbowl Lanes, the U12 finals will take place Friday, July 19, at 5 p.m. with the remainder of the finals on Saturday, July 20 – U17 at 2 p.m., U20 at 5 p.m. and U15 at 8 p.m.

[CBS Sports Network](#) will air the U12 finals on July 23, the U15 finals on July 30, the U17 finals on Aug. 6 and the U20 finals on Aug. 13. All TV shows will start at 8 p.m. (Eastern).

[BowlTV.com](#) will provide livestream coverage of the Junior Gold Championships from selected centers starting Monday. It also will have live coverage on Saturday from the trade show and from Sunday's Opening Ceremony.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, the [USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets](#) and [Bowling.com Youth Open Championships](#) will take place in the Detroit area.

The USA Bowling National Championships is a team competition of 16 U15 teams and 16 U12 teams that qualified through regional events. Taking place at Astro Lanes, teams will have qualifying on Thursday, and then Friday's match-play bracket will determine the teams for the televised finals. Both the U12 and U15 finals will take place Friday, July 19, at Thunderbowl Lanes and will be taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

The Youth Open Championships, a non-qualifying tournament open to all USBC Youth bowlers, has competition in singles, doubles and four-person team, and will be held at Sterling Lanes on July 11-12, 19-21, and 27-28.

The Survivor Tournament presented by Hammer is July 19 and 20 at Super Bowl Lanes and is a 2020 Junior Gold Championships Qualifying Event.

Visit [BOWL.com/JuniorGold](https://www.bowl.com/juniorgold) for more information on the Junior Gold Championships, including how to purchase Adult Spectator Passes on-site. All spectators age 18 and over are required to purchase a Spectator Pass to enter the b

FINALISTS DETERMINED AT USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

MADISON HEIGHTS, Mich. – The Northeast Region will have two teams vying for national titles as each team rolled through Friday’s match-play bracket at the USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets.

The Chesapeake Bay Strikers, the Northeast Region champions, will meet USA Bowl (South Central Region) for the 15-and-under team title and DKJ Pro Shop (Northeast Region) will take on the SDLV Strikers (Southwest Region) in the 12-and-under division after the four teams weaved their way through Friday’s match-play bracket at Astro Lanes.

The finals will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes on Friday, July 19. The U12 title is set for 5 p.m. (Eastern) and the U15 final is at 8 p.m., with the best-three-of-five Baker matches to be taped for national broadcast.

CBS Sports Network will televise the U12 title match on Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. (Eastern) and the U15 final will air Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. (Eastern).

The Chesapeake Bay Strikers earned the No. 10 seed for the 16-team bracket, but Friday more often looked like the team that rolled the perfect game during qualifying.

“This is our second year of trying to make it here,” said coach Leo Menendez, whose team fell short of making the national event last year. “We all know each other, we bowl league together, we bowl tournaments together, and just to make it to this point is amazing. I tell them this is their time – believe in each other, believe in yourself, throw great shots. We can do it.”

The team is comprised of John Banfield, James Bennett, Nicholas Menendez, Nate Trentler and Laney Wells.

On the other side of the U15 bracket, USA Bowl was knocked into the lower bracket of the double-elimination tournament and had to work its way back to the semifinal. In the match to determine which team would make the TV show, USA Bowl had to defeat the team that sent them to the lower bracket, the Ohio Valley champion Indiana All Stars.

And USA Bowl would have to win twice.

Joshua Modelo, who coaches the team with Jaden Takayesu, said they told the team “that this is all gravy from here. At the end of the day, they had made it this far and we had one more chance to make the TV finals.”

Takayesu added: “It wasn’t very hard to get them riled up again to go against the same team, because they wanted redemption.”

USA Bowl team members are Jacob Ballenger, Ellie Drescher, Ethan Gomez, Bryant Griffith and Matthew Reed. Ballenger and Griffith were on the U12 runner-up team at the inaugural USA Bowling National Championships.

In the U12 bracket, DKJ Pro Shop team members William Cunningham, Donaven Kline, Ronin Rivera and Kai Strothers rolled through the bracket, sweeping the best-two-of-three Baker matches semifinal.

“This is my third year coaching the U12 team, and we finished third the last two years, so we finally made it over the last hump,” said DKJ Pro Shop coach Joe SanFilippo. “The kids bowled absolutely tremendous over the last six games – they averaged about 248. They threw a lot of strikes and made our jobs easy.”

The SDLV Strikers faced a little tougher path on their road to the title match. They rolled to the semifinal match before falling to Heartland Region champion Thumbs Optional 2.0, which had come back through the double-elimination bracket. But SDLV Strikers regrouped to win the rematch and advance.

“There were times that we didn’t look like we were going to get there,” SDLV Strikers coach Gary Oatis said. “But then they just turned it around. They rose to the occasion. I’m proud of them and the parents for giving us such support.”

The SDLV Strikers are comprised of 2018 Junior Gold champion Katelyn Abigania, Sebastian Huffman, Avery Domaguin and Elias O’Hollaren. Huffman who was on the U12 runner-up team at last year’s USA Bowling Championships.

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BowlTV.com provided livestream coverage qualifying and the match-play bracket.

Visit BOWL.com/USABowling for more information on the national championships.

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HEADING TO LAS VEGAS IN 2020

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2020 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International will be held in Las Vegas with The Orleans serving as the host hotel and site of the Opening Ceremony for the annual premier youth bowling event.

The event will run July 11-18, kicking off with registration and the trade show at The Orleans and the Opening Ceremony set to take place at The Orleans Arena. The South Point Bowling Plaza, one of seven centers that will be used for competition, will be the host center for the finals in all divisions.

The Junior Gold Championships brings together the top youth bowlers in the country to compete for scholarships and spots on Junior Team USA in four divisions – 12-and-under, 15-and-under, 17-and-under and 20-and-under. Athletes qualify for the event through Junior Gold leagues and tournaments.

Las Vegas first served as host city for the Junior Gold Championships in 2000, the third year of the tournament, and again hosted the event in 2011, when just over 1,600 youth bowlers participated. More than 4,700 spots have been sold for the 2019 Junior Gold Championships, which will take place July 13-20 in Detroit.

“The Orleans provides a great venue for the Junior Gold Championships, as it not only will be one of the centers for competition but also has the capability to serve as host for the annual trade show and Opening Ceremony,” said Gary Brown, International Bowling Campus Managing Director of Youth Development.

In addition to The Orleans Bowling Center and the South Point Bowling Plaza, competition at the 2020 Junior Gold Championships will take place at Sam’s Town Bowling Center, Suncoast Bowling Center, Texas Star Lanes at Texas Station, Sunset Station Strike Zone and the Gold Coast Bowling Center.

Las Vegas replaces Indianapolis, originally announced as the host city for the 2020 event.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, the USA Bowling National Championships and Youth Open Championships also will take place in Las Vegas in 2020.

The USA Bowling National Championships feature U12 and U15 teams that qualify through regional events, while the Youth Open Championships is a non-qualifying event open to all United States Bowling Congress Youth members and features singles, doubles and four-player team events.

All events are conducted by IBC Youth Development.

The Junior Gold Championships was first conducted in 1998 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, and drew 538 participants. The Youth Open Championships started in 2007 while the USA Bowling National Championships had its inaugural event in 2016.

Visit BOWL.com/YouthTournaments for more information on the events.

TITLES IN U12 DIVISION DECIDED AT 2019 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – The 12-and-under champions of the 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International were determined Friday at Thunderbowl Lanes.

[CBS Sports Network](#) will air the boys and girls stepladder finals on Tuesday, July 23, at 8 p.m. Eastern. The three-person stepladder was introduced at the Junior Gold Championships last year.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships, hosted by the city of Detroit and the Detroit Sports Commission, had a record field of more than 4,000 participants competing for national titles and spots on Junior Team USA.

The U12 division had 262 boys and 134 girls.

Katelyn Abigania of San Diego successfully defended her U12 girls title, coming back through the contenders bracket in match play to make the televised finals as the No. 3 seed.

In the opening match against Gianna Brandolino of Joliet, Illinois, Abigania trailed by 15 pins through seven frames before Brandolino left a 7-10 split and followed it with a missed single pin to open the door for Abigania, who stayed clean for a 180-174 victory.

In the title match, top seed Abby Starkey of Schaumburg, Illinois, struggled in the early going with open frames in four of the first six frames. Abigania took advantage, missing only a single-pin spare in the fourth frame, on her way to a 196-147 victory.

In the boys final, Elias O'Hollaren of San Diego, followed his USA Bowling teammate's lead by winning the title as the No. 3 seed. O'Hollaren and Abigania are on the SDLV team in the USA Bowling National Championships.

In his opening match against Braden McDonough of Coppell, Texas, O'Hollaren strung together three strikes, starting in the third frame, to build a 32-pin lead and went on to take a 200-168 victory.

Against No. 1 seed Duke Knudsen of Redmond, Washington, the opponent who knocked him into the contenders bracket, O'Hollaren trailed by three pins late in the match.

Knudson tripped a four pin for a strike in the eighth frame, but left the door open with a spare in the ninth. O'Hollaren struck in the ninth and then posted strikes on the first two shots in the final frame to take the title, 211-197.

Competitors in the U12 division bowled 16 qualifying games over four days (four games each day) before the field was cut. The advancers then bowled an additional four games to trim the field to the top eight boys and top eight girls for match play.

Match play was a double-elimination bracket.

BowITV.com provided live coverage of the Junior Gold Championships from selected centers, including coverage of U12 match play.

Thunderbowl Lanes was one of eight centers that hosted qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to the stepladder finals. The other centers were AMF Rose Bowl Lanes in Roseville, Astro Lanes in Madison Heights, Bowl One Lanes in Troy, Century Bowl in Waterford Township, Skore Lanes in Taylor, Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights, and Super Bowl Lanes in Canton.

Visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold for more information on the event and the Junior Gold program.

TITLES DETERMINED AT 2019 USA BOWLING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Champions in 12-and-under and 15-and-under divisions were determined Friday as the 2019 USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets came to a close with the title matches at Thunderbowl Lanes.

The event brought together the top youth teams in the country to compete for national championships in the two divisions. The finals were taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

CBS Sports Network will televise the U12 title match on Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. (Eastern) and the U15 final will air Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. (Eastern).

The Chesapeake Bay Strikers, the Northeast Region champions, faced South Central Region champion USA Bowl for the 15-and-under team title.

The opening game of the best-three-of-five Baker matches started with a string of strikes before each team went 9-spare in the fifth frame. When USA Bowl failed to convert a 6-8 split in the seventh, the Strikers took a 10-pin lead and held it the rest of the way in a 247-237 victory.

Both teams struggled in Game 2, but James Bennett's pair of strikes in the final frame was enough to lift the Strikers to a 180-167 victory.

With a chance to sweep USA Bowl, the Strikers strung together seven consecutive strikes for a 249-207 victory to claim the U15 national title.

In addition to Bennett, team members include John Banfield, Nicholas Menendez, Nate Trentler and Laney Wells.

The USA Bowl team was comprised of Jacob Ballenger, Ellie Drescher, Ethan Gomez, Bryant Griffith and Matthew Reed.

In the U12 title match, SDLV opened with a 189-169 victory over DKJ Pro Shop, but then proceeded to drop the next two games, by scores of 136-189 and 166-188, before rebounding with a 174-154 victory to force a deciding fifth game.

DKJ Pro Shop, the Northeast Region champion, had five open frames in the final game, and the Southwest Region champion SDLV Strikers were able to hold on for a 155-144 victory and the title.

The Strikers are comprised of Katelyn Abigania, the two-time U12 Junior Gold champion, Sebastian Huffman, Avery Domaguin and Elias O'Hollaren.

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U15, U17 AND U20 TITLES DECIDED AT 2019 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – The 2019 Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International crowned six champions with the stepladder finals in three divisions of the national youth bowling tournament taking place at Thunderbowl Lanes on Saturday.

Boys and girls champions were decided in the 15-and-under, the 17-and-under and the 20-and-under divisions. All finals were taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

The U12 finals, which took place Friday, will kick off the broadcasts on Tuesday, July 23. The U15 finals will air July 30, the U17 title matches will be broadcast Aug. 6, and the U20 finals will air Aug. 13. All TV shows will start at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships had a record field of more than 4,000 participants competing for national titles and spots on Junior Team USA.

In the U20 boys division, No. 3 seed Alec Keplinger of Coldwater, Michigan, overcame a big deficit in his opening match against Tom Hankey Jr. of Great Barrington, Massachusetts. Hankey Jr. struck on his first five shots to open a 42-pin lead, but two late open frames allowed Keplinger to come back for a 234-209 victory.

In the title match, Daniel Chin of Daly City, California, missed a single-pin spare in the fourth frame while Keplinger got just enough of the single pins he left in the fourth and fifth frames to take a 27-pin lead. Keplinger then had three consecutive strikes, starting in the eighth frame, on his way to a 215-182 victory and the title.

Taylor Davis of Burton, Michigan, struck on four of her first six shots in the opening match in the U20 girls stepladder for a 200-169 victory over Cameron Strombeck of Durham, North Carolina.

Top seed Patricia Rosales of Orlando, Florida, had just two strikes heading into the final frame of the title match against Davis, but kept a clean scoresheet. After Davis struck out in the final frame, Rosales struck on her first two shots for a 198-188 victory.

This year's U20 divisions had 809 boys and 440 girls.

In the opening match of the U17 girls finals, Amanda Naujokas of Lake Ronlonloma, New York, the 2015 U12 girls champion, held the lead against Caroline Thesier of Mooresville, North Carolina, despite leaving an unusual 7-8-10 split in the fourth. While Naujokas would post four consecutive strikes starting in the sixth frame, Thesier would go one better in a 219-197 victory.

Thesier would continue to strike in the title match against Morgan Gitlitz of Freehold, New Jersey. Starting in the fifth frame, Thesier struck seven consecutive times and had nine strikes overall to claim the title with a 265-225 victory.

In the boys division, Sidney Schroschk of Berlin, Germany, made his presence known for a second consecutive year. In the opening match against Nathan Smith of Noblesville, Indiana, Schroschk rolled to a 259-210 victory to advance against 2015 U12 runner-up Cameron Hurwitz of Rochester, New York.

Hurwitz held the lead in a tight match, and when Schroschk left the 6-8-10 in the eighth frame and could not convert, Hurwitz took advantage and the title with a 227-211 victory.

The U17 divisions, which debuted this year, had the largest divisions of the tournament with 868 boys and 446 girls.

Defending U15 girls champion Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia, had to work her way back through the elimination bracket to make the TV show, and faced the person who sent her to the lower bracket, Victoria Varano of Stony Point, New York, in the opening match.

OBryant stepped up in the final frame to deliver the two strikes she had to have to advance, reaching the final with a 208-200 victory.

The title match against Isabel Tetmeyer of Ankeny, Iowa, was not any easier, but OBryant posted four consecutive strikes starting in the seventh frame on her way to a 199-185 victory and her second consecutive title.

First time Junior Gold participant Ashton Yamasaki of Portland, Oregon, was in the pocket all night but left three consecutive corner pins while his opponent, Brandon Caruso of Channahon, Illinois, overcame an early open frame with a string of four strikes to take a 217-199 victory.

Top seed John Nunn of Jacksonville, Florida, opened with three strikes against Caruso in the title match before missing a single-pin spare in the fourth. Nunn, who bowls two-handed but shoots spares with one hand, had to convert another single-pin spare in the final frame for the title, and converted it for a 207-198 victory.

The U15 divisions had 715 boys and 359 girls.

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Competitors in the U15, U17 and U20 divisions bowled 16 qualifying games over four days (four games each day) before the field was cut. Bowlers then bowled an additional five games before a second cut was made, and those remaining bowled an additional five games to determine the 16 bowlers for match play.

Match play was a double-elimination bracket with all matches two games with total pins determining the winner.

BowITV.com had live coverage from select centers throughout the week's competition.

Visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold for more information on the event and the Junior Gold program.

Junior Team USA spots determined

Six boys and six girls automatically earned spots on Junior Team USA for 2019 through their performances at Junior Gold this week.

Making the girls team are Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio; Elise Chambers, Ocoee, Florida; Faith Welch, Savannah, Tennessee; Angelique Dalesandro, Rolling Meadows, Illinois; Taylor Davis, Burton, Michigan; and Patricia Rosales, Orlando, Florida.

Earning a spot on the boys team were Anthony Neuer, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania; Cerell Cardine, Las Vegas; Joey Ocello, Neptune, New Jersey; Peyton Smith, Loganville, Georgia; Daniel Chin, Daly City, California; and Alec Keplinger, Coldwater, Michigan.

Four selections also were made for the U17 and U15 Developmental teams.

Making the U17 team are Jennifer Loreda, Fresno, California; Amanda Naujokas, Lake Ronkonloma, New York; Angelo Biondo, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and Cameron Hurwitz, Rochester, New York.

Earning positions on the U15 team are Annalise OBryant, Ball Ground, Georgia; Elizabeth Coutta, Smyrna, Tennessee; Randal Dunbar, Milford, Maine; and John Nunn, Jacksonville, Florida.

Visit BOWL.com for more information on the Junior Gold Championships and Junior Team USA.

TEAMS SELECTED FOR 2019 PABCON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS, TOA

ARLINGTON, Texas - For many young people, summertime is for relaxing, vacationing, going to camp or just enjoying time outdoors in the sunshine.

The members of Junior Team USA go to camp, as well, but it's the annual training camp at the International Training and Research Center, where they work with the coaching staff on everything from fundamentals to team building to their mental games.

The summer also is busy with top-tier events for young competitors, and that includes the upcoming Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships, being held in the Dominican Republic from Aug. 11-17.

Eight Junior Team USA members have been selected by the Team USA coaching staff to represent the United States at the 22-lane Sebelen Bowling Center, the same facility that hosted the 2018 PABCON Women's Championships.

The girls side will include a trio of world champions - Mabel Cummins of Elburn, Illinois, Caitlyn Johnson of Rockwell, North Carolina, and Kameron Peters of Toms River, New Jersey, along with two-time Junior Team USA member Kaitlyn Eder of Lithia, Florida.

Cummins and Johnson helped Junior Team USA to a team gold medal at the 2018 World Bowling Youth Championships, while Cummins and Peters claimed the doubles gold medal at the inaugural World Bowling Junior Championships in March. Eder is an eight-time gold medalist at the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas.

"Our girls have some great momentum after finding success at recent events, and we're looking forward to building on that in the Dominican Republic," Junior Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe said. "As always, it's a busy time of the year with many events going on, but that also means they're going to be extra sharp and ready to bowl well."

The boys roster is loaded with experience, too, with Anthony Neuer of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, Cortez Schenck of Phoenix, Sean Wilcox of Altamonte Springs, Florida, and Tom Hankey Jr. of Great Barrington, Massachusetts.

Wilcox, a first-time team member, also is a member of adult Team USA and recently returned from a record-setting debut at the 2019 PABCON Men's Championships in Peru, where he earned two gold medals (doubles and team) and a bronze medal in all-events.

Schenck also has experience on both versions of Team USA, and his overall success includes a Masters gold medal at the 2018 World Youth Championships. He'll be making his second appearance at the PABCON Youth Championships and will seek his first gold medal at the event.

Neuer competed at the 2019 World Junior Championships, earning a silver medal in doubles. He also has represented Junior Team USA at the Tournament of the Americas.

Hankey Jr., a winner at the 2019 Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships in his freshman season at Webber International, also has collected a handful of gold medals at the Tournament of the Americas.

"While we do say it often, we truly have a very deep and talented team each year, so expectations once again are very high on the boys side, too," O'Keefe said. "All of these guys have been to the top of the medal stand, and we're all excited for a chance to get them back up there."

The upcoming PABCON Youth Championships will feature 21-and-under boys and girls teams consisting of four players each, along with a 16-and-under category made up of two boys and two girls.

All U21 athletes will compete for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team and Masters competition. Medals will be awarded for all-events as well.

Junior Team USA only will compete in the U21 category at the PABCON event, but eight additional players from Junior Team USA and the U15 Developmental Team will bowl at the 2019 Tournament of the Americas at Sawgrass Lanes in Tamarac, Florida, from July 28-Aug. 3.

The Junior Division at the Tournament of the Americas includes two categories - Junior A (under 20) and Junior B (under 16) - and teams will consist of two boys and two girls.

Competing in Junior A will be Justin O'Shaughnessy of Canton, Michigan, Tommie McNeal of Puyallup, Washington, Addison Herzberg of Wichita, Kansas, and Taylor Davis of Burton, Michigan.

The four Developmental Team members competing in Junior B will be Deo Benard of Rio Rancho, New Mexico, Silas Lira of Tampa, Florida, Jaelle Hamman of Jarrell, Texas, and Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia.

The Tournament of the Americas, which will be celebrating its 57th edition, also includes adult, senior and super senior categories, but USBC will not be sending representatives for those divisions.

Competitors will bowl for medals in singles, doubles, mixed doubles, team, all-events and national all-events.

For more information on Junior Team USA, visit BOWL.com/JuniorTeamUSA.

Inaugural Teen Masters SPARK AWARD

Goes to Tom Blasco

by Jim Goodwin

Whenever an organization creates a new award, perhaps the most important part is the person who is chosen for the first one . . . and by choosing Florida's Tom Blasco, the Teen Masters Tournament has set a very high standard for what is planned to be an annual award honoring great youth bowling coaches.

Blasco is an iconic coach in Florida and beyond, and has been respected for not only his innovative techniques, but for the extensive knowledge and lessons in integrity he has passed on to students that will serve them for a lifetime. He received the award during the 23rd annual Teen Masters Welcome Celebration in Florida June 30.

"One of the biggest challenges we have encountered over the many years of our event is the too-frequent absence of knowledgeable coaches with a true passion for kids and sport of bowling," said Teen Masters Founder Gary Beck. "Several weeks ago, we became aware that Tom Blasco has that passion and played an important role in coaching several Teen Masters participants, including at least two champions, and the idea for the award was born."

The inscription on the crystal SPARK AWARD reads:

“Recognizing youth coaches who ignite a passion
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Criteria for future Teen Masters Spark Awards is being developed, and plans are for the Teen Masters participants themselves to be involved in the selection process.

The Teen Masters is America’s premier high school championship bowling event. For more than two decades, it has attracted youth bowlers from across the United States and the world. The 24th Annual Teen Master is scheduled next summer in Richmond, Virginia.

USBC WILL LOWER YOUTH MEMBERSHIP MAXIMUM AGE TO 18 STARTING WITH 2020-2021 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress will lower the maximum age for USBC Youth membership to 18 starting with the 2020-2021 season.

The decision to lower to the maximum age from 20 to 18, with agreement from the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee, will align bowling with other youth sports.

“Over the last decade, we have made changes to USBC Youth programs and tournaments to provide a model comparable with other youth sports,” IBC Youth Managing Director of Youth Development Gary Brown said. “We moved to age-based divisions, as opposed to average, for events, to provide peer-to-peer competition. Setting the maximum age for youth bowlers to 18 aligns us with the standard of other national youth sports organizations.”

A U18 division will become the top division for the Pepsi Youth and Bowling.com Youth Open Championships for the 2020-2021 season. During the next season, USBC will address how the age change will impact the 2021 Junior Gold Championships, which will have a separate U20 division. Please visit [BOWL.com/YouthAgeChange](https://www.bowl.com/youthagechange) for additional information.

Starting with the 2020-2021 season, USBC Youth membership policy will state youth membership is available to individuals who have not reached the age of 18 prior to Aug. 1 of the current bowling season. The decision to lower the maximum age will directly impact 3.3 percent of the total youth membership. The change also better aligns USBC Youth membership with new regulations from the U.S. Center for SafeSport requiring training for those over 18 who participate in a sport with minors.

Any USBC Youth member who reaches the age of 18 during the bowling season is required to complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport online education program, which is free, to continue to compete in leagues that have participants under age 18. This requirement was announced with the release of the revised [Registered Volunteer Program \(RVP\) handbook](#).

The new age limit marks the second time the USBC Youth maximum age has been lowered. In 2009, USBC lowered the maximum age for youth bowlers from 22 to 20.

Visit [BOWL.com/Youth](https://www.bowl.com/youth) to learn more about the youth bowling programs and events.

Storm Products Names European Sales Manager

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah – Storm Products announced today that Tim Mack has been named as European Sales Manager and Peter Somoff will continue his duties as the International Business Development Agent.

Mack and Somoff will work in unison to maintain relationships and foster the growth of the brand in the European community.

“With a combination of more than 50 years of extensive worldwide experience in the bowling industry, Mack and Somoff will greatly support the European Sales Team and increase sales coverage in this growing market,” said Dave Symes, President of Storm Bowling.

Mack has won more than 70 titles around the world. In 1995, Mack joined Team Storm as a full-time member of the National Professional Staff competing in international tournaments throughout the year becoming one of the first global ambassadors for the sport of bowling. He also represented the United States as a member of Team USA in 2003. The United States Olympic Committee recognized him as the Male Athlete of the Year for his performance at the 2003 World Bowling Men’s Championships. In 2018, he was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame.

“I’m thankful to Storm for this amazing opportunity,” Mack said. “I am looking forward to working closely with Peter, in addition to all of our wonderful European partners and customers. The goal has always been to provide the customer with the best experience. We look forward to continue to support bowling around the world.”

In addition to his sales responsibilities, Mack will continue to collaborate with the Storm Tour Team to assist Storm’s professional players competing on the PBA and PWBA Tour with their bowling equipment during competition, analyzing their physical games,

and assisting with their travel to international events. He will also represent Storm at events throughout the year.

Somoff has represented Storm for more than 25 years on the European International Sales Team traveling internationally to educate bowlers, business owners and pro shop professionals about the sport of bowling. In his new role, he will work closely with Mack to instruct international retailers about best practices, teach new drilling techniques, and discuss technical advances in our new products.

“Tim and I have been very close for years and his contacts throughout the world are amazing,” said Somoff. “I look forward to working together with Tim as well as the rest of our Storm family to support the growth of Europe’s market. Together our focus is to service all bowlers, pro shops and distributors in Europe further supporting the growth of the sport.”

As an IBPSIA Certified Master Instructor, USBC Gold Certified Coach, and European Tenpin Bowling Federation Level III Certified Coach Somoff has educated countless bowlers and individuals in the industry on and off the lanes. In addition to his coaching credentials, Somoff has competed at the highest level. He was a PBA Member from 1982-2003 and earned two PBA Regional Titles as well as three NWBA titles. In addition to his new responsibilities in Europe, Somoff will continue to educate bowlers around the world regarding advances in the sport of bowling.

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Criteria for future Teen Masters Spark Awards is being developed, and plans are for the Teen Masters participants themselves to be involved in the selection process.

TEAM SELECTED FOR 2019 WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas - The last time Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, represented Team USA at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, she came away with a trios gold medal and an inspirational story.

Two years later, the 15-time Team USA member now will head back to The Entertainment Capital of the World healthy and looking to defend that title, while also hoping to improve on what was an otherwise frustrating week on the lanes.

O'Keefe is one of six Team USA members selected to represent the United States at the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships, which will be held at the 60-lane Bowling Plaza from Aug. 23-30.

The 40-year-old right-hander will be joined by fellow trios gold medalist Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas; Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York; Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California; and Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan.

"It's always an honor to get selected to represent Team USA on the lanes, and I'm very excited to get back out there with such a talented group of ladies," O'Keefe said. "Last time turned out to be an interesting week, and while we came away with a few medals, we're going to work hard to improve on that performance."

Johnson, a six-time world champion with a combined 19 years on Team USA and Junior Team USA, has competed in each World Women's Championships or combined World Championships since her Team USA debut in 2005.

McEwan and Parkin both are veterans on the world stage, while Kuhlkin and Richard both have experienced the World Youth Championships and will make their debuts at the adult edition.

All six players have found success on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour and will be nearing the end of the 2019 PWBA Tour season when it's time to shift gears from their individual focus to competing as a team.

"I think I'm still a little speechless because part of me didn't think I would get picked, since there are so many talented players with more experience than me," Richard said. "Some of us who are going are really close and spend a lot of time competing with and against each other, and that will help me feel even more comfortable at such a big event."

More than 175 players from 33 countries are scheduled to compete at the 2019 World Women's Championships, and they will bowl for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team and Masters competition. Medals also will be awarded for all-events, based on their 24-game pinfall totals.

Qualifying will take place throughout the week, and all semifinals and finals will be contested Aug. 29-30 in a special TV setting.

Richard expects to be able to draw from the things she experienced while collecting two medals at the 2016 World Youth Championships and four medals, including two golds, at the 2018 Pan American Bowling Confederation Women's Championships.

"My first World Championships was an eye-opening experience, because even though you expect everyone to be really good, you see it differently when you get there and see all the countries represented," Richard said. "Just getting to represent your country adds some pressure because you don't want to let anyone down, but having experienced international competition before definitely will help this time."

O'Keefe's return to South Point will be bittersweet, as that was the backdrop for a performance that was more about adrenaline, camaraderie and mentally overpowering physical pain, while suffering through the complications of a kidney stone.

Hours before taking the lanes for the trios semifinals at the 2017 World Championships, O'Keefe was in the emergency room and unsure if she'd be able to stand up, let alone compete in the trios medal round.

Not wanting to let her teammates down, O'Keefe powered through the warm-up session and decided she was going to compete.

O'Keefe, McEwan and USBC Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, defeated Indonesia in the semifinals and topped Germany to claim the gold medal. It was one of

two gold medals for the Team USA women at the 2017 event and O'Keefe's seventh world championship. McEwan also earned the all-events gold medal in 2017.

"The morning of the trios medal round, I didn't think it would be possible for me to stand up straight, let alone bowl," O'Keefe said. "But, when (Team USA head coach) Rod (Ross) called Bryan (O'Keefe) to explain how the forfeit would work, I knew there was no way I was going to miss it. I wasn't going to do that to my teammates. I already felt like I let them down the day before, so I had to at least try.

"My teammates helped me get ready and Bryan and Shannon (Pluhowsky) basically carried me to the bowling center. When it was time to bowl, I went to a whole other mental place and something amazing came out of it."

The medal haul for O'Keefe and her teammates in 2017 also included a pair of doubles bronze medals (Kulick and McEwan and O'Keefe and Josie Barnes).

The Team USA women entered the 2017 World Championships as the defending champions in the coveted team event but fell two pins short of returning to the semifinals, and that has the team even more motivated heading into the 2019 tournament.

"I'm excited to go back, and my role has transitioned a little bit, since I'm now one of the older players on the team," said O'Keefe, whose 2018 included a win at the United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials and the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup. "It's really cool to be able to compete in the event again, and in going back to the same location, it's like we'll have a chance to handle some unfinished business.

"It was great to win trios, and any time you earn a medal it's special, but the ultimate goal for us is the team event. We're focused and motivated and definitely comfortable with the venue, so we're looking forward to it."

For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.

TEAM USA WINS WOMEN'S DOUBLES AT 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

LIMA, Peru - Team USA's Stefanie Johnson and Shannon O'Keefe knew they would have a great look on the freshly oiled lanes this week at the 2019 Pan American Games, so they used that to their advantage en route to the doubles gold medal Saturday at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA).

They validated their assessment of the event's 41-foot World Bowling Rome oil pattern with opening games of 477 and 469, before having to address the expected transition that slowed their momentum during the opening round of doubles Thursday.

Johnson powered them through it with a big third game (276), and O'Keefe regained her stride in Game 4 (235) to help the duo cruise to the victory with a 12-game total of 5,317.

Johnson, whose 1,409 six-game performance Saturday was the highest set in Pan American Games competition by a woman, paced the pair over the two days with an individual total of 2,692. O'Keefe added 2,625.

Mexico's Aseret Zetter (2,637) and Iliana Lomeli (2,416) earned the silver medal with a 5,053 effort and Astrid Valiente (2,528) and Aumi Guerra (2,486) of the Dominican Republic held on for the bronze with 5,014.

The women's field this week in Peru includes representatives from 16 countries.

"Just being at this event is an incredible experience and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and to be able to compete in our first Pan American Games together already meant so much," said Johnson, a 35-year-old right-hander. "To come out on top truly is a dream come true. We thought about this moment from the second we knew we both qualified, and it was amazing to stand up there together."

Canada's Caroline Lagrange and Colombia's Clara Guerrero previously shared the record for the event's highest six-game total during doubles with 1,366, while United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and longtime Team USA member Kelly Kulick owns the highest singles total, 1,376, rolled in 2011.

While the additional accolades always are nice, Johnson and O'Keefe both attribute their continued success together to their team chemistry, communication and ability to

push and motivate one another. That has been the case since 2005, when they both made Team USA for the first of 15 consecutive times.

"The chemistry Shannon and I have when we compete together is undeniable, and I always know she has my back, while I have hers, which is pretty hard to beat," Johnson said. "We knew we had to come out today as strong as possible, and we helped keep each other focused the whole way. We had a great start and just kept riding that wave."

The Team USA tandem entered the day in second place, 43 pins behind Valiente and Guerra, but halfway through Saturday's six-game block, Johnson and O'Keefe were 227 pins ahead of their nearest adversaries and nearly 350 pins ahead of fourth place.

The key to their success in the second half of the doubles event was how they attacked the lanes as the oil pattern transitioned during the middle part of the block. Their strategy came from the things they learned during Thursday's first round.

"The lanes were a little different today, and we were able to stay right longer, but it became pretty evident when it was time for me to change balls to something that was a little cleaner but still read the midlane, which happened toward the end of Game 3," said O'Keefe, a 40-year-old right-hander. "By the end of the last game, we'd only moved a few boards left the whole day, so we were comfortable. Overall, we had a great day out there, and it was a lot of fun."

Team USA head coach Rod Ross helped talk through the things the team saw Thursday, and that helped them select their equipment and game plan for Saturday's six games.

He also has been around long enough to know how well Johnson and O'Keefe work together on the lanes, so once the plan was in place, he was able to step back and let them do what they do best.

"We went into today with a really good game plan, they played off each other really well and they made the right moves," Ross said. "It was very exciting as a coach to be a part of this and be able to witness their lane play and excellent execution today on the way to the gold medal. This is a great start to the week."

The last time the Team USA women won the doubles gold medal at the Pan Am Games, which are held every four years, was at the 2011 event in Guadalajara, Mexico. That win included a pair of USBC Hall of Famers - Kulick and Liz Johnson.

Saturday's doubles win wasn't the first for O'Keefe and Johnson at a top-tier event. The two also found the top of the podium at the 2013 World Bowling World Championships. The latest victory simply was another memorable moment in an incredibly special relationship.

"When I came off the lanes and we hugged, I just told her this was meant to be and I love her and I'm so grateful to be able to share this experience with her," O'Keefe said. "I love all my teammates, but there has always been something special with Stef and I. So, I couldn't picture it any other way."

The 32 bowlers now will turn their attention to singles, which gets underway Sunday at 10 a.m. Eastern.

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This year's Pan Am Games is expected to bring more than 6,700 athletes to Lima to compete in 39 sports and 61 disciplines.

Since bowling was added to the Pan American Games in 1991, Team USA has won 21 of a possible 32 gold medals and claimed 35 medals overall, 20 more than the next-closest country.

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TEAM USA MEN EARN SILVER MEDAL IN DOUBLES AT 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

LIMA, Peru - Though Team USA's Jakob Butturff was able to maintain his record pace during the second half of the doubles event at the 2019 Pan American Games, the effort wasn't enough to catch Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona and Jean Perez, who captured the gold medal Saturday with their own record score.

Azcona (2,927) and Perez (2,889) averaged more than 242 during their 12 games at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA) to claim the doubles title with a 5,816 total, more than 200 pins better than the previous record of 5,607, set by Canada's Dan MacLelland and Francois Lavoie in 2015.

Butturff's 1,538 set Saturday, 256.3 average, included games of 280, 247, 225, 279, 248 and 259 and was 22 pins better than his record-setting performance Thursday during the first half of the event. His 12-game total of 3,054 topped the 2,930 MacLelland shot on the way to the gold medal four years ago.

Pate overcame some of the struggles he experienced in Thursday's 1,172 set and added a 1,319 effort for a 2,491 total and 5,545 team score.

A 515 final game helped Colombia's Manuel Otalora (2,763) and Alfredo Quintana (2,752) secure the bronze medal with 5,515.

"Jakob had a phenomenal set again today, and Nick was able to settle in and put together some big games, which helped us sneak in for the silver, and that's really special," Team USA head coach Rod Ross said. "What Puerto Rico did was incredible, and they earned the gold with a terrific performance. Now, we're going to reset, regroup and focus on getting a strong start in singles."

In any team environment, each player usually has a role. With competitors as versatile as Butturff and Pate, those roles sometimes change.

So far this week, Pate is serving more of a supportive role, while making the adjustments he hopes will help him continue to improve during singles. He said that during Saturday's block, his execution was better and he was more focused mentally.

"Being up close to watch Jakob break his own record was impressive, and it's amazing what he can do," said Pate, a 24-year-old right-hander. "When he gets it going, it stays going. It really was a team effort, though, and I guess my job so far has been to keep the enthusiasm up, even through my struggles. Even though I didn't bowl as well as I hoped, I had fun."

As doubles concluded on the biggest stage Team USA will compete on this year, Butturff shied away from the attention and praise.

Part of being on Team USA is about competing with a one-team mentality. There's also a hard-to-describe pride that comes with wearing a jersey with USA across the back.

"It's amazing being here to represent our country in what might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and to win a medal, whether it's gold, silver or bronze, is very special," Butturff said. "That's something not a lot of people can say they've done, and it's something we were able to do together. When it comes to events like this, there's no I in doubles or team, so you're out there fighting together and trying to keep your teammate's spirit up, no matter what it takes."

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The 32 men at this year's event now will turn their attention to singles, which gets underway Sunday at 10 a.m. Eastern. They will take the lanes first, and the women will begin their first six games of singles at 5 p.m. EDT.

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USBC AGREES TO SPONSORSHIP DEAL WITH ELDORADO RESORT CASINO, CIRCUS CIRCUS RENO AND SILVER LEGACY RESORT FOR 2020 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas - Since the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships last visited Reno, Nevada, three of the city's most iconic resorts - the Eldorado Resort Casino, Circus Circus Reno and Silver Legacy Resort Casino - are in the midst of completing a multi-year master renovation plan at a cost of more than \$100 million, a venture to position the adjoined resorts, collectively known as THE ROW, as the premier destination in northern Nevada.

When the USBC Open Championships returns to The Biggest Little City in the World in 2020 for its 14th overall visit, THE ROW will serve as the presenting sponsor, official host hotels and official brackets sponsor. The renovation projects for THE ROW include modern, sophisticated remodels to nearly all of the 4,000 hotel rooms for the upmost comfort.

Eldorado Resorts Casino, Circus Circus Reno and Silver Legacy Resort Casino are longtime sponsors and supporters of the world's largest participatory sporting event.

In addition, the three resorts boast 25 restaurants, 23 bars and lounges, 11 nightspots, a brand new luxury wellness escape at The Spa at Silver Legacy, Ruth's Chris Steak House and Topgolf Swing Suite, an immersive social experience that features virtual reality games ranging from golf to Zombie Dodgeball to baseball and football.

The 2020 Open Championships, the 117th edition of the event, will take place March 21 through July 5 at the newly renovated National Bowling Stadium in downtown Reno. It will mark the tournament's 11th trip to the NBS and first since 2016.

"It's an incredible time to be in the city of Reno as we continue to flourish and be recognized as a place of great entertainment, gourmet dining and all around top experiences," said Anthony Carano, President and Chief Operating Officer of Eldorado Resorts, Inc., which owns and operates THE ROW. "We're excited to welcome back this outstanding event and its guests and look forward to providing the family-style service that Eldorado, Circus Circus and Silver Legacy pride ourselves on."

As part of the 2020 brackets sponsorship, all same-day brackets payouts will take place inside Silver Legacy at THE ROW, serving as the official payout location for the duration of the event.

"We know the Open Championships experience is about much more than just bowling, and we want our competitors to have a memorable time on and off the lanes in our host cities," said Roger Noordhoek, Managing Director of Marketing for USBC. "The properties at THE ROW always have provided our bowlers with incredible accommodations, dining, entertainment and gaming options, and we're looking forward to growing that partnership to also include the brackets components in 2020."

As the presenting sponsor, official host hotel and official brackets sponsor of the 2020 Open Championships, THE ROW will provide USBC members with special offers throughout the course of the tournament, including at the brackets windows, and will be prominently featured at the National Bowling Stadium, on BOWL.com, through USBC's social media channels and at MyBowlingVacation.com, the official travel partner of USBC.

The 2016 event in Reno brought just over 8,000 teams to Reno. Early sales projections show potential for more than 9,000 teams in 2020, which means more than 50,000 bowlers will be headed to the region.

Bowlers will compete in three average-based divisions. The tournament consists of team, doubles and singles competition - three games in each event - for a total of nine games, and their competition typically takes place over two days.

Visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp to learn more and to register for the 2020 Open Championships.

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2019 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS READY TO KICK OFF IN CINCINNATI

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships kicks off this week at Cincinnati's Western Bowl, welcoming more than 400 bowlers from the United States and Canada to compete for national titles in six age-based divisions.

The national championship for senior players, who qualified through their state or province tournament, gets underway Tuesday with an official practice session. Competition in the two divisions – Mixed and Women – in six classifications (50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-plus) starts Wednesday.

All competitors will bowl two three-game qualifying rounds, with total pinfall, including

handicap, determining the top six bowlers in each division and classification.

The top six will return to Western Bowl on Friday for the medal round, which consists of an additional three-game block to determine the champion in each division and classification.

All players will drop their pinfall from the six qualifying games heading into the medal round but instead receive bonus pins based on their qualifying position (50 pins for first, 40 pins for second, etc.) in addition to their three-game total pinfall and handicap.

The 2019 field, which includes bowlers from 48 states and four provinces, will feature five champions from the 2018 USBC Senior Championships in Reno, Nevada.

Four of last year's champions – Max Honke of Salem, South Dakota (Mixed 70-74); Jerry Martinez of Hayward, California (Mixed 60-64); Charlotte Winklepleck of Strasburg, Colorado (Women 65-69); and Angie Decker of Louisville, Kentucky (Women 50-54) – will seek to defend their titles in the same division.

Sharon Pearson of Syracuse, Utah, will attempt to win a title in back-to-back years after claiming the Mixed 50-54 win in 2018. She'll be competing in Women 50-54 in 2019.

For more information on the USBC Senior Championships, visit BOWL.com/SeniorChamp.

2019 PABCON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS SET TO BEGIN IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ARLINGTON, Texas - When Caitlyn Johnson and her Junior Team USA teammates head to the Dominican Republic this week, she'll be a veteran and a rookie at the same time.

The 20-year-old right-hander is a two-time member of Junior Team USA, a world champion and a collegiate standout, but her trip to the 2019 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships will mark her first time outside of the United States.

Johnson plans to use her experience and knowledge to serve a leadership role at Santo Domingo's Sebelen Bowling Center, while she'll rely on advice from her friends and teammates to get comfortable in the foreign bowling center and unfamiliar culture.

Competition at the 22-lane bowling center, which previously hosted the 2018 PABCON Women's Championships, will begin Monday after a formal opening ceremony Sunday night.

Bowlers from nearly a dozen countries will compete for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and Masters competition. There will be two divisions - 21-and-under and 16-and-under. Team USA only will compete in the U21 category.

Johnson will be joined at the 2019 PABCON Youth Championships by fellow world champions Mabel Cummins and Kamerin Peters, along with two-time Junior Team USA member Kaitlyn Eder.

This will be my final event with Junior Team USA, and I'm really excited to go because it will be my first time out of the country," said Johnson, who is entering her senior year at Webber International University. "I'm definitely looking forward to traveling with this group of girls. I think we have a strong group with great chemistry, and we bonded so well at camp, so I know we're going to do well on the lanes."

Four Junior Team USA boys also will be making the trip to Santo Domingo, and the roster will include world champion Cortez Schenck, Team USA member Sean Wilcox, two-time Junior Gold Championships winner Anthony Neuer and first-time Junior Team USA member Tom Hankey Jr.

Wilcox, a 20-year-old right-hander who debuted this year on both Junior Team USA and the adult version of the team, recently made his own first appearance on the international stage, collecting three medals, including doubles and team gold, at the 2019 PABCON Men's Championships in Peru.

Though he was the young newcomer looking up to his experienced teammates at that event and the mini training camp that preceded it, he'll now switch roles and use that experience to lead his Junior Team USA teammates.

It's an interesting and exciting dynamic he noticed during the recent Junior Team USA training camp at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington.

"It's a little bit surreal, considering that a few months ago, I was the young guy at camp asking questions and hoping to learn as much as I could from some of the best bowlers in the world," Wilcox said. "At our Junior Team USA camp, the roles kind of were reversed, and some of the guys were asking me for help or some thoughts on how I see things out on the lanes. It was pretty cool, and a little funny, at the same time."

Over the last two years, the Junior Team USA girls have enjoyed continued success and look to continue that at the upcoming PABCON Youth Championships.

In 2018, Johnson and Cummins helped the United States to the team gold medal at the World Bowling Youth Championships in Detroit, and Cummins and Peters kicked off 2019 with a doubles gold medal at the inaugural World Bowling Junior Championships in Paris.

Schenck also claimed a gold medal at the 2018 World Youth Championships, winning the tournament-ending Masters event for the lone medal on the boys side.

"Last year, what we did at the World Championships was amazing, especially since none of us had been to that event before," said Johnson, the 2017-2018 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Most Valuable Player. "To be able to have similar success this time would be the perfect way to end my time with Junior Team USA."

long with her collegiate experience at Webber International, Johnson also has tested her skills in some Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour events.

Eder, who has represented the United States at the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas, also has collegiate experience as a member of the Louisiana Tech bowling team, while Cummins and Peters still are in high school.

"I think I bring a lot of experience, not just with Junior Team USA, but from bowling other tournaments, like collegiate and PWBA events, and, with that, comes some knowledge," Johnson said. "I think I'll be able to help the team talk through things, help with moves and even help with the nerves. It's a big international tournament, and I know even I'll be nervous, but I'm looking forward to playing a role as a leader and veteran."

Wilcox will enter this week's event with a level of confidence he didn't yet have before taking the lanes in Peru.

It's not that he wasn't confident in his abilities, it was more about being unfamiliar with the environment and level of competition.

"Going into the PABCON Men's Championships, I knew I could do well, but there still was some self-doubt, since it was my first international event and first chance to represent Team USA," Wilcox said. "This time, I'm definitely going in more confident. I had a great experience in Peru, we did well and I learned so much - mentally, physically and just about how to react in certain situations."

Neuer also is fresh off a trip to the 2019 World Junior Championships, where he earned a doubles silver medal with Solomon Salama, and Hankey's previous 12 months includes wins at the 2019 Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships with Webber International.

o matter what event it is, I think there's still going to be nerves," Wilcox said. "The best advice I can give is to remember it's still just bowling. It's the same game we play at home with our friends and family. The only difference is that we get to wear a really special jersey, instead of a T-shirt. Picturing it that way helps me stay more relaxed."

WINNERS DETERMINED AT 2019 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

CINCINNATI – The 2019 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships wrapped up last week at Western Bowl as 12 competitors in six age classifications took home titles.

More than 400 bowlers from the United States and Canada competed at the 2019 edition of the event. The tournament has two divisions, Mixed and Women, and each division has six age classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and above.

Competitors bowled a pair of three-game qualifying sets over two days to determine the top six players in each division for Friday's medal round. The six qualifiers in each division were determined by total pinfall, including handicap.

Pinfall was dropped for the medal round but bowlers did receive bonus pins based on their qualifying position (50 bonus pins for first, 40 pins for second, etc.).

In the Women's division, three of the top qualifiers were able to win their age group.

M. Lynn Johnson of Hueytown, Alabama, Susan Sweatman of Trout Creek, Montana, and Lucia McKnight of Columbiaville, Michigan, stayed at the top of the standings to claim titles in the 55-59, 65-69 and 70-74 age divisions, respectively.

Brenda Dokes of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and Mary Ann Compton of Grantville, Georgia, each recorded a victory as the No. 3 qualifier, taking the top spots in 60-64 and 75 and above, respectively.

Marion Kosiak of Goffstown, New Hampshire, posted the largest score in either division (757), including handicap and bonus pins, to win the Women's 50-54 division.

The Mixed division also saw three top qualifiers hold position in their respective age divisions.

Indianapolis' Richard Lynn (50-54), Ben Hoefs of Mobile, Alabama (70-74), and Anita Schwantes of Marshfield, Wisconsin (75 and above), maintained solid performances from qualifying into the medal round to claim victories.

Bex Talania of Winnipeg, Manitoba, was the lone champion from Canada, winning the Mixed 60-64 category.

Mike Taylor of Somerset, Kentucky, had the biggest jump of any competitor in the medal round at the 2019 USBC Senior Championships, going from fourth to first in the 55-59 division.

Michael Mai of Russell, Kansas, put together a consistent performance on his way to winning the 65-69 Mixed title.

Bowlers at the 2019 Senior Championships earned their spots in the national event through their state or province senior tournaments.

For complete scores and more information on the USBC Senior Championships, visit BOWL.com/SeniorChamp.

JUNIOR TEAM USA GOLDEN AGAIN AT 2019 PABCON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - During the six games of trios competition Wednesday at the 2019 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships, a few teams were able to separate themselves from the rest of the field.

Then, it was a race to the finish line at the Sebelen Bowling Center, where the Junior Team USA girls and Colombia boys claimed the gold medals based on their six-game pinfall totals.

The excitement on the girls side included two teams - the United States and Puerto Rico - and the decision came down to the final frame.

Junior Team USA was down 32 pins after four games and entered the finale with a 45-pin advantage, before closing with a 612 effort and setting the bar with a 3,681 six-game total, a 204.5 team average.

The defending champion United States finished about three frames ahead and looked on, knowing a near-perfect final frame from Puerto Rico could cost them a second consecutive trios gold medal and second win in as many days in the Dominican Republic.

Needing a 658 final game, the Puerto Ricans still had a chance at the top spot with two bowlers to go in the 10th frame but ultimately fell short, finishing with a 625 game and 3,649 set.

Kamerin Peters maintained the momentum that helped her and Mabel Cummins to the doubles gold medal Tuesday and averaged more than 223 in trios to lead the team with a 1,342 individual total.

Caitlyn Johnson contributed a 1,226 set, and Kaitlyn Eder added a 1,113 total to complete the effort.

"Winning today does feel really good," Eder said. "I struggled a little bit, but it's nice to have teammates and know they support me. And, no matter what I do, I still have USA on my back, and it's an honor to represent my country."

Puerto Rico's silver-medal performance included Zoriani Reyes (1,301), Paulina Torres (1,229) and Pamela Perez (1,119). Colombia's Isabella Correa (1,171), Laura Garcia (1,150) and Ana Olaya (1,082) earned the bronze medal with a 3,403 total.

On the boys side, three teams - Mexico, Colombia and the United States - pulled ahead early and were separated by 37 pins after four games.

Mexico and Junior Team USA both posted Game 5 scores in the 520s, which allowed Colombia to surge into the lead for good with a 613 game.

Colombia, which led Mexico by 50 pins and the United States by 55 pins with one game to go, closed with a 566 effort to maintain the top spot.

Colombia's Felipe Gil (1,239), Mauricio Cabrera (1,186) and Sebastian Salazar (1,174) claimed the gold medal with a 3,599 total, Junior Team USA took the silver medal with 3,568 and Mexico settled for the bronze with 3,533.

Cortez Schenck led the way for the United States with a 1,257 total, and he was followed by Sean Wilcox (1,162) and Anthony Neuer (1,149). Mexico's effort included Sergio Barajas (1,201), Angel Basurto (1,198) and Roberto Perez (1,134).

With a few days of competition and information collecting already completed for the Junior Team USA girls, their game plan for attacking the 38-foot World Bowling Atlanta oil pattern was pretty much set before trios got underway.

Much of Wednesday's focus was on execution and minimizing mistakes, while making sure to verbalize their support on the good shots as well as the bad ones.

"Yesterday was a struggle at first, but we had a game plan and stuck with it, which eventually paid off with a strong finish," said Johnson, who teamed with Eder for this week's doubles silver medal. "Today, Kam just did her thing and continued to bowl well like she has all week. We just stuck behind her and supported her and did our best to stay in the pocket, make our spares and keep the errors to a minimum."

The teams now will turn their attention to the main event of the tournament, the six-game team competition, which will take place over two days.

All four team members and both coaches - Junior Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and Team USA assistant coach Andy Diercks - will compete together for the first time all week. They'll be armed with four days of notes and the motivation that resulted from missing both team gold medals at the 2017 event in Mexico.

The girls and boys both earned bronze medals in the team event in 2017.

"We have good momentum going into tomorrow, and Mabel will be back with us after a really good day today, so we'll be even more confident," Johnson said. "If we stick to the game plan, make adjustments when we need to and stay open-minded, I think we'll be in good shape for the team event."

With four boys and four girls per team and only three roster spots for trios, that meant Junior Team USA's Cummins and Tom Hankey Jr. were not able to participate in the trios event Wednesday.

They did, however, get to complete the six games, which will work toward their all-events totals. Cummins posted a 1,197 set, and Hankey had 1,231.

U21 competition at the 22-lane bowling center resumes Thursday at 9 a.m. Eastern with the first three games of team competition. The Junior Team USA girls will take the lanes first, and the boys will get underway at 1 p.m.

They'll bowl their second three-game sets in the same order Friday, with squads at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Eastern.

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TRIOS (six games)

GIRLS

GOLD - Kameron Peters/Caitlyn Johnson/Kaitlyn Eder, United States, 3,681

SILVER - Paulina Torres/Pamela Perez/Zoriani Reyes, Puerto Rico, 3,649

BRONZE - Laura Garcia/Isabella Correa/Ana Olaya, Colombia, 3,403

BOYS

GOLD - Felipe Gil/Mauricio Cabrera/Sebastian Salazar, Colombia, 3,599

SILVER - Cortez Schenck/Sean Wilcox/Anthony Neuer, United States, 3,568

BRONZE - Sergio Barajas/Angel Basurto/Roberto Perez, Mexico, 3,533

TNBA YOUTH WEEKEND CELEBRATES 10TH YEAR AT ITRC

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the 10th consecutive year, The National Bowling Association Youth Weekend is taking place at the International Training and Research Center, providing eight student-athletes with the opportunity to train under the watchful eyes of Team USA coaches.

Over the course of the three-day event, which started Thursday, players receive on-lane training and drills along with classroom sessions from the ITRC staff. Participants also have the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and tour the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

Kaia Gray of Chicago bowls in TNBA and United States Bowling Congress events and said to see the organizations work together on the program for youth bowlers is amazing. She had previously visited the ITRC and learned about the state-of-the-art bowling technology used during training sessions.

“When I heard about this opportunity to train under (Team USA head coach) Rod Ross, it was just a phenomenal opportunity,” said Gray, who will bowl at Jackson State starting in the fall. “They told us they would work on the weak part of our game. I really hope they help me with that because I want to be more consistent with my shots.”

When the Junior Gold Championships were held in the Dallas area in 2018, Adam Atkins of New Orleans visited the ITRC and had the chance to bowl on Sport patterns. He was excited for the opportunity to return as part of the TNBA Youth Weekend.

“It has Specto and all kinds of technology that really help you out with your game,” said Atkins, who is starting his senior year of high school. “It’s a good experience. So few have the opportunity to come here. What I’m going to do with the information I learn, we have a lot of young kids back in our program and I’m going to help them out.”

He also works at a pro shop and wants to learn more about bowling balls.

“I just want to learn more about drilling, ball motion, cores,” Atkins said.

Other participants in the TNBA Youth Weekend are Savanna Razor, Jailyn Rogers, Jordan Shipp, Alex Horton, Nykolas Walker, and Purely Williams.

Veronica Green, the TNBA National Youth Program Director, plus coaches Donald Armstead and Charles Horton also are part of this weekend’s program.

Barbara Armstead, as the TNBA Youth Weekend Project Coordinator, oversees the program.

“I am so happy to say this is our 10th year – 10 years of working with this wonderful program,” Armstead said.

Armstead sent out applications to TNBA youth members, between the ages of 16-19, at the start of the year. As part of the application process, players are asked to submit a video, showing their bowling style from different angles, along with a resume of accomplishments.

She said they look for the top players – those participating in competitive events throughout the season – and pointed out that one of last year’s TNBA Youth Weekend attendees captured a national title this summer.

“We had a group of phenomenal players and one of them, Patricia Rosales, just won the U20 Junior Gold Championships,” Armstead said of the 2018 group. “She is a talented individual and she will credit some of her accomplishments to her trip here. It was a wonderful experience for her and for us.”

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JUNIOR TEAM USA ADDS THREE GOLD MEDALS AT 2019 PABCON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - The Junior Team USA girls added to their success this week at the 2019 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships by claiming the team gold medal with a come-from-behind win at the Sebelen Bowling Center.

They entered the day third among the nine girls teams in the event's 21-and-under division and inched closer to the top spot over the day's first two games, shooting 782 and 798, to get within two pins of Puerto Rico heading into the finale.

Led by Caitlin Johnson's 234 game, Junior Team USA rolled its highest game of the tournament, an 815 effort, to surge into the lead and secure the gold medal with a 4,666 six-game total.

Puerto Rico held on for the silver medal with a 4,607 total, and Colombia earned the bronze with 4,574.

Mexico cruised to the boys title with a 5,041 total, which included a 912 performance in Friday's second game. Puerto Rico earned the silver medal with 4,803 and Colombia took the bronze medal with 4,754.

The team event included six games over two days (three games each day) and also featured the 38-foot World Bowling Atlanta oil pattern.

Mabel Cummins, who teamed with Kameran Peters to win doubles earlier in the week, led the way for the Junior Team USA girls in the team event with a 1,238 six-game score. Peters followed with 1,154, and the two were joined by Kaitlyn Eder (1,142) and Johnson (1,132).

"It felt amazing to win the gold medal, and it really was a total team effort," Peters said. "I bowled well most of the week, but I struggled a little bit in team. It was nice to know they had my back while I was figuring it out, and that made it come to me a little easier."

The second day of the team event didn't go as well for the Junior Team USA boys, who only were able to move up one spot from seventh place to sixth. Their day included games of 694, 780 and 794 for a 4,523 two-day total.

Anthony Neuer, the lone left-hander of the group, set the pace with a 1,232 total and was followed by Cortez Schenck (1,127), Tom Hankey Jr. (1,097) and Sean Wilcox (1,067).

The last time the girls reached the top of the medal stand in the team event was at the 2013 PABCON Youth Championships as part of a Junior Team USA sweep. The most recent title for the boys came in 2015. The event is held every two years.

"I'm extremely proud of both teams this week and how they worked together so well on what turned out to be a pretty challenging lane condition," said Junior Team USA coach Bryan O'Keefe. "The girls fought hard today and came away with the team gold, which is incredibly special. The boys worked until the end, but they unfortunately could not overcome yesterday's struggles. Overall, it has been a great week with many successes to celebrate and be proud of."

The end of the team event Friday also determined the all-events medalists and the 16 girls and 16 boys advancing to Saturday's Masters match play, all based on their 24-game pinfall totals from singles, doubles, trios and team (six games each).

Peters topped the girls all-events standings and claimed her fourth gold medal of the week (doubles, trios, team, all-events) to go along with a bronze medal in the tournament-opening singles event. She finished with a 24-game total of 5,048, a 210.33 average.

Puerto Rico's Zoriani Reyes, this week's singles champion, took the silver medal in all-events with a 4,961 total, while her teammate, Paulina Torres, edged Cummins by a single pin for the bronze medal. Torres finished with a 4,786 total.

"Coming from that first day, when I didn't bowl as well as I wanted to the last three games, I worked hard to figure out the transition and how the lanes played from pair to pair," Peters said. "That helped us today as a team and helped me overall. It always feels good to come away with some type of medal, but having four golds and a bronze so far is a whole different perspective."

Though Cummins had to settle for a fourth-place all-events finish, she'll be among the 16 girls back on the lanes Saturday morning at 8 a.m. Eastern. Johnson (4,760) and Eder (4,619) also will be there, after finishing fifth and seventh, respectively, in the 24-game standings.

It took an average of 182.75 to make match play in the girls division.

Neuer finished the day with games of 242 and 215, including strikes on six of his last seven shots, to win the all-events title on the boys side with a 4,938 total, a 205.75 average.

He entered the final game three pins behind Schenck, who finished with a 194 game and 4,920 all-events score. Colombia's Felipe Gil earned the bronze medal with 4,904.

In the opening-round of the best-of-three 16-player match-play bracket, Neuer will face Wilcox, who used a clean 198 finish to earn the final spot. His 24-game total was 4,619, a 192.46 average and just five pins ahead of 17th place.

Hankey also advanced, finishing 12th overall with 4,725. The boys are scheduled to hit the lanes at the Sebelen Bowling Center on Saturday at 11:45 a.m. EDT.

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TEAM (six games)

GIRLS

GOLD - United States (Mabel Cummins, Kaitlyn Eder, Kameron Peters, Caitlyn Johnson), 4,666

SILVER - Puerto Rico (Paulina Torres, Sofia Colon, Pamela Perez, Zoriani Reyes), 4,607

BRONZE - Colombia (Laura Garcia, Isabella Correa, Ana Olaya, Laura Garzon), 4,574

BOYS

GOLD - Mexico (Roberto Perez, Angel Basurto, Hector Pina, Sergio Barajas), 5,041

SILVER - Puerto Rico (Raymond Rodriguez, Javier Muniz, Antonio Izquierdo, Jorge Rodriguez), 4,803

BRONZE - Colombia (Sebastian Salazar, Juan Jose Rincon, Felipe Gil, Mauricio Cabrera), 4,754

ALL-EVENTS (24 games)

GIRLS

GOLD - Kameron Peters, United States, 5,048

SILVER - Zoriani Reyes, Puerto Rico, 4,961

BRONZE - Paulina Torres, Puerto Rico, 4,786

BOYS

GOLD - Anthony Neuer, United States, 4,938

SILVER - Cortez Schenck, United States, 4,920

BRONZE - Felipe Gil, Colombia, 4,904

TOM HANKEY JR. WINS MASTERS GOLD AT 2019 PABCON YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic - Eight Junior Team USA members made their way through the Miami airport last week, ready to embark on the final leg of the journey to the 2019 Pan American Bowling Confederation Youth Championships.

They all arrived in the Dominican Republic ready to believe in each other, their coaches and a process that only can be described as the Team USA way.

Their trust and determination led to a successful run at the Sebelen Bowling Center, and all eight team members now will be returning home with at least one gold medal.

Tom Hankey Jr., who was making his first appearance on international soil, was the last to strike gold this week, doing so with a come-from-behind victory against his teammate, Cortez Schenck, in the championship match of the tournament-ending Masters event.

Hankey admittedly struggled with finding a consistent way to attack the event's 38-foot World Bowling Atlanta oil pattern, but things finally fell into place as he approached three dozen games bowled at the 22-lane facility.

After a lopsided 235-154 loss to Schenck in the opening game of the best-of-three title match, Hankey rallied with wins of 223-217 and 213-196 to secure the victory. The two exchanged open frames in the middle of the finale, but a late string of strikes from Hankey was enough to take the gold medal.

The ideal game plan for Hankey turned out to be using a lot less surface and throwing the ball harder and straighter, while trying not to give away the 3 pin.

"After having a really rocky week personally and struggling with ball reaction, today really was the last option I tried, and it happened to be the right one," said Hankey, who qualified 12th for match play based on his 4,725 all-events total. "Coach Andy (Diercks) and I talked about it for the last three days, and we finally were able to get it fine-tuned today."

Hankey's road to the title Saturday included 2-0 wins against Colombia's Sebastian Salazar and Puerto Rico's Jorge Rodriguez, before earning a spot in the final with a semifinal victory over Junior Team USA's Sean Wilcox, 2-1.

Schenck advanced to the final by defeating Costa Rica's Toscano Luconi 2-0. Luconi started the 24 games of competition this week with the tournament's only 300.

Wilcox, who rolled a clean game in the final game of the team event to earn the 16th and final spot in the bracket, started the day with a 2-1 win over his top-seeded teammate, all-events winner Anthony Neuer. Wilcox and Luconi each earned bronze medals for their performances in the Masters event.

Junior Team USA's Masters success was a satisfying conclusion to a rollercoaster week that included a disappointing and head-scratching sixth-place finish in the coveted team event.

"Overall, it was a pretty good week for us, though the team event didn't go the way we were hoping, but that happens sometimes," Hankey said. "We tried everything we could all week, stuck together and worked together and did everything the Team USA way. What we did today in Masters was awesome, considering some of the ups and downs we experienced. Three of the four people making the medal round was about as perfect a finish as we could ask for."

This week, the Junior Team USA boys also collected a bronze medal in singles (Neuer), gold and silver medals in doubles (Schenck/Wilcox and Neuer/Hankey), silver in trios (Neuer/Schenck/Wilcox) and silver in all-events (Schenck).

The final day of the 2019 PABCON Youth Championships didn't go as well for the Junior Team USA girls, with only Mabel Cummins making the medal round, where she fell to Colombia's Isabella Correa in the semifinals, 2-0.

In the other girls semifinal, Puerto Rico's Paulina Torres topped Laura Garzon of Colombia, 2-1. Torres then defeated Correa, 2-1, for the gold medal, with the match coming down to the final frame.

An open frame from Correa gave Torres a chance to seal the victory. She struck on her first offering, before leaving the 4-9 split on her second shot. Picking up one of the pins gave her a 182-181 win and the gold medal.

Correa earned the silver medal, and Cummins and Garzon each received bronze medals.

The Junior Team USA girls had a phenomenal week overall, medaling in every event.

Their haul included a bronze medal in singles (Kamerin Peters), gold and silver medals in doubles (Peters/Cummins and Kaitlyn Eder/Caitlyn Johnson), gold in trios (Eder/Johnson/Peters), gold in team and gold in all-events (Peters).

"We're leaving the Dominican Republic after a very successful and satisfying week, and I'm incredibly proud of all the Junior Team USA players for believing in each other and our process and never giving up," said Junior Team USA coach Bryan O'Keefe. "We worked together as a team, especially in trying to overcome some challenges along the

way, and we then got to celebrate the many highlights together. These are great memories these eight bowlers will always share."

The 2019 PABCON Youth Championships marked the latest of a growing list of highlights for Hankey, whose year also includes wins at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships with Webber International University.

And, though he has enjoyed past success while representing the United States at the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas, competing internationally was next-level for the 19-year-old right-hander.

"This year has been awesome and a dream come true, from getting picked for the team to the collegiate titles to making the show at Junior Gold and then getting to come to PABCON for my first international experience," Hankey said. "This really has been a breakout year for me, and I can't wait to see what the rest of 2019 is like."

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**MASTERS
(Best-of-three single-elimination)**

GIRLS

STEP 1

(Winner advances, loser is eliminated from Masters competition)

- (1) Kamerin Peters, United States, def. (16) Airam Fuentes, Mexico, 2-0 (201-118, 204-145).
- (9) Isabella Correa, Colombia, def. (8) Pamela Perez, Puerto Rico, 2-0 (246-175, 187-153).
- (12) Ana Olaya, Colombia, def. (5) Caitlyn Johnson, United States, 2-0 (243-210, 223-195).
- (4) Mabel Cummins, United States, def. (13) Alexa Fernandez, Costa Rica, 2-0 (279-202, 191-168).
- (3) Paulina Torres, Puerto Rico, def. (14) Fabiola Sandoval, Costa Rica, 2-0 (194-183, 185-158).
- (6) Ericka Quesada, Costa Rica, def. (11) Laura Garcia, Colombia, 2-0 (245-216, 229-188).
- (7) Kaitlyn Eder, United States, def. (10) Ana Morales, Guatemala, 2-0 (202-139, 258-150).
- (15) Laura Garzon, Colombia, def. (2) Zoriani Reyes, Puerto Rico, 2-0 (191-190, 234-222).

STEP 2

(Winner advances, loser is eliminated from Masters competition)

- Correa def. Peters, 2-1 (246-198, 190-215, 215-204).
- Cummins def. Olaya, 2-0 (220-191, 193-137).
- Torres def. Quesada, 2-0 (206-155, 235-222).
- Garzon def. Eder, 2-1 (214-160, 162-215, 185-141).

SEMIFINALS

(Winner advances to finals, losers earn bronze medals)

- Torres def. Garzon, 2-1 (147-158, 222-164, 218-190).
- Correa def. Cummins, 2-0 (210-206, 223-207).

FINAL

(Winner earns gold medal, loser earns silver medal)

- Torres def. Correa, 2-1 (200-198, 201-215, 182-181).

BOYS

STEP 1

(Winner advances, loser is eliminated from Masters competition)

- (16) Sean Wilcox, United States, def. (1) Anthony Neuer, United States, 2-1 (235-210, 220-236, 276-186).
- (8) Hector Pina, Mexico, def. (9) Sergio Barajas, Mexico, 2-1 (194-230, 192-180, 200-178).
- (12) Tom Hankey Jr., United States, def. (5) Sebastian Salazar, Colombia, 2-0 (209-160, 202-170).
- (4) Jorge Rodriguez, Puerto Rico, def. (13) Jonaykel Conejo, Costa Rica, 2-0 (173-167,

202-165).

(3) Felipe Gil, Colombia, def. (14) Mathias Haehner, Costa Rica, 2-0 (234-177, 221-190).

(11) Toscano Luconi, Costa Rica, def. (6) Roberto Perez, Mexico, 2-1 (266-201, 223-238, 257-220).

(7) Sebastian Yuzuriha, Peru, def. (10) Angel Basurto, Mexico, 2-0 (189-180, 245-179).

(2) Cortez Schenck, United States, def. (15) Antonio Izquierdo, Puerto Rico, 2-0 (234-191, 196-194).

STEP 2

(Winner advances, loser is eliminated from Masters competition)

Wilcox def. Pina, 2-1 (213-172, 181-203, 215-195).

Hankey def. Rodriguez, 2-0 (219-180, 237-207).

Luconi def. Gil, 2-0 (255-194, 248-172).

Schenck def. Yuzuriha, 2-0 (201-197, 215-185).

SEMIFINALS

(Winner advances to finals, losers earn bronze medals)

Hankey def. Wilcox, 2-1 (247-144, 161-245, 279-248).

Schenck def. Luconi, 2-0 (235-228, 247-226).

FINAL

(Winner earns gold medal, loser earns silver medal)

Hankey def. Schenck, 2-1 (154-235, 223-217, 213-196).

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MUSEUM LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE ARCHIVE

ARLINGTON, Texas – The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (IBMHOF) is providing fans of bowling – and history – a way to experience the sport from anywhere in the world through an online collection of the many great items in the museum’s vast inventory.

BowlingHeritage.com is the gateway to the Bowling Virtual Vault, which features many of the historic items on display at the museum in Arlington, plus additional collections the museum is not able to display year-round because of space constraints.

“The Bowling Virtual Vault provides access to great memorabilia, and visitors also will learn about the greatest players, teams, moments and so much more about bowling’s history,” said Mike Aulby, president/chairman of the IBMHOF Board of Trustees. “It’s a

fantastic way for those who might not be able to visit the museum to see our outstanding collections. It is a fun and engaging look at bowling for even the most casual fans of the sport.”

Some of the collections include bowling fashion, featuring an assortment of vintage bowling balls, bags, shoes and shirts, plus bowling toys and games, bowling stars in the 20th century, and bowling collectables.

The Celebrities Go Bowling section showcases not only movie and television stars, but also presidents, and a collection of bowling-themed beer steins are part of the Bowling Virtual Vault’s vast mix of collections.

Sharing collections through online databases has become more popular among museums seeking to expand their reach and the IBMHOF sees the Bowling Virtual Vault as another way to bring the sport’s history to a global audience.

The IBMHOF is a Blue Star Museum, a collaboration of the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense and museums throughout the United States. Visit BowlingMuseum.com to learn more about the IBMHOF and how you can become a member.

Visit BowlingHeritage.com for the Bowling Virtual Vault.

2019 WORLD WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS CONCLUDES IN LAS VEGAS WITH TEAM, MASTERS MEDAL ROUNDS

LAS VEGAS - Colombia's Maria José Rodríguez entered the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships with her sights set on the first gold medal of her career at the event.

The 30-year-old right-hander threw clutch shots all week when she needed them, and she earned the gold medal she coveted. Then another.

Though she came up short in the tournament-ending Masters competition, falling to Singapore left-hander Cherie Tan, 2-0 (203-201, 258-217), in the title match, she'll leave the South Point Bowling Plaza with five medals - gold in all-events and team, silver in trios and the Masters and a bronze medal in doubles.

Rodriguez attributes her success this week to learning from all of the close calls and mistakes she has experienced in her career, including not throwing the shots when she needed them earlier in the 2019 World Women's Championships.

It may not have seemed so at the time, but missing the cut to the singles semifinals by three pins may have been the best thing that could've happened the two-time Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour titlist.

"I think I was able to come through later in the week because I didn't do it in singles, if that makes sense," said Rodriguez, who has participated in seven World Championships. "In singles, I tied up, I was shaking and it reminded me of when I did the same thing two years ago. Then, in doubles and trios and team, I didn't do that. I forced myself to learn from it."

In Friday's team final, Rodriguez threw one of the most memorable shots of her career, striking in her final frame to lift the Colombia women to their first team gold medal in World Bowling World Championships competition.

Colombia and Sweden went the distance in the best-of-three Baker final at the South Point Bowling Plaza, and while Rodriguez's strike sealed the win, spare shooting actually decided the outcome of Colombia's 2-1 victory.

Early in the finale, Swedish sisters Cajsa and Jenny Wegner missed 2 pins in consecutive frames. Despite the miscues, Sweden rallied and managed to grab a two-pin lead heading into the final frame, putting the decision in the hands of the talented anchors - Rodriguez and fellow PWBA Tour champion Sandra Andersson.

After Andersson rung a 10 pin on her first shot, Rodriguez stepped up and delivered for a 222-202 victory.

"When I was in the team event and needed to strike, everything was shaking, probably even my eyelashes, but I thought about the shot I threw at the end of singles and refused to do it again," Rodriguez said. "This is what we train for, and it was amazing to see the hard work finally pay off. For it to happen in the team event means so much. We all have worked so hard, and it's incredible to make history for our country."

The rest of the three-game final match was equally interesting.

Sweden had a chance to win the opening game after Rodriguez left, and missed, a washout in the 10th frame. Andersson needed a strike on her fill ball but left the 2-8 combination to fall short, 205-204.

Game 2 featured an uncharacteristic mistake from Colombia's Laura Plazas, who missed a 1-2-4 combination. Sweden tossed four consecutive strikes starting in the sixth frame and came away with a 235-220 win.

Both of Colombia's wins in the championship match came on the left lane, which gave all four teams trouble during the team medal round.

Rodriguez and Plazas were joined in the win by Clara Guerrero, Rocio Restrepo, Juliana Franco and Anggie Ramirez Perea.

The team's previous best finish in the team event was a silver medal in 1999. They also earned bronze medals in 2003, 2011 and in Las Vegas in 2017.

Friday's team win was a bit of redemption for Thursday's doubles event, where Colombia qualified two teams for the medal round but failed to advance to the gold-medal match.

"To be honest, I'm a little shocked," Restrepo said. "Yesterday, I bowled 12 really good shots, and it didn't happen. Today, I did the same and I'm probably going to be super drained because it's so much emotion. I was shaking. At one point I thought I was going to faint after striking. But I was like, you have to keep it together."

Sweden's roster also include Joline Persson Planefors and Josefin Hermansson. On Thursday, Wegner and Hermansson won the doubles event for Sweden's first medal since 2009 and first gold medal since 2007.

Colombia, the No. 4 qualifier, was the only team able to conquer the left lane during the team semifinals, and it helped the quintet to a 2-1 victory over top-seeded Team USA.

The qualifying leaders started on the right lane and rolled to a 239-182 victory, before falling victim to the challenging left lane on the way to a four-strike, four-open 222-154 loss.

An early 7-10 split from Missy Parkin put the United States behind early in the deciding game, but the team battled back, giving anchor Shannon O'Keefe a chance to throw a double for the win. Her first offering resulted in another 7-10, however, ending Team USA's bid for a third team gold medal since 2011 by a score of 225-211.

The match featured nine PWBA champions among the 12 players - Stefanie Johnson, Liz Kuhlkin, Danielle McEwan, O'Keefe, Parkin and Jordan Richard for the United States and Guerrero, Restrepo and Rodriguez for Colombia.

It was the second consecutive heartbreaking finish for Team USA at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

At the 2017 combined World Championships, the United States, the defending champion, missed the medal round by two pins. This time, Team USA tied the six-game qualifying record and led No. 2 seed Mexico by 379 pins, before the format changed to the knockout-style Baker matches.

Team USA was looking to become the first No. 1 seed of the week to finish the job and win the gold medal.

"It's pretty disappointing to lead by almost 400 pins and have it all come down to that one shot," Team USA head coach Rod Ross said. "We just got a couple of bad breaks with the 7-10, and if either of those fall and we get a spare, we're in that final match. This one's going to sting for a while. I'm heartbroken for the girls because they work so hard and put everything on the line."

In the first team semifinal, the left lane proved to be the difference, as all three win in the match came on the right lane. Sweden topped Mexico, 2-1 (223-192, 183-244, 212-188).

The deciding game came down to the final frame.

Three strikes from Mexico anchor Iliana Lomeli would've sent her team to the final, but she left the 3-6-9-10 combination on her first shot. Andersson had just delivered a strike for Sweden, and that ended up being more than enough to seal the win.

Mexico was represented in the team event by Sandra Gongora, Paola Limon, Iliana Lomeli, Adriana Perez, Lilia Robles and Aseret Zetter.

As the tournament wound down, Rodriguez, Tan, Team USA's Danielle McEwan and Sanna Pasanen of Finland took the lanes for the conclusion of the Masters event.

In the first best-of-three semifinal, Tan topped McEwan, 2-1 (165-212, 236-184, 244-213), and then Rodriguez again delivered in the final frame, striking to sneak past Pasanen, 2-1 (223-232, 257-221, 216-210).

The Masters final was the only match of the day that didn't go three games. Tan claimed Singapore's second gold medal in World Championships competition, 2-0 (203-201, 258-217).

"It means everything because everyone works so hard to come here and try to win," Tan said. "I've been trying for so many years and came close so many times. It's really something. The pressure is high, but we have been coming close for almost 10 years now. It feels really great to bring home a gold for Singapore."

Shayna Ng won Singapore's first gold medal in all-events at the 2015 event in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

The 2019 World Women's Championships started with 176 competitors from 34 countries, who competed for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and Masters competition. All games were contested on the 39-foot World Bowling Seoul oil pattern.

The 34 countries that participated this year were: Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Team USA and Colombia topped the medal table this week with six medals apiece. Sweden claimed four, Korea had three, Mexico earned two and Singapore and Finland took home one each.

McEwan was the top performer for Team USA, winning gold in singles and bronze medals in team and Masters. If she would've won the Masters event, she would've become the first woman in tournament history with a gold medal in each discipline.

O'Keefe also earned three medals this week - silver in singles and bronze medals in team and all-events - while Parkin, Richard and Kuhlkin came through to successfully defend Team USA's trios title. The three, plus Johnson, also received bronze medals for their team finish.

"We changed up how we approached this event with the six players who were here, both prior to coming and once we were here, and I think it led to some huge improvements and was the reason for our success in qualifying," said McEwan, a five-time world champion. "Overall, we worked so well together this week, and I'm incredibly proud of how we did."

Las Vegas and South Point also hosted the World Championships in 2017. That was a combined event featuring men and women - something that happens every four years.

For more information on the 2019 World Women's Championships, visit WorldBowling.org.

For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.

2019 WORLD BOWLING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Point Bowling Plaza

Las Vegas

Friday's results

TEAM

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Colombia def. Sweden, 2-1 (205-204, 220-235, 222-202)

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

Colombia def. United States, 2-1 (182-239, 222-154, 225-211)

Sweden def. Mexico, 2-1 (223-192, 183-244, 212-188)

MASTERS

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Cherie Tan, Singapore, def. Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 2-0 (203-201, 258-217)

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

Rodriguez def. Sanna Pasanen, Finland, 2-1 (223-232, 257-221, 216-210)

Tan def. Danielle McEwan, United States, 2-1 (165-212, 236-184, 244-213)

UNITED STATES, JAPAN WIN SINGLES AT 2019 WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS - Senior Team USA's Lennie Boresch Jr. delivered a strike on the first shot of his final frame to claim the first gold medal for the United States at the 2019 World Bowling Senior Championships.

The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer outlasted Canada's Michael Snow, 188-177, in the men's singles final, while Japan's Yumiko Yoshida defeated top seed Susanne Olsson of Sweden, 209-185, in the women's final.

The win marked the first individual gold medal for Boresch in three appearances at the World Senior Championships. He helped Team USA to team titles in 2015 and 2017, but his best performance in singles was a bronze medal in 2017.

"It was quite the journey today, and the matches were pretty tough, but it's just an awesome feeling right now," Boresch said. "It was very emotional (on the podium). There's nothing better than representing your country, and then being able to win it and pull out the gold is something. That's our goal - just to get as many medals as we can. I'm overwhelmed and kind of speechless. It's a great start to hopefully a great week."

The championship bout between Boresch and Snow was far different than their high-scoring semifinal matches.

While it appeared that three unmade splits from Snow in the first six frames would be his undoing, he rallied with three consecutive strikes, and a 4-9 split from Boresch in the

ninth frame gave Snow a chance to lock up the gold medal with three more strikes in the 10th frame.

After Snow left the 2-8 combination on his first offering, Boresch tossed a strike to win.

In their semifinal matches, the two were clean and combined for 17 strikes. Snow defeated top seed Tore Torgersen of Norway (248-214), and Boresch topped Mark Spiteri of Malta (246-223).

In the final, the two combined for five open frames - four splits and a washout.

On the way to the title, Boresch used some of the quick thinking and versatility that earned him a spot in the medal round after Wednesday's six games of qualifying.

He said the 42-foot World Bowling Tokyo oil pattern played tighter on the championship pair of lanes, so a little more surface and throwing the ball harder and straighter were his keys to success.

"I caught a couple bad breaks and a couple good breaks, and thought I was going to lose it there at the end," Boresch said. "He had a chance to shut me out, I believe, but that was out of my control. Fortunately, I got up and got a mark in the 10th to seal the gold."

In the nearby women's singles final Thursday, Yoshida didn't throw her first strike until the fifth frame, but three consecutive strikes allowed her to pull away from Olsson. Olsson was the singles silver medalist at the 2015 World Senior Championships, and she went on to win the Masters gold medal later in the week.

Yoshida earned her spot in the final with a 185-158 semifinal win over Canada's Sharon Tataryn, while Olsson edged Senior Team USA's Tish Johnson, 192-186.

Tataryn, Johnson, Torgersen and Spiteri each earned bronze medals for their performances.

The effort marked the first singles medal for Johnson at the event. She is the only one of the Senior Team USA women to participate in all four World Senior Championships, which first was contested in 2013 and is held every two years.

"I'm happy to have medaled, but, of course, I would've like to finish a little better," said Johnson, also a USBC Hall of Famer. "The lanes today were challenging and a little different from lane to lane and pair to pair, so you really had to keep thinking about what you were doing. Each time I step on the lanes, I hope to learn something. I also never give up, which was shown today."

Johnson, a left-hander, made the medal round by just two pins, which included a 230 finish to the six-game qualifying block.

Her success is a result of some recent equipment changes that have her feeling much more confident.

"Something felt off, so I went back to some old pitches and an old span, and I've been throwing the ball much better," Johnson said. "I wasn't able to grind out the checks like I had been, so I needed to make some changes. It's nice to see those paying off, and I hope the momentum can continue throughout the week."

This week's doubles event started immediately after the singles medal ceremony Thursday, with the first half of the men's field taking the lanes. The rest of the men and all women's teams will bowl their six games of qualifying Friday, before the field is cut to the top four teams in each division for the semifinals.

The 2019 World Senior Championships features nearly 260 competitors from 41 countries. In 2017, the tournament visited Munich.

Competitors are competing for medals in singles, doubles, team, all-events and Masters competition.

To be eligible, bowlers must be 50 years of age or older during the year of the event.

The 41 countries represented this week in Las Vegas are Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, England, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy Japan, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, United States, Ukraine, Venezuela and Wales.

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2019 WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Las Vegas

Thursday's results

SINGLES

MEN

CHAMPIONSHIP
(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Lennie Boresch Jr., United States, def. Michael Snow, Canada, 188-177

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

Snow def. Tore Torgersen, Norway, 248-214

Boresch def. Mark Spiteri, Malta, 246-223

WOMEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Yumiko Yoshida, Japan, def. Susanne Olsson, Sweden, 209-185

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

Olsson def. Tish Johnson, United States, 192-186

Yoshida def. Sharon Tataryn, Canada, 185-158

UNITED STATES SWEEPS DOUBLES GOLD MEDALS AT 2019 WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS - Senior Team USA got a double dose of redemption Friday in sweeping the doubles gold medals at the 2019 World Bowling Senior Championships.

Tish Johnson and Leanne Hulsenberg got the job done on the women's side, while Ron Mohr and Lennie Boresch Jr. took the men's title. Both duos earned silver medals at the 2017 event in Germany.

This time around, they each took control early at the South Point Bowling Plaza and never looked back.

Hulsenberg (222) and Johnson (221) defeated Germany's Martina Beckel (204) and Bianca Volkl-Brandt (168) by a final score of 443-372, and Mohr (237) and Boresch (220) cruised to a 457-399 win over Sweden's Tomas Leandersson (226) and Raymond Jansson (173).

"(Team USA head coach) Rod Ross asked me who I thought I'd like to bowl with this week, and I told him I thought Leanne and I needed to do it for a chance to redeem ourselves," said Johnson, who picked up a bronze medal in singles Thursday. "Our goal coming in was to win this, and I'm happy we were able to come out ahead."

In the gold-medal match, Hulsenberg and Johnson struck on three of their first six shots, while the Germans had three open frames and just one strike. Four consecutive strikes from Johnson, starting in the sixth frame, put the game out of reach.

To earn their spot in the final, Hulsenberg and Johnson slipped past another German duo, Antje Materne and Elke Grawe, 365-337.

Both teams left multiple splits along the way, but a 3-7 conversion from Johnson in the ninth frame was the turning point of the day, not just their semifinal. A double from Hulsenberg in the final frame finished things off.

Beckel and Volkl-Brandt advanced to the final match by defeating Australia's Jeanette Baker and Mary Dodds, 395-345.

"When Tish picked up the split in the semifinal, I felt like the momentum changed for us, and we were able to keep that going," Hulsenberg said. "I definitely felt some pressure today, and then relief after. And proud. I am incredibly proud. I have a lot of respect for Tish, and while we've only bowled doubles these two times, it's so easy to bowl with her. We never hit the panic button. We have faith in each other and encouraged each other the whole day."

At the 2017 World Senior Championships in Munich, Hulsenberg and Johnson lost the doubles final to Canada's France Joubert and Jill Friis. Boresch and Mohr fell to their Senior Team USA teammates Parker Bohn III and Bob Learn Jr.

In Friday's title match, Boresch opened with five consecutive strikes, and a string of five strikes from Mohr, starting in the fourth frame, proved to be more than enough against the Swedes.

The performance was the epitome of teamwork, which Mohr and Boresch, this week's singles gold medalist, used throughout their six games of qualifying and in the medal round.

"I struggled in singles, which was more mental than anything, but I found something the last game and thought I'd be able to find it again in doubles," Mohr said. "I knew I needed to step it up, since I was bowling with the gold medal winner. I figured his arm swing already was going to be loose after yesterday, but I wanted to make sure to do my part as well. It turned out we were able to pick each other up when we needed it today, and it was the optimum team effort throughout the day."

In their semifinal against Sweden's Per Svensson and Tommy Petersen, Mohr and Boresch combined for 14 strikes on the way to a 437-345 victory. Leandersson and Jansson defeated Norway's Ingar Gabrielsen and Tore Torgersen, 489-397.

Despite reaching the top of the medal stand on back-to-back days, Boresch was quick to acknowledge his teammates and reiterate that their primary focus in Las Vegas is on a third team gold medal in four editions of the World Senior Championships.

"I've had an exciting couple of days, and I'm very happy right now, but I really, really want us to win the team event even more now," Boresch said. "We can't let two of the greatest bowlers in the world leave here without a gold medal. I think all of this will sink in once I get home, but the eye is still on the team event, and I know there will be some tough competition."

Boresch and Mohr will be joined in the team event by Bohn and Walter Ray Williams Jr., who finished eighth in doubles this week.

The men will hit the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza for their first three games of team competition Saturday at 1 p.m. Eastern. The women's team event will get underway at 5 p.m. EDT.

Hulsenberg and Johnson will be joined by Lucy Sandelin and Sharon Powers, who were 11th in doubles Friday.

All teams will return Sunday for three additional games on this week's 42-foot World Bowling Tokyo oil pattern, and six-game pinfall totals will determine the four semifinalists in each division.

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Friday's results

DOUBLES

MEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Lennie Boresch Jr./Ron Mohr, United States, def. Tomas Leandersson/Raymond Jansson, Sweden, 457-399

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each get bronze)

Boresch/Mohr def. Par Svensson/Tommy Petersen, Sweden, 437-345

Leandersson/Jansson def. Ingar Gabrielsen/Tore Torgersen, Norway, 489-397

WOMEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

Leanne Hulsenberg/Tish Johnson, United States, def. Martina Beckel/Bianca Volkl-Brandt, Germany, 443-372

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each get bronze)

Hulsenberg/Johnson def. Antje Materne/Elke Grawe, Germany, 365-337

Beckel/Volkl-Brandt def. Jeanette Baker/Mary Dodds, Australia, 395-345

UNITED STATES SWEEPS TEAM GOLD MEDALS AT 2019 WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAS VEGAS - For the third consecutive time, the United States swept the team gold medals at the World Bowling Senior Championships.

The Senior Team USA women topped Australia, 2-0 (232-164, 236-180) in the best-of-three Baker final Sunday at the South Point Bowling Plaza, and the men picked up a 2-0 (215-168, 211-205) victory over Finland.

Led by all-events gold medalist Leanne Hulsenberg, the Senior Team USA women struck often and marked in all but one frame during the gold-medal match to hold off the Australians, who only threw six strikes during the two games.

"I think the team gold is the coolest because you get to share it with your teammates, but it also was the most stressful because you never want to let them down," said Hulsenberg, who also won doubles this week with left-hander Tish Johnson. "In the Baker format, anything can happen. We, and I mean I, had a little trouble early on, and I was really nervous. The others were rock steady until I was able to calm down. It definitely was intense, but it was a lot of fun, too."

Hulsenberg was joined in the win by Johnson, Sharon Powers and Lucy Sandelin.

Johnson has been part of the team for all four editions of the World Senior Championships, which first was held in 2013 and is held every two years. Hulsenberg was part of the win in 2017, and Sandelin was atop the podium with Johnson in 2015. Powers, who had an outstanding week at the 2018 Pan American Bowling Confederation Senior Championships, made her debut on the world stage this week.

Australia's roster included two-time QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup champion Jeanette Baker, Heather Robertson, Christine Clark and Mary Dodds.

On the way to the showdown with Australia, the United States dropped its opening semifinal game to Germany, 182-172, before rallying with wins of 214-206 and 215-171. Australia's semifinal against Sweden also went three games (167-181, 211-193, 223-195). Germany and Sweden each received bronze medals.

The Senior Team USA men had a little shorter path to the title, winning four consecutive games in the medal round.

Anchor Parker Bohn III, a two-time participant at the World Senior Championships, needed a mark in his final frame to complete the sweep. He left the 6-9 combination on his first shot and converted it for the win.

He was joined on the lanes by four-time World Senior Championships participant Ron Mohr, three-time team member Lennie Boesch Jr. and first-time competitor Walter Ray Williams Jr., a multi-time world champion as a member of adult Team USA.

Sunday's team win gave Boesch his third gold medal of the week - he also won singles and teamed with Mohr for the doubles title - but the latest win was the most special.

"This is what we came here for, and we got it done, which is an incredible feeling," Boresch said. "We bowled well, kept the pressure on them and had a couple breaks go our way. There's nothing like standing on that podium together, and to do it three times in a row is pretty awesome."

Finland's roster included Kimmo Lehtonen, Kai Virtanen, Mika Luoto and Mika Koivuniemi.

To set up the championship meeting, the top-seeded United States defeated Germany, 2-0 (247-154, 212-184), and Finland topped Sweden, 2-1 (201-202, 212-189, 226-212). Germany and Sweden each received bronze medals.

The four Senior Team USA men are incredibly accomplished individually, and they've combined for 115 national titles in Professional Bowlers Association and PBA50 competition.

Williams and Bohn account for 100 of those wins, and getting to bowl with two of the most successful bowlers of all-time is something Boresch and Mohr truly have appreciated this week.

"When I found out I was on a team with Walter Ray Williams Jr., and that Parker and Ron were coming back, too, I knew this would be a really special experience, but nerve-racking and exciting at the same time," Boresch said. "I wanted to make sure I was at my best this week, for sure. It has been a huge thrill. I'm just a big kid from Wisconsin living a dream these past few years, and I'm sure it'll hit me pretty soon. What an unbelievable week with some great people."

In the four-player Baker format, each player bowls two frames, while the leadoff bowler also takes the ninth frame, and the second bowler handles the anchoring responsibilities.

The qualifying portion of the team event featured six traditional team games, and both Senior Team USA teams were dominant on the way to earning their respective top seeds for the semifinals.

The men finished the six games of qualifying 239 pins ahead of No. 2 Sweden, and the women were almost 200 pins ahead of Australia.

There were 21 complete women's teams this week in Las Vegas and 38 in the men's field.

"I've been part of this for three years now, and it never gets old," Team USA assistant coach Bill Spigner said. "The feelings and emotions never change, even with the ups and downs. I couldn't ask for a better group of players along the way, and this year's group has been incredible all week."

The conclusion of team qualifying Sunday also wrapped up the all-events race at the 2019 World Senior Championships.

Senior Team USA's Hulsenberg earned her second consecutive all-events gold medal at the event with an 18-game total of 3,882, a 215.67 average. Australia's Baker claimed the silver medal with a 3,709 total, and Sweden's Susanne Olsson took the bronze with 3,672.

On the men's side, Norway's Tore Torgersen started the week with a 248 game, earned the top seed for the singles semifinals and maintained that momentum through 18 games, eventually taking the all-events gold medal with a 4,065 total, a 225.83 average.

Finland's Koivuniemi, who rolled the week's only 300, claimed the silver medal with a 4,045 total, and Boesch held on for the bronze medal with 3,947, just three pins ahead of Sweden's Tomas Leandersson.

All players this week bowled qualifying games in singles, doubles and team (six games each).

The top 24 players in the all-events standings now advance to Masters match play, which will get underway Monday at noon Eastern.

The top eight all-events finishers each will receive a first-round bye, and the No. 9-24 qualifiers will be seeded into a traditional bracket. All matches will feature a best-of-three format, and the eight leaders will be added to the mix starting in Step 2.

Powers (eighth), Johnson (10th) and Sandelin (21st) also qualified for match play in the women's division. Sandelin finished with a 230 game to guarantee herself another day of bowling.

Germany's Elke Grawe earned the final spot in the bracket with a 3,414 total, a 189.67 average.

For the men, Senior Team USA's Mohr (fifth), Bohn (ninth) and Williams (16th) all advanced to the Masters event, where Bohn is the defending champion.

It took a score of 3,706, a 205.89 average, to make the top 24. France's Pierre-Luc Sanchez and Mario Quintero of Mexico tied for 23rd place to earn the final spots.

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2019 WORLD BOWLING SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

South Point Bowling Plaza

Las Vegas

Sunday's results

TEAM

MEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

United States def. Finland, 2-0 (215-168, 211-205)

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

United States def. Germany, 2-0 (247-154, 212-184)

Finland def. Sweden, 2-1 (201-202, 212-189, 226-212)

WOMEN

CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner earns gold, loser gets silver)

United States def. Australia, 2-0 (232-164, 236-180)

SEMIFINALS

(Winners advance, losers each earn bronze)

United States def. Germany, 2-1 (172-182, 214-206, 215-171)

Australia def. Sweden, 2-1 (167-181, 211-193, 223-195)

ALL-EVENTS

MEN

Gold - Tore Torgersen, Norway, 4,065
Silver - Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, 4,045
Bronze - Lennie Boesch Jr., United States, 3,947

WOMEN

Gold - Leanne Hulsenberg, United States, 3,882
Silver - Jeanette Baker, Australia, 3,709
Bronze - Susanne Olsson, Sweden, 3,672

BOWLING.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS ANNOUNCED

ARLINGTON, Texas – The 2019 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships recently determined the title winners in scratch and handicap divisions for the event that took place at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights, Michigan.

Held in conjunction with the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, the Youth Open Championships took place July 11-12, 19-21 and 27-28. The tournament was open to all United States Bowling Congress Youth members and featured four age-based divisions (U20, U15, U12, U10) with scratch and optional handicap divisions in each age group.

Youth bowlers competed for national titles in team, singles, doubles and all-events. The event had 233 four-player teams and 1,072 total participants.

Katelyn Abigania, the two-time U12 Junior Gold champion from La Mesa, California, won the U12 girls scratch singles (670) and teamed with Avery Domaguin, also from La Mesa, to win the U12 girls scratch doubles (1,102). It was Domaguin's third doubles title at the event, as she won the U12 scratch and handicap doubles title last year.

The U12 boys Junior Gold champion, Elias O'Hollaren of La Mesa teamed with Sebastian Huffman of Las Vegas to win the U12 scratch doubles (1,307) title and O'Hollaren also won the U12 boys scratch all-events (1,915) title. Huffman won the scratch singles and all-events at the 2018 event.

Abigania, Domaguin, O'Hollaren and Huffman teamed to win the U12 title at the 2019 USA Bowling National Championships presented by Sixlets.

Gianna Brandolino of Channahon, Illinois, took the U12 all-events title in both the scratch (1,852) and handicap (2,248) divisions.

In the U20 division, Tyrell Ingalls of Alpharetta, Georgia, led the 369-player field to win the U20 scratch singles (770) and also took the boys all-events (2,208) title. Breanna Gibbons of Frankfort, Indiana, took home handicap titles in girls singles (767) and girls all-events (2,109).

Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, who bowled up a division and led the U20 girls in qualifying at the Junior Gold Championships, stayed in the U15 division at the Youth Open, taking the scratch titles in singles (686) and all-events (1,920). Mallery Lyme of Casa Grande, Arizona, won handicap titles for all-events (2,209) and in doubles (1,409) with Todd Martinez, also from Casa Grande.

The scratch and handicap U15 doubles titles went to Hannah Diem, the 2016 U12 Junior Gold champion from Seminole, Florida, and Sierra Calo of Riverview, Florida. The pair had a 1,300 scratch pinfall total and a handicap total of 1,369.

Lindsay Greim of La Mesa and Donaven Kline of Hazlet, New Jersey, each won two scratch titles in the U10 division. Greim won singles (456) and teamed with Bella Castillo of Odessa, Texas, to win doubles (900) while Kline also won singles (599) and paired with Jahmid Collins of Hazlet to win doubles (971).

Natalie Dobson of Cloverdale, Indiana, won three handicap titles across two divisions. She won the U10 girls singles (783), the U12 girls doubles (1,399) with Anna Sharp of Coatesville, Indiana, and the U10 girls all-events (2,227).

Dante Gonzalez of Chicago won four handicap titles in U10, taking boys singles (794), doubles (1,358) with Winston Lee of Flossmoor, Illinois, the team title as a member of Exclusive Elite #1, and all-events (2,253).

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Nicholas Decesaro of Kenosha, Wisconsin, opened singles with a 300 game. He would finish ninth in U20 boys scratch singles with a 710 pinfall total.

Trent Pektas of Volant, Pennsylvania, rolled 12 consecutive strikes during Game 3 of doubles on his way to a second-place finish in U20 boys scratch all-events (2,201).

The 2020 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships will take place July 8-10, 17-19, 25-26 at Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas.

Visit [BOWL.com/YouthOpen](https://www.bowl.com/youthopen) to learn more about the Youth Open Championships.

2019 BOWLING.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

July 11-12, 19-21, 27-28

At Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights, Mich.

U20 TEAM

Scratch – Storm Troopers (Gabe Alvarez, Wichita, Kan.; Brandon Bonta, Wichita, Kan.; Silas Lira, Valrico, Fla.; Spencer Robarge, Springfield, Mo.), 2,833

Handicap – Team Florida (Garrison Vaughan, Clearwater, Fla.; Jesse Dixon, New Port Richey, Fla.; Sofia Allem, Saint Augustine, Fla.; Alexis Vlahos, Gotha, Fla.), 2,907

U20 DOUBLES

Scratch – Ken Kloth and David Winters, Lathrup Village, Mich., 1,397

Handicap – Bryan Foote and William Taylor, Bronson, Mich., 1,403

Girls Scratch – Abbie Leiendecker and Allie Leiendecker, Wooster, Ohio, 1,331

Girls Handicap – Natily Haro, Athens, Tenn., and Katharina Mente, Keller, Texas, 1,449

U20 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Tyrell Ingalls, Alpharetta, Ga., 770

Boys Handicap – Kyle Johns, Jacksonville, Fla., 751

Girls Scratch – Paige Peters, Toms River, N.J., 673

Girls Handicap – Breanna Gibbons, Frankfort, Ind., 767

U20 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Tyrell Ingalls, Alpharetta, Ga., 2,208

Boys Handicap – Maxwell Slater, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 2,161

Girls Scratch – Kamerin Peters, Toms River, N.J., 2,070

Girls Handicap – Breanna Gibbons, Frankfort, Ind., 2,109

U15 TEAM

Scratch – Strikes for Show Spares for the Gold (Annalise OBryant, Ball Ground, Ga.; Hailey Triske, Maple Grove, Minn.; Elizabeth Coutta, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Jaymie Burrow, Maumelle, Ark.), 2,363

Handicap – Oxford Wildcats (Macey Strevel, Oxford, Mich.; Tommy Mace, Oxford, Mich.; Zander Brown, Metamora, Mich.; Jason Paslean, Oxford, Mich.), 2,772

U15 DOUBLES

Scratch – Andrew Kline and Tommy Sanfilippo, Hazlet, N.J., 1,313

Handicap – Ryan Hierl, Freehold, N.J., and Joseph Guarnieri, Staten Island, N.Y.; Todd Martinez, Casa Grande, Ariz., and Mallery Lyme, Casa Grande, Ariz., 1,409

Girls Scratch – Hannah Diem, Seminole, Fla., and Sierra Calo, Riverview, Fla., 1,300

Girls Handicap – Hannah Diem, Seminole, Fla., and Sierra Calo, Riverview, Fla., 1,369

U15 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Jacob Ballenger, Alpharetta, Ga., 755

Boys Handicap – Zachary Florence, Sterling Heights, Mich., 826

Girls Scratch – Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio, 686
Girls Handicap – Kimberlyn Hamlin, Ponca City, Okla., 764

U15 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Alexander Horton, Oley, Pa., 2,045
Boys Handicap – Jesse Dixon, New Port Richey, Fla., 2,244
Girls Scratch – Jillian Martin, Stow, Ohio, 1,920
Girls Handicap – Mallery Lyme, Casa Grande, Ariz., 2,209

U12 TEAM

Scratch – Thumbs Optional 2.0 (Aidan Furukawa, Columbus, Ohio; Roman Caporale, Geneva, Ohio; Nicholas Maliwesky, Columbus, Ohio; Joseph Merz, Flint, Mich.), 2,349
Handicap – EYT Phenoms (Abigail Starkey, Schaumburg, Ill.; Griffin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., Landin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill.), 2,744

U12 DOUBLES

Scratch – Sebastian Huffman, Las Vegas, and Elias O'Hollaren, La Mesa, Calif., 1,307
Handicap – Eli Haro, Athens, Tenn., and Aiden Skiff, Clinton, Iowa, 1,511
Girls Scratch – Avery Domaguin and Katelyn Abigania, La Mesa, Calif., 1,102
Girls Handicap – Natalie Dobson, Cloverdale, Ind., and Anna Sharp, Coatesville, Ind., 1,399

U12 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Bill Spanos, Lathrup Village, Mich., 626
Boys Handicap – Koby Calhoun, Chicago, 748
Girls Scratch – Katelyn Abigania, La Mesa, Calif., 670
Girls Handicap – Sophia Best, Redford, Mich., 821

U12 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Elias O'Hollaren, La Mesa, Calif., 1,915
Boys Handicap – Roman Caporale, Fairview, Pa., 2,193
Girls Scratch – Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., 1,852
Girls Handicap – Gianna Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., 2,248

U10 TEAM

Scratch – Mini Phenoms (Haydin Smrekar, Indianapolis; Alyvia Matiasek, Lockport, Ill.; Olivia Brandolino, Channahon, Ill.; Carter Starkey, Carol Stream, Ill.), 1,418
Handicap – Exclusive Elite #1 (Karter Banks, Brookfield, Ill.; Ava Lee, Flossmoor, Ill.; Winston Lee, Flossmoor, Ill.; Dante Gonzalez, Chicago), 2,777

U10 DOUBLES

Scratch – Donaven Kline and Jahmid Collins, Hazlet, N.J., 971
Handicap – Winston Lee, Flossmoor, Ill., and Dante Gonzalez, Chicago, Ill., 1,358
Girls Scratch – Lindsay Greim, La Mesa, Calif., and Bella Castillo, Odessa, Texas, 900
Girls Handicap – Alyvia Matiasek, Lockport, Ill., and Olivia Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., 1,386

U10 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Donaven Kline, Hazlet, N.J., 599
Boys Handicap – Dante Gonzalez, Chicago, 794
Girls Scratch – Lindsay Greim, La Mesa, Calif., 456
Girls Handicap – Natalie Dobson, Cloverdale, Ind., 783

U10 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Kai Strothers, Roselle Park, N.J., 1,754
Boys Handicap – Dante Gonzalez, Chicago, 2,253
Girls Scratch – Bella Castillo, Odessa, Texas, 1,335
Girls Handicap – Natalie Dobson, Cloverdale, Ind., 2,227

BOWLER'S ED KITS AWARDED TO 14 SCHOOLS

ARLINGTON, Texas – Fourteen schools recently were selected to receive Bowler's Ed kits through the International Bowling Campus Youth Development's equipment grant program.

Through the Bowler's Ed program, educators and youth organizers are provided the tools needed to engage children in a true bowling experience by bringing a bowling-center atmosphere inside a classroom or gymnasium.

Teachers are provided a step-by-step curriculum and an instructional video on the fundamentals of bowling, etiquette, safety, scoring and fitness activities. The kit includes a carpeted mobile bowling lane, along with a rubberized bowling ball and plastic pins.

"Bowler's Ed kits are a great tool for educators as it not only teaches students about the lifetime sport of bowling, but the curriculum incorporates other subjects," said Melissa McDaniel, chair of the IBC Youth Committee. "It allows us to bring the fun and excitement of bowling into a classroom and give teachers a great activity for their students."

The curriculum includes lessons to reinforce math, language arts, social studies, problem solving, geography, computer skills and more. It includes activities for grades K-8 and features elements to enhance cardiovascular health, coordination and endurance.

The schools selected to receive Bowler's Ed kits were determined based on submitted applications. Receiving kits are:

- Allen Independent School District, Allen, Texas
- BASIS Independent McLean, McLean, Va.
- Cambridge Lakes Charter School, Pingree Grove, Ill.
- Geggie Elementary, Eureka, Mo.
- Greater Abilene USBC, Abilene, Texas
- Iola Middle School, Kan.
- Kelly Miller Elementary, Winnsboro, S.C.
- Lara Academy, Chicago
- Lincoln Elementary, Norman, Okla.
- Marissa Junior/Senior High School, Marissa, Ill.
- St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Wichita, Kan.
- SouthTech Preparatory, Boynton Beach, Fla.
- The Special Children's School, Winston-Salem, N.C.
- Unified School District (USD) 259, Wichita, Kan.

The Allen Independent School District received two kits and USD 259 was awarded four kits, while the remainder of the schools each received one kit.

IBC Youth Development works with local associations, schools and bowling centers throughout the country to deliver the In-School Bowler's Ed kits. The initiative, supported by the bowling industry, seeks to bring bowling centers and associations together with schools in their community so physical education teachers can make bowling one of the sports they teach to their students.

Since 2009, the Bowler's Ed Grant Program has awarded more than \$500,000 in the form of Bowler's Ed kits to schools and organizations.

IBC Youth Development is supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the United States Bowling Congress.

Visit BOWL.com/BowlersEd to learn more.

BOWLTV ANNOUNCES COLLEGIATE LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE FOR 2019-2020 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – BowlTV will expand its collegiate livestreaming schedule in the 2019-2020 season, covering 13 regular-season events in addition to postseason play and the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships.

The schedule will include all 10 of the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate's Tier 1 competitions and a pair of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) events.

The Collegiate Club Championships, which will be held in Anderson, Indiana, on March 28-29, 2020, will be the newest addition to the postseason schedule.

Postseason coverage also will include broadcasts from all four sectional locations for the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, the Southwest Athletic Conference (SWAC) Women's Bowling Championship and all qualifying portions of the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships.

The BowlTV collegiate schedule for the 2019-2020 season includes:

- Oct. 5-6, Midwest Collegiate Championships, Wauwatosa, Wis.
- Oct. 19-20, Mid States Championships, Wichita, Kan.
- Nov. 2-3, Brunswick Southern Collegiate Classic, Marietta, Ga.
- Nov. 9-10, Leatherneck Classic, Moline, Ill., and Davenport, Iowa
- Nov. 22-24, Hawk Classic Invitational, Millsboro, Del.
- Nov. 30-Dec.1, National Collegiate Team Match Games, Fairview Heights, Ill.
- Dec. 18-19, Glenn Carlson Las Vegas Invitational, Las Vegas
- Dec. 20-21, Collegiate Shoot-Out, Las Vegas
- Dec. 27-30, Roto Grip Keystone Quaker Classic, Allentown, Pa.
- Dec. 27-30, Lehigh Valley Collegiate Classic, Whitehall, Pa.
- Jan. 18-19, Kegel/ISBPA Midwest Collegiate Classic, Addison, Ill.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 2, Prairie View A&M Invitational, Arlington, Texas
- Feb. 15-16, Columbia 300 Hoosier Classic, Indianapolis
- March 13-15, ITC and ISC sectional qualifiers, Addison, Ill.; Dallas; Smyrna, Tenn.; Stratford, N.J.
- March 20-22, SWAC Women's Bowling Championship, Arlington, Texas
- March 28-29, Collegiate Club Championships, Anderson, Ind.
- April 13-18, Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, Wyoming, Mich.

"We're excited to be able to expand our collegiate coverage on BowlTV this season," said Roger Noordhoek, Managing Director of Marketing for the USBC and International Bowling Campus Youth Development. "The collegiate atmosphere is one of the most exciting in bowling, and

we're happy to showcase the future of our sport through this platform.”

For more information on collegiate bowling, visit BOWL.com/Collegiate. To subscribe to BowlTV, visit BowlTV.com.

USBC, KEGEL EXTEND LONGSTANDING PARTNERSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – Kegel and the United States Bowling Congress extended their partnership agreement to have Kegel as the official lane maintenance provider for USBC championships events.

Since 2006, Kegel has provided lane maintenance equipment and supplies, along with technical and on-site support, for USBC events from the youth to professional level. Kegel also handles lane maintenance for the Professional Women's Bowling Association, which is supported by the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and USBC.

“The United States Bowling Congress is thrilled to continue its long-standing collaborative partnership with Kegel,” said Nick Hoagland, who has led USBC's lane pattern development program for the last three years and works closely with the Kegel team. “Kegel's lane machines, lane care products, expertise, and on-site processes help to ensure fair and competitive championship environments for USBC and PWBA events. This announcement is not only great for our organization, tournaments, and members, but for the sport of bowling.”

The USBC Open and Women's Championships, the premier events for USBC adult members, the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, plus the four sectional qualifiers, and the Junior Gold Championships presented by the Brands of Ebonite International and Survivor are among the events Kegel supports with its latest lane machines and cleaners.

“Kegel and USBC share the belief that providing bowlers with a fair and reliable playing field is the most important factor at every championships event,” Kegel CEO Chris Chartrand said. “We appreciate USBC for entrusting Kegel with the responsibility as the official lane maintenance partner at the national events and we look forward to continuing our work with Nick Hoagland.”

USBC determines lane conditions for every USBC tournament while Kegel provides equipment maintenance and technical support.

Other events in which Kegel provides on-site lane maintenance include the USBC Team USA Trials, USBC Masters, USBC Queens, U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, USBC Senior Masters, USBC Senior Queens, Super Senior Classic, USBC Senior Championships, Bowlers Journal Championships, and the Bowling.com Youth Open.

Founded in 1981, Kegel is based in Lake Wales, Florida, where it has a 74,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility and 12-lane training center.

Visit Kegel.net to learn more about Kegel and visit BOWL.com/Tournaments to learn more about USBC championships events.

DEXTER BOWLING, IBC YOUTH EXTEND PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

ARLINGTON, Texas – Dexter Bowling will remain the title sponsor of the annual Dexter High School All-American Team through the 2022 season after renewing its partnership agreement with International Bowling Congress Youth Development.

Since the 2005-2006 season, Dexter has worked with IBC Youth each season to select five male and five female student-athletes for the prestigious award. Selections are determined from a nationwide pool of applicants and are based on the student-athlete's high school bowling accomplishments, academic achievement, recommendations, extracurricular and community involvement, and submitted essays.

"Over the past 14 years, the Dexter High School All-American Team has become one of the most prestigious honors a youth bowler can receive," Dexter Bowling Vice President Tyler Jensen said. "We are excited to continue the partnership with IBC youth to showcase high school bowlers who excel on the lanes, in the classroom and in their communities."

Those selected to the Dexter High School All-American Team each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. In addition, one team member is selected as team captain and receives the \$500 Dexter Bud Clapsaddle Scholarship. The award is named for the former Dexter Bowling vice president who oversaw selection of the first 12 Dexter High School All-American teams.

IBC Youth will continue to recognize the Dexter High School All-American Team each year at the Junior Gold Championships.

Dexter Bowling also will remain the exclusive sponsor of the Intercollegiate Team Championships Coach and Player Lunch as part of this extended agreement.

“Dexter Bowling has been a valued partner of the IBC Youth high school and collegiate programs for many years and we’re thrilled to continue the relationship,” said Gary Brown, IBC Youth Development Managing Director. “The recognition of youth bowlers through the Dexter High School All-American Team is an important part of pushing bowling to the forefront of sports in which students can compete when they reach high school.”

Visit [BOWL.com/HighSchool](https://www.bowl.com/HighSchool) to learn more about high school bowling and the Dexter All-American Team.

BBIA TO HONOR BILL SUPPER

Bowling Veteran to Receive 2020 Industry Service Award

ARLINGTON, TEXAS - The Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA) will present its annual Industry Service Award to industry veteran Bill Supper during its annual convention at the Omni in Cancun, Mexico, April 26-28, 2020.

“The ISA is chosen by the board of directors and is awarded to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the growth of either the bowling or billiard industry,” said BBIA President Jimmy Land. “Bill has been providing service to the bowling industry throughout his entire career.”

Supper is a two-time president of BBIA and currently serves as the association’s Executive Director; he holds the same position with the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association. A competitive bowler, he began working in the industry in 1980 when he was hired by Ebonite International as the East Coast Sales Representative before heading to the home office in Hopkinsville, Ky.

He stayed with Ebonite for 16 years before joining Bill Chrisman, at Storm. But after four years with the Utah-based company, he and his wife JoAnn decided it was time to move to Texas to be near the grandchildren. After a short stint with Columbia Industries in San Antonio, Texas, Supper moved to the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, and became Deputy Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America, serving under John Berglund.

It was while at BPAA that Supper's outreach impacted all levels of bowling, extending beyond corporate interest. With that in mind, he changed offices in the building, leaving BPAA in order to become the Executive Director of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame. Supper played a major role in the building of the new facility, managing the project under extreme pressure to ensure it would be open in time for the official IBC grand opening in January 2010. He met the deadline — with six hours to spare. Having successfully opened the museum, he left IBM/HF to accept the positions that he now holds, E.D. of the IBPSIA and BBIA.

"I was shocked to be selected for the award, especially since I am currently BBIA's E.D.," Supper said. "It was a very emotional moment for JoAnn and me when Jimmy [Land] gave us the news."

In addition to the industry greats who have been honored, BBIA's Industry Service Award has been presented to actor Paul Newman, comedian Jackie Gleason and former FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

THE GREATEST BOWLER OF ALL TIME FINALLY GETS A BIOGRAPHY

CHICAGO--Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) superstar Earl Anthony, who died in 2001 at age 63, was perhaps the greatest athlete without a biography. That's no longer the case, however, as Luby Publishing recently published **EARL: The Greatest Bowler of All Time** by Barry Sparks.

Anthony, a southpaw from Tacoma, Wash., forged a dominating career on the PBA Tour from 1970 to 1983, winning 43 titles. In 2008, he was named The Greatest Player in the PBA's 50-year history by a panel of bowlers and media members.

"It's mystifying how any athlete who is considered the greatest in his sport could go this long without a biography," said Sparks, a writer from York, Pa. "Imagine if there were no biographies of Hank Aaron, Michael Jordan, Wayne Gretzky, Peyton Manning, Arnold Palmer or Jimmy Connors."

Sparks thought it was an injustice, and he set out to rectify it. He spent two years interviewing people, researching and writing the biography.

Keith Hamilton, president of Luby Publishing, the world's leading publisher of bowling periodicals, said, "As the years march on, the heroes of our game who were cherished by bowling fans will fade from memories and become less revered. But bowlers like Anthony, Dick Weber, Carmen Salvino, Don Carter, Don Johnson and Billy Hardwick and others from the past should continue to be

cherished and celebrated, much as Ruth, Gehrig, Mantle, DiMaggio, Aaron and Mays are still revered by baseball fans. It's my hope that Earl's biography can help make that happen."

Sparks says Earl Anthony was bowling's unlikeliest superstar. He didn't pick up a bowling ball until he was 21. He didn't go on the PBA Tour full-time until he was 31, an age when many athletes' careers are ending.

After winning three Player of the Year awards, he suffered a major heart attack in 1978. With a fierce determination, he returned to the lanes to win Player of the Year three more times. PBA founder Eddie Elias called Anthony's feat "one of the greatest comebacks in sports history."

Sparks takes a season-by-season look at Earl's impressive career. He shares the challenges Anthony faced, the reasons he was able to enjoy unparalleled success, his greatest achievements and his frustrations.

The author interviewed more than 100 people, including 23 PBA Hall of Famers, to get a greater insight into the superstar, who defined greatness. Earl's peers shared stories about his work ethic, competitiveness, adaptability, temper and humor.

EARL: The Greatest Bowler of All Time can be ordered online at www.earlanthonybook.com. The 293-page book includes more than two dozen vintage photographs. Ten percent of the book's profits will be donated to the Earl Anthony Scholarship.

BOOMER GOLDEN AS SEPTEMBER IBMA BOWLER OF THE MONTH

Leanne Hulsenberg, Pleasant View, Utah, has been voted as the September 2019 Kegel Bowler of the Month by the International Bowling Media Association.

Hulsenberg won four gold medals in the World Bowling Senior Championships in women's doubles, team of four, women's all events, and women's Masters.

She and Team USA teammate and fellow USBC Hall of Famer Tish Johnson downed Team Germany's Martina Beckel and Bianca Volkl-Brandt 443-372.

Hulsenberg helped Team USA capture the team of four gold medal, with teammates Johnson, Lucy Sandelin, and Sharon Powers. They downed Team Australia with Jeanette Baker, Heather Robinson, Christine Clark, and Mary Dodds, 232-164, and 236-180 in a best of three Baker System final.

The 2008 USBC Hall of Famer and 2019 PWBA Hall of Famer out averaged the field by nearly nine pins to take the all events gold over silver medalist Baker and bronze medalist Team Sweden's Susanne Olsson.

Hulsenberg notched her fourth gold medal by taking the Masters division, 2-1, in a best of three final, also over Sweden's Olsson.

Others obtaining votes this month were Shannon O'Keefe, winner of the PWBA Tour Championship, Cherie Tan, winner of the PWBA Tour Championship, Lennie Boesch, Jr., winner of three gold medals at the World Bowling Senior Championships and Carsten Warming Hansen, winner of the PBA International-World Bowling Tour (WBT) Storm Lucky Larsen Masters

BARRETT LOOKING FOR MEMORABLE RUN AT 2019 U.S. OPEN

MOORESVILLE, N.C. - England's Dom Barrett had the right game plan to make a remarkable run through the stepladder finals at the 2018 U.S. Open, and he's now ready to defend his title.

The 34-year-old right-hander is one of 144 competitors who will vie for the coveted title and famed green jacket starting Friday at Victory Lanes. CBS Sports Network will have live coverage of the stepladder finals on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Each round of the 2019 U.S. Open, leading up to the championship round, will be broadcast live on BowITV.com and simulcast on FloBowling.

The U.S. Open is the final major championship on the 2019 Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule and is conducted jointly by the United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

"It was a huge win," said Barrett, who won the first major of his career at the 2013 PBA World Championship. "I had won a major before and had a few wins since then, but there's nothing like a major, especially the U.S. Open. Winning a major kind of solidifies

your career, and last year's win is something I'll be able to look back on at the end of my career."

Barrett, a seven-time PBA Tour champion, defeated Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, in a thrilling finish at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas, in 2018, delivering in a must-strike situation to start the final frame and clipping just enough of the 6 pin on his final ball to record a one-pin victory, 207-206.

His run to meet Butturff, who had led the U.S. Open by more than 550 pins for the second consecutive year, was just as exciting and dramatic.

Barrett kicked off last year's telecast with a 258-203 win over Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, and then went strike for strike with EJ Tackett of Huntington, Indiana, on the way to a 264-248 victory.

The match featured 15 consecutive strikes between the two competitors. Barrett's double in the 10th forced Tackett to match, but he left a 10 pin on his first shot to end his run at a third career major title.

In his semifinal match against Kristopher Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, Barrett made multiple ball changes and a big move from his previous two games. As he worked to find the right look, Prather delivered strikes on six of his first seven shots to build a lead, before a miscue on a single-pin spare in the eighth frame gave Barrett life.

Prather was unable to secure the shutout in his final frame, which allowed Barrett to double for a 226-222 win.

Butturff found himself in a similar situation against Barrett in the final frame of the title match, needing a double to win the U.S. Open after a runner-up finish in 2017. Unable to strike on his first delivery, Butturff still forced Barrett to strike and knock over nine pins to claim the green jacket.

Barrett got the first strike, but a 4-6 split on his second offering meant he needed to topple one of the two pins left standing for the victory. His spare attempt was left of target but caught just enough of the 6 pin to complete his march to the title.

Throughout the high scores, moves and close finishes, one of the things Barrett enjoyed the most about his run was how well he executed his game plan.

"One of my favorite parts of that win was the whole game plan I had with my ball reps," said Barrett, the runner-up at the 2015 U.S. Open. "How I was going to break down that pair, knowing how quickly the conditions change - especially with the TV lights in that type of setting. I made three or four ball changes. Looking back at it, it was a lot of fun for me. I bowled well all week, got to the finals and executed the game plan really well."

Barrett finished the 2018 PBA Tour season with the win at the U.S. Open, but he admits his season in 2019 hasn't gone the way he would have hoped after winning his second major.

He hopes his preparation and process help put him in a similar position throughout the week at Victory Lanes, after making the more than 4,000-mile trip across the Atlantic Ocean on Monday.

"I haven't had the best season this year," Barrett said. "I wanted to compete for a few more titles. But, I've been bowling a lot leading into this event. Nothing really ever prepares you for the U.S. Open and the sort of test it's going to be, so I've just been bowling as much as I can and hope to feel good physically and bowl well when it's time."

Ninety-one of the 144 competitors this week earned direct entry into the 2019 U.S. Open based on their on-lane performances during 2018. The final 53 spots will be awarded through a pre-tournament qualifier (PTQ), which starts Wednesday at 9 a.m. Eastern at Victory Lanes.

The PTQ will feature eight games, with total pinfall determining who advances to the main event. Qualifying for the full field at the U.S. Open will begin Friday at 8 a.m. Eastern.

Qualifying will consist of three eight-game blocks over three days. After 24 games, the field will be cut to the top 36 players for the cashers' round, which will include an additional eight games to determine the 24 players for round-robin match play.

Match play will begin Monday at 5 p.m. Eastern with the first of three eight-game rounds. Match play will resume Tuesday at 10 a.m. Eastern with two additional blocks, including a position round. The five finalists will be determined by total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 56 games. The winner will take home the \$30,000 top prize.

The event will test the players' versatility with four challenging oil patterns.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit BOWL.com/USOpen.

FOUR ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME FOR 2020

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will have at least four new members when the 2020 class is inducted April 29, 2020, in Las Vegas.

The USBC Hall of Fame Committee recently elected Patrick Healey Jr. in the USBC Outstanding Performance men's category, Bob Learn Jr. in the Veterans category, and Andrew Cain and Jim Zebehazy in the Meritorious Service category.

In addition to the four elected, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee selected eight bowlers – six men and two women – for the Superior Performance ballot that will be distributed to a national panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, USBC board members and veteran bowling writers.

Selected for the men's national ballot are Patrick Allen of Garfield, New Jersey; Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas.

Named to the women's national ballot are Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida.

Healey Jr., 51, of Niagara Falls, New York, was a three-time member of Team USA (1991-1992, 1995). In Pan American Games competition, he brought home two gold medals (team, Masters) from the 1991 event in Havana, Cuba, and won three golds (doubles, team, Masters) and a silver (singles) at the 1995 event in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

He won gold in doubles and trios at the 1991 World Championships in Singapore, gold in Masters at the 1991 United States Sports Festival, and took the title at the 1995 QubicaAMF World Cup in Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also earned six gold medals at the 1995 Tournament of the Americas.

The 1994 U.S. National Amateur champion, Healey Jr. took third at the 1995 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions as an amateur and also is a two-time World Team Challenge champion (1995, 1997). He is a two-time World Amateur Bowler of the Year (1995, 1996) and was named to the Bowlers Journal All-Century Team for the American Zone (1999).

He was selected the United States Olympic Committee Athlete of the Year for Bowling in 1991 and 1995.

Healey Jr. started bowling in international tournaments in 1990, and has earned 24 wins in international competitions. He has a 300 game in nine countries, and won titles in 14 countries and on six continents. He was invited to be part of the 1992 Olympic Games American Bowling Congress team to help promote the sport of bowling and the sport's quest to gain medal status.

He was a member of the Lodge Lanes team that won the Team All-Events title at the 1997 and 1998 USBC Open Championships. He has four additional top-10 finishes at the event.

A regular on the PBA Tour for nearly a decade, Healey Jr. won three titles, including the PBA Tournament of Champions in 2003. He officially retired from competition in 2008.

The 1986 Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow award winner, he attended Wichita State University from 1986-1990, and was a National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) first-team All-America selection in 1988.

Learn Jr., 57, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, currently serves as the head coach of the men's and women's bowling programs at Martin Methodist College in Tennessee.

He joined the PBA Tour in 1981, winning five titles, including the 1999 U.S. Open. In 1996, he rolled a 300 game in the opening match of the PBA Flagship Open televised finals, the 10th perfect game in a televised PBA event, to earn a \$100,000 bonus and the nickname Mr. 300. He then posted games of 270, 280 and 279 to win the title and shatter the highest two-game (570), three-game (850), and four-game (1,129) series in PBA television history.

He also owns three PBA50 titles and, in 2017, made the stepladder finals in six of 11 events.

A two-time member of Senior Team USA, he earned a gold medal in team at the 2015 World Bowling Senior Championships in Las Vegas, and captured gold in doubles and team at the 2017 event in Unterföhring, Germany.

A USBC Silver coach, Learn Jr. is a former Team USA coach and has conducted bowling clinics throughout the world.

He won the ESPY Award for bowling in 1997, was a Bowlers Journal All-America first-team selection in 1995-1996, and a USBC first-team All-American in 1996 and 1999. He is a member of the Erie Bowling Association and Pennsylvania State Halls of Fame.

Cain, 38, of Phoenix, was a five-time member of Team USA and has bowled on the PBA Tour since 2007, but made his biggest mark in the sport off the lanes.

He joined the USBC Board of Directors in 2007, was named vice president in 2010, and then took the reins as president in 2012. During his three-and-a-half years as USBC president, Cain was instrumental in the creation of International Bowling Campus Youth Development, combining the youth forces of USBC and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) to streamline and improve participation in youth bowling.

Also, during his tenure, the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) was restarted through a joint effort with BPAA, as was the U.S. Open, also with support from BPAA.

Cain served on the BPAA, Strike Ten Entertainment and The Bowling Foundation boards, and, after completing his term on the USBC Board, he continues to serve bowling at the national level as a member of the USBC Equipment Specifications Committee and on the SMART board.

On the lanes, Cain was a two-time first-team All-American at Arizona State University and was named the 1999 Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow. He won the 2001 U.S. Amateur Championships, is a five-time member of Team USA (2002-2003, 2005, 2016-2017) and was a member of Junior Team USA in 2001.

As a member of K&K Bowling Services 5, Cain captured the Team All-Events title at the 2011 USBC Open Championships.

He joined the PBA Tour in 2007, making the televised finals in his first PBA event (Dick Weber Open), where he finished fourth. He was named the 2007-2008 PBA West Region Player of the Year, as well as 2007-2008 PBA West and Northwest Region Rookie of the Year. In 2017, the left-hander rolled a PBA five-game record of 1,352, including a 300 game, in the PBA Cheetah Championship at the National Bowling Stadium.

Zebehazy, 66, of Leesburg, Florida, was instrumental in promoting and developing youth bowling and helped lay the groundwork for the Junior Gold Championships.

He started his career in the bowling industry in 1971 as a pinsetter mechanic and pro shop rep at Airport Bowling Center in Buffalo, New York, and later joined the Buffalo Bowling Association board.

In 1983, he became a field representative for the American Bowling Congress (ABC), visiting more than 1,500 associations in the Northeast and teaching Certified Lane Inspection Workshops. He took over as ABC's Group Executive for Field Service in 1989.

In 1998, he was named Executive Director of the Young American Bowling Alliance (YABA), overseeing staff, programs and services, and strategic planning. During his tenure, he implemented David Dahm's concept of the Junior Gold program, provided the vision for the USBC Youth Open Championships, and initiated the Gift For Life Scholarship program.

He was directly responsible for the creation of the Registered Volunteer Program (RVP), one of the first safety programs put into place in the world of youth sports, and was a key person in improving and advancing the Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program.

His role in YABA ended with the merger of the sport's major organizations to form USBC in 2005. He supported the merger and played an integral role in helping to push the initiative to completion. The YABA board created the Annual Zeb Scholarship in 2005 in recognition of his dedication to the organization.

He joined USBC in 2005 as a field representative, a position he held until his retirement in 2015.

In 2010, Zebehazy received the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award, given to leaders in the youth bowling community who have displayed the courage, determination and ability to develop far-reaching programs of national scope that provide fun and exciting opportunities.

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KULICK AND JANAWICZ HEADED TO 2019 QUBICAAMF WORLD CUP

ARLINGTON, Texas - Decades of experience and success at various levels of their sport helped earn Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, spots in the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

Their legacies include nearly a quarter of a century on Team USA, tens of thousands of miles traveled and more than 60 international medals.

But, despite all they've seen and accomplished, the two are about to embark on a journey that will allow them to do something for the first time - represent the United States at the prestigious QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup.

They earned the opportunity with wins at the 2019 USBC Team USA Trials, something they'd each done once before, though circumstances kept them from parlaying those victories into QubicaAMF World Cup experiences.

Kulick and Janawicz now will be among the nearly 140 competitors from 79 countries headed to Palembang, Indonesia, this week for the 2019 event at the vast Jakabaring Sport City.

"This tournament has always been on my bucket list, and I'm really looking forward to experiencing it for the first time," said Janawicz, a nine-time member of Team USA. "Just to bowl is special, especially with all of the countries that are represented. To win would be incredible. The list of winners for both the men and women is like a who's who of our sport."

When Janawicz won the Team USA Trials for the first time in 2010, the win didn't include an automatic chance to represent the team at the World Cup.

When Kulick won the title in 2000, it was a time when professionals were not able to compete for Team USA. She opted to join the Professional Women's Bowling Association and had to give up the chance at hoisting the coveted World Cup trophy.

The 2019 World Cup field is expected to include 75 men and 62 women. The defending champions are the United States on the women's side and Australia for the men.

While Team USA's Shannon O'Keefe won't be there to defend the title she won last year in Las Vegas, Kulick is excited to accept the responsibility. Defending men's champion Sam Cooley will be back to put his title on the line.

"Team USA definitely has had a huge presence at the World Cup, and it has been a testament to the steppingstones and progression we have, starting with a solid youth program," said Kulick, a 42-year-old right-hander who is on Team USA for the 15th time. "Shannon was able to bring it home for us last year, and I want to do justice by that. I am as prepared as possible, from bowling on the proposed pattern to being thorough with my ball selections."

Official practice at the 2019 World Cup will take place Nov. 17, and competition will get underway Nov. 18.

All competitors will bowl 24 games of qualifying over four days (six games each day), before the field is cut to the top 24 for eight additional games. Total pinfall after 32 games will determine the eight men and eight women who will advance to round-robin match play.

The top four in each division then will move on to the knockout-style semifinals based on their 40-game totals, including bonus pins for each win in match play.

The lengthy format at the World Cup certainly will test the players and their endurance, but it also will give them a chance to enjoy the amazing social aspect of the event and the chance to interact with fellow competitors from so many different places.

"Building relationships with people from other places and cultures is such a special bonus of the World Cup," Kulick said. "Usually, Team USA events are team events, and your focus is on your teammates and collective goals. Bowling is a sport that unites the world, and this trip will include time for much more one-on-one interaction. Yes, we'll all be competitors and athletes on the lanes, but I'm looking forward to making new friends off the lanes."

Janawicz, a 47-year-old right-hander, also is looking forward to some of the off-lane opportunities, and getting to share the experience with a longtime friend and teammate like Kulick makes it even better.

His years in bowling, both as an athlete and in his lane maintenance role with Kegel, have taken him to about 40 countries, including Indonesia and Jakabaring Sport City, which he visited in a working role for the 2018 Asian Games.

Along with being known for his hard work in the industry, Janawicz also has earned a reputation for his love of shopping and desserts, something that is fun and different in each country.

Though his previous visit to Palembang in 2018 allowed him to learn a lot about the 40-lane bowling center and its tendencies, which no doubt will help him, Kulick and Team USA head coach Rod Ross during the World Cup, he didn't have much time to see what the city he had to offer.

"Kelly is fantastic, and we've bowled with and against each other for many years," Janawicz said. "I know we'll be able to work together and communicate on the lanes, and it will be fun to explore the city a little bit, too. Everyone knows I love to check out the shopping scene, and I've been known to enjoy a dessert or two. Trying all the local food also is a fun part of seeing so many places."

At the 2018 World Cup, O'Keefe and Team USA's Kyle Troup nearly became the second duo in 54 years of World Cup history to sweep both titles, a feat Sweden accomplished in 1986.

Troup, who was dominant all week, including a perfect game during qualifying, fell to Cooley in the championship match. O'Keefe defeated Malaysia's Sin Li Jane.

O'Keefe became the ninth woman from the United States to win the World Cup, and she was the first to do so since her Team USA teammates - Shannon Pluhowsky, Lynda Barnes and Diandra Asbaty - won three consecutive times from 2004-2006. The win marked the record 20th World Cup title for the United States.

To see the complete schedule for the 2019 World Cup, visit QubicaAMF.com.

For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.

AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AFRICA WIN TITLES AT 2019 QUBICAAMF WORLD CUP

PALEMBANG, Indonesia - The 2019 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup came to a close Saturday at the Jakabaring Sport City Bowling Center, and along with the event's prestigious trophies, this year's winners also earned some much-deserved redemption.

Australia's Rebecca Whiting was extra motivated after failing to make the top eight at last year's event, and she capped her fourth consecutive QubicaAMF World Cup

appearance with a 172-162 victory over two-time champion Aumi Guerra of the Dominican Republic.

On the men's side, 2015 World Cup runner-up Francois Louw of South Africa, was dominant for nearly all 40 games this week and used years of competitive experience to help him remain focused in a 237-202 win over Indonesia's Ryan Lalisang.

In the women's title match, Whiting and Guerra combined for just six strikes. Neither player threw a double.

The decision came down to spare shooting, with Guerra missing single-pin spares in the seventh and ninth frames, a 10 pin and 4 pin, respectively, and Whiting converting the 2-4-10 split in the seventh frame to pull ahead.

Whiting could've doubled in her final frame to lock up the title, but she left a 7 pin on her first shot. A spare and a strike on her fill ball meant Guerra needed two strikes and nine pins to become the first woman to win three World Cup titles. She left a 10 pin on her first offering, giving Australia its first women's title since 2007.

"I can't even feel it right now, and I'm sure it will sink in tonight or tomorrow, but I honestly can't stop smiling or crying," said Whiting, a 29-year-old right-hander. "I couldn't even watch the 10th frame. I had to walk away because I knew if she bagged out, she'd get me. She's a great competitor and great supporter as well. I've gotten to know her over the years, and I'm proud to call her a friend. It was nice to have a friendly final match."

Whiting entered the knockout-style semifinals as the No. 3 seed and defeated No. 2 Natasha Roslan of Malaysia, 199-176, to earn the meeting with Guerra, who topped No. 1 qualifier Kelly Kulick of the United States in the other semifinal, 194-179.

The win was the ninth World Cup title for Australia overall. The women have won seven times, and the men have hoisted the trophy twice, including last year in Las Vegas, when Sam Cooley got the job done.

Louw's path to the 2019 World Cup title also was dramatic, but his two matches Saturday featured a lot more strikes.

The 33-year-old right-hander nearly led the event wire to wire, before a 155 game in a position-round loss, his second-lowest game of the week, dropped him from first place to the No. 4 seed for the semifinals.

Knowing he excelled on the fresh 41-foot oil pattern this week, Louw calmly redeemed himself with a 262-196 semifinal win against top-seeded Oliver Morig of Germany. That set up his meeting with No. 3 Lalisang, who ended Cooley's bid for back-to-back titles in a lopsided semifinal matchup, 239-158.

Louw and Lalisang both were lined up to start the title tilt, when a fourth-frame foul from Louw turned the momentum in Lalisang's favor.

The hometown standout, looking to become the fourth competitor in 55 editions of the event to win in his or her home country, had control of the match until failing to convert the 2-8 combination in the eighth frame. A 10 pin on the first shot of his final frame all but sealed the win for Louw.

Lalisang's runner-up finish was the best for an Indonesian player at the World Cup. He finished third at the 2009 tournament, and Nadia Nuramalina finished third in the women's division in 2018.

"I'm on the top of the world right now, and it feels incredible," said Louw, who made his fourth World Cup appearance. "I think that in some way, what happened in the position round helped me relax a little bit. I was able to keep my emotions in check, and I knew I had a good look on the fresh this week, so I never lost my confidence heading into the semifinals."

Despite Lalisang having the crowd behind him, Louw said he was able to draw on the experiences he's had in the famed Swedish League, where the fans and cheering are like nothing he's ever been a part of.

Even the uncharacteristic foul could not derail Louw's mindset.

"On the foul, I pured the shot, but after I let it go, I just kept sliding," Louw said. "I haven't fouled in 11 or 12 years, and it certainly didn't relax me at all, but I didn't think about it anymore after that. I stayed patient, and it paid off. I think my experience and success at this event also helped, and it was nice to finally get across the finish line."

The win was the first on the men's side for South Africa. Anne Jacobs earned the country its only other World Cup title with a win in 1994.

By virtue of their first- and third-place finishes, Whiting and Cooley also earned Australia the coveted Bent Petersen Country Award, which has been awarded to the country with the best combined finish each year since 1984.

Last year, the award went to the United States, as Shannon O'Keefe won the women's title and Kyle Troup was the runner-up to Cooley on the men's side.

Kulick and John Janawicz shouldered the responsibility of defending those titles this year in Indonesia, and while Kulick was able to pull away from the field on the way to the top seed for the semifinals, she simply was out-matched by the left lane in her semifinal match against Guerra.

In the game, Kulick struck just once in five opportunities on the left lane.

The other four attempts resulted in a 1-2-4-10 washout in the second frame, 3-6-10 combination in the fourth frame, 7-10 split in the sixth frame and the 1-2-4-6-10 washout in the 10th frame that allowed Guerra to claim a spot in the title match with a final-frame strike.

"I knew the lanes were playing a little different, so I was prepared for that, and part of my process was to stay down on each shot," Kulick said. "I thought I did that on the first shot in the 10th frame, but it never read it. If I had to rate that shot on a scale of 1-10, I'd give it an 8.5."

Kulick entered Saturday's eight-player match-play round with a six-pin advantage over Roslan but was able to build on that lead and claimed the top seed for the semifinals by a 189-pin margin, which included 120 bonus pins for her four wins in match play.

The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and 15-time Team USA member was making her World Cup debut, an honor she earned by winning the 2019 USBC Team USA Trials in January.

"The last two days were great, they really were," Kulick said. "My game is still very strong, though my mental game might need a little tweaking. But, I led the World Cup. I didn't win it, but I led it, and that's pretty special.

"To travel all the way to Indonesia to compete in such a prestigious tournament means a lot, too. It was a long journey to get here, but to meet the amazing people I've met and see this incredible arena has been unforgettable. I did myself and my country proud, and you never know, maybe I'll get another chance."

Janawicz finished 19th on the men's side this week.

All competitors at the 2019 World Cup, 73 men and 60 women representing 75 countries, bowled 24 games over four days (six games each day), before total pinfall determined the 24 men and 24 women who returned Friday for eight additional games.

Total pinfall for 32 games decided the eight men and eight women who advanced to Saturday's round-robin match play, and pinfall for 40 games, including bonus pins for each win in match play, determined the four semifinalists.

The World Cup first was contested in 1965, and the tournament now is considered one of the sport's most prestigious singles titles. It also is recognized as the largest event in the sport in terms of number of countries competing.

The last time the event was held in Indonesia was in 1980, when it visited Jakarta.

It was announced Saturday night that Kuwait will host the World Cup in 2020.

For more information on Team USA, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA.

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Saturday's results

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USBC TO IMPLEMENT A TIERED CENTER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

ARLINGTON, Texas – Following a recent study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, the United States Bowling Congress determined it will implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years.

Details of the tiered center certification program will be announced at the 2021 USBC Convention. The USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee, which made the decision to implement the program, has delegated authority from the USBC Board to make changes to equipment specifications.

USBC also determined it will not require local associations to perform annual lane inspections as the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team continues its work to fully develop the program. The decision means all bowling centers will be certified until the national staff begins center certifications in 2022.

Once the tiered center certification program is in place, centers will be inspected and assigned to a tier based on the level it meets in regard to USBC specifications. The decision to make any necessary improvements, based on the results of an inspection, will be left to the center and no longer mandated by USBC.

“The research and the discussions with stakeholders made it clear that a tiered center certification program is the right direction for USBC,” said Andrew Cain, chair of the USBC Equipment Specifications Committee. “It is our responsibility as the National Governing Body to deliver efficient and consistent inspections for all centers and allow members to see the certification level of the center.”

During the last three years, as USBC began to compile data from lane inspections, it also looked at how a national program could manage the inspection of the nearly 4,000 centers. It required evaluating staff needed and the tools required. During the evaluation, the focus turned to the time required for an inspection.

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team is examining the tools to streamline the inspection process. Additional testing of the tools will continue.

USBC also plans to hire and train a small team of national inspectors, who will coordinate with centers to efficiently conduct lane inspections throughout the country.

In recent years, USBC set out to improve the center certification process, studying the process over a three-year period and publishing its study of 64 centers and more than 1,000 lanes across 20 states. The results led to changes in the center certification process that were announced at the 2017 USBC Convention.

Data collection and analysis, including spot-checks to determine the accuracy of the data collected, confirmed a new approach to center certification was needed.

The USBC Equipment Specifications team, in coordination with the committee and a third-party consultant, then spent the next 12 months working on a tiered center certification model. It enlisted several focus groups of industry stakeholders to evaluate and build the model.

Additional education and awareness, including an ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders, will be important as the process moves forward.

Click [here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the tiered center certification program.

Go to BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs and click on Center Certifications to view all the work being done in this area.

Media Conference Call

USBC will hold a conference call for official media members with Equipment Specifications Committee members and USBC staff on Monday, Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. (Eastern). Please email terry.bigham@bowl.com if you want to participate in the call.

Webinars

USBC will hold three webinars with USBC staff for everyone else who may have questions. The schedule (all times Eastern):

- Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 10 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 5 at 8 p.m.

K&K BOWLING SERVICES WILL BE OFFICIAL PRO SHOP FOR THE USBC WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – K&K Bowling Services will be the official pro shop for the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships, part of a three-year agreement that includes having the company also manage the pro shop for the 2022 and 2023 events.

The 2020 Women's Championships will be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas from April 18 through July 6. The 60-lane venue also served as host of the 2016 Women's Championships.

Founded in 2000, K&K Bowling Services operates pro shops in four locations in Las Vegas –Gold Coast Bowling Center, The Orleans Bowling Center, Sam's Town Bowling Center and Suncoast Bowling Center. The company was awarded the opportunity at the Women's Championships as part of an open bid process.

"The chance to assist the competitors at the Women's Championships is an exciting opportunity for K&K Bowling Services," said Executive Director Ken Keegan, who also is executive director at Logo Infusion, the official jersey provider of the Junior Gold Championships as well as official uniform sponsor of the Team USA program and USBC events. "This is the premier national event for women bowlers and we are eager to showcase the outstanding services K&K Bowling Services are able to provide bowlers."

The 2022 and 2023 Women's Championships will take place in Reno, Nevada, and Las Vegas, respectively.

"It is important to offer our competitors the highest quality of services when they compete at our events and we know Ken Keegan's staff at K&K Bowling Services has the expertise to assist the bowlers," said USBC Managing Director of Marketing Roger

Noordhoek. “We look forward to working with the K&K Bowling Services team at these three events.”

The USBC Women’s Championships is the world's largest annual participatory sporting event for women. Visit [BOWL.com/WomensChamp](https://www.bowl.com/WomensChamp) to learn more.

DIRUPO, ALLEN ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

ARLINGTON, Texas – Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Patrick Allen of Garfield, New Jersey, have been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame for Superior Performance.

DiRupo and Allen were on the ballot of six men and two women voted on by a national panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, veteran bowling writers and USBC board members. Though each fell short of the required 70 percent of the votes cast, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee selected the two candidates for induction.

The selection of DiRupo and Allen completes the six-member 2020 USBC Hall of Fame class. Patrick Healey Jr. (USBC Outstanding Performance), Bob Learn Jr. (Veterans), and Andrew Cain and Jim Zebehazy (both in Meritorious Service) were elected by the USBC Hall of Fame committee in late October.

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DiRupo, 52, joined the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour in 1992 and was the rookie of the year that season. She won the first of her eight career titles at the 1993 Ebonite Three Rivers Open at Princess Lanes in Pittsburgh.

She won the first of her three major titles at the 1997 Hammer Players Championship in Rockford, Illinois, beating Wendy Macpherson in the title match. She also won the Miller High Life National Players Championship in 2002 and the USBC Queens in 2004.

DiRupo owns a USBC Women's Championships title, teaming with Timi McCorvey to win doubles in 1999, and also has eight other top-10 finishes at the event. She earned Bowlers Journal All-American first-team honors in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

Prior to her stellar bowling career, she was on the South Carolina softball team from 1986-1989, leading the team in RBIs in her senior season. She was a four-time National Softball Coaches Association All-Region selection and earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-America second team in 1989.

Allen, 49, is the owner of 13 Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) titles.

He captured his first PBA title at the 2001 Greater Detroit Open, winning in his first TV appearance. He had multiple wins in 2005, 2007 and 2009, and earned his second major title at the 2009 H&R Block Tournament of Champions.

Allen had his best season in 2004-2005, winning three titles, including his first major at the 2005 Denny's World Championship, and finishing in the top five of the other three major events to earn PBA Player of the Year honors.

The 13 titles in the 2000s tied Allen with Parker Bohn III for most PBA Tour victories by a left-hander.

Allen was No. 44 on the list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History, released in 2009 as part of the PBA's 50th anniversary, and was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2019.

Allen also was a Team USA member from 2008-2012.

He was part of the "Dream Team" selected for the 2008 World Bowling Men's Championships in Bangkok, after the world governing body decided to allow professional athletes compete in international events. He won gold in doubles and team and a bronze in trios and captured two more golds (trios, team) and a bronze (trios) at the 2010 event in Munich.

In addition to Allen, the men's national ballot included Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas.

The women's national ballot also had Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida.

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USBC NATIONAL HIGH AVERAGE AND HIGH SERIES AWARDS DETERMINED FOR 2018-2019 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the third consecutive season, Team USA member Shannon Pluhowsky has earned a United States Bowling Congress National High Average and High Series Award after posting the highest women's average for the 2018-2019 season.

Pluhowsky, an Ohio native who is in her first season as an assistant coach for the University of Nebraska women's bowling team, posted a 247 average over 78 games during the Inland Owls league at Capri Lanes in Columbus, Ohio.

Competing in USBC-certified leagues, she has claimed the high average award four times and also owns a national high series award.

The 19-time Team USA member, who competes on the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour, set a record with a 250.7 average in taking the National High Average Award in 2017-2018 and also led the nation for the 2016-2017 season with a

241 average. She earned her first high average award in the 2013-2014 season and was the Sport high average winner in 2008-2009.

Greg McDaniel, 52, of Kimball, Nebraska, took the men's USBC National High Average Award with a 253 average in the Kim-Bowl Scratch Trio league at Kim Bowl. McDaniel, who has competed on the Professional Bowlers Association and PBA50 tours, has owned the eight-lane Kim Bowl in Kimball since 2015.

Kevin McCune and Kiearra Saldi earned the Youth Male and Youth Female USBC National High Average Award winners, respectively, for the 2018-2019 season.

McCune, 20, of Munster, Indiana, posted a 248 average in the Juniors league at Lynwood Bowl in Lynwood, Illinois. He is a junior on the Calumet College of St. Joseph men's team.

Saldi, 19, of Taylor, Pennsylvania, had a 221 average in the All Stars league at Idle Hours North in Scranton, Pennsylvania. A freshman on the Duquesne women's bowling team, she recently was selected as the Northeast Conference Bowler and Rookie of the Week.

Stephanie Zavala, 23, of Downey, California, is the women's USBC National High Series Award winner. The 2017 Junior Team USA member put together games of 279, 300 and 280 for an 859 series during the Mexican American Bowling Association league at Del Rio Lanes in Downey on July 7.

Jonathan Wilbur and Jeremy Milito are the men's high series winners as each posted a 900 series during the 2018-2019 season.

Wilbur, 37, of North Clarendon, Vermont, had the first perfect set of the 2018-2019 season during the Commercial men's league at Rutland Bowlerama in Rutland, Vermont, on Jan. 14.

Milito, 26, of Patchogue, New York, became the 35th bowler to roll a 900 series, connecting for 36 consecutive strikes during the Epic Edge Trios league on April 25 at Farmingdale Lanes in Farmingdale, New York.

Ashley Cicciarelli, 17, of Endicott, New York, earned the Youth Female USBC National High Series Award with an 854 series on Feb. 9. She had a games of 258, 296 and 300 at Midway Lanes in Vestal, New York, to lead Union-Endicott High School to the Section IV Class A title.

The youth male high series award goes to Anthony Hurlburt, 19, of Hoosick Falls, New York, who rolled games of 287, 300 and 299 for an 886 series on Feb. 23 in the BBQ Seniors and Juniors league at the Bar-B-Q Recreation Center in Hoosick Falls.

For the list of USBC National High Series and High Average Awards, click [here](#).

The team awards for National High Game and National High Series also have been determined. To see the top team scores for men, women, mixed and youth teams, click [here](#).