

2022 TEAM USA TRIALS, U.S. AMATEUR SET TO BEGIN IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS - It may have taken longer than he hoped, but Cameron Crowe of Orland Park, Illinois, eventually got to experience everything Team USA has to offer, and there might not be enough adjectives to properly illustrate the magnitude and impact of the opportunity.

Crowe is a little more than two months removed from his first international trip, both for Team USA and overall, and he'd love a chance to build on what he learned on the lanes in Cali, Colombia.

His quest to reclaim his spot on Team USA will begin Sunday at the Gold Coast Bowling Center, where he'll have two hours of practice to finalize his arsenal and game plan for the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials.

Competition at the 2022 USBC Team Trials will get underway Monday and again will be a five-day test of versatility across five challenging lane conditions, with a unique point-based system determining the winners.

The field will feature nearly 170 men and more than 130 women, including nine of the 12 men on the current Team USA roster and eight of the 15 women.

The United States Amateur Bowling Championships will be a second layer to the week, as it has been since being reintroduced in 2016, and Crowe, a 20-year-old left-hander, will walk into the venue as the defending men's U.S. Amateur champion.

The tournament will conclude Friday with the introduction of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2022.

All rounds of competition will be broadcast live at BowITV.com, beginning Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

"It's still hard to describe that week in 2020 and all that came from it, but being part of Team USA has been a dream come true and a blessing," Crowe said. "It meant the world to make the team, and now, it means 10 times more. Nothing can replace or replicate representing your country on the lanes and winning a gold medal. I want to get that chance again."

Crowe, a standout for the St. Ambrose University bowling team who missed most of the recent semester due to a nagging foot injury, used the 2020 Team USA Trials as his breakout performance on the national stage. He finished third in the Team Trials standings, while qualifying for the U.S. Amateur stepladder, and his success earned him spots on Team USA and Junior Team USA for the first time.

The effects of COVID-19 then forced the suspension of the Team USA program for 2020 and the cancellation of the 2021 Team USA Trials, ultimately delaying Crowe's debut in a Team USA jersey by almost two years.

All 2020 Team USA and Junior Team USA members were granted an additional year on the teams when the program and international competition resumed in 2021, and Crowe parlayed that into an invite to the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships.

The trip offered a full range of feelings that started with the initial call from Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and transitioned to a bit of worry about his new passport arriving on time.

"I did a lot of growing up on that trip as a person and a bowler, I did my best all week and I learned a lot about my own game and about the level of competition in other countries," Crowe said. "At first, I felt like the annoying little brother just poking at everyone the whole time with questions and inexperience, but I appreciate everyone being so patient and supportive."

On-site, once the event got underway, Crowe said he was the most nervous he'd been in a while, but that eventually passed with help from his coaches and teammates.

The week ended with him on the medal podium, surrounded by those teammates, listening to the Star-Spangled Banner in celebration of the third consecutive team gold medal for the Team USA men at the event.

"For the first two or three games that week, I was nervous for the first time in a really, really long time, and I was afraid to let everyone down, even though the tournament started with singles," said Crowe, who also took home a bronze medal in trios. "I felt I over-exaggerated the pressure I usually put on myself, and it took a while for me to get comfortable. It was amazing to have everyone there to help me, and I certainly can't be mad about how the week ended for us."

The PANAM Elite Championships in October, which also included the top women from the region, was one of five international events for the Team USA program in 2021.

The 2021 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions was held simultaneously in Cali using some of the same scores, while November included the International Bowling Federation Super World Championships, inaugural IBF Para Bowling World Championships and IBF Masters (formerly Senior) World Championships.

Also part of the trip to Colombia were Matthew Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, and Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, who first joined Crowe in the trophy hoisting in Las Vegas. Russo won the men's title at the 2020 Team USA Trials, and Clemmer became the women's U.S. Amateur champion for the second consecutive time.

Russo earned some redemption with the Team Trials win, along with a return to Team USA, after not making the roster in 2019. He was on the team in 2017 and 2018.

He now is a seven-time gold medalist, after claiming three golds in Cali, and later was selected as the 2021 Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year.

He's back at Gold Coast this week looking to continue his momentum from 2021.

Clemmer, a five-time member of Junior Team USA and a member of Team USA since 2019, enjoyed a successful professional debut in 2021, too, though she finished as the runner-up to Stephanie Zavala in the points-based race for Professional Women's Bowling Association Rookie of the Year. It was disappointing but motivating at the same time.

Her sophomore campaign on the PWBA Tour is just a few months away, so kicking off the year with another great run at the Team Trials certainly would help her confidence.

"After the PWBA Tour season finished, I was heartbroken with how it ended, but I learned a lot from it and realized that sometimes, the losses can be just as important as the victories," said Clemmer, a 24-year-old right-hander. "I had a really good season overall, and there's nothing to hang my head about. It's something to build on in 2022."

Due to her professional status, Clemmer won't be able to defend her U.S. Amateur title, but she can improve on finishes of second and fourth, respectively, at the last two editions of the Team USA Trials and claim a spot on Team USA for the fourth consecutive year.

"I honestly think I'm more prepared mentally than I have been in the past based on my overall experience and getting to spend this past year bowling against the best in the world," said Clemmer,

who claimed three gold medals and a bronze medal in Cali, her first event as a member of adult Team USA. "I've also had a couple close calls at the Team Trials, which shows me I can do it. Plus, I love competing for my country, and it would mean the world to have another chance."

Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, the two-time reigning Team Trials champion on the women's side, will be in Las Vegas this week, but not to defend her title. Instead, she'll be scouting the talent as her first assignment as the new head coach for Junior Team USA.

Kulick, a 17-time Team USA member, won the 2020 Team Trials with a record score of 13 ranking points and closed the year by helping the Team USA women to a team gold medal at the IBF Super World Championships.

Competitors at this week's event will earn ranking points based on their finishing positions in each of the five qualifying rounds - the top bowler of the round will earn one ranking point, second place will earn two points, etc. - with the lowest total of ranking points after five rounds determining the men's and women's Team USA Trials champions. Each will earn an automatic spot on Team USA for 2022.

The top four age-eligible men and top four age-eligible women at the 2022 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots on Team USA, while two additional men and two additional women will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the pool of players that competed during the week at the Gold Coast Bowling Center.

Bowlers now must be at least 18 years old as of the end of the 2022 Team USA Trials to be eligible for the adult version of Team USA.

The National Selection Committee also will select additional men and women for the team based on submitted resumes. Those applicants must have been Team USA or Junior Team USA members within the last 10 years or among the top 25 in earnings during the 2021 PBA Tour season or top 25 in points during the 2021 PWBA Tour season.

After the final qualifying round at the Team Trials, the top three amateur men and top three amateur women will advance to a stepladder final to determine the U.S. Amateur champions. Both winners will earn spots on Team USA.

If the U.S. Amateur champion already has earned a spot on the team, the spot will be awarded to the next-highest Team USA Trials qualifier based on ranking points.

To be eligible for this year's U.S. Amateur, a bowler must not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or PWBA) in 2021. Also, anyone who has won a professional title (regional, national or senior) as a professional is not eligible to compete as an amateur.

For youth competitors, the top four age-eligible boys and top four age-eligible girls, based on ranking points, automatically will earn spots on Junior Team USA 2022. Two additional boys and two additional girls also will be selected by the National Selection Committee based on performances from either the 2022 Team USA Trials or 2021 Junior Gold Championships.

They will join the youth competitors who already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2022 during the 2021 Junior Gold Championships.

BowlTV will provide wire-to-wire coverage of the events, including the announcement and introduction of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2022.

Team USA's competition schedule for 2022 still is taking shape, but the list of potential events includes the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Brazil,

PANAM Bowling Women's Championships in Peru and PANAM Bowling Masters and Grand Masters (Senior and Super Senior) Championships in the Dominican Republic.

TNBA AND USBC EXPAND PARTNERSHIP TO INCLUDE ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR TNBA ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Bowling Association and United States Bowling Congress are expanding their partnership to include use of USBC’s online registration system for the TNBA Annual Championship Tournament.

TNBA members will be able to use the registration system starting with the 2022 TNBA Annual Championship Tournament, scheduled for May 19-29 in the Dallas area, and for future events.

As part of the agreement, USBC and TNBA staffs will collaborate in providing TNBA with the same registration portal used for the USBC Open and Women’s Championships as well as USBC tournament management software.

“We are excited to offer this great technology improvement for our TNBA members and tournament staff,” TNBA President Gregory Green said. “TNBA and USBC continue to look for more ways to closely work together, and this partnership is a great fit.”

USBC and TNBA partner together on several projects, including the TNBA Youth Camp at the International Training and Research Center, broadcasting of TNBA events on BowITV and automatic entry for the winners of the TNBA Reed-Hawthorne Memorial Singles Classic into USBC national tournaments.

“The relationship between USBC and TNBA keeps getting stronger,” USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. “TNBA has a rich history and operates some of the best events and programs in the nation. TNBA members are USBC members, and we are proud to be working closely with TNBA leadership on more ways to benefit bowling together.”

The 2022 TNBA Annual Championship Tournament will be the 80th edition of the event, and registration now is open. Visit [TNBAInc.org](https://www.tnba.org) and click on the tournament tab for more information.

CHAMPIONS DETERMINED AT 2022 USBC TEAM USA TRIALS, U.S. AMATEUR IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS - Following a lengthy hiatus due to COVID-19, international bowling competition recently resumed, and the Team USA program returned to action for a handful of successful events on two continents.

For some players, the excitement and momentum from those trips carried over to the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials, where they battled over five days to retain their spots on the Team USA roster.

Others arrived at the Gold Coast Bowling Center this week looking for the opportunity to make the team in the new year and help be a part of the squad's success in 2022.

The top overall performers across 30 games and five challenging oil patterns were Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and Darren Tang of Las Vegas. They bested their respective fields of 125 women and 161 men.

Two other competitors - Chloe Skurzynski of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and Trent Mitchell of Chicago - also claimed titles Friday as the nation's best non-professionals. The U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships was contested simultaneously using the same qualifying scores.

Skurzynski and Mitchell each survived a stepladder final that included the top three players from their divisions. The action unfolded live on BowITV.

All four champions were among the 10 competitors who earned automatic berths on Team USA for 2022 based on their success this week in Las Vegas.

Players earned points based on where they finished in the daily standings. The leader each day received one point, second place earned two points and so on, with the lowest number of ranking points after the five six-game blocks determining the 2022 Team Trials champions.

Pluhowsky's win was her third at the event since the inaugural edition in 2008. She also won in 2011 and 2015, to go along with victories at the U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships in 2001, 2003 and 2004. The events are one in the same, but there was a rebranding when professionals first became eligible for Team USA.

The 39-year-old left-hander was dominant over the five rounds, turning in finishes of third, tied for second, tied for second, 12th and tied for third for 22 ranking points, the second-lowest total on record, behind longtime Team USA member Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, who won the 2020 tournament with 13 points.

Pluhowsky was followed in the overall standings by Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois (57), Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois (61), and reigning Professional Women's Bowling Association Player of the Year Bryanna Cot, of Tucson, Arizona (77). All three earned automatic spots on the team.

This marks Pluhowsky's 22nd consecutive appearance on Team USA. She also was a four-time member of Junior Team USA.

"It's still crazy to think it has been 22 years, which is more than half my life," Pluhowsky said. "I'm excited. It has been a while since I've won Trials, and this one is a little different and unique because you have to bowl well for five days on different patterns. That makes it harder to win. To go out and earn my spot this way is special. Getting picked to be on the team is awesome, but this is incredibly rewarding. I'm riding a high right now, and things are just going really good."

Tang is returning to Team USA for the first time since 2019, but he's a much different competitor than he was when he finished fifth at the 2019 Team USA Trials and then 12th in 2020 to miss making the team again.

He knew the overall standings were pretty tight Friday, but he had no idea he and 2021 Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, actually were tied with 80 points going into the final game.

Tang, a 28-year-old right-hander, makes it a point to not look at the scores while he's bowling, simply choosing to focus on each shot and the things he can control, and his mental strength and clarity on

the lanes. He makes sure to spend time working on his mental game, and it paid off Friday.

As he has moved through the ranks of bowling, from youth competition to adult leagues and tournaments to PBA regional events to the PBA Tour, he has been able to get comfortable at each level by remembering the things that got him there and realizing that it's all just bowling, which doesn't change.

The men's title ultimately came down to who made the bigger move in the final game, and Tang nearly was flawless in the effort. He fired a 279 game to surge from 24th place to 11th in the Day 5 standings. Troup closed with 224 and remained 12th on the day to finish as the runner-up.

Tang, who won his first PBA Tour title in August, topped the standings with 67 points. Troup, the 2018 Team Trials winner, finished with 80 points and also earned an automatic spot on Team USA for 2022.

Two other bowlers - Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota (94), and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois (108) - were able to retain their spots on the team by also finishing in the top four this week.

"There's still pressure, but I don't think I felt it as much," Tang said. "My mindset is to just enjoy the moment, and that has become consistent since I won my first (Professional Bowlers Association Tour) title. I figure, the more I enjoy it, the better I'm going to play, and the less pressure I'm going to feel. I'm really happy I got it done and ecstatic to be back on Team USA."

To claim the men's U.S. Amateur title, Mitchell rolled a clean game and tossed a clutch 10th-frame strike on the lane that had been giving him trouble throughout the match. He topped Nathan Stubler of LaSalle-Peru, Illinois, 218-199.

Stubler, a left-hander and member of Junior Team USA in 2019, failed to convert the 3-9 combination in the fifth frame and a 6-8 split in the ninth frame, to fall short. Mitchell struck on the right lane in the ninth frame and on the first shot of his 10th frame on the left lane to lock up the title.

During the final, Mitchell continued to make moves on the left lane, which he felt was tighter. When it came down to throwing the shot that would make his dream come true, there wasn't really a calculated move. Just belief in his ability to throw a good shot when he needed it.

The 27-year-old right-hander defeated local standout and past Junior Team USA member Dallas Leong, 258-244, in the opening match of the men's stepladder to set up the meeting with Stubler, the top seed.

"This feels absolutely amazing, even though it really hasn't had a chance to sink in," Mitchell said. "I'm happy with myself because I accomplished a goal of mine. That means all the struggles and trials and tribulations I went through to get here were worth it. I got discouraged a lot along the way but kept faith and kept pushing. The fact that I was able to put in the work and make it here makes me incredibly proud."

Skurzynski, a 21-year-old right-hander, also found herself in a tight title match that came down to the final frame. She defeated Danielle Jedlicki of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, 184-179.

After leaving, and failing to convert, a 4-7-9 split in the ninth frame, Jedlicki filled her final frame to put pressure on Skurzynski, who could seal the win with good count. Instead, she left the 3-6-9-10 combination to create some drama, before taking down three of the remaining pins for the win.

Jedlicki earned her spot in the finale with a nail-biting 206-202 win over former Junior Team USA member Ashley Rucker of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Rucker had an opportunity to double in her final frame for the win, but she left a 3 pin on her first offering.

"I've looked up to so many of these players since I started bowling, and I never pictured myself in a place where I'd be shoulder to shoulder with them and wearing this Team USA jacket," said Skurzynski, who finished fifth overall this week and was the top seed for the stepladder. "I'm most looking forward to the experience of all the practicing and all the knowledge I know I'm going to gain bowling alongside the best bowlers in the world."

To be eligible for the U.S. Amateur, a bowler must not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or PWBA) in 2021. Also, anyone who has won a professional title (regional, national or senior) as a professional was not eligible to compete as an amateur.

In addition to those who automatically qualified for this year's adult team, two men and two women were selected by the National Selection Committee based on their performances this week.

Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, will join the men's team, and Lauren Pate of Manchester, Missouri, and Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, were added to the women's roster.

The National Selection Committee also selected five men and five women to join Team USA 2022, based on submitted resumes.

Marshall Kent of Las Vegas; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; Matthew Russo of Ballwin, Missouri; EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana; and Chris Via of Blacklick, Ohio, were selected by the National Selection Committee to join the men's team.

Additions to the women's team were Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas; Danielle McEwan of Story Point, New York; Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California; Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio; and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California.

Bowlers now must be at least 18 years old as of the end of the Team USA Trials to be eligible for the adult version of Team USA.

Age-eligible participants competing this week also were vying for spots on Junior Team USA 2022.

Earning automatic spots on the boys team based on their overall performances were Anthony Neuer of Milton, Pennsylvania; Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas; Ryan Barnes of Denton, Texas; and Carter Street of Dublin, Ohio.

T.J. Rock of Las Vegas and William Jones of Anoka, Minnesota, were chosen by the National Selection Committee to join Junior Team USA 2022 based on their performances at the 2022 Team USA Trials and 2021 Junior Gold Championships.

They join the 12 boys who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2021 Junior Gold Championships through the U20 and U18 competitions.

U20 - Cameron Crowe of Orland Park, Illinois; Alec Keplinger of Coldwater, Michigan; Michael Marmolejo of Fullerton, California; Tyrell Ingalls of Loganville, Georgia; William Clark of Montgomery, Illinois; and Brett Lloyd of Knightdale, North Carolina.

U18 - Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey; Jordan Malott of Austin, Texas; Zach Greim of Poway, California; Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri; Brandon Bonta of Wichita, Kansas; and Solomon Salama of Beverly Hills, California.

The automatic spots on the girls team Friday went to Jedlicki, Ashtyn Woods of Santa Rosa, California;

Paige Peters of Toms River, New Jersey; and Jennifer Loreda of Clovis, California.

Alyssa Ballard of Keller, Texas, and Saralyne Nassberg of Lodi, California, were selected for the girls team based on performance.

They join the 12 girls who qualified for Junior Team USA through the 2021 Junior Gold Championships through the U20 and U18 competitions.

U20 - Brooke Roberts of Port Orange, Florida; Morgan Nunn of Oklahoma City; Mabel Cummins of Hermitage, Tennessee; Jenna Williams of Homosassa, Florida; Caroline Thesier of Mooresville, North Carolina; and Jordan Mundt of Arlington, Tennessee.

U18 - Jaelle Hamman of Jarrell, Texas; Victoria Varano of Stony Point, New York; Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio; Amanda Naujokas of Ronkonkoma, New York; Annalise OBryant of Ball Ground, Georgia; and Lyndsay Ennis of Conway, South Carolina.

Four boys and four girls from the U15 competition at the 2021 Junior Gold Championships also will be part of the Team USA experience in 2022 as members of the Developmental Team.

The list includes Landin Jordan of Sycamore, Illinois; Trevor Ashby of Rawlings, Maryland; Ethan Caruso of Channahon, Illinois; Keegan Alexander of Killeen, Texas; Savannah Taillon of Concord, North Carolina; Kayla Starr of Crofton, Maryland; Katelyn Abigania of San Diego and Erin Klemencic of Powder Springs, Georgia.

Bowlers age 20 or younger as of Jan. 1, 2022, were eligible for spots on Junior Team USA this week.

All 286 competitors at the 2022 Team USA Trials bowled 30 games over five days (six games each day). Each day featured a different lane condition, ranging from 36-45 feet, with different volumes of oil for the women and men.

BowlTV (BowlTV.com) provided wire-to-wire coverage of the events, including the announcement of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2022.

Visit BOWL.com/TeamUSA for more information about the Team USA program.

**2022 USBC Team USA Trials
At Gold Coast Bowling Center
Las Vegas**

OVERALL RESULTS

(Position, name, hometown, total points. Points based on finishing position in each round).

MEN

- 1, Darren Tang, Las Vegas, 67
- 2, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 80
- 3, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 94
- 4, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 108
- 5, Nathan Stubler, LaSalle-Peru, Ill., 118
- 6, Trent Mitchell, Chicago, 139
- 7, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., 143
- 8, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., 157
- 9, Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 159

10, Daniel Chin, Daly City, Calif., 160
T11, Matthew Russo, Ballwin, Mo., 163
T11, Briley Haugh, Faribault, Minn., 163
13, John Janawicz, Winter Haven, Fla., 167
14, Kristopher Prather, Romeoville, Ill., 173
15, Anthony Neuer, Milton, Pa., 182
16, Cameron Crowe, Orland Park, Ill., 183
17, Julian Salinas, Richmond, Texas, 184
18, Ryan Barnes, Denton, Texas, 193
19, Carter Street, Dublin, Ohio, 195
20, William Jones, Anoka, Minn., 200

WOMEN

1, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 22
2, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill., 57
3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 61
4, Bryanna Cot, Tucson, Ariz., 77
5, Chloe Skurzynski, Carlisle, Pa., 93
6, Lauren Pate, Manchester, Mo., 95
7, Ashley Rucker, Bartlesville, Okla., 97
8, Breanna Clemmer, Clover, S.C., 102
9, Danielle Jedlicki, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 121
10, Mabel Cummins, Hermitage, Tenn., 129
11, Hope Gramly, Aubrey, Texas, 132
12, Brooke Roberts, Port Orange, Fla., 142
T13, Maryssa Carey, Hobart, Ind., 148
T13, Caroline Thesier, Mooresville, N.C., 148
T15, Olivia Farwell, Elizabethtown, Pa., 149
T15, Taylor Bailey, Jonesboro, Ark., 149
17, Ashtyn Woods, Santa Rosa, Calif., 156
18, Paige Peters, Toms River, N.J., 168
19, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind., 175
20, Jennifer Loreda, Clovis, Calif., 176

U.S. AMATEUR STEPLADDER FINALS

MEN

Semifinal

Trent Mitchell, Chicago, def. Dallas Leong, Las Vegas, 258-244.

Championship

Mitchell def. Nathan Stubler, LaSalle-Peru, Ill., 218-199.

WOMEN

Semifinal

Danielle Jedlicki, Murfreesboro, Tenn., def. Ashley Rucker, Bartlesville, Okla., 206-202.

Championship

Chloe Skurzynski, Carlisle, Pa., def. Jedlicki, 184-179.

BOWLERS JOURNAL INTERNATIONAL KICKS OFF 2022 WITH NEW LOOK AND EXCITING NEW FEATURES

ARLINGTON, Texas - The start of a new year offers a perfect opportunity for a clean slate, redirection and personal transformation, and all of that will be true for Bowlers Journal International magazine, which has been completely revamped for 2022.

The timeless favorite will continue to be the premier publication for bowling news, as it has been for more than a century, but it will have a new look, new topics and more amazing art and photos than ever before.

The magazine last was redesigned in 2008, but this is so much more than that.

The primary focus of the monthly content will shift from industry-based news to telling the stories of the sport's brightest stars and most dedicated United States Bowling Congress members.

Take a look at the latest issue [here](#).

Many of the changes are based on trends in the sport and an internal review process to help determine what subscribers would like to read about, see more of or learn about as bowling fans and competitors, and the new layout is the result of an extensive research project that looked at some of the world's most popular magazines and entertainment sites.

"The unification of USBC and Bowlers Journal International in 2020 opened the door for a great opportunity to use the tradition and reputation of the magazine, and the loyalty of the readership, to share the storylines from within our sport and organization," USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. "We now are excited to deliver a product that focuses on the readers, our members and the things they're most interested in."

The content of Bowlers Journal will continue to be led by editor Gianmarc Manzione, and loyalists still will get to hear from their favorite writers and columnists each month, but stories will focus more on human interest and the incredible people in bowling.

There will be success stories from on the lanes, stories of perseverance from off the lanes, tips from coaches and professionals, advice about health and wellness and a conscious balance of celebrating the sport's rich history and exciting future at the same time.

Bowlers Journal International first was published in 1913 and is the longest-running monthly sports magazine in the nation. Its pages and archives chronicle the colorful evolution of bowling, and that will continue to be the focus.

In 1994, the company was sold to two long-time employees, Keith Hamilton and Mike Panozzo. Panozzo still serves as the magazine's publisher and has been an integral part of the new direction.

"Our goal always has been to tell the stories of our sport in an informative and entertaining way," Panozzo said. "With Gianmarc's continued editorial leadership, that part won't change, but we know the way people prefer to consume content and information is ever-changing. We want to deliver our stories in way that appeals to all generations of bowlers and readers. A lot of research and time went into gauging what would excite people about bowling and finding the best and most modern way to deliver it."

In 2022 and beyond, ad space in the magazine will be at a premium, which means less disruption of the stories and visuals, and more room to expand on the coverage and new offerings.

The magazine is available digitally and in print. All issues from the last 12 months are available in the digital archives on BowlersJournal.com.

For those who enjoy the free preview of the January 2022 issue, there's a limited-time subscription offer, available through Feb. 28.

A one-year subscription is \$25, and a two-year subscription is \$35. Anyone who chooses the two-year option can add a third year for just \$1 more.

To activate the special offer, click [here](#) or visit bowlersjournal.com/special-offer/.

The Bowlers Journal name also will remain as part of one of the sport's longest-running events - the Bowlers Journal Championships.

The tournament will be celebrating its 75th year alongside the USBC Open Championships, and all participants will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to the magazine with their first singles entry in Las Vegas.

The anniversary edition of the Bowlers Journal Championships will be held at the South Point Bowling Center from March 11-July 17.

Strike Ten Entertainment Introduces Bowling Center TV (BCTV) to Bowling Centers in 2022

BCTV, a Digital Out-of-Home Entertainment and Advertising TV Network, free to participating centers, will generate added revenue while enhancing the consumer experience for patrons

ARLINGTON, Texas – Strike Ten Entertainment (STE), the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) and the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), in partnership with a best-in-class team of technology, advertising and content developers, led by Cisco and Samsung, and including Digital Alpha as financing partner, have announced plans to launch a dynamic out-of-home content network deployed across bowling centers nationwide in 2022.

Similar to other digital out-of-home networks (DOOH) consumers enjoy at airports, movie theaters and other out-of-home venues, Bowling Center TV (BCTV) will provide participating bowling center proprietors the opportunity to enhance the customer experience and generate additional revenue through advertising revenue as well as other in-house revenue streams. Advertisers will have the ability to reach an enormous audience in a fun environment, where they congregate with friends for close to two hours per visit.

Bowling centers who qualify for participation in the network shall receive a fully integrated system installed into their centers, including state-of-the-art Samsung flat-screen TVs, digital media players and Cisco networking hardware – technology found in state-of-the-art stadiums, arenas and entertainment centers around the world – at no cost to the proprietor. Installation and maintenance also are included at no charge. All participating bowling centers will earn a revenue share from the network's national advertisers and the opportunity to sell additional advertising inventory to local

businesses, retaining 100% of local ad revenues. Centers also can realize incremental sales from their food and beverage services, group events and entertainment attractions by promoting these offerings and other special promotions on the BCTV screens throughout the facility.

“BCTV offers our members a unique opportunity to enhance the experience at their venue and generate additional revenue with no cost and minimal effort to their business,” BPAA President Jim Decker said. “The opportunity for advertisers to access a network of scale reaching the type of engaged audience, over a long period of time that our bowling centers deliver, is especially enticing. This allows us to work with a dream team of technology and programming partners to create a best-in-class digital out-of-home content network that will drive the businesses of our advertising partners and sponsors. We look forward to registering qualified bowling centers throughout the year.”

BCTV will be programmed with a range of engaging long-form and short-form content curated to enhance the consumer experience within the center and meaningfully engage the audience during their visits. Traditional content will focus on sports, entertainment and news, including event coverage, highlights, live score updates and breaking news headlines. Bowling content shall play a meaningful role across BCTV and will include everything from competition coverage to fun vignettes that highlight tips, trick shots and showcase the great athletes of the sport. Consumer engagement elements also will be integrated into the network and include gamification extensions, photo-uploading and other elements designed to get customers engaging with the screens across the network. The programming blocks will be supported by national and local ad inventory as well as promotional inventory highlighting special offers in the bowling center.

“USBC is thrilled to be a part of this exciting bowling initiative,” USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. “This concept creates a new distribution channel to showcase competitive bowling for a new audience. The project is an innovative model with the potential to attract new advertisers and revenue to benefit the sport.”

The DOOH marketplace is the fastest growing segment of the out-of-home advertising marketplace, annually generating more than \$8.5 billion. It is estimated that the industry will grow to \$11 billion by 2026. Research shows that it is 2.5-times more impactful than static advertising (e.g., billboards), and that consumers are 48% more likely to engage with a mobile ad after seeing the initial ad on a DOOH platform. BCTV will be a meaningful offering within the DOOH marketplace given the scale of audience and extensive dwell times that bowlers have at bowling centers.

TAMMY TURNER ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME FOR 2022

ARLINGTON, Texas - Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida, has been elected to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame and is the final addition to a four-person 2022 induction class.

She will join Bo Goergen of Midland, Michigan (Outstanding USBC Performance), Bill Allen of Orlando, Florida (Veterans), and Roger Zeller of San Antonio (Meritorious Service), who were elected by the USBC Hall of Fame Committee in October.

The induction ceremony will take place April 27 during the 2022 USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

Allen and Zeller both will be inducted posthumously, as they died in 1992 and 1997, respectively.

Turner was the only woman on this year's Superior Performance ballot, which also featured five men. The category is voted on by a panel of USBC Hall of Fame members, veteran bowling writers and members of the USBC Board of Directors, and a minimum of 70% of the votes is required for election.

The men's ballot included Dave Ferraro of Kingston, New York; Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; Wes Malott of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas. None of the men were elected for 2022.

Turner, a 51-year-old right-hander, excelled collegiately with West Texas A&M, internationally with Team USA and then on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour during the 1990s, before back surgery late in the decade derailed her professional career.

She was the 1994 PWBA Rookie of the Year and went on to earn four PWBA Tour titles in her first three seasons, including a pair of victories in 1996.

Though she left the tour for good in 2002, she remained in the national spotlight as a regular participant at the USBC Women's Championships, where she collected more than a dozen top-10 finishes and two Classic Team titles through 2013.

With the PWBA Tour on hiatus from 2003-2014, competitive opportunities for women were limited, but Turner capitalized on one in 2009, when she burst back onto the sport's top tier with a win at the 2009 U.S. Women's Open for her first major title. She was the runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open in 1998 and finished second at the USBC Queens in 1996.

Along with the 2022 inductees, the six members of the 2020 class and four members of the 2021 USBC Hall of Fame class also are awaiting their inductions.

The 2020 class will be enshrined in Las Vegas on the night of April 26, and the inductees for 2021 and 2022 will celebrate with a separate ceremony April 27. Both will take place at The Orleans Hotel & Casino as part of the 2022 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The 10 waiting individuals were scheduled for induction in 2020 and 2021, before COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 Convention in Las Vegas, along with all supporting activities and events. The 2021 Convention was held virtually, and inductions were delayed to 2022.

The 2020 class includes Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Patrick Allen of Garfield, New Jersey, in the Superior Performance category, Patrick Healey Jr. of Niagara Falls, New York (USBC Outstanding Performance), Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pennsylvania (Veterans), and Andrew Cain of Phoenix and Jim Zebehazy of Leesburg, Florida (both in Meritorious Service).

The 2021 class includes Sandra Jo Shiery of Coldwater, Michigan, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, in the Superior Performance category and the husband-and-wife duo of Bill and Barbara Chrisman of Pleasant View, Utah, the co-founders of Storm Products, Inc., who were elected by the committee in the Meritorious Service category. They will be the seventh husband and wife overall to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame.

Through 2019, there are 432 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 223 in Superior Performance, 120 in Meritorious Service, 51 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 16 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

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.

Visit BOWL.com/HallofFame for more information on the USBC Hall of Fame.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2022 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC AND USBC SENIOR MASTERS, FUTURE YEARS ANNOUNCED

ARLINGTON, Texas - Since 2016, Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas has welcomed the Super Senior Classic and United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, and the 56-lane facility will play host again each year through 2024.

As the start of registration for the 2022 tournaments approached, USBC and Boyd Gaming agreed to a two-year extension of the partnership, along with tentative dates, so bowlers can begin mapping out their competitive schedules.

The Super Senior Classic and USBC Senior Masters will return to their traditional June time frame, beginning in 2022, and registration is open on BOWL.com.

The 2022 events will take place over 12 days, with the Super Senior Classic, for USBC members 60 and over, kicking things off from June 1-5. The Senior Masters, for bowlers 50 and up, will take center stage from June 6-12.

The entry fee for the Super Senior Classic will be \$400 until April 30, and it then will increase to \$450. Entrants for the Senior Masters will pay \$500 until April 30 and \$550, beginning May 1.

A \$25 processing fee will be applied for any entries not submitted through the online portal. The prize ratio for both events is 1:4, and they offer a total combined prize fund of more than \$200,000.

In 2021, newly 60 Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela took home \$7,500 for winning the Super Senior Classic in his debut, and he finished among the top 32 in his quest to win the Senior Masters for the second consecutive time and third time overall.

The Senior Masters title and \$20,000 top prize went to Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa, who used the victory to lock up the 2021 Professional Bowlers Association 50 Tour Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

Along with top-tier competition, the Super Senior Classic and Senior Masters also feature unique and exciting formats.

Bowlers at the Super Senior Classic all will complete 12 games of qualifying over two days, before the top 25% is invited back for a third six-game block. Total pinfall then determines the 12 players who advance to round-robin match play.

Entering the final day of the Super Senior Classic, eight players still will be in contention for the title, with the day's action including simultaneous group stepladders and a four-competitor championship round.

The Senior Masters includes 15 games of qualifying over three days, after which, the top 63 qualifiers join the defending champion in the iconic double-elimination match-play bracket. The winner of each match is determined by three games of pinfall.

Looking ahead to 2023, the Super Senior Classic is scheduled for May 31-June 4, and the Senior Masters will take place June 5-11.

In 2024, the Super Senior Classic is slated for May 29-June 2, and the Senior Masters will be held June 3-9. Dates are subject to change.

For more information on the Super Senior Classic or Senior Masters, visit BOWL.com.

REGISTRATION FOR 2022 BOWLERS JOURNAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, TEAM

PRACTICE SESSIONS NOW OPEN

ARLINGTON, Texas - Competitors headed to the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in Las Vegas again will find a variety of opportunities to prepare for their time on the biggest stage in bowling, available to them under one roof at the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa.

Just a short walk from the South Point Bowling Plaza, home of the 2022 USBC Open Championships, bowlers will be able to sharpen their skills and get comfortable on this year's oil patterns by signing up for a team practice session or bowling in the Bowlers Journal Championships.

They will take place at the South Point Bowling Center from March 11-July 17. They also were held there in 2017 and 2019.

This will mark the 75th edition of the Bowlers Journal Championships, which includes singles and doubles competition for bowlers of all ages and skill levels, along with a trio of fun jackpots for a shot at some additional prize money.

Registration for both options is open, so bowlers and captains can begin reserving practice times and squad times for the Bowlers Journal Championships through the online portal at BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

There will be eight squad times in 2022, including a new late-night option for those who are too excited to sleep. Squads will be held at 7 a.m., 9:30 a.m., noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

Please note, there may be days where not every squad is offered, so calling ahead or registering in advance is recommended.

The availability can be seen in real-time, but lane availability for each time slot is limited, so be sure to register early. Walk-in signups will be accepted for both, based on availability.

Team practice sessions for the 2022 event, which will feature the same oil pattern being used for team competition at the Open Championships, will cost \$100 for an hour on a pair of freshly oiled lanes (up to 10 people).

The Bowlers Journal Championships again will feature the same oil pattern being used for doubles and singles at the Open Championships. Fresh oil will be used for every squad.

Additionally, as has become tradition, bowlers will receive a complimentary one-year subscription to Bowlers Journal International, the premier publication for bowling news, with their first singles entry.

The 2022 Open Championships will run from March 12-July 18, and all competition (team, doubles and singles) will be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza.

For more information on the Open Championships, visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp.

FIVE CANDIDATES SLATED FOR USBC BOARD ELECTION, ONE LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL TO BE DECIDED

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Nominating Committee has slated five candidates for election to the USBC Board of Directors, and delegates also will vote on one legislative proposal at the 2022 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

The 2022 USBC Convention will take place April 25-28 at The Orleans in Las Vegas, with the Annual Meeting legislative sessions to take place on the final day.

Delegates will vote to fill three open positions on the USBC Board of Directors. Current USBC President Melissa McDaniel is one of the five candidates slated, along with incumbents Anthony Colangelo and Bo Goergen. McDaniel was elected president by the board in 2020 and will soon term out as a member of the youth committee. She is seeking election by the delegates.

The USBC Nominating Committee, which may slate up to two candidates for each opening, set a slate of five candidates:

- Brandon Bowman, Mukilteo, Washington
- Anthony Colangelo, Meridian, Idaho
- Bo Goergen, Sanford, Michigan
- Melissa McDaniel, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Cheryl Younger, Leavenworth, Kansas

Bowman is a 30-year USBC member who currently serves as a director on the boards of Washington State USBC and Snohomish County USBC. Professionally, he works as a senior program manager and business consultant focusing on financial data analysis and operations management.

Colangelo, who serves as chair of the strategic planning committee, first joined the board from 2013-2016 and returned for a second term starting in the 2019-2020 season. He has been involved in the bowling industry for more than 35 years and recently was association manager for the Idaho State USBC. Professionally, Colangelo is the IT Manager for Boise Centre, Idaho's largest convention center, supervising a team that provides technical services for more than 350 events each year.

Goergen is seeking his second term on the USBC Board of Directors. He has worked in the bowling industry for more than 30 years and has been the center manager of Northern Lanes since 1997. He also is the executive director for the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan. Goergen's accomplishments on the lanes earned him election to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2022 for Outstanding USBC Performance.

McDaniel joined the board in 2015 and became USBC President to start the 2020-2021 season. Professionally, she is the youth director and head coach for Buffalo Lanes

Family Bowling Centers, which consists of five centers in North Carolina and has the largest youth program in the country. She is a USBC Silver coach and was chair of the IBC Youth Committee for five years. McDaniel serves as USBC's representative on the board of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and as a delegate to the International Bowling Federation.

Younger has more than 20 years of USBC membership and serves as vice president of Kansas State USBC and as a director on the board of Wy-Jon County USBC. Professionally, she worked 45 years in the corporate travel and financial services industry, most recently as senior manager of strategic relationship management for American Express Global Business Travel.

Additional candidates for the USBC Board of Directors may run from the floor, provided they give notice of their candidacy to the committee by March 28, 2022. Go to BOWL.com/Convention for the Nomination from the Floor information. Full biographies of all the candidates will be published in the coming weeks and included in the USBC Convention program.

There is one proposed amendment to be voted on by delegates at the USBC Annual Meeting. It is a bylaw proposal to allow remote electronic voting for future USBC Annual Meetings. Proposals to amend USBC bylaws require a two-thirds majority vote for adoption.

Visit BOWL.com/Convention for more information about the 2022 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, including the proposed legislation.

REGISTRATION SET TO BEGIN FOR 2023 USBC OPEN AND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas - Nevada will be a bowling hot spot again in 2023, as the Silver State plays host to both the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships and the USBC Women's Championships.

The USBC Open Championships will return to the famed National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada, for the first time since 2016, and the Women's Championships will own the spotlight at the South Point Bowling Plaza, also returning after seven years away.

Registration for both events will get underway in the coming weeks, each with a grace period for members of the Captain's Club.

Registration for the 2023 Open Championships is set to open to current Captain's Club members Feb. 10. Captains will receive details and instructions by email.

The portal will open to the general public on March 10 at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Captain's Club members at the Women's Championships will be able to reserve their spots for 2023, beginning March 24.

The online portal for the Women's Championships will open to the public April 21 at 1 p.m. EST.

In order to be eligible for the initial registration option at either event, a captain must have five or more teams signed up for the 2022 edition of the tournament.

The upcoming stop for the Open Championships in Reno will mark the tournament's record 14th trip to the Biggest Little City in the World and 11th visit to the recently renovated NBS.

The 2020 event was scheduled to be held there and was days away from starting, when COVID-19 forced a series of delays and the eventual cancellation.

The 2023 Open Championships will run for 129 consecutive days from March 11-July 17. July 16 will be the final day of team competition.

The event, with three average-based divisions, will follow the same daily schedule being introduced for the 2022 tournament in Las Vegas.

Team bowling (five players) in 2023 will take place at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (combo), and doubles/singles squads will be held at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (combo).

The tournament will continue to feature two oil patterns - one for the team event and one for doubles/singles - and fresh oil for every squad.

The entry fee for the 2022 OC will be \$70 per event, plus an optional \$15 for all-events - \$225 per bowler. There will be a \$25 processing fee per team as well.

At the Women's Championships, which features four average-based divisions for team competition and six for doubles, singles and all-events, bowlers will pay \$55 per event and \$15 for the optional all-events, for a \$180 total. There also will be a \$20 processing fee per team.

The 2023 tournament will run for 71 days from April 23-July 1 (last team date). It will be preceded by the 2023 Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships and feature an abbreviated schedule during the USBC Queens, scheduled for May 17-23.

Because South Point only has 60 competition lanes, compared to 84 at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois, home of the 2022 event, the squad schedule will be adjusted for the 2023 Women's Championships.

Team competition will take place at 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., and doubles/singles squads will run at 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Initially, the 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. options will remain closed and will be opened as they are needed.

The Women's Championships was the first of the USBC Championship Tournaments to be held at the South Point Bowling Plaza (2016), and it was scheduled to return in 2020, before the event was canceled due to the pandemic.

Present and past Captain's Club members for both championship tournaments will receive more information in the coming weeks via email, and all public registrations after the March 10 and April 21 dates will be able to be completed through the online portal on BOWL.com. Availability will be shown in real-time.

For more information on the Open Championships, visit [BOWL.com/OpenChamp](https://www.bowl.com/OpenChamp).

To learn more about the Women's Championships, check out [BOWL.com/WomensChamp](https://www.bowl.com/WomensChamp).

USBC HALL OF FAMER ELVIRA TOEPFER DIES AT AGE 99

ARLINGTON, Texas - United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Elvira Toepfer of Bradenton, Florida, died Feb. 5 at the age of 99.

Toepfer first made a name for herself as a Detroit-area standout and was selected as the Motor City's Queen of Bowling eight times, to go along with multiple appearances on the all-city team and a Woman of the Year Award from the Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit.

Her passion for the sport began while she was working at a local bowling center, and her career kicked off in 1940, when she was 18 years old.

In the decades that followed, Toepfer was part of the Brunswick Advisory Staff of Bowling Champions and was able to find success at the national level, too.

Her first noteworthy victory came with fellow USBC Hall of Famer Anita Cantaline at the 1956 Bowling Proprietors' Association of America Women's National Doubles, and Toepfer found the national spotlight again in 1957 and 1959 with team titles at the USBC Women's Championships.

In all, she participated in the Women's Championships 56 times from 1942-2001. She also collected top-five finishes at the World's Invitational Tournament and the BPAA All-Star and enjoyed a stint on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour in the organization's early years. The first PWBA Tour event was held in 1960.

Continued success earned Toepfer entrance into a trio of halls of fame for superior performance - Metro Detroit USBC (during the 1966-1967 season), USBC (1976) and Michigan State (1977).

Toepfer and her late husband, Meyrl, moved to Homosassa, Florida, in 1999, and she relocated to nearby Bradenton following his death in 2001. She had lived in an assisted living facility since 2016.

USBC SMART PROGRAM MAKES \$7 MILLION EARNING ALLOCATION; ACTIVE SMART RECIPIENTS RECEIVE NEARLY \$1,000 IN BONUS SCHOLARSHIPS PER STUDENT AND \$1.2 MILLION DESIGNATED FOR NEW PELL GRANT MATCH PROGRAM

ARLINGTON, Texas – The USBC Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program is making an investment earnings allocation of \$7 million to provide additional scholarships for youth bowlers. The \$7 million allocation matches the largest investment earnings allocation in SMART history.

Due to new policy adopted in 2021, a portion of the allocation will immediately go to new scholarships for youth bowlers. Included in this allocation (approximate numbers):

- \$3.6 million in bonus scholarships to the 3,707 active SMART Recipients. These are students who requested use of SMART funds in 2021. Each student will immediately receive a new \$980 SMART scholarship.
- \$2.2 million in new SMART deposited unassigned funds for Providers to allocate. This is in addition to the new \$2.7 million SMART deposited unassigned funds Providers received for allocation in January from expired Recipient accounts.

- \$1.2 million set aside for the new SMART Pell Grant Match.
- USBC's SMART Committee intends to maintain the annual earnings allocation at \$7 million or more through at least 2024, unless investment market conditions significantly change. This will allow SMART Providers and Recipients to plan on similar new funds from SMART for three years.

"The 2022 SMART allocation will immediately change the lives of young bowlers with nearly \$1,000 in new scholarship funds hitting every active SMART Recipient's account," USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. "With SMART's intention to maintain at least a \$7 million allocation, SMART Providers should aggressively use their unassigned funds with the confidence of consistent new funding in the years ahead. This also allows active Recipients to plan on similar bonus scholarships through 2024 as well."

The federal Pell Grant is a national program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. The new SMART Pell Grant Match will maximize the power of this federal program for bowlers by matching it dollar for dollar. The SMART Pell Grant Match will be available to any student with at least one season of USBC Youth participation and two seasons of overall USBC membership.

Students can request the SMART Pell Grant Match by visiting BOWL.com/SMART. Applications for the SMART Pell Grant Match will be accepted through the end of the year or until the \$1.2 million in funding is exhausted.

"The SMART Pell Grant Match provides a new and innovative way for USBC's SMART program to help students in financial need within our bowling community," said Frank Wilkinson, chair of the USBC SMART Committee. "We encourage everyone involved in USBC programming to help with awareness about this new grant. Our challenge will be reaching our former youth bowlers to let them know about this fantastic opportunity."

In 2021, the USBC Board of Directors approved a series of policy changes for SMART, designed to increase scholarship benefits for SMART Recipients. The new policy allocates a portion of investment gains to be awarded as new scholarships in SMART Recipient accounts.

Complete language of the SMART policies and an [FAQ guide](#) are published on BOWL.com

JUNIOR GOLD MEMBERS TO RECEIVE COMPLIMENTARY ISSUES OF BOWLERS JOURNAL MAGAZINE

ARLINGTON, Texas – Young bowlers who have picked up Junior Gold memberships for the 2021-2022 season can look forward to receiving complimentary issues of Bowlers Journal International magazine as a gift from the International Bowling Campus Youth Development team.

Members soon will see the February 2022 edition arriving in their mailboxes, and they

will continue to receive the longest-running monthly sports magazine in the nation through the July 2022 issue.

The magazine, which recently was revamped to start 2022, is shifting its content from industry-based news to telling the stories of the sport's brightest stars and most dedicated United States Bowling Congress members.

The new look and direction of Bowlers Journal also will include expanded coverage of youth bowling that will celebrate and discover the next generation of stars in the sport.

"We're excited to be able to provide this gift to our Junior Gold members," IBC Youth Development Manager Gary Brown said. "Bowlers Journal International has highlighted so many of our youth programs and athletes over the years, and the new direction of the magazine will help to keep young bowlers engaged in the sport."

In addition to six issues of the magazine, Junior Gold members will receive a limited-time offer to purchase a two-year subscription to Bowlers Journal for \$48.

Members who take advantage of the offer would receive 30 issues, an average cost of \$1.60 per issue. Those who purchase the two-year subscription prior to April 1, 2022, also will receive a free T-shirt.

The offer will be available to Junior Gold members through a special insert inside of the February edition of Bowlers Journal and Junior Gold Approach newsletter.

Bowlers Journal International first was published in 1913, and the latest iteration of the magazine will highlight success stories from on the lanes, stories of perseverance from off the lanes, tips from coaches and professionals, advice about health and wellness and a conscious balance of celebrating the sport's rich history and exciting future at the same time.

"Bowlers Journal International has told so many inspiring stories through the years," IBC Youth Committee chairperson Chrissie Kent said. "Young bowlers can learn so much through the pages of this magazine to further their own journeys in the sport, and we're thrilled to see the commitment from the IBC Youth Development team to get the magazine in their hands."

The magazine is available digitally and in print, and you can learn more by visiting BowlersJournal.com.

The 2022 edition of the Junior Gold Championships will be hosted by eight centers in western Michigan from July 11-23. The USA Bowling National Championships and Bowling.com Youth Open Championships also will be conducted in the same area in 2022.

To learn more about Junior Gold and purchase a Junior Gold membership, visit BOWL.com/JuniorGold.

SECTIONAL ASSIGNMENTS DETERMINED FOR 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The shift toward postseason play, and first steps in making a run at the coveted Helmer Cup, are in sight for collegiate bowling programs with the announcement of sectional assignments for the 2022 Intercollegiate Team Championships.

The four sectional qualifiers will take place March 12-13 at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois; USA Bowl in Dallas; Poelking Lanes South in Dayton, Ohio; and Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee.

The top four men's teams and top four women's teams from each sectional will advance to the ITC, which will be held at Addison's Stardust Bowl from April 20-23.

The Wichita State men and women swept the ITC titles in 2021, and the Shockers finished the 2021-2022 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate regular season as the top-ranked team in each division. Both teams will make their way to USA Bowl for the sectional in Dallas.

The ITC victories in 2021 marked the 12th and 10th national titles for the men's and women's programs, respectively.

The complete men's and women's Intercollegiate Team Championships Sectional Qualifier field (teams listed in alphabetical order):

MEN

Addison Sectional

Adrian, Bowling Green State, Calumet, Huntington, Judson, Lawrence Tech, Lourdes, Marian-Wisconsin, Mount Mercy, Northwestern Ohio, Purdue, Rochester, Rock Valley, St. Ambrose, Thomas More, Viterbo, Waldorf, William Penn, Wisconsin-La Crosse, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Wisconsin-Whitewater

Dallas Sectional

Arizona State, California State-Fresno, California-Davis, Drury, Grand Canyon, Grand View, Iowa Central CC, Iowa Western CC, Kansas Wesleyan, Midland, Nevada-Las Vegas, Newman, Oklahoma Christian, Ottawa-Kansas, Peru State, San Jose State, Spring Hill, Webber International, Wichita State

Dayton Sectional

Davenport, Madonna, Marian-Indiana, McKendree, Muskingum, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Notre Dame-Ohio, Robert Morris-Pennsylvania, Saint Vincent, Saint Xavier, Siena Heights, Spring Arbor, St. Francis-Illinois, SUNY-Stony Brook, Tennessee Southern, Trine, Walsh, William Paterson

Smyrna Sectional

Aquinas, Baker, Belmont Abbey, Campbellsville, Concordia, Culver-Stockton,

Emmanuel, Florida State, Indiana Tech, Life, Lincoln Memorial, Lindenwood, Midway, Pikeville, Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, Southeastern Illinois, Tennessee Wesleyan, Tusculum, University of the Cumberland, Wright State

WOMEN

Addison Sectional

Adrian, Alma, Calumet, Clarke, Duquesne, Huntington, Judson, Lawrence Tech, Lewis, Louisiana Tech, Lourdes, Marian-Wisconsin, Mount Mercy, Rock Valley, St. Ambrose, Viterbo, William Penn, Wisconsin-Whitewater

Dallas Sectional

College of Saint Mary, Grand View, Iowa Central CC, Kansas Wesleyan, Midland, Morningside, Newman, Oklahoma Christian, Ottawa-Kansas, Sam Houston State, Stephen F. Austin, Tulane, Webber International, Wichita State

Dayton Sectional

Davenport, Delaware State, Madonna, Marian-Indiana, McKendree, Muskingum, Notre Dame-Ohio, Ohio State, Rio Grande, Sacred Heart, Saint Xavier, Spring Arbor, St. Francis-Illinois, Tennessee Southern, Trine, Walsh

Smyrna Sectional

Baker, Campbellsville, Concordia, Culver-Stockton, Emmanuel, Indiana Tech, Lindenwood, Maryville, Mount St. Mary's, North Carolina A&T, Pikeville, Savannah College of Art and Design-Atlanta, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, Union, University of the Cumberland, Wright State

Sectional assignments are based on Team Ranking System (TRS) points earned during the season. USBC Collegiate attempts to place no more than two of the top eight schools, and no more than four of the top 16 schools, in a sectional, based on the final TRS totals.

The sectional format returns to 64 Baker games in 2022, with 32 games taking place each day. Total pinfall will determine which teams advance to the ITC.

The four hosting centers also will hold qualifying for the Intercollegiate Singles Championships on March 11. Competitors at each sectional location will bowl six games, with 24 men and 24 women – the top four men and top four women at each sectional, plus eight additional individuals based on field size – advancing to the national singles event.

The ISC also will be held at Stardust Bowl, with competition getting underway April 18.

Registration for the singles sectional qualifier will open Feb. 25 at 11 a.m. Eastern and close March 4 at 6 p.m. Eastern. Student-athletes can register at [BOWL.com/ISC](https://www.usbc.com/BOWL.com/ISC).

Select pairs at each sectional qualifier will be broadcast live at [BowlTV.com](https://www.bowlitv.com). BowlTV

also will cover all qualifying and match-play rounds at the ITC and ISC.

The finals of the ITC and ISC will be taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships, visit [BOWL.com/ITC](https://www.bowl.com/ITC).

RECIPIENTS SELECTED FOR 2022 USBC NATIONAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

ARLINGTON, Texas - Jim O'Reilly of Wabasha, Minnesota, Becky Jones of Lubbock, Texas, and John Burns of Odessa, Texas, were selected by the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors to receive USBC National Recognition Awards.

O'Reilly is the Joyce Deitch Unity Award winner, Jones is this year's recipient of the Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service and Burns has been selected as the USBC Proprietor of the Year.

The annual awards honor outstanding bowling leaders for their contributions to the sport. Selections were made from submitted applications, and the recipients will receive their awards at the 2022 USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

The USBC Joyce Deitch Unity Award is named in honor of the seventh president of the Women's International Bowling Congress. It recognizes organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to the sport of bowling by being motivators, visionaries, leaders and/or innovators.

O'Reilly has been contributing to various areas of the bowling world for nearly five decades and has a wealth of knowledge and experience when it comes to coaching, equipment and running a bowling center.

As a USBC Silver coach, he has helped, and continues to help, countless youth and high school bowlers navigate through their young careers.

From the equipment side of the sport, O'Reilly is an active member of the International Bowling Pro Shop & Instructors Association, currently serving on the organization's board. For many years, he worked in sales for a bowling distributor, and he still does that part-time.

The experience from both of those endeavors has allowed him to find success as a pro shop operator, and he continues to build on his knowledge by attending as many classes and seminars as he can.

He also helps install and maintain equipment for Kegel.

Most notably, O'Reilly has been the proprietor for multiple bowling centers in his career, with the 10-lane Riverboat Lanes in Wabasha being his current focus.

The 75-year-old also is a past president and current board member for the Bowling Proprietors Association of Minnesota. He was selected as the 2017 Minnesota Proprietor of the Year and was inducted into the Pioneer category of the Minnesota State USBC Hall of Fame in 2021.

"I'm absolutely humbled by this honor," O'Reilly said. "I'm really no different than many others in this business. I'm passionate about bowling, and I enjoy what I do. I do everything possible to help make the sport better."

The USBC Helen Baker Award for Outstanding Association Service is named in honor of the fifth president of WIBC and recognizes an outstanding bowling leader who has made invaluable

contributions to local and state associations as an innovator, creator and mentor of adult programs.

Jones has been a consistent contributor in her local and state associations - the Lubbock USBC and Texas State USBC - for 16 and 15 years, respectively.

At both levels, she has developed programs to help improve the overall service and value to the members, and her efforts in strategic planning, business continuity and disaster recovery have helped create templates for improvement in those areas.

Jones also developed a manual for training board members and a program for board evaluations, while working with young bowlers has kept her motivated and full of fresh ideas.

When she found out about the award, she thought she was calling in to talk about some of those initiatives.

"There was a little bit of trickery with the phone call," Jones said. "I was floored by the news and humbled when hearing about the award. Bowling has been a part of my life for a long time, and I later developed a passion for all the things that happen behind the scenes, especially in working with the youth bowlers. I try to help others every day of my life, and bowling is a big part of that."

Jones, 63, is a lifetime league and tournament bowler, but her service to the sport didn't begin until the 1990s, when she first served as a volunteer and later was recruited to join the local board of directors.

In the years since, she has served on every association committee and was integral in the merger of the local men's and women's associations. Her experience with that project was useful in the merger at the state level, and she has been part of the state board ever since.

During the 2021-2022 season, she is serving as first vice president for the Lubbock USBC, while also serving as president of the Texas State USBC. She also is a Lubbock USBC Hall of Famer.

Jones' first passion, however, is helping youth bowlers, whether it be as a USBC Bronze coach, motivator or even as the organizer of fundraisers to help collect money that ultimately can be used for entry fees, transportation or hotel rooms when they travel to events, such as the Texas State USBC Youth Championships.

The USBC Proprietor of the Year Award annually recognizes a bowling center proprietor for outstanding support of USBC local, state and/or national association programs.

Burns, 77, is the proprietor of Odessa's Diamond Lanes, where he has been a fixture for two decades, first as a manager and then as the owner, beginning in 2012.

As a lifetime bowler, he understands the nuances of the sport and how to cater to the competitive bowling community, while also creating an environment that offers a welcoming and memorable experience for recreational visitors.

Formal competition includes a variety of leagues and tournaments, and Burns has made sure to include a focus on providing opportunities for youth bowlers. He's able to offer them a place to compete, helps provide or raise financial support and offers great insight as a USBC Silver coach.

Prior to taking on the ownership role at Diamond Lanes, Burns traveled around to share his passion for bowling and help train other coaches. He also helped teach bowling to local college students as part of their curriculum.

As an ambassador for the sport and for Odessa, Burns has worked to attract some of the sport's top performers and regional standouts for a variety of Professional Bowlers Association regional and senior events. The tournaments not only give residents and bowling fans the chance to experience some top-tier competition, they also allow the entrants and guests to see all the city has to offer.

Within the local community, Diamond Lanes is a pillar and gathering point for events, parties, fundraisers and more. The facility features 40 lanes.

Burns estimates that the center has been part of the Odessa community for more than 60 years, with a consistent and familiar slogan - "where family fun begins." That's something he wanted to maintain when securing the keys.

"We try to provide an atmosphere that's fun for all families and all calibers of bowlers, and we're always making updates, so we can be modern and keep the environment fresh and entertaining," Burns said. "We have a great working relationship with the local association, and we do a lot with the youth bowlers, but we also host many other events for the schools and local organizations. For us, it's business as usual as part of the community, but to be recognized for it definitely is special and means a lot."

The National Recognition Awards will be presented during the 2022 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting, set for April 25-28 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Visit [BOWL.com/ScholarshipsAwards](https://www.bowl.com/ScholarshipsAwards) for more information on the National Recognition Awards and to learn about past recipients.

Visit [BOWL.com/Convention](https://www.bowl.com/Convention) for information about the 2022 USBC Convention.

USBC TO LAUNCH VIDEO SERIES RECOGNIZING WOMEN IN BOWLING ON INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

ARLINGTON, Texas – Melissa McDaniel, Chrissie Kent and Cathy DeSocio each hold a prominent role in helping build a future for the sport at the United States Bowling Congress, and each will be highlighted in a celebration of women in bowling March 8 for International Women's Day.

McDaniel is president of USBC, and Kent and DeSocio are the chairperson for the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee and USBC Finance Committee, respectively. DeSocio also served as vice president of USBC from 2015-2018 and was the first female president of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America.

All three will be included in video features that will debut during the day on March 8, before the airing of a special edition of The Sport of Bowling Show at 1 p.m. Eastern on BowITV.

The videos will spotlight the women and the many roles they play as they work toward ensuring the future of bowling, while recognizing the efforts taken by those who helped lead the way as athletes and administrators.

"We really look up to and honor the women who came before us, who paved the way both at WIBC (Women's International Bowling Congress) and now at USBC," McDaniel

said. "It's fantastic to see that we have so many women who have been willing to step up for the organization at every level, because it takes all of us to help run it."

The areas of focus for the videos will include USBC, the USBC Women's Championships, Professional Women's Bowling Association and youth bowling through IBC Youth Development.

"There have been so many women who have been involved in being a part of the solution over the years," Kent said. "It is important for us to continue to get more women involved, especially through our youth programs."

March is Women's History Month, and International Women's Day is recognized around the world to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

"The opportunities that are available to women are much greater now than they've ever been," DeSocio said. "I think that it is important for every little girl out there to know that she has an opportunity to do whatever it is that she wants to do."

Join in the celebration March 8 by sharing a story or posting a photo or video, and use the hashtags #AFFTS and #IWD2022.

USBC will continue to expand its diversity and inclusion topics, and we welcome the opportunity to showcase the people and other areas that are important to USBC members.

Help us succeed in telling those stories, sharing knowledge and growing the sport of bowling. Help us keep working toward the USBC promise of celebrating the past, being mindful of the present and ensuring bowling's future through thoughtful research, planning and delivery.

If you know someone who is a standout or inspiration, or you'd like to suggest a topic close to you, please let us know more by sending an email to PR@bowl.com.

For more information about USBC and its programs and partnerships, visit BOWL.com/Diversity.

USBC UPDATES NATIONAL TOURNAMENT RULES IN RELATION TO PURPLE HAMMER BOWLING BALL

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress is aware of a claim that a portion of the Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured at the Ebonite International plant in 2016 and 2017 may have been produced below USBC's minimum 72D hardness specification. The Hammer brand was purchased by Brunswick Bowling Products in 2019, and the Ebonite plant subsequently closed.

USBC conducted an investigation, interviewing more than a dozen individuals, including former Ebonite employees, in an attempt to validate the claim. Brunswick fully cooperated with the investigation.

USBC has confirmed a production change with the Purple Hammer took place in 2017 that resulted in the raising of the hardness of the ball from its original 2016 approval level just over 72D to about 74D. This production change was fully compliant with USBC equipment specification requirements.

During USBC's investigation, multiple former Ebonite employees, including ones with first-hand knowledge, told USBC they believe the production process in 2016 and 2017, prior to the production change, led to some Purple Hammers being unintentionally produced below 72D. No one interviewed by USBC provided evidence Purple Hammers were produced under 72D. No one interviewed by USBC provided evidence Ebonite knowingly distributed balls outside of specification.

The findings of USBC's investigation are inconclusive. However, the credible first-hand accounts describing the potential for an unknown number of Purple Hammer balls to be produced out of specification in 2016 and 2017 is concerning.

Therefore, effective immediately, USBC is instituting a tournament rule at all USBC national tournaments prohibiting Purple Hammers manufactured in 2016 and 2017 from being used in these competitions. The tournament rule reads:

Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured during 2016 or 2017 (identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7") are prohibited for use.

USBC has shared this national tournament rule with Hammer's current owner, Brunswick, and has Brunswick's support. Brunswick will offer owners of 2016 or 2017 Purple Hammers the option to exchange their balls for a new Purple Hammer that can be used in all tournaments or a product of their choice. This can be done on-site at the 2022 USBC Open Championships or USBC Women's Championships, or by contacting Brunswick at: consumerproducts@brunswickbowling.com or 800-937-2695.

The Purple Hammer, including the 2016 and 2017 models, remain USBC approved. USBC's equipment specification manual allows for revocation of ball approval when balls at the time of manufacture demonstrate non-compliance to specification. USBC has no such evidence and is unable to locate enough blank balls from 2016 and 2017 to conduct conclusive testing.

Each USBC competition, whether tournament or league, has the option to adopt USBC's national tournament rule on the Purple Hammer or other rules related to equipment restrictions.

QUALIFIERS DETERMINED AT 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The finalists have been determined for the 2022 Intercollegiate Singles Championships with the conclusion of four qualifying events held throughout the United States on Friday.

The national singles competition will feature 24 female and 24 male student-athletes vying for the title in their respective divisions April 18-23 at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois.

Friday's sectional qualifiers were contested at Poelking Lanes South in Dayton, Ohio; USA Bowl in Dallas; Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee; and Stardust Bowl.

Competitors at each location bowled six games, with the top four women and top four men at each qualifier earning an automatic spot at the ISC. The remaining spots were determined based on field size at each location.

On the women's side, a total of eight student-athletes advanced from Addison, six from Smyrna and five each from Dallas and Dayton. The men's division advanced eight from Addison, six from Dallas and Smyrna and four from Dayton.

The qualifiers in the men's division includes (place, athlete, college, pinfall):

- **Addison** – 1, Cameron Crowe, St. Ambrose, 1,369; 2, Daniel Chin, Calumet, 1,342; 3, Rok Kostric, William Penn, 1,337; 4, Jordan Monnens, St. Ambrose, 1,331; 5, Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose, 1,318; 6, Kai Yamada, Mount Mercy, 1,305; 7, Dakota Solonka, St. Ambrose, 1,299; 8, Dylan Dobran, Calumet, 1,288
- **Dallas** – 1, CJ Petrin, Oklahoma Christian, 1,370; 2, Nick Larsen, Webber International, 1,324; 3, Tyler Synovec, Newman, 1,301; 4, Alec Keplinger, Wichita State, 1,288; 5, Matthew Mesecher, Webber International, 1,283; 6, James McIver, Newman, 1,251
- **Dayton** – 1, Austin Grammar, Webber International, 1,280; 2, Brandon Vallone, William Paterson, 1,237; 3, Seth Gass, McKendree, 1,234; 4, Ian Fitzpatrick, Tennessee Southern, 1,233
- **Smyrna** – 1, Bryce Oliver, Pikeville, 1,446; 2, Dillon McArthur, Indiana Tech, 1,273; 3, Yannick Roos, SCAD-Savannah, 1,272; 4(tie), Devean Littlejohn, Tennessee Wesleyan, and Kory Driver, Tennessee Wesleyan, 1,262; 6, Antonio Corea, South Florida, 1,258

The qualifiers in the women's division are (place, athlete, college, pinfall):

- **Addison** – 1, Caitlin Mertins, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 1,386; 2, Victoria Giardina, Lawrence Tech, 1,308; 3, Olivia Farwell, Duquesne, 1,302; 4, Elena Carr, Mount Mercy, 1,291; 5, Daniella DeCruydt, Lawrence Tech, 1,269; 6, Kiearra Saldi, Duquesne, 1,251; 7(tie), Megan Hess, St. Ambrose, and Averi Brown, Louisiana Tech, 1,243

- **Dallas** – 1, Mary Orf, Wichita State, 1,336; 2, Madison McCall, Tulane, 1,304; 3, Kelsie Zanin, Webber International, 1,301; 4, Chloe Skurzynski, Stephen F. Austin, 1,296; 5, Brystal Beyer, Stephen F. Austin, 1,293
- **Dayton** – 1, Rebecca Hagerman, McKendree, 1,333; 2, Hope Gramly, McKendree, 1,318; 3, Keyla Covarrubias, McKendree, 1,306; 4, Megan Allensworth, St. Francis-Illinois, 1,277; 5, Britaney Myers, McKendree, 1,262
- **Smyrna** – 1, Tamera Stanton, Mount St. Mary's, 1,318; 2, Amanda Naujokas, Vanderbilt, 1,313; 3, Mabel Cummins, Vanderbilt, 1,297; 4, Rebecca Dodson, Mount St. Mary's, 1,274; 5, Shelbi Morris, Campbellsville, 1,247; 6, Anna Warkel, McKendree, 1,241

Select pairs at each sectional location were broadcast live at [BowlTV.com](https://www.bowlitv.com).

Team competition will follow at each location Saturday and Sunday for sectional qualifying for the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

Total pinfall for 64 Baker games will determine the four women's teams and four men's teams from each site to advance to the ITC, which also will be held at Stardust Bowl from April 20-23.

FIELD SET FOR 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The teams that will compete for the Helmer Cup at the 2022 Intercollegiate Team Championships in April were determined Sunday after two days of sectional qualifying concluded at four locations across the country.

The top four performers in the men's and women's divisions at each location advanced to the national team competition, which will take place April 20-23 at Stardust Bowl in Addison, Illinois.

The sectional qualifiers were held at Poelking Lanes South in Dayton, Ohio; USA Bowl in Dallas; Smyrna Bowling Center in Smyrna, Tennessee; and Stardust Bowl.

Teams bowled a total of 64 Baker games Saturday and Sunday at their respective locations, with total pinfall determining the advancers.

Wichita State swept the titles at the 2021 ITC in Wyoming, Michigan, and both programs will continue their title defenses in April after advancing out of the sectional in Dallas. The men's program finished second, while the women's team took fourth.

Four programs will make their debuts at the ITC in 2022. Sam Houston State, Tulane and Saint Xavier each advanced for the first time in the women's division, and Oklahoma Christian earned its first berth in the men's division.

The qualifiers in the men's division includes (place, college, pinfall):

- **Addison** – 1, St. Ambrose, 13,313; 2, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 13,126; 3, Mount Mercy, 12,814; 4, William Penn, 12,756
- **Dallas** – 1, Webber International, 12,923; 2, Wichita State, 12,716; 3, Oklahoma Christian, 12,661; 4, Midland, 12,334
- **Dayton** – 1, McKendree, 12,785; 2, Tennessee Southern, 12,646; 3, St. Francis-Illinois, 12,595; 4, William Paterson, 12,452
- **Smyrna** – 1, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 13,054; 2, Indiana Tech, 12,724; 3, Lindenwood, 12,448; 4, Emmanuel, 12,391

The qualifiers in the women's division are (place, college, pinfall):

- **Addison** – 1, Mount Mercy, 13,585; 2, Lawrence Tech, 12,826; 3, Louisiana Tech, 12,767; 4, Duquesne, 12,761
- **Dallas** – 1, Sam Houston State, 12,783; 2, Tulane, 12,616; 3, Stephen F. Austin, 12,607; 4, Wichita State, 12,402
- **Dayton** – 1, McKendree, 13,023; 2, Delaware State, 12,591; 3, Saint Xavier, 11,842; 4, St. Francis-Illinois, 11,841
- **Smyrna** – 1, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 12,121; 2, Maryville, 12,057; 3, Mount St. Mary's 12,030; 4, Pikeville, 11,920

Select pairs at each sectional location were broadcast live at [BowlTV.com](https://www.bowltv.com).

The finalists for the 2022 Intercollegiate Singles Championships also were determined at the sectional qualifying locations Friday.

Student-athletes rolled six games to determine the advancers out of each location. A total of 24 men and 24 women moved on to the national singles event, which also will take place at Stardust Bowl and run from April 18-23.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships, visit [BOWL.com/ITC](https://www.bowl.com/ITC).

USBC REVOKES CERTIFICATION APPROVAL OF STORM SPECTRE BALL

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has revoked approval of the Storm Spectre bowling ball and removed it from the list of balls approved for USBC competition effective March 14, 2022. The revocation comes after USBC determined through its spot-checking procedures that a significant percentage of the balls produced do not comply with specifications and requirements outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual.

USBC testing showed a significant percentage of the Storm Spectre do not meet the minimum 73D hardness specification during spot checks of bowling balls in the field. The ball originally was approved based on samples submitted by Storm. The Spectre had been approved for competition in December 2021.

The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual details USBC governance in this situation. The manual states that a statistical analysis from spot-checked balls will be used to determine the percentage of non-conformance based on DPMO (defects per million opportunities). The manual further states:

Ball approval can be revoked if the process capability shows the model has greater than 5.0% defects (50,000 out of 1,000,000 DPMO-Defects Per Million Opportunities) outside of any spec limit.

The statistical analysis of the Storm Spectre indicated a defect rate of 98.6%, meaning that 98.6% of Spectre balls are projected to be outside USBC's hardness specification limit. USBC tested balls from multiple batches, and the non-conformance was not limited to a specific batch.

Pursuant to the penalties outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual, Storm is placed on probationary status with USBC for one year, and subject to a fine of \$8,000.

USBC publishes a standard operating procedure to determine hardness of a bowling ball using a digital durometer. The USBC Equipment Specifications Manual states that balls must meet technical specifications when tested at USBC headquarters using the official USBC test equipment. USBC provides all manufacturers the option of calibrating their durometers against the USBC approval durometer, so manufacturers can create consistent quality testing processes.

USBC provided all test data to Storm and gave the company opportunity to comment or provide additional information prior to USBC announcing approval revocation of the Spectre ball.

Unapproved bowling balls may not be used in USBC-certified competition. Bowlers who used the Spectre in competition before March 14, 2022, with no prior knowledge of their balls being out of specification would not be subject to forfeiture under USBC rules.

PENNSYLVANIA BOWLER ROLLS 900 SERIES IN LOCAL ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

ARLINGTON, Texas – Stephen Kosela of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, appeared to be settled into his stance and ready to start his approach with a chance to place his name in the record book with one more strike – then he stopped.

The 42-year-old right-hander had delivered 35 consecutive strikes to start his singles set Sunday at the Beaver Valley United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, but something wasn't right as he prepared for his 36th delivery.

Kosela turned around to walk off the approach at Sheffield Lanes in Aliquippa,

Pennsylvania, and reset. A moment later, he was ready to go and rolled the final strike to become the 38th bowler in history to record a 900 series.

"I didn't feel comfortable," Kosela said. "I just wanted to get my hand out of the ball for a second and regroup. I had all the time. There was no sense to rush things. I stepped back to regroup, and that 12th ball was probably one of the best balls of the day."

"You get to that point, and you have to do it. You'll probably never get that opportunity again. I wanted to step back to make sure everything was OK for the last ball."

The series is pending approval from USBC. It would be the third perfect set in Pennsylvania and 39th USBC-approved 900 overall.

Jeff Campbell II of New Castle was the first to achieve the feat in the Keystone State in 2004, and Dale Gerhard of Mill Hall added his name to the list in 2016.

Kosela's Sunday started with doubles competition on lanes 9-10 at Sheffield Lanes, before switching to 11-12 for singles. He also made a ball change to start singles on the way to his first 300 game of the day.

After he recorded his second perfect game, all eyes at the 20-lane center began to take notice and allowed him to have the stage as he kept striking.

"It was a different setting," Kosela said. "Anymore, 300s come and go. Sometimes people stop bowling, sometimes they don't. For almost the entire third game, every frame was dead silent. There was a little bit of noise here and there, but once I got into the 10th frame, you could hear a pin drop."

When the final pins dropped on his 36th consecutive strike, Kosela also dropped to one knee as his fellow competitors and friends came to congratulate him.

Kosela is no stranger to big games or sets, and he has been involved in the sport for nearly his entire life.

He was able to make the shot he needed to secure his spot in the record book, and he appreciated having the chance to step up in the moment.

"I've been bowling since I was 4 years old, and my first 300 came when I was 13," Kosela said. "My mom and dad worked in a bowling center for about 15 years, and all my brother and I did when we were kids was bowl and bowl. This is something you imagine – getting up there to throw a shot and say, 'This is for 900.' I got the chance to actually do that. It means the world. It really is a dream come true."

The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997, when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

For more information on any USBC records, visit [BOWL.com/Records](https://www.bowl.com/records).

USBC-Approved 900 Series (39)

Jeremy Sonnenfeld (R), Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1997
Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998
Vince Wood (R), Moreno Valley, Calif., Sept. 29, 1999
Robby Portalatin (L), Jackson, Mich., Dec. 28, 2000
James Hylton (R), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001
Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004
Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004
Robert Mushtare (R), Fort Drum, N.Y., Dec. 5, 2005 and Feb. 19, 2006
Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006
Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., April 22, 2006
P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006
Rich Jerome Jr. (R), Baltimore, Dec. 22, 2008
Chris Aker (L), Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 30, 2009
Andrew Teall (R), Medford, N.J., Nov. 2, 2009
Andrew Mank (R), Belleville, Ill., March 18, 2010
William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010
Matt Latarski (R), Medina, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010
Bob Kammer Jr. (R), Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 8, 2011
John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012
Jimmy Schmitzer (R), Riverside, Calif., April 20, 2012
James Williams (R), Pawcatuck, Conn., (bowled in Wakefield, R.I.), April 16, 2013
Joe Scarborough (R), Charlotte, N.C., (bowled in The Villages, Fla.), April 21, 2013
Todd James (R), East New Market, Md., (bowled in Laurel, Del.), March 18, 2014
Amos Gordon (R), Colorado Springs, Colo., April 11, 2014
Earon Vollmar (R), Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2015
Hakim Emmanuel (R), Stoughton, Mass., Feb. 19, 2015
David Sewesky (L), Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 10, 2016
Dale Gerhard (R), Mill Hall, Pa., Jan. 12, 2016
Sean Osbourn (R), Houston, Nov. 21, 2016
John Buchanan III (R), Evansville, Ind., Jan. 11, 2017
Sam Esposito (R), Homer Glen, Ill., Feb. 3, 2017
Brady Stearns (R), St. Cloud, Minn., March 28, 2017
Joe Novara (R), East Patchogue, N.Y., Oct. 16, 2017
Jonathan Wilbur (R), North Clarendon, Vt., Jan. 14, 2019
Jeremy Milito (L), Holbrook, N.Y., April 25, 2019
Wesley Low Jr. (L), Palmdale, Calif. (bowled in Glendale, Ariz.), July 19, 2020
Cody Schmitt (R), Elkhart Lake, Wis., Nov. 16, 2021
Stephen Kosela (R), Ambridge, Pa., March 13, 2022**
**Pending formal approval by the United States Bowling Congress

USBC SENIOR QUEENS RETURNS TO NATIONAL STAGE IN LAS VEGAS

LAS VEGAS – For the first time since 2019, the top female United States Bowling Congress members age 50 and older will take to the lanes at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino for the USBC Senior Queens.

The 2022 edition of the event will kick off Friday with the tournament's official practice session, before the first round of qualifying gets underway Saturday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

More than 75 competitors will be looking to claim the championship tiara and \$8,000 top prize.

The 2020 and 2021 editions of the Senior Queens were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, won the 2019 event for her first tiara, defeating Australia's Lee Booth in the final, 245-209.

Naccarato will not be defending her title in 2022, however, so there's an opportunity for one of the four past champions in the field to add another title to their collection or a new competitor to add their name to the historic list of tournament champions.

The past champions in the field include three-time winner and USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida (2007, 2013 and 2017); USBC and PWBA Hall of Famer Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado (2018); Paula Vidad of Sun City, California (2011); and Char Hammel of Henderson, Nevada (2010).

The roster for the 2022 event also includes several athletes who medaled at the International Bowling Federation Masters (formerly Senior) World Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in November 2021.

All four members of the team that represented the United States will be competing at the Senior Queens after collecting four bronze medals in singles, doubles, team and mixed team competition – Johnson; Debbie Ayers of La Mesa, California; Tracy Calfee of Flat Rock, North Carolina; and Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado.

Three of the four members that claimed the silver medal in team competition for Canada also will be on the lanes at Gold Coast this week – Lauraine Fast of Calgary, Alberta; Jill Friis of Mount Brydges, Ontario; and Deborah Lee of White Rock, British Columbia.

Many of the players in the field at the Senior Queens also competed at the 31st Annual International Golden Ladies Classic from March 13-17 at The Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Regina Aboud of San Jose, California, won the senior division at the 2022 International Golden Ladies Classic, and Heidi Pagenkopf of Lynnwood, Washington, won her second title in the super senior division. Aboud and Pagenkopf will not be competing at the Senior Queens.

All competitors at the 2022 Senior Queens will bowl 15 games of qualifying over two days. The top 32 players, based on total pinfall, will advance to the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Naccarato would have been guaranteed a position in the bracket as the defending champion based on her qualifying total, but the spot now goes back to the field.

The bracket will feature three-game matches, with total pinfall determining who advances. The five players who make their way through the bracket will advance to the stepladder finals. The event features a true double-elimination format, so the No. 1 seed for the stepladder would have to lose twice in the championship match.

BowlTV.com will provide livestream coverage of each round of competition. The stepladder finals will take place Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

For more information on the USBC Senior Queens, visit BOWL.com/SeniorQueens.

SHARON POWERS LEADS AFTER FIRST DAY AT 2022 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – The trip to Las Vegas for Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado, may have started off slowly, but she has gained nothing but momentum on the lanes and leads after two rounds of qualifying at the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens.

The 65-year-old right-hander averaged more than 226 for her 10 games Saturday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino, finishing with a 2,261 total, to lead the 76-player field made up of the top female USBC members age 50 and older.

Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, sits in second place with a 2,230 total, and Linda Walbaum of Brighton, Colorado, is third with 2,207. Canada's Jill Friis (2,083) and Shirley Stahl of Milwaukee (2,079) round out the top five.

All competitors will return to Gold Coast on Sunday at 11 a.m. Eastern for the final five-game qualifying block. After 15 games, the top 32 players will advance to the double-elimination match-play bracket.

After 10 games, Penny Fentiman of Sweet Home, Oregon, is 32nd with a 1,882 total, a 188.2 average.

Defending champion Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, would have been guaranteed a position in the bracket as the defending champion, but the USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer is not competing this week.

Powers' time in Las Vegas kicked off several days prior to the start of the USBC Senior Queens at the 31st Annual International Golden Ladies Classic, which took place nearby at The Orleans Hotel and Casino from March 13-17.

Her start at The Orleans didn't go as planned, however, as she faced some struggles during the first two blocks. Powers was able to find her rhythm as the event progressed and eventually secured the top seed for the stepladder in the super senior division.

Though Powers was unable to claim her third title at the International Golden Ladies Classic, falling to Heidi Pagenkopf of Lynnwood, Washington, in the title match, 223-189, she felt the experience helped ease her into Saturday's rounds on the 41-foot oil pattern at the Senior Queens.

"I did not bowl well during the first day at the Golden Ladies," said Powers, who captured the senior title at the 2014 Golden Ladies Classic and super senior win in 2018. "But, I just kept trying and

plugging away. I think bowling that event helped me feel more relaxed coming here.”

Powers also enjoyed the camaraderie she has shared with the athletes she is crossing with at Gold Coast. She was joined by two competitors from her home state of Colorado – Walbaum and Terri Ward of Loveland – and three-time Senior Queens champion and USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida.

Powers and Sandelin captured team gold medals as part of Senior Team USA at the 2018 PANAM Senior Championships in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and 2019 International Bowling Federation Masters (formerly Senior) World Championships in Las Vegas.

Looking ahead to the final five-game block, Powers isn't going to get too far ahead of herself. She knows the long journey needed through the bracket to advance to the stepladder finals, after finishing in third place at the 2018 Senior Queens.

“I'm just going to play my game, stay slow and stay down,” Powers said. “I felt like I was really throwing the ball well today, and I'm just going to do what I can. I don't have to be first. As long as I'm in the top 32, I'm happy, because anything can happen after that.”

Bracket matches will get underway Sunday at 4 p.m. Eastern and continue through Monday, until the top five are determined for the stepladder finals. The Senior Queens features a true double-elimination format, so the No. 1 seed for the stepladder would have to lose twice in the championship match.

All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder will be three games, with total pinfall determining who advances.

BowlTV.com is providing livestream coverage of each round of competition. The stepladder finals will take place Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern, with the champion taking home the tiara presented to winner and an \$8,000 top prize.

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Saturday's Results

QUALIFYING - ROUND 2 (10 games)

1, Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., 2,261. 2, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 2,230. 3, Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 2,207. 4, Jill Friis, Canada, 2,083. 5, Shirley Stahl, Milwaukee, 2,079. 6, Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas, 2,078.

7, Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, 2,074. 8, Karen Barcal, Albuquerque, N.M., 2,045. 9, Bianca Voelkl-Brandt, Germany, 2,033. 10, Donna Smith, Middleburg, Fla., 2,008. 11, Lori Yamasaki, Torrance, Calif., 2,006. 12, Heidi Holloway, Derby, Kan., 1,991.

13, April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 1,989. 14, Terri Ward, Loveland, Colo., 1,982. 15, Lauraine Fast, Canada, 1,977. 16, Tracy Calfee, Flat Rock, N.C., 1,975. 17, Lauri Cohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,973. 18, Barbara Batt, Jacksonville, Fla., 1,963.

19, Char Hammel, Las Vegas, 1,956. 20, Michelle Silver, Los Angeles, 1,943. 21, Deborah Lee, Canada, 1,942. 22, Pamela Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., 1,934. 23, Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 1,927. 24,

Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, 1,924.

25, Tracey Magnuson, Lakeville, Minn., 1,915. 26, Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, 1,907. 27, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 1,902. 28, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., 1,898. 29, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,895. 30, Carmen Aguilar, St. Petersburg, Fla., 1,890.

31, Stacey Gomen, Portland, Ore., 1,883. 32, Penny Fentiman, Sweet Home, Ore., 1,882. 33, Karen Miller, Las Vegas, 1,879. 34, MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., 1,875. 35, Michele Carter, National City, Calif., 1,870. 36, Kathy Allen, Henderson, Nev., 1,868.

37, Diane Marget, Champlin, Minn., 1,867. 38, Karen Medalen, Monterey, Calif., 1,864. 39, Suzette Draper, Dumont, N.J., 1,861. 40, Christina Niles, Florence, Ariz., 1,852. 41, Lori Schultz, Hutto, Texas, 1,850. 42, Yolanda Payton, Frisco, Texas, 1,843.

43, Della Kallenback, Fairfield, Calif., 1,839. 44, Lynne Walker, United Kingdom, 1,825. 45, Geri Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 1,820. 46, Ann Sperling, Byram Township, N.J., 1,798. 47(tie), Pam Lawrence, Hutto, Texas, and Judith Leroux, Meraux, La., 1,790.

49(tie), Wanda Elias, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lisa Wasson, Murphy, Texas, 1,785. 51, Shandy Simchen, Tacoma, Wash., 1,782. 52, Annabelle Rivera, Fort Lee, N.J., 1,777. 53, LaTonya Walker, Stockbridge, Ga., 1,774. 54(tie), Jacqueline Smith, Avondale, Ariz., and Sherry Robinson, Wasilla, Alaska, 1,770.

56, Laurie Lanfier, Muscatine, Iowa, 1,769. 57, Joan Simi-Dalton, Lubbock, Texas, 1,768. 58, Paula Vidad, Sun City, Calif., 1,750. 59(tie), Angie Brown, England, and Devera Buckley, St. Louis, 1,747.

61, Barbara Wilson, Phoenix, 1,741. 62, Lynn Minning, Austin, Texas, 1,734. 63, Georgette Hill-Coad, Teterboro, N.J., 1,725. 64, Tracy Adams, Wasilla, Alaska, 1,723. 65, Kelly Kruschel, Canada, 1,705. 66(tie) Jessica Diso, Lake Forest, Calif., and Patricia Sikes, Wasilla, Alaska, 1,693.

68, Jennifer McLean, Seattle, 1,675. 69, Marion Marko, Canada, 1,670. 70, Debra Cramer, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,663. 71, Jacqueline Delawski, Williston Park, N.Y., 1,660. 72, Lisa Goodson, Ardmore, Okla., 1,633.

73, Melanie McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo., 1,611. 74, Elizabeth Wong, Canada, 1,580. 75, Lillie Murphy, Sacramento, Calif., 1,467. 76, Karen Murphy, Sacramento, Calif., 1,251.

SANDELIN MAKES RETURN, UNDEFEATED IN MATCH PLAY AT 2022 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – The road to the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens has not been easy for USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida.

The three-time champion wondered whether or not she'd be able to compete again on the national stage after being diagnosed with breast cancer in December 2020, but her passion for the sport and goal of living her life the way she wants has brought her back among her fellow competitors and longtime friends.

The week at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino for the 65-year-old right-hander has been all about enjoying her time on the lanes, but she's also been able to find some success and is one of eight undefeated players after the first two rounds of match play Sunday.

Sandelin will face Karen Barcal of Albuquerque, New Mexico, when competition resumes Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern in the double-elimination bracket, and she's two wins away from securing a spot in the stepladder finals for a chance at a record-breaking fourth tiara and \$8,000 top prize.

A total of 16 players remain in the field, including 2018 champion Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Johnson will take on Lauri Cohrs of Colorado Springs in the Elimination Bracket.

The stepladder finals of the 2022 USBC Senior Queens will take place Monday at 8 p.m. Eastern, and

all competition will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

Sandelin was prepared and eager for her chance at a fourth win at the 2020 Senior Queens, before the event was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the end of the year approached, an annual visit to the doctor quickly changed things for Sandelin as she looked ahead to 2021 and beyond.

"I did my annual mammogram, and they found something suspicious," Sandelin said. "They did all the tests and determined it was breast cancer. It was on the left side, but they did a test which determined I had the BRCA gene. That told me I needed to remove my right breast even though it didn't have cancer, because it will come back."

The first steps after making her decision involved chemotherapy for five months, before having the surgery in May 2021. Radiation followed from August through October.

"I was exhausted and had to be careful not to get COVID, and I thought I may never competitively bowl again," Sandelin said. "Finally, when everything ended in October, I sort of realized that maybe I can at least bowl. Winning wasn't on my mind, but it was going to be about seeing my friends and hanging out and just competitively throwing a bowling ball."

Sandelin started back on the lanes with an 8-pound plastic ball, and she progressed to 10 and 12 pounds before settling in with 14 pounds for her strike ball.

She started bowling again in local tournaments, and though she didn't practice as much as she would have liked leading up to her appearance at Gold Coast, she has been able to enjoy the experience of competing on the biggest stage.

Sandelin averaged 196.3 in qualifying this week to earn the No. 16 seed for the bracket with a 2,942 total, and she collected wins over Barbara Batt of Jacksonville, Florida (601-566), and Karen Medalen of Monterey, California (579-522), on Sunday.

"I'm just in awe that I'm still in the Winners Bracket," said Sandelin, who won the Senior Queens in 2007, 2013 and 2017. "For tomorrow, I'm going to have the same game plan as today – have fun, enjoy bowling with my opponent, take it one shot at a time and follow my routine. If someone beats me, they beat me. It's OK.

"I have my life. I've decided because I have the BRCA gene, and there's a chance cancer is coming back somewhere else, I'm going to live as hard as I can for what I have left. This tournament means a lot to me, and so do the friends I haven't seen since 2019. Bowling is what I do. I just want to live whatever time I have left, and bowling is going to be a part of it until my last breath."

All competitors bowled 15 qualifying games over two days at Gold Coast to determine the top 32 players advancing to the bracket. Defending champion Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, would have been guaranteed a position in the bracket but did not compete this week.

Sharon Powers of Lakewood, Colorado, was the qualifying leader, finishing with a 3,424 total (228.27 average). Medalen was the final player to advance with a 2,817 total (187.8 average).

Bracket matches will continue Monday until the top five athletes are determined for the stepladder finals. The Senior Queens features a true double-elimination format, so the No. 1 seed for the stepladder would have to lose twice in the championship match.

All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder will be three games, with total pinfall determining

who advances.

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Sunday's Results

**QUALIFYING - ROUND 3
(15 games)**

1, Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., 3,424. 2, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 3,359. 3(tie), Jill Friis, Canada, and Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 3,139. 5, Lori Yamasaki, Torrance, Calif., 3,112. 6, Char Hammel, Las Vegas, 3,092.

7, Bianca Voelkl-Brandt, Germany, 3,080. 8, Karen Barcal, Albuquerque, N.M., 3,032. 9(tie), Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas, and Shirley Stahl, Milwaukee, 3,007. 11, Pamela Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., 2,998. 12, April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 2,980.

13, Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., 2,966. 14, Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, 2,965. 15, Donna Smith, Middleburg, Fla., 2,954. 16, Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., 2,942. 17, Barbara Batt, Jacksonville, Fla., 2,940. 18, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,937.

19, Terri Ward, Loveland, Colo., 2,910. 20, Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 2,902. 21, Tracy Calfee, Flat Rock, N.C., 2,899. 22, Carmen Aguilar, St. Petersburg, Fla., 2,894. 23, Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, 2,885. 24, MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., 2,881.

25, Lauri Cohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,858. 26, Michelle Silver, Los Angeles, 2,856. 27, Lauraine Fast, Canada, 2,853. 28, Stacey Gomen, Portland, Ore., 2,843. 29, Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, 2,842. 30, Heidi Holloway, Derby, Kan., 2,827.

31, Michele Carter, National City, Calif., 2,826. 32, Karen Medalen, Monterey, Calif., 2,817.

DID NOT ADVANCE

33, Deborah Lee, Canada, 2,811. 34, Yolanda Payton, Frisco, Texas, 2,789. 35, Lisa Wasson, Murphy, Texas, 2,786. 36, Paula Vidar, Sun City, Calif., 2,783.

37, Lynne Walker, United Kingdom, 2,773. 38, Suzette Draper, Dumont, N.J., 2,771. 39, Tracey Magnuson, Lakeville, Minn., 2,762. 40, Penny Fentiman, Sweet Home, Ore., 2,757. 41, Diane Marget, Champlin, Minn., 2,747. 42, Lori Schultz, Hutto, Texas, 2,745.

43, Devera Buckley, St. Louis, Mo., 2,742. 44, Judith Leroux, Meraux, La., 2,728. 45, Angie Brown, England, 2,724. 46, Pam Lawrence, Hutto, Texas, 2,719. 47(tie), Laurie Lanfier, Muscatine, Iowa, and Shandy Simchen, Tacoma, Wash., and Della Kallenback, Fairfield, Calif., 2,717.

50, Jacqueline Smith, Avondale, Ariz., 2,715. 51, Joan Simi-Dalton, Lubbock, Texas, 2,713. 52, Christina Niles, Florence, Ariz., 2,707. 53, LaTonya Walker, Stockbridge, Ga., 2,701. 54, Karen Miller, Las Vegas, 2,696.

55, Wanda Elias, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,694. 56, Geri Hoefs, Mobile, Ala., 2,680. 57, Ann Sperling, Byram Township, N.J., 2,679. 58, Kathy Allen, Henderson, Nev., 2,644. 59, Barbara Wilson, Phoenix, 2,627. 60, Sherry Robinson, Wasilla, Alaska, 2,623.

61, Georgette Hill-Coad, Teterboro, N.J., 2,617. 62, Jessica Diso, Lake Forest, Calif., 2,586. 63, Lynn Minning, Austin, Texas, 2,573. 64, Tracy Adams, Wasilla, Alaska, 2,561. 65, Annabelle Rivera, Fort Lee, N.J., 2,557. 66, Jacqueline Delawski, Williston Park, N.Y., 2,528.

67, Jennifer McLean, Seattle, 2,516. 68, Kelly Kruschel, Canada, 2,511. 69, Marion Marko, Canada, 2,506. 70, Debra Cramer, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,504. 71, Patricia Sikes, Wasilla, Alaska, 2,495. 72, Lisa Goodson, Ardmore, Okla., 2,414.

73, Melanie McAllister, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2,407. 74, Elizabeth Wong, Canada, 2,340. 75, Lillie Murphy, Sacramento, Calif., 2,238. 76, Karen Murphy, Sacramento, Calif., 1,856.

MATCH PLAY

Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 1

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

(32) Karen Medalen, Monterey, Calif., def. (1) Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., 568-557.
(16) Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., def. (17) Barbara Batt, Jacksonville, Fla., 601-566.
(24) MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., def. (9) Wanda Parker, Garland, Texas, 572-500.
(8) Karen Barcal, Albuquerque, N.M., def. (25) Lauri Cohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo., 627-624.

(28) Stacey Gomen, Portland, Ore., def. (5) Lori Yamasaki, Torrance, Calif., 552-492.
(12) April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., def. (21) Tracy Calfee, Flat Rock, N.C., 592-577.
(13) Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., def. (20) Beth Owen-Cipielewski, Bradenton, Fla., 611-589.
(4) Jill Friis, Canada, def. (29) Lana Mink, Kapolei, Hawaii, 627-546.

(3) Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., def. (30) Heidi Holloway, Derby, Kan., 677-628.
(14) Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, def. (19) Terri Ward, Loveland, Colo., 585-566.
(22) Carmen Aguilar, St. Petersburg, Fla., def. (11) Pamela Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., 546-539.
(6) Char Hammel, Las Vegas, def. (27) Lauraine Fast, Canada, 579-515.

(7) Bianca Voelkl-Brandt, Germany, def. (26) Michelle Silver, Los Angeles, 568-541.
(23) Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, def. (10) Shirley Stahl, Milwaukee, 672-490.
(18) Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., def. (15) Donna Smith, Middleburg, Fla., 578-521.
(2) Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, def. (31) Michele Carter, National City, Calif., 747-627.

ROUND 2 - WINNERS BRACKET

Sandelin def. Medalen, 579-522.
Barcal def. Billingsley, 584-525.
Lord-Wittig def. Gomen, 636-521.
Ayers def. Friis, 606-512.

Walbaum def. Wilson, 605-554.
Aguilar def. Hammel, 598-569.
Coleman def. Voelkl-Brandt, 622-615.
Woessner def. Johnson, 666-599.

ROUND 1 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 25th, earn \$700)

Powers def. Batt, 622-610.
Owen-Cipielewski def. Mink, 566-564.
Cohrs def. Parker, 681-564.
Yamasaki def. Calfee, 607-589.

Holloway def. Ward, 611-551.
Pancoast def. Fast, 605-497.
Carter def. Smith, 592-548.
Silver def. Stahl, 623-531.

ROUND 2 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 17th, earn \$750)

Powers def. Hammel, 591-530.
Wilson def. Owen-Cipielewski, 600-559.
Cohrs def. Voelkl-Brandt, 617-579.
Johnson def. Yamasaki, 677-474.

Billingsley def. Holloway, 567-524.
Pancoast def. Medalen, 622-499.
Gomen def. Carter, 634-477.
Silver def. Friis, 605-528.

USBC REVOKES APPROVAL OF 2016 AND 2017 PURPLE HAMMER BALLS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has revoked approval of Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured in 2016 and 2017. These model years are removed from the list of balls approved for USBC competition effective March 21, 2022. These model years of the Purple Hammer may no longer be used in any USBC-certified competition, including all USBC leagues and tournaments.

Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured during 2016 or 2017 are identified by serial numbers that start with either a "6" or "7."

USBC investigated allegations that a portion of the Purple Hammer bowling balls manufactured at the Ebonite International plant in 2016 and 2017 were produced below USBC's minimum hardness specification at that time of 72D. The Hammer brand was purchased by Brunswick Bowling Products in 2019, and the Ebonite plant subsequently closed.

After a former Ebonite employee made public comments on this matter, USBC conducted an investigation. USBC interviewed more than a dozen individuals, including former Ebonite employees, in an attempt to validate the claim. Brunswick fully cooperated with the investigation. USBC announced its initial findings on March 7, 2022, that included a national tournament rule prohibiting use of the 2016 and 2017 Purple Hammer.

Following that announcement, additional information was provided to USBC causing the investigation to be reopened. Four additional interviews were conducted.

USBC has the authority to revoke approval of a bowling ball if it determines production balls do not comply with current specifications outlined in the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual. Based upon all the information gathered in the investigation, USBC now has made this determination about the 2016 and 2017 Purple Hammers.

During USBC's investigation, former Ebonite employees, including ones with first-hand knowledge, provided detailed statements to USBC outlining how processes in 2016 and

2017 led to some Purple Hammers being produced and sent to the field below 72D. Multiple former Ebonite employees confirm that a production change took place in 2017 to raise the hardness of Purple Hammers produced in 2018 and 2019.

USBC has shared its determination with Brunswick and has Brunswick's support. Brunswick will continue to offer owners of 2016 or 2017 Purple Hammers the option to exchange their balls for a new Purple Hammer or a product of their choice. This can be done on-site at the 2022 USBC Open Championships or USBC Women's Championships, by claiming a replacement ball at www.hammerbowling.com/Purple, or by contacting Brunswick at consumerproducts@brunswickbowling.com or 800-937-2695.

Unapproved bowling balls may not be used in USBC-certified competition. Bowlers who used 2016 and 2017 Purple Hammers in competition before March 21, 2022, with no prior knowledge of their balls being out of specification, would not be subject to forfeiture under USBC rules.

JODI WOESSNER WINS 2022 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

LAS VEGAS – Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, had been waiting two years to make her debut at the United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens by the time she laced up for the first day of the 2022 event, and she capped a dominating performance by claiming the title Monday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

Woessner recorded the win with an exciting 238-223 victory over USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida, to collect the tiara awarded to the champion and \$8,000 top prize. Sandelin earned \$6,000 for the runner-up finish.

All rounds of competition from the Gold Coast Bowling Center were broadcast live at BowITV.com.

As the only undefeated player from the tournament's double-elimination bracket, Woessner earned the top seed for the stepladder and would've had to lose twice in the finals to be denied the title.

The back-and-forth championship match included four strikes in the first five frames for both competitors, but Sandelin benefited from crossover strikes in the second and fourth frames on the right lane.

The three-time USBC Senior Queens champion made the adjustment to get to the pocket in the sixth frame, but she left a 5-7 split she was unable to convert, giving the advantage to Woessner.

Sandelin bounced back with three consecutive strikes after the split, but Woessner stepped up in the ninth frame with the chance to lock her out after rolling six strikes in

her first eight frames.

A 2 pin in the ninth from Woessner meant Sandelin would have the chance to win the first game, but three strikes in the 10th from Woessner forced Sandelin to record two strikes and four pins to extend the championship to a second game.

Sandelin left a 4 pin on her first delivery to seal the victory for the 52-year-old right-hander.

"I put it all out there," said Woessner, a three-time winner of the Ohio State USBC Queens. "I did what I needed to do to force her to double, but I fully expected her to do so because she's an amazing bowler. This win means a ton. I am very proud of what I fought through to execute."

Woessner averaged more than 225 over 31 games through qualifying, match play and the stepladder on the event's 41-foot oil pattern, and she had been on top of her moves during the entire week at Gold Coast.

In the title match, she elected to use a different bowling ball on each lane, which allowed her to attack both lanes in the same area.

She had bowled on the same pair against Sandelin in the match to determine the top seed earlier Monday and had seen early hook on the left lane. She earned the No. 1 seed with a 698-586 win.

"I saw how they broke down in that match, and the left lane ended up hooking really early," Woessner said. "I figured with all the bowling on that pair (in the stepladder), I needed to throw something cleaner on that lane. When I tried the same ball on the right lane, it didn't pick up as much, so I used a different ball to be able to stand in the same place. I felt like that was the thing to do from what I saw."

Woessner was eligible to compete in the 2020 Senior Queens, an event for the top female USBC members age 50 and older, but her first appearance had to wait until this week due to the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 editions.

"It's a long time coming," Woessner said. "I didn't want to get ahead of myself by saying I lost out on my first two years of being able to compete and have to make the most of this one. I didn't want to put any extra pressure on myself, either. In practice, I felt like I had a good look, so it all kind of started clicking. I think I did a really good job of controlling my heart rate and breathing, and I was able to make it happen."

Sandelin was looking for a record-breaking fourth Senior Queens title. She previously had captured wins at the 2007, 2013 and 2017 events, and her win in 2017 tied her with fellow USBC Hall of Famers Sandra Postma and Robin Romeo with three victories at the tournament.

She earned a return trip to the title match after making a late ball change in her semifinal victory over April Lord-Wittig of Steilacoom, Washington.

Sandelin was clean through the first six frames, but she had not recorded a double. She switched to a different ball in the seventh frame, resulting in three consecutive strikes to take the lead. A nine-count on her first delivery in the 10th frame secured the win, 218-198.

Lord-Wittig advanced to the semifinals with a 192-161 win over 2018 champion Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Lord-Wittig avoided trouble on the way to the victory over the USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer, who opened four times in the first eight frames.

In the first match of Monday's stepladder, Lord-Wittig started with four consecutive strikes on her way to a 213-189 win over Ann Coleman of Fairborn, Ohio.

All competitors at the 2022 Senior Queens bowled 15 games of qualifying over two days to determine the top 32 players advancing to the bracket. Defending champion Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, would have been guaranteed a position in the bracket but did not compete in this year's event.

Advancers bowled match play Sunday and Monday to determine the five athletes for the stepladder finals. All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder were three games, with total pinfall determining who advances.

The final three earned their way into the finals by battling through the Elimination Bracket and then surviving a four-bowler, three-game shootout Monday. The top three advanced to the stepladder and were ranked based on their series totals.

Johnson earned the No. 3 seed with a 684 set, while Coleman and Lord-Wittig advanced to the first match of the stepladder with totals of 607 and 572, respectively.

Carmen Aguilar of St. Petersburg, Florida, was fourth in the shootout with a 561 series and was eliminated, finishing in sixth place.

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Monday's Results

Final standings

- 1, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, 238 (one game), \$8,000.
- 2, Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Florida, 441 (two games), \$6,000.
- 3, April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., 603 (three games), \$4,500.
- 4, Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., 161 (one game), \$3,500.
- 5, Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, 189 (one game), \$2,500.

Stepladder results

Match 1 – Lord-Wittig def. Coleman, 213-189.

Match 2 – Lord-Wittig def. Johnson, 192-161.

Semifinal – Sandelin def. Lord-Wittig, 218-198.

Championship – Woessner def. Sandelin, 238-223.

MATCH PLAY

Double elimination, three-game matches decided by total pinfall

ROUND 3 - WINNERS BRACKET

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

- (16) Lucy Sandelin, Tampa, Fla., def. (8) Karen Barcal, Albuquerque, N.M., 678-677.
(12) April Lord-Wittig, Steilacoom, Wash., def. (13) Debbie Ayers, La Mesa, Calif., 694-575.
(22) Carmen Aguilar, St. Petersburg, Fla., def. (3) Linda Walbaum, Brighton, Colo., 614-575.
(2) Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio, def. (23) Ann Coleman, Fairborn, Ohio, 690-663.

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated, finish tied for 13th, earn \$850)

- (1) Sharon Powers, Lakewood, Colo., def. (14) Mandy Wilson, Dayton, Ohio, 650-569.
(18) Tish Johnson, Colorado Springs, Colo., def. (25) Lauri Cohrs, Colorado Springs, Colo., 614-542.
(11) Pam Pancoast, Lomita, Calif., def. (24) MeiLing Billingsley, Lee's Summit, Mo., 616-528.
(28) Stacey Gomen, Portland, Ore., def. (26) Michelle Silver, Los Angeles, 599-567.

ROUND 4 - WINNERS BRACKET

Sandelin def. Lord-Wittig, 579-574.
Woessner def. Aguilar, 581-577.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for ninth, earn \$1,050)

Powers def. Ayers, 618-544.
Johnson def. Barcal, 642-602.
Coleman def. Pancoast, 624-545.
Gomen def. Walbaum, 650-547.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET
(Winner earns No. 1 seed for stepladder finals; loser is No. 2 seed)

Woessner def. Sandelin, 698-586.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Losers eliminated, finish tied for seventh, earn \$1,450)

Johnson def. Powers, 660-615.
Coleman def. Gomen, 663-568.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET
(Three highest scores advance to stepladder finals, high score is No. 3 seed, second high is No. 4, third high is No. 5, lowest score is eliminated, earns \$2,050).

Johnson 684, Coleman 607, Lord-Wittig 572, Aguilar 561.

DEADLINE FOR \$25,000 FREWING SCHOLARSHIP APPROACHING

ARLINGTON, Texas - The deadline for high school seniors to submit their applications for the 2022 Daroll and Dolores Frewing College Scholarship is approaching.

Applications must be received by May 1.

The \$25,000 annual scholarship, presented by the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, was created by Daroll Frewing, co-founder and CEO of US Bowling Corporation, and his wife, Dolores, to give back to bowling center owners with whom they have built relationships over the years.

Daroll, who has been involved in the bowling industry for nearly six decades, serves on the IBMHOF Board of Trustees. He and Dolores have played an integral role in the bowling manufacturing and installation business since 1959.

Applicants must be in their senior year of high school and be a son, daughter or grandchild of a Bowling Proprietors' Association of America center owner. The scholarship will be awarded to an applicant based on academic success and service to the community.

The 2022 Daroll and Dolores Frewing College Scholarship will be awarded during this year's International Bowl Expo, scheduled for June 26-30 in Las Vegas. Travel and hotel expenses for the award winner and a parent or guardian will be provided by BPAA.

The scholarship was awarded for the first time in 2020, and the recipient was Ohio's Andrew Amoré, the son of bowling proprietors Ron and Diane Amoré.

The 2021 winner was Avery Schenk, daughter of Nancy and Gary Schenk, and the granddaughter of Lynda and Howard Baum, the long-time owner-operators of B&B Lanes in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Nancy Schenk is a past President of BPAA, and Howard Baum served on the BPAA Tournament Committee and Convention Committee.

Visit BowlingMuseum.com for more information about the Daroll and Dolores Frewing College Scholarship and to apply.

DENMARK'S LARSEN READY TO DEFEND TITLE AT 2022 USBC MASTERS

LAS VEGAS – Thomas Larsen became the first bowler from Denmark to hoist the trophy at the United States Bowling Congress Masters after his win at the 2021 event, and he has been looking forward to his return as defending champion.

The 2022 edition of the event will get underway this week at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

The 32-year-old right-hander is part of a sold-out field of 420 athletes who will be competing at the 2022 USBC Masters, with qualifying starting Tuesday at 11 a.m. Eastern.

The stepladder at the 2022 event will be April 3 at 1 p.m. Eastern on FOX, with the champion taking home a spot in the tournament's storied history, a major title on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour and the \$100,000 top prize.

Larsen captured his first career major and third PBA Tour title with a 197-176 win over top seed Jesper Svensson of Sweden at the 2021 Masters in Reno, Nevada.

Larsen's first two titles came overseas in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, in 2013 and Kuwait in 2014, but there always was a goal to win in the United States.

"It has been a dream come true," Larsen said. "When you're growing up in Europe and start bowling, it's always the dream to win a title on American TV on the PBA Tour. For it to be a major is pretty amazing. I was able to cross something off my bucket list."

The win helped him earn a spot at the 2021 PBA Playoffs and PBA Super Slam, and the additional fanfare when he returned to Denmark helped open additional doors for him to share in his experience as a professional bowler.

"All of my friends and family were really happy, and it also got some media attention with some of the bigger news outlets in Denmark," Larsen said. "The biggest part for me was that it led to a couple opportunities for me to do some bowling-related work. I started working together with a German company to create YouTube videos (EMAX Bowling Service), and that has been really cool."

Larsen felt he was putting together some of the best performances of his career as the 2021 season came to a close, but the layoff from tour competition before the start of this season in January has led to some struggles in his 2022 campaign.

Things have been progressing in the right direction as he continues to compete against the best players in the world each week on the PBA Tour, but he's still looking for everything to come together at the right time.

"I came over here and wasn't as sharp as I would have liked," Larsen said. "It's kind of been a struggle, but I've got some physical things figured out, and my spare shooting is back to a level where I would want it to be. I feel it's getting better and better, but then you also run into the issue of throwing the ball well but not matching up. I feel like I have not had a good solution to what the lanes were giving me so far this year, and then it becomes really difficult to perform."

Qualifying at the 2022 Masters will feature 15 games over three days, with all competitors bowling two five-game blocks on the fresh 40-foot lane condition and one squad on the burn. The top 63 players, based on total pinfall, will join Larsen in the double-elimination bracket beginning Friday at noon Eastern.

Larsen is guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion, and he can improve his seeding through qualifying. If he happens to finish qualifying outside of the top 63, he'll be the No. 64 seed.

He's looking forward to getting comfortable on this year's lane condition during qualifying and feels confident heading into match play.

The biggest thing of the week for Larsen, however, is enjoying the experience of returning to the event as the defending champion.

"No matter what, I'm thrilled and looking forward to the whole experience," Larsen said. "Being introduced as the defending champion and getting to see my name up on the banner and everything, I'm going to enjoy this week.

"I get some free practice in qualifying and am guaranteed to be in match play, and I feel if I can have somewhat of a decent look, match play is one of my strengths."

All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder finals will feature a three-game total-pinfall format. The top five players will advance to the stepladder finals.

All rounds of competition prior to the stepladder will be broadcast live by BowITV and simulcast to FloBowling. Subscribe at [BowITV.com](https://www.bowitv.com).

For more information on the USBC Masters, visit [BOWL.com/Masters](https://www.bowl.com/Masters).

USBC AND STORM PRODUCTS ANNOUNCE AGREEMENT OF NATIONAL TOURNAMENT EXCLUSION AND BALL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR SIX BALL MODELS

ARLINGTON, Texas - The United States Bowling Congress and Storm Products have agreed on a national tournament exclusion rule and ball exchange program for six Storm Products manufactured ball models. The agreement comes after USBC identified the models having a percentage of balls produced below USBC minimum 73D hardness specification.

USBC's investigation showed a percentage of these ball models measured below the USBC-required hardness level of the approval samples submitted by Storm. Storm collaborated with USBC after being notified of this testing.

The affected models include:

- Storm Phaze 4
- Storm Electrify Solid
- Storm Trend 2
- 900 Global Altered Reality
- 900 Global Wolverine
- Roto Grip UFO Alert

Effective March 30, 2022, these balls models are prohibited from use in USBC national tournaments, including, but not limited to, the USBC Masters, U.S. Open, USBC Open Championships, USBC Women's Championships, all PWBA Tour events, USBC Junior Gold and Youth Open Championships, USBC Intercollegiate Championships, USBC Team USA Trials, USBC Senior Masters and USBC Senior Queens.

These ball models remain USBC approved. Each USBC competition, whether tournament or league, has the option to adopt USBC's national tournament rule prohibiting use of these balls or to continue to allow their use.

USBC has shared this national tournament rule with Storm and has Storm's support. Storm will offer owners of the affected balls the option to exchange their balls for a new product. Information about the exchange program will be published later this week on stormbowling.com.

"USBC thanks Storm for the collaboration and for working together on a solution for our members," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "There is no perfect solution to this type of problem, but this agreement strikes a balance in protecting the integrity of USBC national tournaments, while giving members a choice to do what is best for them locally."

As part of the agreement, Storm Products will discontinue sales of the affected balls. USBC has concluded its investigation and will not be taking action on additional balls related to this production issue.

"Storm appreciates USBC working with us on this agreement, so we can put the issue

behind us and focus on our customers," Storm Products President Dave Symes said. "Customer satisfaction has always been our top priority, and we will take care of our customers."

This agreement does not change the status of the Storm Spectre. The Spectre remains unapproved and on USBC's non-conforming ball list.

Go to [BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs](https://www.usbc.com/BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs) to learn more about the equipment specifications.

MESSAGE FROM USBC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHAD MURPHY ABOUT RECENT BOWLING BALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 1, 2022

Hello USBC Members,

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to take a few minutes of your time to touch base on some of the events of the last several weeks. Along with this letter, we are publishing an FAQ for those who want more details. Here is a link to that document.

The last few weeks and months have been a rough ride for bowling in the area of ball specifications. When these situations happen, it's unexpected and disruptive. The timing is never good. The speculation and rumors are challenging. Understandably, everyone feels impatience with the process and wants more information immediately. Bowlers, competition officials and all stakeholders are justifiably concerned.

As you know, enforcing rules and policies for a national sport isn't simple. Effective governance is not a popularity contest. USBC is a membership organization, and we celebrate our members right to be critical. We would ask those being so vocal with concerns to always remember that governance is very necessary. USBC members demand governance of the sport. Without quality governance for the sport, chaos would ensue.

I want to start by thanking all the people that have been involved in shaping the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications Manual. For more than 30 years, USBC volunteers, staff and bowling's manufacturers have worked together to create a governance structure for the equipment in our sport. All these leaders gave us the baseline for what we have today.

USBC governance of bowling balls is built on trust. We depend on our partners to make products within the agreed upon specifications, and then verify with a series of checks to confirm. That trust comes with asking for only two sample balls for USBC approval. Only two seems small. You may ask why? A big reason is that it keeps the cost down and makes the process efficient for the manufacturer, and also USBC. This lower cost keeps the research and development costs lower and fosters innovation. This also keeps cost down for the bowler.

There are about 300 new ball releases a year. USBC's Equipment Specifications department has five people. If we did as some have suggested and had a deeper approval process, we would need two or three times as many staff members. Similarly, the manufacturers would need additional staffing at more costs.

These calls for more testing and more regulation would lead to more expense, which is eventually paid by you, the bowler. Instead, we trust our manufacturing partners to do their best, and they trust USBC. We trust them for ball approval, and they trust we will verify in the field. When an issue occurs, it's easy to see that imperfection and attack it. We all agree the process is not perfect.

Some argue it would be OK if balls that were built below USBC specifications to continue to be used in our highest competitions. Some say that because a tournament started with an out-of-specification product in use, it needs to be completed that way.

As a direct answer: Approved bowling balls may be used for competition until the data demonstrates otherwise. Once identified as outside specification, they are removed. The timing will never be good. However, allowing balls the national governing body knows to be outside of specification to continue to be used at our national events would simply be wrong.

Furthermore, I want to add, USBC has no information that balls were intentionally shipped to market outside of specification. USBC has no information anyone knowingly used an illegal ball. Those pointing fingers at this type of an intentional act are misinformed. The conspiracies are unfounded.

While a difficult process, USBC members can be proud. Some folks say, "I don't get anything for my USBC membership." Well, here USBC is delivering the purest of value to our members by enforcing equipment specifications as stated in our manuals. USBC is acting with a balance of protecting the integrity of USBC national tournaments, while giving members a choice to do what is best for them locally.

Some are attacking saying we should do something different. It's a complicated governance impacting a nation of bowlers and our manufacturing partners. We can only offer that we will continue to do our best to act consistently within USBC rules and in the best interest of our members and bowling.

USBC's mission is not to be popular. Our mission is to provide services, resources and standards for the sport. In short, we do what is best for bowling - all of bowling.

We come out of these events with a lot to reflect upon. I ask this of everyone: It's time to be brave, time to have the courage to heal. We need to put these events behind us and respect each other as one bowling community. Let's get back to competing with all the joy our sport brings. Please support all manufacturers as they focus on serving bowling.

At USBC, we will head to convention in a few weeks with our heads held high. We will crown new champions all over the country throughout our 1,400 associations. It will be a spring and summer full of smiles.

While all that is happening, USBC will look for ways to improve and learn from recent events.

I hope to see many of you soon at a future event. Thanks for your continued support, your membership and continued participation in this great sport.

Have a great summer,

Chad Murphy signature

Chad Murphy

USBC Executive Director

WICHITA STATE'S ORF, ST. AMBROSE'S STUBLER LEAD QUALIFYING AT 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emil Williams Jr.

ADDISON, III. – Wichita State sophomore Mary Orf posted the highest qualifying score of the day to lead the women's division at the 2022 Intercollegiate Singles Championships, while St. Ambrose senior Nathan Stubler paced the men's field as competition began Tuesday at Stardust Bowl.

The 24 men and 24 women, who earned spots in the event through sectional qualifying, bowled six games of qualifying Tuesday morning to determine the bracket for match play. The top eight qualifiers received a first-round bye, while the remainder of the field started match play Tuesday afternoon.

Orf opened her six-game qualifying round with a game of 262, and she closed with 245 to post a 1,324 total, a 220.66 average. She won the Dallas sectional to advance to the national tournament and is continuing her winning pace through the first day of competition.

"It's pretty awesome knowing that all the pieces are coming together at the right time," Orf said of corraling the top qualifying position. "With all the help I've had throughout the season from my coaches at Wichita State, and them welcoming me into their program with open arms, really means a lot to me. Getting off to a good start is just a great confidence booster, and having a first-round bye gives me time to talk with Coach

Rick (Steelsmith) and strategize for match play. Overall, I'm just really excited for the remainder of the week."

Orf will square off against Rebecca Dodson of Mount St. Mary's when the second round of match play begins Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Eastern. Dodson recently was announced as part of the 2022 National Tenpin Coaches Association All-America team as an honorable mention.

Match play is single elimination, and all bracket matches consist of three games, with total pinfall determining the winner.

Dodson won her opening match against Victoria Giardina of Lawrence Tech, 577-532, on Tuesday to advance.

Also winning their opening matches in the women's division were Olivia Farwell and Kiearra Saldi of Duquesne, Webber International's Kelsie Zanin, Brystal Beyer and Chloe Skurzynski of Stephen F. Austin, Vanderbilt's Amanda Naujokas and Shelbi Morris of Campbellsville.

In the men's division, Stubler noted because of Monday's practice session and Tuesday's qualifying round, he was able to see the fresh and true transition of the lane pattern twice ahead of match play. This was helpful because if he didn't have a good look in practice, he could find something during qualifying without the stress of being eliminated.

"I was really fortunate today that my look in qualifying was very similar to practice yesterday," said Stubler, who ended the six-game block with a 238 game and 1,238 total (206.33 average). "I was really happy about that. I was able to get off to a good start with a couple of games of 210 or better (214, 213), and from then on, I tried to see how transition would play out and played it safe."

Stubler will battle Dylan Dobran of Calumet on Wednesday morning. Dobran edged Tennessee Southern's Ian Fitzpatrick, 500-496, to advance.

Also advancing in the men's division with first-round wins were Dillon McArthur of Indiana Tech, William Penn's Rok Kostic, CJ Petrin of Oklahoma Christian, Dakota Solonka of St. Ambrose, Austin Grammar of Webber International, Mount Mercy's Kai Yamada and Newman's James McIver.

BowlTV.com will have all qualifying and match-play rounds of the ISC leading up to the televised finals.

Visit [BOWL.com/ISC](https://www.bowl.com/isc) for more information on the Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Tuesday's Results

Men's match play, first round

Dylan Dobran, Calumet def. Ian Fitzpatrick, Tennessee Southern, 500-496.

Dillon McArthur, Indiana Tech def. Antonio Corea, South Florida, 521-496.

Rok Kostric, William Penn def. Jordan Monnens, St. Ambrose, 620-580.

CJ Petrin, Oklahoma Christian def. Yannick Roos, SCAD-Savannah, 617-563.

Dakota Solonka, St. Ambrose def. Matthew Mesecher, Webber International, 597-471.

Austin Grammar, Webber International def. Devean Littlejohn, Tennessee Wesleyan, 519-484.

Kai Yamada, Mount Mercy def. Alec Keplinger, Wichita State, 603-559.

James McIver, Newman def. Kory Driver, Tennessee Wesleyan, 584-528.

First-round byes: Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose; Brandon Vallone, William Paterson; Seth Gass, McKendree; Tyler Synovec, Newman; Bryce Oliver, Pikeville; Daniel Chin, Calumet; Cameron Crowe, St. Ambrose; Nick Larsen, Webber International

Women's match play, first round

Rebecca Dodson, Mount St. Mary's def. Victoria Giardina, Lawrence Tech, 577-532.

Olivia Farwell, Duquesne def. Britaney Myers, McKendree, 595-554.

Kelsie Zanin, Webber International def. Megan Allensworth, St. Francis-Illinois, 535-522.

Brystal Beyer, Stephen F. Austin def. Averi Brown, Louisiana Tech, 591-582.

Amanda Naujokas, Vanderbilt def. Caitlin Mertins, Wisconsin-Whitewater, 601-489.

Kiearra Saldi, Duquesne def. Madison McCall, Tulane, 623-535.

Shelbi Morris, Campbellsville def. Daniella DeCruydt Lawrence Tech, 591-545.

Chloe Skurzynski, Stephen F. Austin def. Elena Carr, Mount Mercy, 637-522.

First-round byes: Mary Orf, Wichita State; Rebecca Hagerman, McKendree; Hope Gramly, McKendree; Mabel Cummins, Vanderbilt; Tamera Stanton, Mount St. Mary's; Megan Hess, St. Ambrose; Serenity Quintero, St. Francis-Illinois; Anna Warkel, McKendree

FINALISTS DETERMINED FOR 2022

INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emil Williams Jr.

ADDISON, Ill. – The finalists for the 2022 Intercollegiate Singles Championships were determined Wednesday at Stardust Bowl and features one player looking to repeat the success of a teammate and 2021 champion in the men's field, while one of the women's finalists needed extra frames to secure her spot in the semifinals.

The ISC semifinals and title matches, which will be one-game matches, will take place Saturday and be taped for broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

In the women's semifinals, Stephen F. Austin's Chloe Skurzynski will face Duquesne's Kiearra Saldi, with Saldi's teammate, Olivia Farwell, squaring off against Vanderbilt's Mabel Cummins.

In her opening match Wednesday, Skurzynski dispatched Megan Hess of St. Ambrose, 622-572, but in the quarterfinal match against McKendree's Hope Gramly, business picked up.

Skurzynski, who along with her Ladyjacks teammates finished second to Gramly and the Bearcats in last week's NCAA Women's Bowling Championship, trailed Gramly by 41 pins after two games but battled back late and had a chance to shut out her opponent with three strikes in the 10th frame.

After getting the first strike, she left a 4-6 split on the next shot and took one pin of count to finish with a game of 201 and a 661 series.

This left Gramly with multiple scenarios to secure the victory based on pin count, but any combination of tossing the first two strikes or securing at least nine on her first shot, followed by a spare and strike, would have allowed Gramly to advance.

On her first offering, Gramly left a 2-7 split and made the spare, which meant she needed to strike on her fill shot to tie. Gramly delivered the necessary hit to tie Skurzynski at 661, and the winner had to be determined by a ninth and 10th frame roll-off.

Gramly began the extra frames with a strike, but by the time she saw the lanes again, Skurzynski already had spared in the ninth, tossed two strikes in the 10th frame and added nine pins on her fill to finish with a score of 49.

Gramly again was in position to win by tossing the first two strikes in the final stanza, but she left a 1-2-4-6-10 on her first offering. The final tally was 49-26.

With a win, Skurzynski would join Stephanie Schwartz as the only players from Stephen F. Austin to win an ISC title (2018).

"It means a lot to get here," Skurzynski said. "I think I had the toughest match in the building since we both shot 661 and went to a roll-off, so it does mean a lot. The bracket seeding and pairings were a little ironic since I was going against Hope for the show, but I think it's a good thing to happen coming off last week's NCAA tournament. It should also boost our confidence for the rest of the week. I heard them (teammates) cheering for me and Brystal, who bowled great, too, so it is good momentum rolling into the rest of the week."

Saldi advanced by defeating Serenity Quintero of St. Francis-Illinois, 551-483, and McKendree's Rebecca Hagerman, 647-513, and could potentially meet Farwell in the title match.

"It means everything," Saldi said. "I love competing with her and next to her. She's an amazing teammate, and I'm really hoping it's the two of us in the finals."

Farwell defeated McKendree's Anna Warkel, 596-556, and Mount St. Mary's Rebecca Dodson, 626-619, to earn her spot. As leaders on the team, both she and Saldi have their eyes set on helping their team reach their goal of winning a national championship.

"I know Kiearra and I look at ourselves as leaders on this team, and right now, I just want to get them to the end," Farwell said. "It's great we're both in the finals, and we can check that off our lists, but at the end of the day, they're still here with us and I've always been all about them. I want them to have as much success as I do."

Last year, Cummins was the top seed but didn't advance past the second round. On Wednesday, she earned a little redemption and looks to bring another title back to Vanderbilt.

"To bring a title home to Vanderbilt would be incredible," Cummins said. "Not getting the mark I needed last year to advance in match play is a moment that has weighed heavily on my mind and fueled my drive to improve my game. This year, I am trusting the work I've put in, and my coach, to help me bring it home."

Cummins defeated Kelsie Zanin of Webber International, 608-557, and Stephen F. Austin's Brystal Beyer, 628-608, to earn a spot in the final four.

In the men's semifinals, Daniel Chin of Calumet will meet William Paterson's Brandon Vallone, while top seed Nathan Stubler of St. Ambrose will face CJ Petrin of Oklahoma Christian.

Chin is trying to become the second consecutive player from Calumet to win the men's ISC title after Pete Vergos took home the crown in 2021. Chin also is representing the Calumet men's team after the squad didn't qualify for the Intercollegiate Team Championships for the first time since the program's inception in the 2006-2007 season.

"I'm bowling for my teammates, my coach, my school and what the Crimson Wave is all about," said Chin, who also is looking to win the title in his first year as an ISC qualifier. "Recently, I was watching Petey's telecast, and he was just so calm and collected. I'm using that as motivation. I'm going to do my best to be that same person and try to make some history for the Crimson Wave."

Chin began the day with a win over Newman's James McIver, 647-599, and then saw the scoring pace dip a little in his match against McKendree's Seth Gass. In a battle of spare shooting, Chin advanced, 562-504. In previous seasons, Chin had fallen just a few pins short of advancing each year and spent some time focusing on his spare game.

"I went back home, trained and worked on spares for countless hours," Chin said. "I've only missed two the entire week and the work has paid off. Spares win tournaments, and this pattern really forced you to throw it good and make your spares. It's something I've worked on the entire duration of the month."

His opponent, Vallone, defeated Dakota Solonka of St. Ambrose, 604-550, and Webber's Austin Grammar, 549-493, to advance. For Vallone, it's all about confidence, which grew during his run.

"I'm feeling good, and this means a lot for me," Vallone said. "It means a lot for my school, too. We've struggled this year with performance and making the big shots, so to come in and be able to do that means a lot for my confidence, and William Paterson gets to be on television."

Stubler will return to television for the second consecutive year after helping St. Ambrose to a runner-up finish at the 2021 ITC. He's happy to advance and is hoping he can help the team make a return trip.

"It's a good way to start the week," said Stubler, who defeated Calumet's Dylan Dobran, 652-620, and Webber International's Nick Larsen, 642-579, on Wednesday. "I was able to make the TV show, and hopefully we can do the same thing with the team. That's the main goal. Our No. 1 goal is to make it as a team."

Petrin, the lone freshman to advance to the semifinals, knocked off Pikeville's Bryce Oliver, 630-587, and Rok Kostric of William Penn, 669-642, to earn his spot. Oklahoma Christian is making their first ITC appearance as a team this week, and Petrin has them off to a great start.

"It means a lot considering there are a lot of people who look up to me," said Petrin, who was referring to the youth bowlers in his hometown of Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Now, I can show them my hard work is paying off and everything is coming together right now. I'm just hoping I can continue this throughout my college years and a few teammates will join me in the future. We're here to compete with the best."

The 24 men and 24 women competing at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships qualified through one of four sectional events held throughout the country in March.

The national event consisted of six qualifying games to determine seeding for the single-elimination match-play bracket. The bracket matches were three games, with total pinfall determining the winner.

CBS Sports Network will televise the semifinals and finals of the women's division on April 26 at 8 p.m. Eastern, while the men's division will air May 3 at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The Intercollegiate Team Championships, in which the top 16 men's and top 16 women's teams in the nation will compete for the Helmer Cup, starts Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Eastern at Stardust Bowl.

BowlTV.com will provide live coverage of the ITC leading up to the televised finals.

Visit BOWL.com/ISC for more information on the Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Wednesday's Results

(Three games, total pins)

MEN'S RESULTS

Second Round

Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose def. Dylan Dobran, Calumet, 652-620.
Nick Larsen, Webber International def. Dillon McArthur, Indiana Tech, 600-560.
Rok Kostric, William Penn def. Tyler Synovec, Newman, 599-513.
CJ Petrin, Oklahoma Christian def. Bryce Oliver, Pikeville, 630-587.

Brandon Vallone, William Paterson def. Dakota Solonka, St. Ambrose, 604-550.
Austin Grammar, Webber International def. Cameron Crowe, St. Ambrose, 711-584.
Seth Gass, McKendree def. Kai Yamada, Mount Mercy, 639-612.
Daniel Chin, Calumet def. James McIver, Newman, 647-599.

Third Round

Stubler def. Larsen, 642-579.
Petrin def. Kostric, 669-642.
Vallone def. Grammar, 549-493.
Chin def. Gass, 562-504.

Saturday's semifinals pairings

(Single-game matches)

Stubler vs. Petrin

Vallone vs. Chin

WOMEN'S RESULTS

Second Round

Rebecca Dodson, Mount St. Mary's def. Mary Orf, Wichita State, 605-572.
Olivia Farwell, Duquesne def. Anna Warkel, McKendree, 596-556.
Mabel Cummins, Vanderbilt def. Kelsie Zanin, Webber International, 608-557.
Brystal Beyer, Stephen F. Austin def. Tamera Stanton, Mount St. Mary's, 605-581.
Rebecca Hagerman, McKendree def. Amanda Naujokas, Vanderbilt, 627-552.
Kiearra Saldi, Duquesne def. Serenity Quintero, St. Francis-Illinois, 551-483.
Hope Gramly, McKendree def. Shelbi Morris, Campbellsville, 593-579.
Chloe Skurzynski, Stephen F. Austin def. Megan Hess, St. Ambrose, 622-572.

Third Round

Farwell def. Dodson, 626-619.
Cummins def. Beyer, 628-608.
Saldi def. Hagerman, 647-513.
Skurzynski def. Gramly, 661-661 *(Skurzynski won a ninth and 10th frame roll-off, 49-26).

Saturday's semifinals pairings

(Single-game matches)

Farwell vs. Cummins

Saldi vs. Skurzynski

INDIANA TECH'S CAREY, WICHITA STATE'S KEPLINGER NAMED NCBCA MVPS OF 2021-2022 SEASON

NAPERVILLE, III. – Indiana Tech's Maryssa Carey and Wichita State's Alec Keplinger have been named the Most Valuable Players of the 2021-2022 collegiate season by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA).

The announcement was made during the Night of Champions banquet Wednesday at the Embassy Suites Chicago Naperville. In addition to Carey and Keplinger being recognized, the NCBCA All-America teams and several other award winners were announced.

The ceremony was broadcast live at BowITV.com.

The Storm/International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) Collegiate Award winners also were announced Wednesday, with Carey and Keplinger being named Bowlers of the Year.

Carey, who is in her fifth season with the Warriors, finishes her career with four appearances on NCBCA All-America teams. She also was on the first team during the 2019-2020 season and collected a pair of second team nominations in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

The right-hander recorded five wins and nine top-five finishes in 12 events during the 2021-2022 season. Carey also led the women's division in average (211.07) and average differential (43.1).

Joining Carey on the women's NCBCA All-America first team this season is Mount Mercy's Ayra Aminuddin, Wichita State's Juliana Botero, Duquesne's Oliva Farwell and St. Ambrose's Megan Hess.

Botero also was recognized as the top newcomer during the 2021-2022 season, winning the women's NCBCA Rookie of the Year award.

Keplinger, a junior, earns his second NCBCA All-America nod after earning Honorable Mention during the 2020-2021 season, when he helped the Shockers claim the Intercollegiate Team Championships and finished as the runner-up at the Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

The right-hander posted two wins, three top-five finishes and seven top-10 placements during 11 events in the regular season. He was second in average differential (34.77) and third in average in the men's division with 216.68.

Keplinger is joined on the men's NCBCA All-America first team this season by Wichita State teammate Ryan Barnes, Tyrell Ingalls of Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, Tennessee Southern's Hayden Stippich and St. Ambrose's Nathan Stubler.

The men's NCBCA Rookie of the Year is Wichita State's Spencer Robarge, who also earned a spot on the All-America second team.

The NCBCA Gordon Vadakin and Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year awards went to Katie Thornton of Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah and Andy Diercks of Mount Mercy, respectively.

Thornton earned the distinction for the first time in her career. Diercks claims the award for the third straight year, becoming the first coach to earn the honor on either the men's or women's side for three consecutive seasons.

The Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year award recognizes the top coach in the men's division, and the Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year award is given to the top coach in the women's division.

Bo Shipley was named the Gordon Teigen Meritorious Service Award winner for 2022. Shipley was recognized through his work in helping preserve and grow the Hoosier Classic, which typically serves as the final Tier I competition of the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season. The annual award recognizes an individual for outstanding service to collegiate bowling.

For more information on USBC Collegiate, visit BOWL.com/Collegiate.

**NATIONAL COLLEGIATE BOWLING COACHES ASSOCIATION
2021-2022 ALL-AMERICA TEAMS**

WOMEN

First Team - Ayra Aminuddin, Mount Mercy; Juliana Botero, Wichita State; Maryssa Carey, Indiana Tech; Olivia Farwell, Duquesne; Megan Hess, St. Ambrose

Second Team - Rebecca Dodson, Mount St. Mary's; Hope Gramly, McKendree; Bea Hernandez, Sam Houston State; Addie Herzberg, Wichita State; Madison McCall, Tulane

Honorable Mention - Alyssa Alexander, Mount St. Mary's; Denise Blankenzee, Sam Houston State; Kasey Eaton, Davenport; Olivia Komorowski, Wichita State; Allie Leiendecker, Louisiana Tech; Caitlin Lucas, Baker; Cassidy Potter, Rochester Institute of Technology; Laurin Prebelich, Lawrence Tech; Lauren Tomaszewski, North Carolina A&T; Jaqueline Witura, Webber International

Most Valuable Player - Maryssa Carey, Indiana Tech

Rookie of the Year - Juliana Botero, Wichita State

Kerm Helmer Coach of the Year - Andy Diercks, Mount Mercy

MEN

First Team - Ryan Barnes, Wichita State; Tyrell Ingalls, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah; Alec Keplinger, Wichita State; Hayden Stippich, Tennessee Southern; Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose

Second Team - James Bennett, Indiana Tech; David Hooper, Emmanuel; Joshua Imhoff, Oklahoma Christian; Marcus McClain, Indiana Tech; Spencer Robarge, Wichita State

Honorable Mention - Alex Acosta, Saint Xavier; Alex Glinski, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah; Andrew Guba, Nevada-Las Vegas; Alexander Linnenbrink, Lincoln Memorial; CJ Petrin, Oklahoma Christian; Zachary Price, Tennessee Wesleyan; TJ Rock, Wichita State; Jorge Rodriguez-Rosas, McKendree; Evan Thro, Muskingum; AJ Wolstenholme, Webber International

Most Valuable Player - Alec Keplinger, Wichita State

Rookie of the Year - Spencer Robarge, Wichita State

Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year - Katie Thornton, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah

Teigen Meritorious Service Award - Bo Shipley, Hoosier Classic

STORM/INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MEDIA ASSOCIATION 2021-2022 COLLEGIATE AWARDS

WOMEN

Bowler of the Year - Maryssa Carey, Indiana Tech

Runners-Up - Ayra Aminuddin, Mount Mercy; Juliana Botero, Wichita State; Addie Herzberg, Wichita State; Caitlin Lucas, Baker

Honorable Mention - Oliva Farwell, Duquesne; Bea Hernandez, Sam Houston State; Megan Hess, St. Ambrose

MEN

Bowler of the Year - Alec Keplinger, Wichita State

Runners-Up - Tyrell Ingalls, Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah; Spencer Robarge, Wichita State; Hayden Stippich, Tennessee Southern; Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose

Honorable Mention - Ryan Barnes, Wichita State; Joshua Imhoff, Oklahoma Christian; Marcus McClain, Indiana Tech

EIGHT TEAMS UNDEFEATED AFTER FIRST DAY OF 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emil Williams Jr.

ADDISON, Ill. – The 2022 Intercollegiate Team Championships got underway Thursday, and the defending champions in each division will join six additional undefeated teams Friday at Stardust Bowl.

The pinnacle event of the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Collegiate season features the top 16 men's and women's bowling programs from across the country.

All teams bowled 24 Baker games Thursday to determine seeding for the double-elimination bracket, which features best-of-seven Baker matches leading into the finals.

The finals, which will be taped Saturday, will air on Tuesdays in May on CBS Sports Network. The men's ITC show will air May 10 at 8 p.m. Eastern, while the women's ITC final will air May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern.

Leading the men's division in qualifying was Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah with a 5,125 total, a 213.54 average. They were followed by Emmanuel (4,965), Wichita State (4,953), Indiana Tech (4,883) and St. Ambrose (4,878).

Wichita State began its quest for back-to-back titles and a 13th national championship with a 4-2 victory over No. 14 Oklahoma Christian. The Shockers, who return five players from last year's squad, then defeated No. 6 Lindenwood, 4-2, in Round 2 to set up a quarterfinal match with Emmanuel.

Emmanuel needed seven games to defeat No. 15 Midland in Round 1, 4-3, before knocking off No. 7 Webber International in the second round, 4-2.

On the other side of the men's bracket, Indiana Tech advanced to the quarterfinals by defeating No. 13 William Paterson (4-1) and No. 12 McKendree (4-1).

They will face No. 8 Wisconsin-Whitewater, who rolled past No. 9 Mount Mercy, 4-1, in the opening round and then went the distance with SCAD-Savannah (4-3) to advance.

Pacing the women's qualifying field was 2022 NCAA champion McKendree (4,874), followed by Wichita State (4,768), Maryville (4,730), Mount St. Mary's (4,724) and Stephen F. Austin (4,701).

Wichita State, the defending women's champion, opened match play with a 4.5-0.5 victory over No. 15 Tulane. Their strong start continued in Round 2, where they met No. 10 Sam Houston State and moved past the Bearkats in five games, 4-1.

The Shockers return four players from last year's championship team as they attempt to repeat. It

would be the 11th title in the history of the women's program. They will face No. 6 St. Francis-Illinois, who got past No. 11 Louisiana Tech (4-1) and No. 14 Mount Mercy (4-3).

Stephen F. Austin, the 2022 NCAA runner-up, advanced in the winners bracket with wins over No. 12 Duquesne (4-2) and No. 13 Saint Xavier (4-1). The Ladyjacks will face No. 8 Pikeville in their next match Friday.

Pikeville swept No. 9 SCAD-Savannah in Round 1 and overcame a resilient Delaware State squad in the second round (4-3) to remain undefeated. Delaware State, the No. 16 seed, knocked off McKendree in the opening round, 4-1.

Competition at Stardust Bowl resumes at 8:45 a.m. Eastern on Friday with elimination matches. Another round of elimination matches will follow at 10:45 a.m. Eastern. Winners bracket matches will resume at 2 p.m. Eastern.

Match play will continue Friday until the teams for Saturday's title matches are determined.

Teams earned their way into the ITC field in March by finishing in the top four at one of four sectional events held throughout the country.

BowlTV.com has live coverage of all qualifying and match-play rounds of the Intercollegiate Team Championships leading up to the televised finals.

Visit BOWL.com/ITC for more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Thursday's Results

MEN'S DIVISION

QUALIFYING (24 Baker games)

1. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 5,125.
2. Emmanuel, 4,965.
3. Wichita State, 4,953.
4. Indiana Tech, 4,883.
5. St. Ambrose, 4,878.
6. Lindenwood, 4,865.
7. Webber International, 4,864.
8. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4,851.
9. Mount Mercy, 4,835.

10. William Penn, 4,794.
11. St. Francis-Illinois, 4,783.
12. McKendree, 4,782.
13. William Paterson, 4,673.
14. Oklahoma Christian, 4,580.
15. Midland, 4,576.
16. Tennessee Southern, 4,573.

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 1

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah def. Tennessee Southern, 4-3.

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Mount Mercy, 4-1.

McKendree def. St. Ambrose, 4-2.

Indiana Tech def. William Paterson, 4-1.

Emmanuel def. Midland, 4-3.

Webber International def. William Penn, 4-3.

Lindenwood def. St. Francis-Illinois, 4-0.

Wichita State def. Oklahoma Christian, 4-2.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4-3.

Indiana Tech def. McKendree, 4-1.

Emmanuel def. Webber International, 4-2.

Wichita State def. Lindenwood, 4-2.

WOMEN'S DIVISION

QUALIFYING

(24 Baker games)

1. McKendree, 4,874.
2. Wichita State, 4,768.
3. Maryville, 4,730.
4. Mount St. Mary's, 4,724.
5. Stephen F. Austin, 4,701.
6. St. Francis-Illinois, 4,698.

7. Lawrence Tech, 4,674.
8. Pikeville, 4,672.
9. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4,659.
10. Sam Houston State, 4,621.
11. Louisiana Tech, 4,601.
12. Duquesne, 4,594.
13. Saint Xavier, 4,464.
14. Mount Mercy, 4,448.
15. Tulane, 4,432.
16. Delaware State, 4,398.

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 1

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Delaware State def. McKendree, 4-1.

Pikeville def. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4-0.

Stephen F. Austin def. Duquesne, 4-2.

Saint Xavier def. Mount St. Mary's, 4-2.

Wichita State def. Tulane, 4.5-0.5.

Sam Houston State def. Lawrence Tech, 4-3.

St. Francis-Illinois def. Louisiana Tech, 4-1.

Mount Mercy def. Maryville, 4-3.

ROUND 2 – WINNERS BRACKET

Pikeville def. Delaware State, 4-3.

Stephen F. Austin def. Saint Xavier, 4-1.

Wichita State def. Sam Houston State, 4-1.

St. Francis-Illinois def. Mount Mercy, 4-3.

FINALISTS SET AT 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emil Williams Jr.

ADDISON, III. – The Wichita State men and women will have the chance to defend their titles at the 2022 Intercollegiate Team Championships at Stardust Bowl.

In the men's title match, the Shockers will face Wisconsin-Whitewater, while the

women will face Stephen F. Austin in their quests to repeat as champions.

Both title matches will be taped Saturday and air on Tuesdays in May on CBS Sports Network. The men's ITC show will air May 10 at 8 p.m. Eastern, while the women's ITC final will air May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern.

The title matches will be best-of-five Baker matches.

The Wichita State men went undefeated in match play Thursday and Friday to advance to the finals. The Shockers dispatched William Penn, 4-2, to make their second consecutive trip to the finals and 23rd trip overall to the title tilt. A win on Saturday would be the 13th national championship for the men's program.

Alec Keplinger, the 2022 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Most Valuable Player, said the two experiences are a little different, because they had more fan support in the crowd this year, which increased the team's energy levels. But, at the end of the day, the Shockers did what they had to do.

"This makes it all worth it," Keplinger said. "We came here. We did what we were supposed to do, and now we're back on the show to defend our title."

Wichita State men's coach Rick Steelsmith helped Wichita State to an ITC title in 1987 and is one of the rare coaches who has won in both roles. He took over for the legendary Gordon Vadakin during the 2019-2020 season and has seen immediate results, and he knows exactly what the players are feeling.

"It's been a ton of fun," Steelsmith said. "It kind of brings me back to my college days a little bit, which in my mind was the most fun bowling I've ever done in my life. It's been fun to kind of rekindle that. Thirty-five years ago, I was them. So, I kind of know where they're at, what they're wanting, what their goals are and what their dreams are. I know how bad I wanted it back then, so I try to do what I can to help them achieve what they want to achieve."

Wisconsin-Whitewater needed all seven games to make their dreams a reality after defeating Indiana Tech to make their first career appearance in the finals of the ITC.

The Warhawks lost to Indiana Tech in Round 5 to head to the Elimination Bracket, but after a 4-2 win over McKendree, they again met Indiana Tech in the semifinals. Wisconsin-Whitewater needed to defeat the Warriors in two consecutive matches to advance.

After winning the match in Round 7 against Indiana Tech, 4-2, the veteran Wisconsin-Whitewater squad jumped out to a 3-0 lead in Round 8. The young Indiana Tech team battled back to tie the match at 3-3.

After Wisconsin-Whitewater's Donovan Thomas struck on his first shot in the 10th frame, Indiana Tech's Marcus McClain needed to strike to give Indiana Tech a chance to win. McClain left a 10 pin on his first shot to give the Warhawks the victory.

Wisconsin-Whitewater would like to send their head coach out in grand fashion. Shawn Wochner, who has coached the Warhawks for 12 seasons, will coach his final match Saturday and was finally able to put the pieces together for a magical run.

"It's been all about the guys," said Wochner, who, as a player, helped Western Illinois to the 2001 ITC title. "I've always wanted a team that I coached to have the same experience that I had as a player. It's something that lives with you forever. Our Western (Illinois) guys still get together every summer 20-plus years later, and all I've ever wanted was a team to have that feeling of success and completion."

Thomas echoed those sentiments.

"It's an amazing feeling knowing all the hard work you put in throughout the year is finally coming together and the team is competing for a national championship," said Thomas, a senior. "This is probably the best feeling I've ever had in bowling for sure."

In the women's division, Wichita State needed the extra match to advance to the finals after Sam Houston State knocked off the Shockers, 4-2, in Round 7. With everything on the line, Wichita State remained calm and trusted their championship instincts gained from a season ago to prevail in Round 8, 4-2. The program will look for its 11th national title for the women's program on Saturday.

Senior Addie Herzberg knows the team is confident and has a good chance of repeating.

"I'm over the moon," Herzberg said. "I feel very powerful. Our team is so confident in who we are. We know we can do it, which just brings us more confidence. It doesn't feel like there is a target on our back because we won last year, because we know we can do it. We're champions. So, we're going to go into it knowing that if we do what we need to do, we'll become champions again."

Similar to Steelsmith, Wichita State's Holly Harris took over for longtime women's coach Mark Lewis at the start of the 2019-2020 season. For Harris, this return trip is more about the players and their triumphs over adversity during the season.

"I'm just so proud of them," Harris said. "It's been a challenging year and things haven't always fallen our way, but to persevere through all of that and get here and really come together is special. To watch them work together during the last two days has been so special. I'm thrilled. I'm not a mom, but if I had to imagine what a proud mom feels like, I think that's how I feel."

Stephen F. Austin remained undefeated throughout the event after defeating Pikeville, 4-2, on Friday night to advance to the finals. The month of April has been special for the Ladyjacks, after winning the NCAA Arlington Regional to advance to the final four of the NCAA Women's Bowling Championship. The squad parlayed that into a runner-up finish in the title match against McKendree.

Now, the two-time NCAA champions will make a run at their first ITC title. It's a close-knit group, led by senior Carlene Beyer.

"This team means everything to me," Beyer said. "We're a family. Today proved that we have each other's back, and no matter what happens, we're there for each other. This is the first time SFA has ever made an ITC TV show, and getting this one would mean so much. We can do this. I have so much faith in us."

Coach Amber Lemke's squad has improved as the season has gone on, and despite the loss in the NCAA finals, she and husband/assistant coach Steve Lemke made sure their players understood the gains they've made and how proud they are of them.

"I think making two national championship shows in one year is pretty awesome," Lemke said. "We were asked if any of us watched the show (NCAA) last week, and the resounding response was no, because we aren't ready. But, we (Steve and I) did tell them how extremely proud we were of them for being in that position. I think we took what we learned and applied it when we got here. We're performing at a high level right now, and we just made sure they knew that one loss doesn't define us as a team. We reset, started over and we're after another one."

The 2022 event kicked off Thursday, with a 24-game Baker block determining seeding for the bracket for the top 16 men's and 16 women's teams in the country. The opening rounds of match play took place Thursday, with all teams returning Friday to Stardust Bowl.

Teams qualified for the ITC through four sectional qualifiers held throughout the country in April. Teams had to place in the top four in their respective sectional to advance.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships, visit BOWL.com/ITC.

INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Friday's Results

MEN'S DIVISION

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

Mount Mercy def. Tennessee Southern, 4-2.

St. Ambrose def. William Paterson, 4-2.

William Penn def. Midland, 4-3.

St. Francis-Illinois def. Oklahoma Christian, 4-3.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

McKendree def. Mount Mercy, 4-2.

Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah def. St. Ambrose, 4-2.

William Penn def. Lindenwood, 4-2.

Webber International def. St. Francis-Illinois, 4-2.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Indiana Tech def. Wisconsin-Whitewater, 4-2.

Wichita State def. Emmanuel, 4-3.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

McKendree def. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4-1.

William Penn def. Webber International, 4-0.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. McKendree, 4-2.

William Penn def. Emmanuel, 4-2.

ROUND 7 - BRACKET FINALS

(If undefeated team wins, they advance to finals and loser is eliminated. If undefeated team loses, both teams move to Round 8).

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Indiana Tech, 4-2.

Wichita State def. William Penn, 4-2 (William Penn eliminated).

ROUND 8

(Winner advances to finals. Loser is eliminated).

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Indiana Tech, 4-3.

TITLE MATCH

Wisconsin-Whitewater vs. Wichita State

WOMEN'S DIVISION

MATCH PLAY

Double-elimination, best-of-seven Baker format

ROUND 3 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

McKendree def. Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, 4-0.

Mount St. Mary's def. Duquesne, 4-3.

Lawrence Tech def. Tulane, 4-3.

Maryville def. Louisiana Tech, 4-2.

ROUND 4 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

McKendree def. Saint Xavier, 4-2.

Mount St. Mary's def. Delaware State, 4-2.

Mount Mercy def. Lawrence Tech, 4-1.

Sam Houston State def. Maryville, 4-1.

ROUND 5 - WINNERS BRACKET

(Winners remain in Winners Bracket. Losers move to Elimination Bracket).

Stephen F. Austin def. Pikeville, 4-1.

Wichita State def. St. Francis-Illinois, 4-3.

ROUND 5 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

Mount St. Mary's def. McKendree, 4-0.

Sam Houston State def. Mount Mercy, 4-2.

ROUND 6 - ELIMINATION BRACKET

(Losers eliminated)

Pikeville def. Mount St. Mary's, 4-3.

Sam Houston State def. St. Francis-Illinois, 4-3.

ROUND 7 - BRACKET FINALS

(If undefeated team wins, they advance to finals and loser is eliminated. If undefeated team loses, both teams move to Round 8).

Stephen F. Austin def. Pikeville, 4-2 (Pikeville eliminated).

Sam Houston State def. Wichita State, 4-2.

ROUND 8

(Winner advances to finals. Loser is eliminated).

Wichita State def. Sam Houston State, 4-2.

TITLE MATCH

Stephen F. Austin vs. Wichita State

TITLES DETERMINED AT 2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM AND SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Emil Williams Jr.

ADDISON, III. – The Wisconsin-Whitewater men and Stephen F. Austin women captured team championships, and William Paterson's Brandon Vallone and Stephen F. Austin's Chloe Skurzynski claimed singles titles at the 2022 Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships at Stardust Bowl.

The championship rounds in the men's and women's divisions in each event were taped for broadcast Saturday and will air on Tuesdays in April and May on CBS Sports Network.

The women's ISC finals will air April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern, with the men's ISC show airing May 3 at 8 p.m. Eastern. The men's ITC finals will be May 10 at 8 p.m. Eastern, and the excitement will conclude with the women's ITC title match May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern.

In the men's team final, Wisconsin-Whitewater trailed Wichita State in the best-of-five Baker final, 0-2, and for a moment, it looked like the Hollywood script would not be greenlighted as head coach Shawn Wochner was retiring after the match.

But, needing a mark to stave off elimination, Wisconsin-Whitewater senior Donovan Thomas followed his three teammates and struck on his first shot in the 10th frame to win Game 3 (223-192). This began the rally for the Warhawks, in which they won Game 4 (182-168) to force the deciding fifth game.

With the momentum in their favor, the resilient Warhawks built a lead with three strikes in their first four frames as the intrigue continued to build, with Wichita State struggling late in the match.

The Shockers, who were looking to repeat as champions at the ITC, had three opens in the first six frames. This allowed Wisconsin-Whitewater to fill frames until the ninth, when the Warhawks tossed a strike to lock up the game (204-161) and a 3-2 win to claim the program's first Helmer Cup.

Wochner, who had announced his retirement from coaching in previous months, finally broke through as the Wisconsin-Whitewater head coach after a couple of third-place finishes in recent years. He's now in rare company as a winner of the ITC as both a player (Western Illinois in 2001) and coach.

The bleachers were filled with current and former Warhawk alumni, as well as Wochner's family and friends from the Quad Cities. It's a moment Wochner or the team will never forget.

"This means everything," Wochner said. "We had alumni here. The two alumni who suggested I come to Whitewater (Kiefer Sullivan and Mike Dolan) were here. It validates all the time these guys have put in. It's all the frustrations. It's all the thrills of victory and the agony of defeats. The guys came together. We were able to control what we can control and stay in the moment. It's something that will live with these guys for the rest of their lives. It was a total team effort."

Thomas, who was named the men's Most Valuable Player of the ITC, stepped up and performed in clutch moments throughout the tournament, and it did not stop in the finals. He's someone the team trusts in the anchor position not only for his striking abilities, but for his leadership and understanding of the game.

"It feels amazing," Thomas said. "Getting to TV was an amazing feeling, but now that we've won, it's definitely the best feeling in bowling. Becoming a leader definitely came over time. I've been a team captain for the last two years, and it's just gaining the trust of everybody, and having a lot of knowledge in the sport helps, too, because I can help in any aspect they want. The way I see the lanes is super analytical, and I can help with other players moves and work with coach in that aspect."

The 2022 championship team for Wisconsin-Whitewater featured Thomas, Drake Bazy, Maguire Hansche, Garrett Meadows, Mason Peterson, Ty Peterson, Quinn Sheehy and Brett Beuthin.

Joining Thomas on the men's all-tournament team was Savannah College of Art and Design's Alex Glinski, Emmanuel's David Hooper, Wichita State's Alec Keplinger and Indiana Tech's Marcus McClain.

The Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award went to Michael Nape Jr. of St. Francis-Illinois.

In the women's title match, two-time NCAA champion Stephen F. Austin started Game 1 with four strikes in their first five frames, while Wichita State began with three consecutive opens.

The Shockers, who entered the 2022 event as the defending champion in the women's field, were able to right the ship down the stretch and forced Stephen F. Austin senior Carlene Beyer to mark in the 10th frame. Beyer was able to seal a Game 1 win, 193-182.

In Game 2, the Ladyjacks tossed eight strikes to defeat the Shockers, 240-159.

In Game 3, Wichita State came out aggressive with four straight strikes but followed with three consecutive open frames, including two splits. Stephen F. Austin saw their first double appear in the fifth and sixth frames, but perhaps the moment of the match came in the seventh frame, when right-hander Katie Heady left a 1-2-4-10 washout. She was subbed out for left-hander Megan George, who converted the spare and sent the team and its fans into a frenzy.

The Shockers had a chance to shut out Stephen F. Austin in the 10th frame, but a split from senior Addie Herzberg left the Ladyjacks with a chance to win the game and the title.

Needing a mark, Beyer left a 6-10 on her first shot and converted the spare to give the Ladyjacks their first ITC title in program history. The final score was 196-188.

In the month of April, the team has bowled in 11 matches across two national championship competitions and have lost just one match during that span, which was last week's NCAA Women's Bowling Championship to McKendree.

"I think all of the things we have been preaching since Day 1 have come together at the same time and the right time," said Stephen F. Austin head coach Amber Lemke. "We are not a team that typically does very well in the fall. We struggle to find our way during that time, and as we find our way, things to start to click for the players and propels everyone to be better. We tell them 'we're doing all of this hard work to be ready for March and April,' and once they see it pay off, it takes them to another level, and that's what you're seeing."

Beyer, who was named the women's Most Valuable Player, has been on a roll in April during Stephen F. Austin's run. She brought her striking ways to Stardust Bowl and now is a two-time national champion, after winning the 2019 NCAA title as a freshman.

"To me, this means so much, because we had a little experience last weekend bowling McKendree and getting swept," Beyer said. "This weekend, we kept telling ourselves 'go out, be fun, be loose and just throw the ball down the lane and whatever happens, happens.' It's really something special. We had each other's backs, and we showed it again on the show."

The 2022 championship team for Stephen F. Austin featured Beyer, her sister, Brystal Beyer, Crystal George, Megan George, Katie Heady, Isabel Hughes, Hana Roers and Chloe Skurzynski.

Joining Beyer on the all-tournament team were Herzberg, Sam Houston State's Denise Blakenzee, Pikeville's Kristina Catoe and Mount St. Mary's Rebecca Dodson.

The Chris Stoehr Sportsmanship award went to Mount St. Mary's Tamera Stanton.

In the men's singles title tilt, Vallone beat St. Ambrose's Nate Stubler, 184-158, to win the ISC crown.

The title match began with both players producing open frames, but Stubler was the first to double in the third and fourth. Stubler found trouble later in the match, though, leaving back-to-back splits in the sixth and seventh frames.

After the initial open, Vallone traded strikes and spares until the fifth frame, when an untimely split left him facing a 19-pin deficit. Following Stubler's troubles, Vallone took the lead in the seventh frame, and a key ball change helped him lock up the match with a strike in the ninth.

"It's an incredible feeling," Vallone said. "I haven't experienced anything like this before in my life. I

made a ball change a few frames before and I trusted it. I knew what I was doing. I gave myself the best chance to mark and I did. Having my team behind me and supporting me helped me settle in."

Vallone's first year of college bowling has been life-changing, especially with the time he has spent with his William Paterson teammates. He is one of the hardest workers on the team, and both his coach and teammates couldn't be prouder.

"He's one of the hardest working bowlers I've ever coached," said William Paterson head coach Greg Hatzisavvas. "He's super dedicated. He practices. He's focused at practice. He pays attention. He asks questions. And, when he's not bowling team practices, he supplements with tournaments on the weekends. He's earned this."

Vallone defeated Calumet's Daniel Chin, 201-174, in the opening semifinal match. Both players didn't look comfortable through the first five frames, but Vallone was able to remain clean and put together strikes in frames six, seven and eight to secure the victory. Chin was looking to follow in the footsteps of teammate Pete Vergos, who won the men's title in 2021.

Stubler advanced to the final by defeating Oklahoma Christian freshman CJ Petrin, 217-183. Petrin found an early double to start the match but followed with two consecutive opens, while Stubler stayed clean early and followed with five straight strikes to advance.

In the women's final, Skurzynski, who has been nursing a back injury during the previous three weeks, began the title match against Duquesne's Olivia Farwell with strikes in three out of the first four frames, but she left the 4-6-7-10 split on the right lane in the fifth frame to momentarily pause her momentum.

Meanwhile, Farwell, the 2022 National Tenpin Coaches Association Division I Player of the Year, was clean through the first five frames until she left a 4-6-7-10 of her own in the sixth. Skurzynski seized the moment and followed with a double to take the lead, which she never relinquished. Needing a mark to win and finishing on the left lane, Skurzynski tossed a strike to claim the singles crown.

In total, she tossed a total of 10 strikes in 13 chances on the left lane across two matches.

"I bowled against Liv for years in Pennsylvania," Skurzynski said. "We've been bowling since we were 15 years old through high school and now in college. So, it was somewhat comforting bowling against her in the match, but with the injury, I wasn't sure what was going to happen. I still don't know what it is, except it started three weeks ago at the NCAA Arlington Regional.

"It was really bad after ISC qualifying. I actually didn't bowl during the first day (Thursday) of team event, and I threw one fill shot the next day. When I practiced this morning, every shot hurt so I said, 'it's going to hurt regardless, so I might as well throw it as best as I can, since the season is over.'"

Skurzynski has had quite the run in 2022. It began in January, when she won the U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships to earn a spot on Team USA.

"I'm just somebody who likes to go for the moment in the moment," Skurzynski said. "But, when you start saying the accomplishments together, and looking back on it, it's a lot. Honestly, I haven't had a lot of confidence in my game lately, especially when my back started flaring up. I was probably 75% today. I'm incredibly grateful for the Team USA opportunity, the amateur title, the opportunity to compete at the ISC and the title, and the ITC win with the girls. I honestly didn't even know if I'd be bowling because of my back. It's crazy."

In the first women's semifinal, a ball change following two open frames was key for Skurzynski, who tossed six out of the last seven strikes to defeat Duquesne's Kiearra Saldi, 205-164. Saldi was looking to battle her teammate, Farwell, in the finals.

In the other semifinal, Farwell defeated Vanderbilt's Mabel Cummins, 213-191. Farwell tossed five strikes in the first seven frames, while Cummins, who controlled the pocket and was clean with no open frames, was never able to find a double in the match.

All qualifying and match-play rounds held prior to the televised finals were broadcast on BowITV.com.

Teams and individuals competing at Stardust Bowl this week earned their spots at the ITC and ISC through four sectional qualifiers held throughout the country in March.

For more information on the Intercollegiate Team Championships, visit BOWL.com/ITC. To learn more about the Intercollegiate Singles Championships, visit BOWL.com/ISC.

2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Saturday's Results

Men's Championship

Wisconsin-Whitewater def. Wichita State, 3-2 (211-213, 138-203, 223-192, 182-168, 204-161).

Women's Championship

Stephen F. Austin def. Wichita State, 3-0 (193-182, 240-159, 196-188).

2022 INTERCOLLEGIATE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill.

Saturday's Results

Men's Semifinals

Brandon Vallone, William Paterson def. Daniel Chin, Calumet, 201-174.

Nathan Stubler, St. Ambrose def. CJ Petrin, Oklahoma Christian, 217-183.

Men's Final

Vallone def. Stubler, 184-158.

Women's Semifinals

Chloe Skurzynski, Stephen F. Austin def. Kiearra Saldi, Duquesne, 205-164.
Oliva Farwell, Duquesne def. Mabel Cummins, Vanderbilt, 213-191.

Women's Final

Skurzynski def. Farwell, 202-167.

CLASS OF 2020 OFFICIALLY INDUCTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

By Emil Williams Jr.

LAS VEGAS – After waiting for more than two years, the six members of the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class were celebrated during their induction ceremony Tuesday at The Orleans Hotel and Casino.

Marianne DiRupo of Succasunna, New Jersey, and Patrick Allen of Garfield, New Jersey, were inducted in the Superior Performance category, and Patrick Healey Jr. of Niagara Falls, New York, was inducted in the USBC Outstanding Performance category. Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pennsylvania, was inducted in the Veterans category, and Andrew Cain of Phoenix and Jim Zebehazy of Leesburg, Florida, earned their spots for Meritorious Service.

The six inductees originally were scheduled for induction in 2020, before COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 USBC Convention, along with all supporting activities and events. The 2021 Convention was held virtually, and inductions were delayed to 2022.

Four of the six members of the 2020 class were on-site for the ceremony Tuesday, with DiRupo and Healey Jr. unable to attend.

DiRupo, 55, 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 she also has eight other top-10 finishes at the event. She earned Bowlers Journal All-American first-team honors in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

Allen, 51, is the owner of 13 Professional Bowlers Association titles.

He captured his first PBA title at the 2001 Greater Detroit Open. He had multiple wins in 2005, 2007 and 2009.

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. He earned his second major title at the 2009 H&R Block Tournament of Champions.

The 13 titles in the 2000s tied Allen with Parker Bohn III for most PBA Tour victories by a left-hander.

"I want to thank my father, who always wanted me to get to this point," Allen said. "He was the one that really pushed me to keep bowling and keep pushing myself to bowl against the guys that I probably wasn't ready to bowl against. But, he needed to make sure I made that happen."

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 International Bowling Federation Super World Championships in Bangkok, after the world governing body decided to allow professional athletes to compete in international events. He won gold in doubles and team and a bronze in trios and captured two more golds (trios, team) a silver (Masters) and bronze (doubles) at the 2010 event in Munich.

Healey Jr., 53, 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.

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.

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.

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., 60, a native of Erie, Pennsylvania, currently serves as the head coach of the men's and women's bowling programs at the University of Tennessee Southern in Pulaski, 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 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 three-time member of Senior Team USA, he earned a gold medal in team at the 2015 IBF Masters World Championships in Las Vegas and captured gold in doubles and team at the 2017 event in Unterföhring, Germany.

"In 1996, striking out for the (PBA Flagship) Open became a reality," Learn said. "In 1991, we started having a tour stop in Erie, Pennsylvania. We had the first arena finals in Erie, Pennsylvania, in 1993, and then in 1996, I was fortunate enough to qualify fifth in front of my hometown crowd of 4,500 people. You can't write the script any better. I really was trying not to fall on my face, to be honest. But, as it turned out, I had the day of all days. I dreamt a dream, and I got to live it."

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, 40, was a five-time member of Team USA and has bowled on the PBA Tour since 2007, but he 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 to streamline and improve participation in youth bowling.

Also, during his tenure, the 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.

"I never did once think that I would be standing here speaking to all of you," Cain said. "And to think, this recent journey I'm being honored for tonight started because I got a letter in 2007 inviting me to join the board as a member of Team USA. But, what I'm fortunate for tonight is an iconic group of men and women in this sport, in this industry, believe that what I helped accomplish was worthy of this great honor."

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, 69, 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, 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, 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, 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 SMART program.

"I get a lot of credit for the Junior Gold program, but it was started by David Dahms," Zebehazy said. "He was the one who got it off the ground working with the YABA Board of Directors at the time. We had a couple of real strong goals, and one of them was to give youth bowlers something to strive for. In the later years, you would hear the kids talking, 'I finished 450th last year. I'm going to break the top 200 this year.' We were setting it as a goal for their development, and it was a gauge for them to see how they were doing against other Junior Gold bowlers from across the country."

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.

Now including the 2020 class, there are 438 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 225 in Superior Performance, 122 in Meritorious Service, 52 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 17 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

The 2021 and 2022 classes will be inducted Wednesday at The Orleans, starting at 9:30 p.m. Eastern. The ceremony will be broadcast live at BowITV.com.

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USBC HALL OF FAME WELCOMES CLASSES FOR 2021 AND 2022

By Emil Williams Jr.

LAS VEGAS - The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame added two classes of inductees Wednesday night when it held its second induction ceremony of the 2022 USBC Convention and Annual Meeting at The Orleans Hotel & Casino.

The 2021 class kicked off the night, as Sandra Jo Shiery of Coldwater, Michigan, and Mark Williams of Beaumont, Texas, were inducted in the Superior Performance category, while Barbara and Bill Chrisman of Pleasant View, Utah, were inducted for Meritorious Service.

The Chrismans were the seventh husband and wife overall to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame,

but the first to be enshrined in the same year.

The 2022 class featured Tammy Turner of West Palm Beach, Florida, for Superior Performance, while Bo Goergen of Midland, Michigan, was inducted in the Outstanding USBC Performance category. Bill Allen of Orlando, Florida, and Roger Zeller of San Antonio were inducted posthumously in the Veterans and Meritorious Service categories, respectively.

The 2021 induction ceremony was pushed back to 2022, as the 2021 USBC Convention was held virtually. The 2020 USBC Hall of Fame class was inducted Tuesday night after COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the 2020 Convention, along with all supporting activities and events.

Shiery, 57, is a nine-time Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour champion, which includes one major victory at the 1997 USBC Queens. She also had a runner-up finish at the Queens (1989) and three top-five performances at the U.S. Women's Open.

One additional win for Shiery in the PWBA spotlight came in 1989, when she won the South Bend Classic as a non-member.

At USBC's premier event for female members, the USBC Women's Championships, the Coldwater USBC and Michigan State USBC Hall of Famer collected eight top-10 finishes, including back-to-back third-place efforts in the team event in 1995 and 1996.

Prior to embarking on her successful professional career, Shiery spent a year on Team USA.

In 1987, she had the opportunity to represent the United States at the International Bowling Federation Super World Championships, where she earned gold medals in team and all-events and a bronze medal in trios. A Team USA woman would not win the all-events crown again until 2013.

"The three people I really wish could be here are my dad, my mom and my sister," said Shiery, while fighting back tears. "They were my biggest supporters. It all started when my dad bought a bowling alley when I was 4 years old. He was always one who told you to practice until you got it right. I can thank him now, because he made me the bowler I was and have the determination to be the best I could be."

Shiery's stint on Team USA also included a trip to the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas, which resulted in a five-medal performance - three gold (mixed team, all-events, national all-events) and two bronze (singles, doubles).

After her pro career ended, Shiery found success leading the next generation of stars as the coach of the Coldwater High School girls bowling team, which she helped to three consecutive state championships from 2005-2007.

Shiery's son, Alec Keplinger, helped the Wichita State men's team win the 2021 Intercollegiate Team Championships, is the 2019 Junior Gold Championships winner in the U20 division and a current member of Junior Team USA.

Williams, 64, is a Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer (1999), owns seven PBA Tour titles, including three majors - the PBA Tournament of Champions (1985 and 1988) and the PBA Touring Players Championship (1986). He also has logged a runner-up finish at the USBC Masters and two top-10 finishes at the U.S. Open.

His presence in the PBA spans more than four decades, and his success also includes three PBA50 Tour titles, with the most recent being the 2010 Senior U.S. Open.

In 2018, Williams celebrated turning 60 with a second-place finish at the Super Senior Classic. A year later, he picked up his first PBA60 title. He also owns nearly two dozen wins in PBA/PBA50 regional competition.

"I spent about three or four years on tour really not doing good at all," Williams said. "It finally dawned on me one day, 'you need some help, you need a coach.' And, I've had two of the greatest coaches in the history of bowling help me along the way ... Fred Borden and Bill Spigner. Thank you for all you've done."

Over more than three decades, Bill Chrisman, 72, and Barbara Chrisman, 70, have used their positions and success as co-founders of Storm Products, Inc., one of bowling's premier manufacturers, to have an immeasurable impact in the sport beyond just the production of balls, bags, shoes and accessories for Storm, Roto Grip and now 900 Global.

Together, the two have supported bowling, particularly women's bowling, through sponsorships of countless bowlers and bowling tournaments across the globe, including the USBC Senior Queens, National Golden Ladies Classic and PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles.

Storm Bowling also has sponsored numerous youth and other events, but supporting the tournaments for women has been a major part of Barbara's mission, as she always has been supportive of women's bowling as a competitor and a fan. She was the keynote speaker at the 2016 Singapore Women's International Coaching Symposium.

As a member of the USBC Board of Directors from 2005-2011, Barbara Chrisman served on the Financial Committee and Legal and Legislative Committee. She also helped establish the Diversity Committee.

"As someone who has bowled recreationally and in organized competitions since I was 11, it is indeed a privilege to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame," Barbara Chrisman said. "This is crazy. I can't believe I'm standing up here, where I watched so many of our great leaders and superior bowlers go before me. What a great group I'm included in."

Before the Storm brand came to be in 1991, along with the company's first bowling balls, Bill Chrisman's High Score Products was in its sixth year as a one-product company, producing U Clean/U Score Urethane Bowling Ball Cleaner.

Under his leadership, Storm has been a leading innovator, introducing such things as bowling balls with distinctive fragrances.

Individually, Bill Chrisman also has served the sport at the association level, spending time as a director on the Ogden (Utah) Bowling Association Board from 1981-1989. He was inducted into the association's hall of fame for superior performance in 1994 and was inducted into the Utah State USBC Hall of Fame in 2005 for meritorious service.

His efforts and determination earned him special recognition from USBC in 2014 - the Joyce Deitch Unity Award - given to individuals who have made important contributions to bowling as motivators, visionaries, leaders and innovators.

"If you work with Storm, you're committed to trying to make the sport of bowling a better sport, and the act of bowling more fun," Bill Chrisman said. "We make bowling balls so people can have more fun, enjoy the sport more and try to recruit more bowlers as much as we can. That's what everybody at Storm is about, and that's what we try to instill into everybody. And, if you don't feel that way at Storm, you're not there for very long."

But, as much as bowling has benefitted from their individual dedication, the Chrismans likely will be remembered for their collective contributions and the role their company has played in the future of the sport.

As a team, the Chrismans have received numerous honors from the bowling industry, including the 2016 International Bowling Media Association Alberta E. Crowe Meritorious Service Award, 2014 Billiard and Bowling Institute of America's Industry Service Award in recognition of their contribution to the promotion of the sport, 2003 William Landgraf Memorial Award for Distinguished Service and the 2013 John Davis Memorial Award.

They also have made numerous charitable contributions, including donating to Susan G. Komen Bowl for the Cure, BPAA Hall of Fame Xtravaganza, International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and Weber State University.

Turner, 51, excelled collegiately with West Texas A&M, internationally with Team USA and then on the PWBA Tour during the 1990s, before back surgery late in the decade derailed her professional career.

She was the 1994 PWBA Rookie of the Year and went on to earn four PWBA Tour titles in her first three seasons, including a pair of victories in 1996.

Though she left the tour for good in 2002, she remained in the national spotlight as a regular participant at the USBC Women's Championships, where she collected more than a dozen top-10 finishes and two Classic Team titles through 2013.

With the PWBA Tour on hiatus from 2003-2014, competitive opportunities for women were limited, but Turner capitalized on one in 2009, when she burst back onto the sport's top tier with a win at the 2009 U.S. Women's Open for her first major title.

She was the runner-up at the U.S. Women's Open in 1998 and finished second at the USBC Queens in 1996.

"I was born with a congenital heart defect that restricted me from playing some organized sports in middle school and high school," said Turner, when describing her start in the sport. "I've heard many people say I have natural talent, but there wasn't anything natural about how I started in bowling. Due to this congenital heart defect, my heart problem was a liability, but one of the sports I could play was bowling. I was determined at that point to prove them all wrong. I could be a good athlete, and I was determined to be the best I could be and be a great bowler."

Goergen, a 61-year-old right-hander and current USBC Board member, is a two-time champion at the USBC Open Championships.

He won the 2009 Regular Singles title with a record score of 862, which included games of 299, 299 and 264 and still is the highest series ever rolled in Open Championships competition.

Goergen returned to the tournament lanes in 2010 as a defending champion, and though he was not able to repeat in singles, he posted a 2,031 all-events total and helped Northern Lanes Pro Shop of Sanford, Michigan, to the Team All-Events title with a 10,284 total.

In 42 years on the tournament lanes, Goergen has maintained a 205 average and collected five additional top-10 finishes. He also earned a pair of titles at the 2015 Bowlers Journal Championships.

"I've had a great career with 42 years at the Open Championships," Goergen said. "I want my son to experience the same thing. This month, when we come back to Las Vegas, I'm bowling with my son, my brother, my nephew and my first cousin, because we're going to bowl as a family from now on."

Bowling is a family. I appreciate all of you who have supported me in this journey. I didn't think I really deserved this award, but every one of you who congratulated me told me I do belong here. Now, I'm going to be a part of the USBC Hall of Fame family."

Allen was a 13-time PBA Tour champion, with all of those wins coming between 1963 and 1968. During the same time frame, he collected three top-10 finishes at the U.S. Open.

He was a regular on the USBC and Bowlers Journal All-America teams in the 1960s and claimed seven top-10 finishes at the Open Championships between 1966 and 1976.

Allen was inducted into the Florida State USBC Hall of Fame in 1970, the Orlando USBC Hall of Fame in 1982, the PBA Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Central Florida Sports Hall of Fame in 1984.

Allen's brother, Paul, accepted the award posthumously on behalf of Bill, who died in 1992.

"We moved to Orlando, Florida, and Bill got bit by a bowling ball," Paul Allen said. "He was so excited about bowling, and he got very, very good. I don't really know how you get on the PBA, but he got on the PBA. He struggled for a while, but when life gets tough, the tough get going. He got to the end of his rope, but he tied a great, big knot and hung on. Bill is now in forever, and I thank you very much."

Zeller helped leave his mark on the sport as the owner, president and chief executive officer of Columbia Industries, which he purchased in 1960. He initially focused on the creation and distribution of plastic and polyester bowling balls.

After selling the company in 1964, the decorated military veteran bought it back in 1967, serving as the majority owner for approximately 30 years.

As the sport hit its highest participation points in the 1970s and 1980s, Columbia 300 produced more than 5,000 bowling balls a day, and the company sold more than 1 million bowling balls for the first time in 1976. Through the 1990s, Columbia was the largest manufacturer of bowling balls and even produced balls for AMF and Track.

Connie Smoot, Zeller's long-time friend and colleague, was there to accept the award for him. Zeller died in 1997.

"He would be very, very proud to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame," Smoot said. "Mr. Zeller was the kind of employer who knew the name of every man in the factory and every woman in the factory. He would give all the credit to his employees and not want to take any for himself. He was always in the background and never in front. I think his experiences made him a powerful, dynamic, fearless leader, and that's what he brought to Columbia 300."

Columbia 300 served as the title sponsor for many professional events on both the men's and women's tours over the years, and Zeller was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame for meritorious service in 1995.

Zeller also spent time as a proprietor, served as a National Bowling Council board member and as trustee for the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

He was inducted into the San Antonio Bowling Council Hall of Fame in 1977 and received the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America Industry Service Award in 1988.

Zeller established the John Jowdy Scholarship Fund and created the Roger L. and Laura D. Zeller Charitable Foundation, which funded a wing of the Cancer Therapy & Research Center in San Antonio.

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USBC INTRODUCES NEW CENTER INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, FEATURING ACE TOOL

LAS VEGAS – The United States Bowling Congress introduced new details for a tiered center certification program and unveiled a data-collecting tool for center inspections at the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting on Thursday.

“After several years of data collection and analysis, and multiple discussions with industry stakeholders, it was determined that a new process was needed to complete the inspection and certification of all the lanes and bowling centers,” said Samuel Guy, USBC Director of Center Certification.

Over the summer, USBC will begin hiring and training four inspectors and one coordinator to staff this new program. The inspectors will certify centers year-round, beginning January 2023. USBC will inspect approximately a third of the centers in the United States each year, then will repeat the cycle.

Inspections will be \$30 per lane and include a three-year certification for centers that meet the gold, silver or bronze requirements. Centers that do not meet those requirements will be required to have an annual inspection until they are able to move into one of the three tiers. The tier requirements will be announced at a later date, after USBC has collected and analyzed a sufficient sample of center inspections under the new process.

Inspections will be completed utilizing the Automatic Certification Evaluation Tool, also known as ACE. ACE is a state-of-the-art topography recording device that utilizes digital sensors and a precision-machined frame to collect lane data and generate certification reports in real time.

ACE will record all of the data points used for certification on a lane in approximately five minutes, compared to a 10- to 12-minute window with tools previously used in the process.

The data will automatically be input into a report, creating a more efficient collection method compared to previous practices that required local associations to manually record the information for each lane.

After the inspection is completed, the data will calculate the percentage of

measurements that meet USBC specifications and ultimately place the center in a tier.

"Our goal was to make the inspection process more efficient, accurate and consistent," Guy said. "ACE delivers that with a push of a button."

The USBC Equipment and Specifications team has been working on the development of ACE for several years in correlation with the announcement of a tiered center certification program in 2019.

The program was introduced following a study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections.

Those who are interested in becoming a National Lane Inspector or Center Certification Coordinator can apply at BOWL.com/Careers beginning in May 2022.

For more information on ACE and the center certification program, visit BOWL.com/CenterCertification.

2022 USBC CONVENTION CONCLUDES

LAS VEGAS - Delegates elected three board members and voted on one legislative proposal at the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting, which concluded Thursday at The Orleans Hotel & Casino.

The ballot for the USBC Board election had five candidates slated by the USBC Nominating Committee - Brandon Bowman of Mukilteo, Washington; Anthony Colangelo of Meridian, Idaho; Bo Goergen of Sanford, Michigan; Melissa McDaniel of Raleigh, North Carolina; and Cheryl Younger of Leavenworth, Kansas.

On the first ballot, incumbents McDaniel (580 votes), Goergen (397 votes) and Colangelo (396 votes) were re-elected, with Younger receiving 346 votes and Bowman receiving 340 votes. A candidate had to receive a majority of votes from the 701 votes cast to be elected.

Team USA athletes re-elected Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, to a second term and elected Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The newly elected board members begin their three-year terms Aug. 1, 2022.

The USBC Board of Directors re-elected McDaniel to serve a second two-year term as president. Dennis Hacker of Longtown, Missouri, was elected to his first two-year term as vice president.

Angel Metsch of Statesville, North Carolina, is joining the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee, which also returns current members Chrissie Kent of Newark, New York, and Christopher Floyd of Lockport, Louisiana.

In addition to the board elections, delegates voted on one proposed bylaw amendment. Delegates rejected a bylaw proposal to allow remote electronic voting for future USBC Annual Meetings.

Indiana State USBC was awarded the Association Excellence Award at the event. Hacker, the USBC Awards Committee chair, surprised the Indiana State USBC delegates as part of the USBC Convention awards ceremony.

The presentation of national awards, including the Alberta E. Crowe Star of Tomorrow Award to Lara Kurt of Leland, North Carolina, and the Chuck Hall Star of Tomorrow Award to Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, also took place.

McDaniel and USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy presented their annual reports, and delegates heard reports from the USBC Strategic Planning Committee and from International Bowling Campus Youth Development.

During Convention week, delegates attended a variety of educational seminars. The agenda also featured presentations from USBC charity partners Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), which provides recreational and therapeutic programs and services to America's active duty and veteran service men and women, and Bowl for the Cure(r), the year-round fundraising initiative sponsored by USBC in partnership with Susan G. Komen®.

In 2023, the USBC Convention will be held at South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa in Las Vegas in conjunction with the USBC Women's Championships, with the event scheduled to run from April 24-27.

Visit [BOWL.com/Convention](https://www.usbc.com/convention) to learn more about the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

RESULTS OF 2022 USBC ANNUAL MEETING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

2022 LEGISLATION

Bylaws (two-third votes needed)
Amendment No. B 1 - Rejected (351 accept, 344 reject)
USBC National Bylaws
Article IV, Meetings Section A. Annual Meeting

Allows for remote ballot voting at the USBC Annual Meeting.

JUNIOR GOLD KICK-OFF EVENTS FEATURE VARIETY OF EXPERIENCES FOR ATHLETES AND SPECTATORS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The lead-up to the 2022 Junior Gold Championships in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will feature a series of experiential opportunities, including the inaugural Junior Gold Party in the Park event on Sunday, July 17.

The 23rd annual Junior Gold Championships is expecting approximately 4,200 athletes to arrive in Grand Rapids and the surrounding host cities as early as July 10, with the U20 divisions competing that week. Spectator passes and merchandise will be available at the U20 competition centers.

The festivities begin on Thursday, July 14, with a product demonstration day featuring representatives from Brunswick, Columbia 300, DV8, Ebonite, Hammer, Motiv, 900 Global, Roto Grip and Storm. The event, which is a must for those looking for the latest updates in equipment and products, runs from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Westgate Bowl.

Space is limited for the demo day with required registration (first come, first served) available at BOWL.com/JGSpecialEvents beginning June 2.

Friday, July 15, is the first day for spectators to pick up their passes at DeVos Place. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with merchandise sales also being offered at the venue.

Things kick into high gear on Saturday, July 16, at Devos Place with registration and the annual Junior Gold Trade Show and Collegiate Experience featuring more than 60 colleges and universities. Seminars will be available from Brunswick, Kegel, Motiv and Storm. Another highlight of the trade show are autograph stations featuring pros from the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tours. Concessions and official Junior Gold merchandise also will be available.

As with the demo day, space for the trade show seminars is limited and registration is required beginning June 2. Purchase and pick up for spectator passes also is available at DeVos Place on Saturday.

"As with past Junior Gold events, the demo day, trade show and seminars continue to be highlights of this event," said Gary Brown, International Bowling Campus Youth Development Managing Director. "Additionally, we're very excited about our new Party in the Park event that will wrap up the weekend's attractions."

The Junior Gold Party in the Park will take place at the Millennium Park Grant Pavilion on Sunday, July 17, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Registered athletes for this special event will receive a free food ticket that can be utilized at the on-site food trucks. In addition, the first 2,000 registered athletes also will receive a free commemorative T-shirt (limited sizes). Food and T-shirt tickets can be picked up at the Party in the Park booth at the trade show or on-site during check-in.

The Party in the Park, which is sponsored by partners Brunswick, I Am Bowling, Kegel, Motiv, and Storm Products, will feature a DJ and several fun activities including outdoor games and equipment to utilize such as footballs, soccer balls and frisbees. There also will be featured areas for activities such as cornhole, a video-game truck, a dunk tank and much more. Staff members and pro athletes from the sponsoring partners will be on hand to mix and mingle at this event.

"It will be great to see all the athletes and parents back for a fun filled day of activities and opening ceremonies," said Chrissie Kent, IBC Youth Committee chairperson. "We encourage everyone to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and come hang out for the day!"

A special Party in the Park page will be posted on BOWL.com/JGPartyInThePark that will include event details. Participants are encouraged to pre-register beginning June 2 through Junior Gold, and then check-in at the trade show to receive your tickets to avoid the lines.

Below is a schedule for the event:

Junior Gold Party in Park
Sunday, July 17, 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Millennium Park Grant Pavilion

2 p.m. – Doors Open
4 p.m. – Talent Show
5 p.m. – Awards Show
6 p.m. – Athlete Celebration
7 p.m. – Event Concludes

Stayed tuned for more information from Junior Gold to submit your name to participate in the talent show or state walk. The Junior Gold Party in the Park will feature two athletes from each participating state and/or territory for a state walk at 6 p.m. and special recognition for all the athletes.

ATHLETES SELECTED TO REPRESENT JUNIOR TEAM USA AT 2022 IBF U21 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time since 2019, Junior Team USA will be competing on the international stage as eight athletes have been selected to wear the red, white and blue at the 2022 International Bowling Federation U21 World Championships.

The event will be held at Olympia Bowling in Helsingborg, Sweden, from June 21-29, with competition being contested in singles, doubles, team and mixed team events.

The girls team representing Junior Team USA will feature Mabel Cummins of Hermitage, Tennessee, Jillian Martin of Stow, Ohio, Paige Peters of Toms River, New Jersey, and Victoria Varano of Stony Point, New York.

The boys team heading to Sweden will include Tyrell Ingalls of Loganville, Georgia, Alec Keplinger of Coldwater, Michigan, Spencer Robarge of Springfield, Missouri, and Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas.

The last event for Junior Team USA prior to the COVID-19 pandemic was the 2019 PANAM Youth Championships in the Dominican Republic.

United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick will be making her debut as the Junior Team USA coach at the IBF U21 World Championships, but she's no stranger to helping the team find success on the world's biggest stages.

Kulick served as one of the assistant coaches for Junior Team USA at the 2018 World Championships in Detroit and helped the girls team claim the coveted four-player team gold medal. She will be joined by Team USA assistant coach Andy Diercks in Sweden.

"I am over the moon for this opportunity and responsibility," said Kulick, who spent 17 years bowling for Team USA. "I will attempt to carry on the leadership qualities and skills coach Bryan (O'Keefe) landscaped for the program and add my own touches. I am honored to still wear the shirt, just in a different form."

Cummins was part of team at the 2018 World Championships and now is a five-time member of Junior Team USA.

Her experience in the program and on the international playing field certainly will play a factor for the girls team, but her teammates will bring a unique blend of talent and familiarity to their first appearance at the World Championships.

Martin gained national fame in 2021 by becoming the youngest bowler to win a Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour event when she collected the victory at the PWBA BowITV Classic at 17 years old.

Cummins and Peters were teammates this past season at Vanderbilt and were named to the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) All-America second and third team, respectively. They'll be joined by Varano at Vanderbilt this fall.

Along with the collegiate connection, Peters and Varano have seen their older siblings find success as members of the Junior Team USA and Team USA program.

Peters' sister, Kamerin, spent three years on Junior Team USA (2019-2021) and competed at the 2019 IBF World Junior Championships and PANAM Youth Championships.

Varano is the younger sibling of PWBA Tour champion and Team USA member Danielle McEwan.

The boys team features four newcomers to the World Championships, but they have become quite familiar with each other thanks to collegiate bowling.

Ingalls and Salinas are teammates at Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, while Keplinger and Robarge both represented Wichita State this season. Both programs advanced to the 2022 Intercollegiate Team Championships in April.

Keplinger was named the Most Valuable Player for the 2021-2022 season by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA), and he was joined on the NCBCA All-America first team by Ingalls.

Robarge was named the NCBCA Rookie of the Year, while also earning a spot on the All-America second team. Salinas recorded a pair of top-10 finishes in Tier I competition during his freshman season.

Keplinger also has a family tie to Team USA. His mother, USBC Hall of Famer Sandra Jo Shiery, claimed two gold medals (team, all-events) and a bronze medal (trios) at the 1987 IBF Super World Championships in Finland.

"The young women and men representing Team USA have been training for this event their entire life," Kulick said. "I credit high school, collegiate and personal coaches, who have developed these athletes throughout the years. Our coaching has come a long way since I was a youngster. I know we will be successful because the talent is mountainous and the drive to win is endless."

To be eligible for the IBF U21 World Championships, athletes cannot be born before Jan. 1, 2001.

USBC HALL OF FAMER JOAN ROMEO DIES AT AGE 89

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer Joan Romeo died Saturday at the age of 89.

Romeo, of Las Vegas, was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2016 in the Meritorious Service category and was recently honored as an inductee in the PWBA 2022 Hall of Fame class in the Meritorious/Builder category.

Romeo had worked in various roles in the bowling industry, including supporting the International Bowling Media Association, World Bowling (now International Bowling Federation), International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum, California Bowling Writers and the Team USA program, and her work on behalf of professional women's bowling left a lasting legacy.

She diligently worked to secure sponsorships and promote events throughout the years, and her fundraising efforts helped to create an exhibit to recognize professional women's bowling at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, part of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington.

She served as president (2012-2015) and vice president (2010-2012) of the IBMA, president of the California Bowling Writers, an executive coordinator role for World Bowling and as a trustee to the IBM/HOF.

Romeo's dedication to the sport earned her some special awards, including the California Women's Bowling Association Distinguished Service Award, Columbia 300 Humanitarian Award, Bowling Writers Association of America Meritorious Service Award and BWAA President's Award.

Romeo is the mother of USBC and PWBA Hall of Famer Robin Romeo and Tori Romeo, who also competed professionally. With Joan's induction into the PWBA Hall of Fame on May 18, Joan and Robin joined Doris Coburn and Cindy Coburn-Carroll as the only mother-and-daughter duos to be inducted into both halls of fame.

Visitation and funeral services will be at Forest Lawn Mortuary, 6300 Forest Lawn Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Visitation is Wednesday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the

funeral is Thursday, July 7, at 12 p.m. A celebration of life will follow the funeral. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (<https://www.bowlingmuseum.com/Get-Involved/Donations>) in Joan's honor as a tribute to the work she did to help establish a professional women's bowling exhibit at the IBM/HOF.

USBC HALL OF FAME GLORIA BOUVIA DIES AT AGE 86

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Gloria Bouvia died Sunday, May 29, at the age of 86.

Over the course of her bowling career, Bouvia, of Madras, Oregon, earned numerous accolades on the national, state and local levels, including her 1987 induction into the USBC Hall of Fame in the Superior Performance category.

Bouvia won consecutive titles in Classic Doubles in 1969 and 1970 at the USBC Women's Championships, when she partnered with fellow hall of fame member Judy Soutar. She was a four-time titlist at the Women's Championships, also winning Classic Singles in 1966 and Classic Team in 1974.

Bouvia captured the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America National All-Star title in 1967 (predecessor to the U.S. Women's Open) and had a fourth-place finish that same year at the USBC Queens.

Bouvia made history in 1966 when she became the first woman to win back-to-back titles on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour. On the state level, she was outstanding in 1963 when she won the Oregon Women's Bowlers Association team and all-events titles and finished second in singles and doubles.

In addition to being inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame, Bouvia is a member of the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. Inducted in 1994, Bouvia is one of four bowlers (and the only female) in this hall of fame (Marshall Holman, Dave Husted and Tom Perry). Bouvia also was inducted into the Oregon State USBC Hall of Fame in 1977.

LOCATIONS DETERMINED FOR U.S. OPEN AND U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN THROUGH 2025

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America have reached location agreements for the 2023, 2024 and 2025 editions of the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open.

The U.S. Open will be heading back to Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis for all three

years, with the 2025 event making the 70-lane venue the host for four consecutive editions of the major championship on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas won the 2022 U.S. Open in February at Woodland Bowl.

The U.S. Women's Open will be held at ABC Gates Bowl in Rochester, New York, for the 2023 event, before the major on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour schedule makes its own stop at Woodland Bowl in 2024. The 2025 U.S. Women's Open will be at Sun Valley Lanes and Games in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The U.S. Women's Open will make its second consecutive stop in New York after Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center in South Glens Falls hosts the 2022 edition starting this week. The 2022 event will be held June 15-21, with the finals airing Tuesday at 7 p.m. Eastern live on CBS Sports Network.

"We're excited to be able to bring the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open to these great centers and bowling communities," BPAA Executive Director Frank DeSocio said. "Each of these centers has a history of hosting major events, and we're ready to continue this tradition looking ahead for the next three years."

Competitors at both majors will battle some of the most challenging lane conditions in the sport over 56 games of qualifying and round-robin match play to determine the five finalists for the stepladder finals, with the champions earning a spot in each tournament's long and storied history and the chance to wear the green jacket awarded to the winner.

With four events being held in three years at Woodland Bowl, the venue will continue its own tradition of hosting major championships.

In addition to its history with the U.S. Open, including both the men's and women's event in 1996 (qualifying and match play before the finals took place at Market Square Arena), Woodland Bowl has hosted countless PBA Tour stops and previous editions of the USBC Masters and Junior Gold Championships.

Both ABC Gates Bowl and Sun Valley Lanes and Games return to the PWBA Tour schedule after hosting events in previous seasons.

ABC Gates Bowl hosted the PWBA Rochester Open in 2016 and 2017, while Sun Valley Lanes and Games held the PWBA Lincoln Open in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021.

Sun Valley Lanes and Games also welcomed the U.S. Open to the 32-lane facility in 2020 and has hosted the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships and International Bowling Federation World Youth Championships.

"Some of bowling's biggest and most memorable moments have taken place at the U.S.

Open and U.S. Women's Open," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "We're proud to be able to continue the history and tradition of these tournaments in these great venues and locations."

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit [BOWL.com/USOpen](https://www.bowl.com/USOpen). To learn more about the U.S. Women's Open, head to [BOWL.com/USWomensOpen](https://www.bowl.com/USWomensOpen).

TEAM USA ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR PARA BOWLING AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Team USA program is accepting resumes for para bowlers interested in representing the red, white and blue at the 2022 International Bowling Federation Para Bowling World Cup in November.

The event will be heading to Australia in 2022, with the IBF World Cup scheduled to take place Nov. 3-16, and the IBF Para Bowling World Cup following from Nov. 16-23.

A location for the events will be announced at a later date.

Team members for the Para Bowling World Cup will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the submitted applications, which will be accepted through July 31.

The committee is planning to select four men and four women to compete in the W1 category of the Para Bowling World Cup.

The W1 Para/Amputee Classification incorporates all wheelchair classifications. It includes leg amputees, cerebral palsy (with functional hands) and Les Autres athletes with mobility disfunction. All must compete from a wheelchair and follow the rules of play and modified rules established for this discipline.

Those selected will receive a paid entry into the events, airfare, lodging and official uniforms.

Use the following link to apply: [Para Bowling application](#)

For more information on Team USA, visit [BOWL.com/TeamUSA](https://www.bowl.com/TeamUSA).

IBMHOF ANNOUNCES NEW STRIKING CONTRIBUTION AWARD, TABS JOHN TIERNEY AS FIRST RECIPIENT

ARLINGTON, Texas – The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame (IBMHOF) is proud to announce the creation of a new award that will recognize extraordinary contributions to the Hall of Fame.

The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame Striking Contribution Award will be presented for the first time this year at International Bowl Expo. The award is for recognition of an individual, institution or organization who recently has made an extraordinary contribution to the Hall of Fame.

"The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame continues to collect and preserve artifacts from the bowling industry's great history," said Mike Aulby, President and Chairman of the IBMHOF Board of Trustees. "With this in mind, our board of trustees has created the Striking Contribution Award, and we're proud to announce John Tierney as its first recipient."

Tierney, a retired long-time California bowling center proprietor, recently donated more than 400 items related to Helen Duval to the museum's permanent collection. If not for Tierney's efforts to secure this collection after Duval's death, the items would have been lost to history.

"I've been fortunate to have been around bowling since the 50s and to have met Helen Duval in the late 70s," said Tierney. "I wanted to preserve that history not only for Helen, but also for the hall of fame. I'm very appreciative to be the first recipient of this award, and I hope my actions will be motivation for other proprietors and people in bowling to do their part in preserving the great history of our sport."

Tierney will receive his award at International Bowl Expo during Aulby's IBMHOF presentation. Award recipients are selected by a committee for the award as appointed by the IBMHOF. There is no limit to the number of people who can be nominated for the award, and the award is scheduled to be presented annually pending qualified candidates.

USBC AND RENO TAHOE EXTEND AGREEMENT TO HOST OPEN, WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS THROUGH 2032

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress, Reno Tahoe Board of Directors and City of Reno, Nevada, have reached an agreement to continue hosting USBC Championships tournaments at the National Bowling Stadium through 2032.

The agreement will have the USBC Open Championships return to its historical rotation of visiting Reno every third year. With the tournament already scheduled to visit the 78-lane venue in 2023, the National Bowling Stadium also will host the Open Championships in 2026, 2029 and 2032.

The USBC Women's Championships, which was held in Reno in 2021, will return to The Biggest Little City in the World in 2025 and 2030.

"Continuing our relationship with The City of Reno and Reno Tahoe was a priority for us, and we take a great deal of pride in extending this agreement through 2032," said USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy. "The National Bowling Stadium is an incredible venue, and our bowlers enjoy the city of Reno and all it has to offer."

In addition to building out the schedule for the future of USBC's premier events, the agreement calls for an extension of the current financial terms and also includes upgrades to the NBS in upcoming visits.

Prior to the start of the 2023 Open Championships, which is scheduled to run from March 11-July 17, new scoreboards will be installed inside the venue, with exterior upgrades also planned for the downtown fixture. Additionally, the agreement calls for new lanes to be installed in the NBS by the start of the 2029 Open Championships.

"We're excited to enter into an updated agreement with Reno Tahoe and USBC, through 2032, that will bring more bowling tournaments to The Biggest Little City," Reno Mayor Hillary Schieve said. "These tournaments are big economic drivers and so important to our community, both past and present. This agreement also means we will be able to make even more upgrades to this facility, one of our most important downtown assets."

"We are thrilled to extend this agreement with the United States Bowling Congress and The City of Reno," added Reno Tahoe President and CEO Charles Harris. "This will carry our organizations into the sixth decade of multilateral, public-private partnership, and I'm proud to continue this mutually beneficial relationship."

The Open Championships has a rich history in the city of Reno dating back to 1977, when the city first hosted the event. The city also hosted the event in 1984 and 1990 prior to the construction of the NBS in 1995. The NBS has been the host venue for all Open Championships in Reno since 1995. The 2023 event will mark the 14th time the city of Reno has hosted the event and the 11th time it has been contested at the NBS.

For more information on USBC tournaments, visit [BOWL.com/Tournaments](https://www.usbc.com/tournaments).

USBC Championships Future Schedule

USBC Open Championships

2023 – Reno, Nev.
2024 – Las Vegas
2025 – Baton Rouge, La.
2026 – Reno, Nev.
2027 – Las Vegas
2028 – TBD
2029 – Reno, Nev.
2030 – Las Vegas
2031 – TBD
2032 – Reno, Nev.
2033 – Las Vegas

USBC Women's Championships

2023 – Las Vegas
2024 – Cincinnati

2025 – Reno, Nev.
2026 – Las Vegas
2027 – TBD
2028 – TBD
2029 – Las Vegas
2030 – Reno, Nev.
2031 – TBD
2032 – Las Vegas

**Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, Strike Ten Entertainment and Creative Realities enter Marketing Partnership
Creative Realities, Inc. to serve as the Official Digital Signage Provider for the BPAA and Strike Ten**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. and ARLINGTON, Texas – Creative Realities, Inc. ("Creative Realities," "CRI," or the "Company") (NASDAQ: CREX, CREXW), a leading provider of digital signage solutions, and Strike Ten Entertainment ("STE"), the marketing arm of the bowling industry, announced a marketing partnership designed to help bowling centers grow their revenues via the role digital signage will play in transforming the food and beverage experience across bowling centers nationwide for proprietors and consumers. The marketing partnership provides a robust, continuous platform for Creative Realities to showcase how its offering can help revolutionize the business of traditional bowling centers for proprietors and enhance the customer experience with modern digital displays.

"Food and beverage service are significant revenue drivers for our member proprietors. Creative Realities' credibility and leadership position in the digital menu board space, in delivering digital signage solutions for entertainment spaces, and specifically digital menu boards makes them a perfect partner for Strike Ten and the bowling industry," said John Harbuck, president of Strike Ten Entertainment. "We believe this a compelling enough reason to amplify the marketing story behind the relevance of these digital platforms to our member proprietors, not only as a way to keep the consumer experience fresh, but as an asset that can generate increased revenue."

"We know from our work across Quick Service Restaurants that activating food and beverage with digital menu boards have proven to drive transaction value and customer through put," cites Rick Mills. "Improved customer experience and realizing additional sales and margin will be a focal point of our marketing message to owners and operators," continues Mr. Mills.

The partnership features two exclusive designations for Creative Realities as the Official Digital Signage **and** Digital Menu Board Provider of the BPAA, beginning with Bowl Expo, the bowling industry's preeminent event in Las Vegas, followed by four regional shows that will pop up in strategic territories around the country. "These shows provide industry members, owners and operators with a way to experience the power of digital menu boards, so they are reassured of its fit and value for their locations," continues John Harbuck.

As a show sponsor, Creative Realities will receive marquee brand visibility, display space, and various opportunities to educate audiences on the benefits of digital menu boards, as well as the ease of use and automation from the software that controls it. All efforts will drive home the key message that Creative Realities is a formidable partner not only for the bowling industry at large, but for each individual owner operating on the ground level – providing quality hardware, technical expertise, content support and ongoing maintenance. “This end-to-end story is anticipated to be an important proof-point for this crowd, so they understand the benefit of a turnkey solution that reduces risk and takes the burden off owners to execute it themselves,” furthers Rick Mills.

As the largest participatory sport in America, bowling represents a massive opportunity to entertain and influence people at enormous scale. “Our partners at Strike Ten and BPAA understand this market better than any of its competitors and investing in a marketing engine to galvanize support across the membership network of BPAA will help unleash the power of these digital platforms to reimagine growth,” concludes Rick Mills.

To learn more about Creative Realities, visit cri.com.

IBC YOUTH DEVELOPMENT INTRODUCES BOWLING DAY IN THE USA

ARLINGTON, Texas – The International Bowling Campus Youth Development team has introduced a new initiative to bring children and families into bowling centers across the United States in February 2023 to celebrate Bowling Day in the USA.

The program was rolled out Tuesday during Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, with the goal to have 500 centers welcome 100,000 families to have fun and enjoy the sport of bowling starting Feb. 11, 2023, the Saturday before the Super Bowl.

Bowling Day in the USA was created to help children develop an interest in bowling, with the long-term goal of the program to bring 10,000 young athletes into youth leagues and programs.

“For many of us, the first experience of rolling a strike with our family and friends was the first step in creating a lifelong passion for the sport,” IBC Youth Committee chairperson Chrissie Kent said. “Bowling Day in the USA is designed to bring families together at local bowling centers to create lasting memories and showcase the sport in a fun and exciting atmosphere.”

Centers interested in participating can visit BOWL.com/BowlingDayUSA to register for a FREE comprehensive kit to prepare for the promotion, which comes in at a \$500 value, including a \$400 social media ad buy.

As part of the kit, the IBC Youth Development team will set up online registration for each participating center through Eventbrite and help launch a 90-day targeted ad

campaign on Facebook within a 50-mile radius of each center.

IBC Youth Development, the United States Bowling Congress and Bowling Proprietors' Association of America have worked together to subsidize the cost of the kits for participating centers.

While Bowling Day in the USA is targeted for Feb. 11, centers can host their event any day in February and are encouraged to make the experience special in their own way.

Local USBC association representatives can be invited to help support the events and assist in providing information about the benefits of joining a USBC Youth program, and the promotion kit offers a how-to playbook to help each center highlight its facility.

In addition to helping centers build their youth program, Bowling Day in the USA also offers an opportunity for one center to win a grand prize, too.

The participating center that registers the largest amount of new USBC Youth members for the upcoming 2022-2023 season, based on a percentage of growth over the 2021-2022 season and number of lane beds at the facility, will win a VIP experience of their choice, which includes two tickets to the Super Bowl, World Series or NBA Finals in 2024.

"We're very excited about introducing Bowling Day in the USA," IBC Youth Development Managing Director Gary Brown said. "We hope families embrace the opportunity to head to their local centers for a great experience, and the interaction helps lead to growth in youth programs across the country."

For more information on Bowling Day in the USA, visit BOWL.com/BowlingDayUSA.

TEAM USA READY FOR 2022 WORLD GAMES IN ALABAMA

ARLINGTON, Texas – The four athletes selected to represent Team USA are ready to compete on their home soil for the upcoming 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama.

The event will take place from July 7-11, with competition in singles and doubles being contested inside the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex.

The women's representatives include two-time Professional Women's Bowling Association Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, and three-time PWBA Tour champion Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois.

The men's team will feature 2022 U.S. National Amateur Bowling Championships winner Trent Mitchell of Chicago and 2021-2022 National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Most Valuable Player Alec Keplinger of Coldwater, Michigan.

A total of 16 countries qualified in each division for the World Games through their federations, with each country allowed to send a maximum of two male and two female athletes to Birmingham.

O'Keefe leads the PWBA Tour in points through eight events this season, and she collected her 15th career title in May at the PWBA Twin Cities Open.

She will be retiring from the Team USA program at the end of 2022. O'Keefe started with the program in 2005 and has been part of Team USA for 18 consecutive years.

Bond, a six-time member of Team USA, had her breakthrough year on the PWBA Tour in 2021, capturing all three of her titles, including her first major championship at the United States Bowling Congress Queens.

She has a top finish of fifth this season at the PWBA BowITV Classic.

Mitchell made Team USA for the first time in January with his win at the U.S. Amateur and will be making his debut in international competition representing the red, white and blue.

In addition to the victory at the U.S. Amateur, Mitchell also finished sixth at the 2022 USBC Team USA Trials.

Keplinger is a three-time member of Junior Team USA and collegiate standout at Wichita State University.

The 2019 Junior Gold Championships winner recently returned from Helsingborg, Sweden, after representing Junior Team USA at the International Bowling Federation U21 World Championships. He helped the men's team earn the silver medal in the four-player team event.

In singles at the World Games, the 32 athletes in each gender-based division will be divided into two draws of 16. A single-elimination format will be used, with each match featuring a best-of-three format.

The winners of each draw will compete for the gold medal, while the two players who lose in the semifinals will bowl an additional match to determine the bronze medalist.

In doubles, 16 teams will compete in each division using the Baker format. Doubles also will feature a single-elimination format, with best-of-three contests determining which team advances to the next round.

The final two teams will bowl for gold, while the teams that fall in the semifinals will compete for bronze.

Competition gets underway for men's and women's singles Friday, with doubles starting in each division Saturday. Advancers in both disciplines will be back on the lanes Sunday, before the medal round in singles and doubles takes place Monday.

The last World Games took place in Wroclaw, Poland, in 2017.

2022 JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS READY TO GET STARTED AS WESTERN MICHIGAN HOSTS FOR THE FIRST TIME

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – The country's top youth bowlers are heading to Western Michigan as the Grand Rapids area hosts the [2022 Junior Gold Championships](#) for the first time.

The 2022 event started Monday with the official practice session and first round of competition in the 20-and-under division, and this year's edition will run until July 23. More than 4,000 bowlers have qualified for the 2022 event, which is being held across eight centers in the Grand Rapids area.

Bowlers in four age-based divisions for boys and girls - U12, U15, U18 and U20 - will be competing for a scholarship fund of approximately \$500,000, and spots on Junior Team USA and Junior Team USA's Developmental Team also will be up grabs in Grand Rapids.

BowlTV.com will once again provide select livestream coverage of the 2022 event, including the stepladder finals in each division. Coverage will be limited to four of the eight centers during the qualifying rounds of the various divisions.

The centers being used for the 2022 Junior Gold Championships include AMF Eastbrook Lanes, Fairlanes Bowling Center, Northway Lanes, Royal Scot Golf and Bowl, Sherman Bowling Center, Spare Time Entertainment Center, Spectrum Entertainment Complex and Westgate Bowl. The stepladder finals for each division will take place at Fairlanes Bowling Center.

The U20 division will compete from July 11-15, with all competitors bowling four four-game qualifying blocks over two days to determine the players moving on to the advancers round.

Advancers will bowl an additional five games before a second cut is made, and a final five-game block will determine the 16 athletes in the boys and girls divisions advancing to the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Bracket matches will consist of two games, with total pinfall determining the winner. Three players will emerge from bracket play to compete in the stepladder finals to determine the champion. The two finalists in the match-play bracket will bowl to determine the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the stepladder, while the winner of the Elimination Bracket will be the No. 3 seed.

With the finals in each division being broadcast on BowlTV.com, the top overall seed for the stepladder would have to be defeated twice in the true double-elimination format.

The championship rounds in the U20 division will be held July 15 at 9 a.m. Eastern.

With the maximum age for United States Bowling Congress Youth membership changing to 18 with the start of the 2020-2021 season, the U20 division was moved to the first week of the event to break away the adult competitors from the youth divisions (U12, U15 and U18).

The Junior Gold Trade Show and registration for U12, U15 and U18 athletes will take place July 16 at DeVos Place. This year's trade show will feature more than 90 total vendors, including more than 65 colleges and universities. Seminars will be available from Brunswick, Kegel, Motiv and Storm. Another highlight of the trade show are autograph stations featuring pros from the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association Tours. Concessions and official Junior Gold merchandise also will be available.

A new addition to Junior Gold this year is the Party in the Park, which takes place July 17 at the Millennium Park Grant Pavilion from 2 pm. to 7 p.m. Registered athletes for this special event will receive a free food ticket that can be utilized at the on-site food trucks. In addition, the first 2,000 registered athletes also will receive a free commemorative T-shirt (limited sizes). Food and T-shirt tickets can be picked up at the Party in the Park booth at the trade show or on-site during check-in.

The Party in the Park, which is sponsored by partners Brunswick, I Am Bowling, Kegel, Motiv and Storm Products, will feature a DJ and several fun activities including outdoor games and equipment to utilize such as footballs, soccer balls and frisbees. There also will be featured areas for activities such as cornhole, a video-game truck, a dunk tank and much more. Staff members and pro athletes from the sponsoring partners will be on hand to mix and mingle at this event.

The three youth divisions will have their official practice sessions from July 15-17, with competition running from July 18-23.

Qualifying competition for the U15 and U18 divisions shall consist of four four-game blocks over four days. Total pinfall for the 16 qualifying games will decide who will advance. After five additional games, there will be a second cut. All players who make the second cut will bowl an additional five-game block to determine the final advancers to double-elimination match play for each division.

The U12 division also will have four four-game qualifying rounds over four days, before the first cut is made, and advancers will bowl an additional four games to determine the top eight competitors for double-elimination match play.

The stepladder finals, which follow the same format as the U20 stepladder finals, in the U12 (10 a.m. Eastern), U15 (2 p.m. Eastern) and U18 (6 p.m. Eastern) divisions all will take place July 23.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, a pair of affiliated youth events will be taking place in the Grand Rapids area. The USA Bowling National Championship will be contested at AMF Eastbrook Lanes and Fairlanes Bowling Center on July 13-14, and the Youth Open Championships will be contested at Spectrum Entertainment Complex.

The USA Bowling National Championship is a team event for U12 and U15 athletes. Bowlers must have qualified to compete in this event. Qualifying and match play take place on July 13-14 at AMF Eastbrook Lanes with the finals set for 4 p.m. (U12) and 7 p.m. (U15) on July 14 at Fairlanes Bowling Center.

The Youth Open Championships, a non-qualifying tournament open to all USBC Youth bowlers, has competition in singles, doubles and four-person team. Squads will be held July 13-15, July 22-24 and July 30-31.

NATIONAL BOWLING DAY TO USHER IN NEW BOWLING SEASON

Two major activations in August include appearance on "FOX & Friends" and Go Bowling at The Glen NASCAR race sponsorship and telecast on USA Network.

ARLINGTON, Texas – National Bowling Day will be celebrated Saturday, Aug. 13, and the 2022 edition is shaping up to be the best yet. The bowling industry is rolling out an unprecedented effort to build upon the momentum of a revitalized sport, post pandemic.

On the second Saturday of every August, National Bowling Day provides the perfect platform for those who love bowling to help raise awareness for their sport. Given all the challenges faced by bowling center owners over the past 18 months, National Bowling Day provides a great way to bring consumers back to the lanes, celebrate the passion of the 67 million-plus people who go bowling every year and help them reunite with their friends and families.

"With all 50 states back to 100% capacity at their local centers, we've seen record numbers of people heading back to the lanes," Bowling Proprietors' Association of America President Jim Decker said. "National Bowling Day is the most important day in our industry each year, but in 2022 – after everything these local small-business owners did to keep their bowling centers alive and their lanes open – we are going to celebrate in an even bigger way."

On a national level, there will be two major activations in August:

- **An exclusive "FOX & Friends" live broadcast segment on the FOX News Channel on Aug. 13 from 6-10 a.m. Eastern.** Go Bowling will have representatives from BPAA and Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) on hand, joined by youth bowlers from the New York area. Professional bowlers from the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Tour will help the program's hosts improve their skills on the regulation bowling lanes, to be provided by Switch Bowling Products. "FOX & Friends" is the top-rated cable news morning program, easily outdistancing the programming on CNN and MSNBC.

- **The Go Bowling at The Glen NASCAR race on Aug. 21, broadcast on USA**

Network beginning at 3 p.m. Eastern. The Go Bowling Experience Tent will be set up in the Watkins Glen Fan Midway, offering everyone attending the race an amazing experience on the Switch Bowling-provided regulation lanes. To keep fans engaged and having fun, Go Bowling will host numerous guest celebrities, including the driver of the No. 10 Go Bowling Ford Mustang, Aric Almirola. Other NASCAR celebrities also will make appearances, and stars of the PBA and PWBA Tour will put on bowling exhibitions and interact with fans.

In addition, Go Bowling supports National Bowling Day and the Go Bowling at The Glen race with numerous local promotions and programs that drive families and friends to their local bowling centers around the country, generating top-of-mind awareness of bowling and pushing excitement for the sport to a fever pitch.

Strike Ten Entertainment, bowling's marketing arm, is fully supporting the National Bowling Day initiative. Digital marketing support materials are being created for all member centers to assist in promoting National Bowling Day and driving business locally.

USBC EXTENDS 2023 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS BY AN ADDITIONAL WEEK

ARLINGTON, Texas – With spots quickly filling up for the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in Reno, Nevada, the tournament staff, in cooperation with the National Bowling Stadium, has opened an additional week of squads for competitors to select for the 119th edition of the event.

The 2023 event still will kick off March 11, with the end date now being pushed to July 24. The tournament originally was scheduled to conclude July 17. The 2023 tournament now will last for 135 consecutive days.

Those interested in registering can visit BOWL.com/OpenChamp to sign up.

Team competition will be scheduled daily at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., while doubles and singles squads will take place at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The 9:30 p.m. squad will be a combination squad featuring 30 lanes for team and 30 lanes for doubles and singles.

The NBS has had several renovations since the tournament's last visit to the venue in 2016, including an expanded settee area and redesign of the concourse on the fourth floor. The stadium seating also has been removed, and the latest addition prior to the start of the 2023 event will be new scoreboards for the 78 lanes used for the Open Championships and Bowlers Journal Championships.

2021-2022 DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL ALL-AMERICAN TEAM ANNOUNCED

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Dexter High School All-American Team has been announced for the 2021-2022 school year, with Kathryn Bowman, of Peru, New York, and Kyle Neeley of Granville, Ohio, named as captains.

The teams were selected by Dexter Bowling in consultation with the International Bowling Campus Youth Development staff. Each team is comprised of five student-athletes who had to participate on a recognized interscholastic high school bowling team during the 2021-2022 school year.

Applicants were required to have at least a 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and submit a resume of their bowling and academic achievements, along with an essay, to be considered for the team. They also were required to provide recommendation letters from their coaches or athletic directors and at least one additional letter of recommendation.

“In reviewing all the applicants, it was apparent that everyone had incredible bowling resumes, transcripts and references,” said Paul Sylvia, Dexter Bowling Vice President. “However, what made this year’s Dexter All-American Team members rise above the field was their overall commitment to advancing not only their bowling, but their dedication to becoming a future well-rounded leader. Dexter is proud to be associated with these amazing student-athletes, and we look forward to following them as they take the next step in both their bowling and academic careers.”

Each team member will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Bowman, the only repeat member from the 2020-2021 team, and Neeley were announced as captains during a dinner Sunday as part of the [2022 Junior Gold Championships](#) in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Both captains will receive an additional \$500 scholarship and take home the Bud Clapsaddle Award, named for the former Dexter Bowling vice president who oversaw selection of the first 12 teams.

The girls team includes:

Hannah Bielawski (Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania) – The senior recorded a 4.2 GPA (weighted) at Blackhawk High School, while taking a variety of Advanced Placement and Honors classes. She was in the top 10% of her class academically and received the Athletic and Academic Excellence Award. Bielawski lettered in three varsity sports (bowling, lacrosse and volleyball) and is a two-time high school section MVP (bowling) during her junior and senior years. She also was named recipient of the Pennsylvania Star of Tomorrow Bowling Scholarship.

Kathryn Bowman (Peru, New York) – The senior held a 4.78 GPA (weighted) and was valedictorian of her class. Bowman earned the John J. Herbert Memorial All-Academic Award, was a member of the National Honor Society and an AP Scholar. Bowman was the first student to achieve a perfect score on the NYS Region Exam in Geometry for Peru Central High School. Bowman received the 2022 USBC Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship. She owns numerous top-five finishes on the state and local level, and her high school bowling career included being named Champlain Valley Athletic

Conference Most Outstanding Female Bowler for three consecutive seasons. She holds conference records for girls high average (211), high series (764) and high game (289). On the national level, she owns a second-place finish in the 2021 Youth Open Championships (doubles) and a 13th-place finish in the 2019 Junior Gold Championships (Girls U15). She earned the Nebraska George Beadle Scholarship and the Husker Heritage Scholarship.

Sierra Calo (Riverview, Florida) – The senior carried a 3.79 GPA at Bell Creek Academy and received the 2019 President’s Education Award (Silver). She was twice named Female Athlete of the Year by her high school and is a two-time Florida High School Athletic Association District 6 All-Events champion. Additionally, Calo has experienced success at the Youth Open Championships, collecting a title in the 2019 Girls U15 Handicap and Scratch Doubles event with partner Hannah Diem. She also finished first in the U15 division of the 2019 Florida Junior Gold Series Tournament and is a two-time champion in the Florida Youth Bowling Series (U18).

Hanna Hale (Hazlet, New Jersey) – The senior held a 4.61 GPA (weighted) at Mater Dei Prep, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Annual Zeb Scholarship for her senior year. During her junior year, she was the recipient of the Saint Michael’s College Book Award for Academic Excellence and Social Conscience. On the lanes, Hale was a four-time Mater Dei Prep Women’s Bowling Player of the Year and four-time team captain. As a senior, Hale recorded a Top-20 finish in the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) Girls Individual Central Sectional Tournament and qualified to bowl in the NJSIAA Tournament of Champions. She placed third individually in both her junior and senior years in the Shore Conference North A Division of Bowling and is a two-time qualifier for the Junior Gold Championships.

Maia Struble (Anchorage, Alaska) – The lone junior among the girls, Struble is carrying a 4.06 GPA (weighted) and is a National Honor Society member at Dimond High School. She is a 2022 Seal of Biliteracy recipient and has been an active volunteer participant in numerous donation drives. Struble is a three-time member of the Anchorage Scholastic Bowling League All-Star Team and a two-time Girls Bowler of the Year. She also held the girls high average (208) and high game (268) for the league in 2022 and helped lead her team to a state championship in 2021. Struble is a three-time winner in the Alaska Pepsi Championships (U10, U12 and U15) and a past Alaska Youth Scholarship Tournament champion.

The boys team features:

Jackson McRae (Lebanon, Tennessee) – The senior took multiple Advanced Placement and Honors courses at Lebanon High School on the way to a 4.44 GPA (weighted) and graduated Summa Cum Laude. In 2022, he earned the USBC Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship, Bowl 4 Life Scholarship and Gift For Life Scholarship. He was a member of the National Honor Society and a Tennessee Scholar. McRae was a three-time first team All-District player, a two-time Team MVP and member of the 2022 Tennessee All Mid-State Bowling Team. He owns first-place finishes in the 2022 Road to the Gold Murfreesboro and the 2021 USBC Youth Pepsi Championship. He finished third in the 2022 Individual State Championships.

Kyle Neeley (Granville, Ohio) – The senior was named captain of this year’s Dexter High School All-American team after recording a 4.21 GPA (unweighted) at Granville High School. Neeley was a 2021 National Merit Finalist and Granville Education Foundation Fall 2020 Grant Winner, in which he helped obtain technology for remote learning throughout the school district. He also was captain of the Granville High School Academic Team and a two-time captain of the bowling team. Neeley was the 2017 Ohio Pepsi State champion, the Licking County Player of the Year in 2021-2022, a two-time first team all-conference selection and a two-time Columbus City Tournament champion.

Adam Pankow (Lonsdale, Minnesota) – The senior logged a 3.97 GPA (weighted) at New Prague High School where he was Student of the Month and a member of the National Honor Society. Panko was captain of the bowling team at New Prague High School that was a two-time conference champion during his tenure. He was named first team All-Conference, Conference Most Outstanding Player and was second team All-State. His team finished in the top eight in the state competition for all four of his years on the team. In addition to bowling, Pankow was active in band, theater, choir and 4-H Science of Agriculture.

Brendan Salo (Dayton, Ohio) – The senior posted a 4.32 GPA at Centerville High School, where he was a four-year Centerville High School Scholarship Award winner and Scholar-Athlete winner. Salo also was awarded the 2021-2022 Academic All-Ohio Bowler Award. He was a two-time Great Western Ohio Conference Bowler of the Year and twice earned second team All-Ohio honors. He was captain of the 2021 National and 2022 Ohio High School Athletic Association State Championship teams. Salo owns wins in the 2018 Pepsi State Championships (U15), 2021 Midwest Youth Open and 2021 Southwest District Singles.

Zachary Smullen (Frisco, Texas) – The senior’s curriculum at Wakeland High School featured a majority of advanced and AP-level courses, where he recorded a 4.66 GPA (weighted) and was a member of the National Honor Society. Smullen was Newcomer of the Year and three-time Bowler of the Year in North Texas District B. He finished first in all-events and team and had the high scratch series in the 2021 Texas State USBC Youth Tournament. Smullen owns first-place finishes in the 2022 Youth Scratch Masters Tour, 2022 Ed Calcote Memorial Tournament (where he averaged 261), 2022 Southwest Gold Tour Tournament and 2021 PBA Jr. Southwest Regional Qualifier. He was a four-time qualifier for the All-District Team and bowled anchor on the Dallas North B High School All-District Team that won the 2021 Texas State Championship.

For more information on high school bowling, including the Dexter High School All-American Team and grant initiatives to assist high school programs, visit [BOWL.com/HighSchool](https://www.bowl.com/HighSchool).

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Sierra Calo, Riverview, Florida, Senior, Bell Creek Academy High School

Hanna Hale, Hazlet, New Jersey, Senior, Mater Dei Prep

Maia Struble, Anchorage, Alaska, Junior, Dimond High School

Boys Team

Jackson McRae, Lebanon, Tennessee, Senior, Lebanon High School

Kyle Neeley, Granville, Ohio, Senior, Granville High School

Adam Pankow, Lonsdale, Minnesota, Senior, New Prague High School

Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio, Senior, Centerville High School

Zachary Smullen, Frisco, Texas, Senior, Wakeland High School

JUNIOR GOLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HEADED TO INDIANAPOLIS IN 2023, DETROIT IN 2024

ARLINGTON, Texas – Host cities have been determined for the 2023 and 2024 Junior Gold Championships with Indianapolis playing host in July 2023 and Detroit taking its turn in July 2024.

In addition to the Junior Gold Championships, United States Bowling Congress Youth members will have the opportunity to compete in the USA Bowling National Championships and Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, conducted in the greater Indianapolis and Detroit areas during a timeframe very similar to that of Junior Gold.

The 2023 Junior Gold Championships will run July 10-22 at multiple bowling centers in and around Indianapolis. The U20 competition will get things started July 10-14 with U12, U15 and U18 divisions taking place July 14-22. The USA Bowling National Championships is set to be contested July 12-13, and the Youth Open Championships will take place July 12-14, 21-23 and 29-30.

The 2023 event will mark the seventh time that Indianapolis plays host to the Junior Gold Championships. The tournament was previously contested there in 2005, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2021.

“We are delighted to welcome back the 2023 Junior Gold Championships to Indy,” said Leonard Hoops, president and CEO of Visit Indy. “Central Indiana’s top-notch bowling facilities make the perfect competition site for nearly 4,000 families as they roll into town next July and call Indy home for nearly two weeks.”

In 2024, Junior Gold will run from July 8-20 and be contested at several bowling centers in the greater Detroit area. The U20 competition will kick off the event July 8-

12 with the U12, U15 and U18 divisions competing July 12-20. USA Bowling National Championships action will be conducted July 10-11, and Youth Open Championships squads will be held July 10-12, 19-21 and 27-28.

Detroit will be making its fourth stint as Junior Gold host as the tournament also was contested in the Motor City in 2008, 2013 and 2019.

"We are very excited and proud that metro Detroit has again been chosen as the host of the Junior Gold Championships," said Dave Beachnau, Detroit Sports Commission Executive Director. "We appreciate our partnerships with the Metro Detroit USBC, our local bowling centers and the regional hospitality community for their passionate commitment to helping land this incredible event. We know that together we will present a world-class event that will provide participants and spectators a remarkable experience and highlight our region's diverse communities, rich history and spirit of innovation."

Host bowling centers and additional tournament details will be finalized during site visits to Indianapolis and Detroit in the months to come; nevertheless, USBC officials are very confident in each city's ability to successfully conduct large-scale events like Junior Gold.

"We are very happy that the Junior Gold Championships will be returning to Indianapolis and Detroit in 2023 and 2024," International Bowling Campus Youth Managing Director Gary Brown said. "Both cities have proven themselves to be gracious and professional hosts multiple times, so we know that they will provide amazing experiences for our bowlers and their families this time as well."

For more information on Junior Gold, visit [BOWL.com](https://www.bowl.com).

KATIE THORNTON JOINS TEAM USA COACHING STAFF

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Team USA staff is adding Katie Thornton of Savannah, Georgia, as an assistant coach to the program.

Thornton, the head coach of the men's and women's bowling teams at the Savannah College of Art and Design-Savannah, will join the Team USA staff during this week's Junior Team USA training camp at the International Training and Research Center.

"I am beyond excited to have the privilege to be a part of the Team USA program," Thornton said. "I am truly thankful to Bryan (O'Keefe), Kelly (Kulick) as well as all those involved for providing me with the opportunity. For many years, it was a dream of mine to be involved with Team USA, and it seems surreal for it to become a reality. It would not be possible without the incredible coaching mentors I have had over the years. I am thoroughly looking forward to getting to work with the fellow coaches and incredible athletes within the program."

Thornton, a USBC Silver coach, has built the SCAD-Savannah program from the ground up, starting in 2015. The program's first year on the lanes was during the 2016-2017

season, with the women's team advancing to the Intercollegiate Team Championships.

In 2018, she was named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Coach of the Year (men), and she followed in 2019 by helping lead both programs to national titles at the NAIA Bowling Invitational Championship.

She again was named NAIA Coach of the Year (men) for the 2022 season and helped the women's program to a second NAIA Bowling Invitational Championship.

Thornton became the first woman to win the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association Gordon Vadakin Coach of the Year Award in 2022, which is presented to the top men's coach by the NCBCA.

Two of her student-athletes at SCAD-Savannah recently represented Junior Team USA at the 2022 International Bowling Federation U21 World Championships in Helsingborg, Sweden – Tyrell Ingalls of Loganville, Georgia, and Julian Salinas of Richmond, Texas.

Ingalls and Salinas helped Junior Team USA earn the silver medal in team competition during the event.

"Katie will be a great fit for our coaching staff," Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe said. "The program she's built at SCAD-Savannah is one of the best in the country, and the Junior Team USA program has welcomed several of her student-athletes through the program based on the success they've had at events like the Junior Gold Championships and Team USA Trials. We're thrilled to be able to add her to the program."

On the lanes, Thornton was a collegiate standout at Webber International, helping the Warriors claim a pair of Intercollegiate Team Championships (2010 and 2012) and the 2013 NAIA Bowling Invitational Championship.

She was a two-time NCBCA All-America team member (2011-2012 honorable mention, 2012-2013 first team) and was named the NAIA Player of the Year during the 2012-2013 season.

"I am excited to have Katie Thornton join the Team USA coaching staff," Team USA High Performance Program Director Kendra Cameron-Curry said. "Katie is an enthusiastic coach that brings loads of experience, from her accolades at SCAD-Savannah and as a collegiate champion as an athlete. Performing at a high level as an athlete gives a coach added insight into what players go through while competing, and Katie is a great addition to our staff."

For more information on Team USA, visit [BOWL.com/TeamUSA](https://www.bowl.com/teamusa).

2022 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SET TO GET UNDERWAY

ARLINGTON, Texas – Nearly 400 bowlers age 50 and older have traveled to Kentucky to compete in the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships, which will take place Aug. 9-12 at Executive Strike and Spare Family Fun Center in Louisville.

The Senior Championships is a national event for bowlers who have qualified through their state's senior tournaments. Competition will feature two divisions – Mixed and Women's – in six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75 and older.

Tournament action begins Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. Eastern with the first of two three-game qualifying blocks. Participants will be looking to claim one of 12 national titles at stake, as well as part of the \$40,000 estimated prize fund.

After six games of qualifying Wednesday and Thursday, the top six scores in each division, including handicap, will move on to the advancers round, scheduled to begin Friday at 9 a.m. EDT.

Advancers will bowl an additional three games, with total pinfall (including handicap) for the nine games, determining the champions.

The 2022 Senior Championships will include nearly 400 bowlers representing 42 states and three Canadian provinces, with a pair of 2020 champions, Utah's George Stermer (Mixed 50-54) and Hawaii's Dale Leverone (Mixed 65-69), returning to the fray.

WINNERS EMERGE AT 2022 USBC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – A dozen national titlists were determined Friday at Executive Strike and Spare with the conclusion of the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Senior Championships.

The USBC Senior Championships is a national event that welcomes bowlers from the United States and Canada who earned their spot through either a state or province senior tournament.

The 2022 edition of the tournament kicked off Wednesday with the first of two three-game qualifying blocks for the nearly 370 bowlers competing across two divisions – Mixed and Women's – and six age-based classifications – 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74 and 75 and older.

At the conclusion of six games, the top six scores in each division, including handicap, advanced to the championship round Friday at Executive Strike and Spare.

Qualifying totals were dropped to start the championship round in each division and classification, but the advancers received bonus pins based on their qualifying position. The top qualifier received 50 bonus pins, and the bonus total dropped 10 pins for each spot (second qualifier received 40 bonus pins, third qualifier received 30 bonus pins).

In the Women's division, Illinois' Dawn Trodler came from the No. 3 seed to record the victory in the 50-54 classification, finishing with a 727 total. It marks the second consecutive year that Trodler has won a title on the national stage. She was part of the Ruby Team champion at the 2021 USBC Women's Championships.

In 55-59, Ohio's Kris Kunkel saved her best game for last and took advantage of the bonus pins as the top seed to edge Mary Berkenstock of British Columbia by four pins for the win, 742-738.

Alaska's Susan Polis was consistent during her three games Friday in the finals of the 60-64 classification, rolling 188, 184 and 180 to push her overall total to 798, including handicap and bonus pins, to cruise to the top spot. Polis entered with a 139 average.

Indiana's Shirley Arnett made her way to the winner's circle as the No. 5 qualifier in 65-69. Arnett took advantage of her 10 bonus pins to finish with a 728 total to record the win over Georgia's Wilma McPherson, the No. 6 qualifier, by eight pins.

Linda Lewis of Utah finished at the top of the leaderboard in 70-74, posting three games over her entering average of 129 to claim the win with a 704 total.

In the 75 and older classification in the Women's division, Maryland's Iris Mitchell earned the title with a 694 score.

Looking at the Mixed division, Manitoba's Villarico Villarin rolled to a big win as the top qualifier in the 50-54 classification, finishing with a 786 total.

In 55-59, Richard Aderholdt of North Carolina put together three games above 200 for a 655 scratch total, bringing his overall score to 761 as the No. 5 qualifier to record the victory.

Michigan's Anthony Grochowalski posted games of 256, 245 and 210 for a 711 scratch set in 60-64, and his 50 bonus pins as the top qualifier helped him to a five-pin win over Kansas' Dale Legleiter, 761-756.

Arkansas' Robert Hall fired 267 in his second game of the finals in 65-69, which helped propel him to the top of the standings as the No. 1 qualifier with a 774 score.

Ed Cook of South Carolina put up the top overall score in the finals at the 2022 Senior Championships, finishing with an 801 total to collect the win in the 70-74 classification.

New Mexico's Abe Jaramillo recorded the win in the 75 and older classification, finishing nearly 100 pins (scratch) over his entering average of 123 to take home the victory with an overall score of 756.

Each winner collected between \$600-\$700, based on the number of entries in each classification, from a prize fund of \$40,000.

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

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Women

50-54

1, Dawn Trodler, Ill., 727. 2, Nikki Stiteler, Ohio, 675. 3, Lynn Zagorski, N.Y., 669. 4, Mariann Klosin, N.H., 638. 5, Cami Jefferies, Idaho, 629. 6, Carrie Champion, Utah, 619.

55-59

1, Kris Kunkel, Ohio, 742. 2, Mary Berkenstock, British Columbia, 738. 3, Tracy Mooney, Ark., 669. 4, Brenda Stopper, Pa., 667. 5, Joann Guglieimo, Mass., 666. 6, Sharon Pearson, Utah, 602.

60-64

1, Susan Polis, Alaska, 798. 2, Debra Pahdocony, Okla., 690. 3, Karen Campbell, W.Va., 670. 4, Felicia Carlson, Ill., 656. 5, Carolyn Marcus, Wyo., 647. 6, Kathy Pasternak, Md., 627.

65-69

1, Shirley Arnett, Ind., 728. 2, Wilma McPherson, Ga., 720. 3, Vicki Howe, Kan., 699. 4, Irene Nelson, Minn., 691. 5, Rita Sweezy, N.C., 676. 6, Terry Christensen, Neb., 628.

70-74

1, Linda Lewis, Utah, 704. 2, Beverly Cronin, Md., 690. 3, Susan Axtell, Alaska, 658. 4, Lila Jones, Vt., 649. 5, Sherry Zielinski, Pa., 639. 6, Joanne Dewey, British Columbia, 614.

75 and older

1, Iris Mitchell, Md., 694. 2, Diane Boudreau, N.C., 675. 3, Agnes Bluemke, Minn., 667. 4, Shirley Green, Alberta, 658. 5, Gloria McConigal, Wyo., 615. 6, Charlotte Hamai, Hawaii, 608.

Mixed

50-54

1, Villarico Villarín, Manitoba, 786. 2, Jeffrey Shaver, Ala., 675. 3, Craig Gott, Ind., 627. 4, Dave Forrette, S.D., 625. 5, Ronald Perdue, W.Va., 587. 6, Franklin Jones, Del., 578.

55-59

1, Richard Aderholdt, N.C., 761. 2, Lee Reeves Jr., Ind., 750. 3, Jay Jimenez, Neb., 722. 4, Robby Robinson, Idaho, 669. 5, Angilito Trinidad, Manitoba, 608. 6, John Bouwens, Ariz., 606.

60-64

1, Anthony Grochowalski, Mich., 761. 2, Dale Legleiter, Kan., 756. 3, William Mozzo, Ala., 701. 4, Eric Arkoncel, British Columbia, 635. 5, Orbill Bereng, Alberta, 624. 6, Mark Brothers, Mo., 580.

65-69

1, Robert Hall, Ark., 774. 2, Bill Palser, Neb., 742. 3, Angelo Alvaro II, W.Va., 675. 4, Luciano Manalastas, Manitoba, 662. 5, Michael LaClair Sr., Vt., 660. 6, Eric Engelbrecht, S.D., 614.

70-74

1, Ed Cook, S.C., 801. 2, William Roberts, Tenn., 708. 3, William Potter, N.H., 704. 4, Ben Hoefs, Ala., 686. 5, Dale Leverone, Hawaii, 673. 6, William Faulkner, N.C., 563.

75 and older

1, Abe Jaramillo, N.M., 756. 2, John David, W.Va., 694. 3, Ray Griffis Jr., N.J., 693. 4, Max Honke, S.D., 667. 5, Kenneth Luebke, N.D., 657. 6, Daniel Thomas, Tenn., 552.

O'KEEFE TO MAKE FINAL APPEARANCE FOR TEAM USA

AT 2022 PANAM BOWLING CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

ARLINGTON, Texas – Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, first donned the red, white and blue for Team USA in 2005, and her journey as part of the program for the last 18 years has taken her across the world.

The 43-year-old right-hander has become one of the program's most decorated athletes, earning nearly 50 medals in international competition during that span. More than half of the medals

presented to her were plated in gold, and they were presented to her moments before the opening notes of "The Star-Spangled Banner" echoed across some of bowling's premier stages.

In April, O'Keefe announced her plan to retire from the program at the end of the year, but she will have one final opportunity to bring home a medal or two for Team USA at the upcoming PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Rio de Janeiro.

The event will take place at the Bowling Social Club from Aug. 22-25, and in addition to earning medals in singles and doubles competition, participating countries also will be looking to qualify for the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile.

Each country is allowed to register two female and two male athletes at the Champion of Champions, and O'Keefe will be joined by Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the women's division.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, and Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, will represent Team USA in the men's division.

Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe will join the team on the lanes in Rio de Janeiro.

Shannon O'Keefe's list of accomplishments in a Team USA uniform includes team wins at the 2011 and 2015 International Bowling Federation Super World Championships, an individual victory at the 2018 World Cup and a gold in doubles with longtime teammate and friend Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, at the 2019 Pan American Games.

She was 10 years into her Team USA tenure when the Professional Women's Bowling Association relaunched in 2015 and quickly ascended to superstar status on tour. In the past seven seasons, she has won 15 titles, including three majors, and just claimed her third PWBA Player of the Year honor earlier in August.

Before collecting player-of-the-year honors for the 2022 season, however, O'Keefe kicked off her farewell tour on Team USA with a stop in Birmingham, Alabama, in July at the World Games.

O'Keefe earned the gold medal in singles and silver in doubles with Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, and she admitted to allowing herself a brief moment to reflect on her career as part of Team USA.

"My last world event was the World Games," O'Keefe said. "I didn't realize how much it was going to mean to me until I was on the medal stand and hearing the national anthem play. I absolutely lost it because I let myself feel all the feels. It was going to be the last time I'd stand there and hear this, and it was way more emotional than I thought it would be.

"This is going to be an emotional one, too, but I'm super excited to be going to Champion of Champions and being able to share in my last Team USA adventure with Bry Coté. She quickly has become one of my really great friends on tour – she's like my little sister. I told her I was honored to be able to share in my last Team USA experience with her."

Coté also is coming off a strong season on the PWBA Tour. She was the only player to win two titles during the year and finished third on the season-long points list.

The 2021 PWBA Player of the Year earned a pair of gold medals (trios, team) and a bronze medal (all-events) during her last Team USA appearance, which came at the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships in Cali, Colombia.

Johnson and Prather will return to the international stage after representing the men's team at the 2021 IBF Super World Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

They teamed with Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, and Andrew Anderson of Chesterfield Township, Michigan, to win gold in trios competition, while Prather also collected a silver medal in mixed team and bronze in doubles with Anderson.

On the Professional Bowlers Association Tour in 2022, Prather recorded his second major victory at the PBA World Championship and finished second at the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions, while Johnson posted fourth-place finishes at the United States Bowling Congress Masters, U.S. Open and Kia PBA Tour Playoffs and made the show for the Midwest Region at the PBA Players Championship.

Shannon O'Keefe's success as part of Team USA and the PWBA Tour has helped serve as the inspiration for many young athletes looking to chase their dreams of competing at the highest level, and she is able to give back and help those players prepare for the next step in their career as the head coach of the women's bowling program at McKendree University.

With the collegiate season nearly underway, O'Keefe will not be able to attend the final two events on the Team USA schedule in October (PANAM Bowling Women's Championships) and November (IBF World Cup).

Bryan O'Keefe, who is Shannon's husband and the director of bowling at McKendree, previously jumped in to help coach when Shannon would head to Team USA events during the collegiate season, and she'll be able to return the favor moving forward.

When Bryan became the head coach of Team USA in 2021, Shannon knew he would be traveling to more events, allowing for a well-timed transition for both to shift into new roles.

“For 18 years, he let me chase my dreams around this world,” said Shannon, who helped McKendree capture wins at the 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championships and 2017 and 2022 NCAA Women’s Bowling Championship. “Mentally, I was getting to the point where I just felt like it was time for me to step away and let some other young girls start their journey with Team USA, and with Bryan taking over the team, it’s all happening at the perfect time. Now, I can step away and be a proud wife of my husband and watch him chase his coaching dreams.”

The 2022 Champion of Champions features a pair of eight-game blocks for singles, with 16-game pinfall totals determining the medalists. Doubles competition will include eight games for each athlete, with the combined pinfall between both players determining the medal winners.

The cumulative pinfall for 48 games for each country, in each gender-based division, will determine the three countries qualifying for the 2023 Pan American Games.

The 2022 event marks the first standalone edition of the Champion of Champions since 2018, which also was held at Rio de Janeiro’s Bowling Social Club.

A version of the tournament was held simultaneously with the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships.

In 2018, Matt Russo swept the top spots, winning gold in singles, doubles (with Matt Farber), all-events and Masters. Farber also collected a silver medal in singles and bronze in all-events.

In the women’s division at the 2018 event, Kelly Kulick and Danielle McEwan captured the gold medal in doubles. Kulick also took home a silver medal in all-events and bronze in singles and Masters, while McEwan earned a silver medal in Masters.

The 2021 edition of the Champion of Champions only awarded a gold medal in all-events for 24 games, with Russo successfully defending the title.

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

TEAM USA SWEEPS DOUBLES GOLD MEDALS AT 2022 PANAM BOWLING CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Rio de Janeiro – Team USA’s bid to qualify for the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, got off to a good start after American duos captured both the men’s and women’s gold medals in doubles at the PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions at the Bowling Social Club in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday.

[Kristopher Prather](#) of Romeoville, Illinois, and [A.J. Johnson](#) of Oswego, Illinois, got things rolling for [Team USA](#), capturing the men's gold medal with a combined eight-game total of 3,710.

Johnson led the way for the American duo, shooting an eight-game total of 1,921 that featured high games of 279 and 278 and a low game of 210. Johnson's 240.13 average was tops in the men's field Tuesday.

Prather also cracked the overall top 10, finishing eighth with a 1,789 set, a 223.63 average, that included a 261 in Game 3 and a 268 in Game 7.

Johnson thinks that Tuesday's gold-medal performance was due in large part to the pair's comfort level with one another and their ability to communicate effectively while on the lanes.

"Kris and I have gotten some experience bowling together in past years, not necessarily doubles together, but we bowled on the team together, and we've communicated very well from then on," Johnson said. "We're by no means similar players physically and what we like to see, but the things that we can control, we see very similarly, and I think that translated into the success that we had out here today."

Prather was pleased with that success, and he was quick to point out that it was something enjoyed by more than just the players and coaches present in Brazil this week.

"The part of Team USA that some people miss out on or don't realize is that it is a team," Prather said. "The first thing we did after we realized we won was text the guys back home and celebrate with them a little bit. Winning gold is obviously the goal, but whenever we say Team USA, we truly mean team. That's something that we believe in and try to exemplify."

The men's silver medal went to James Stanley and Juan J. Rodriguez of Costa Rica, who authored a block total of 3,564. Guatemala's Diego Aguilar and Marvin Leon took bronze with 3,530.

Not to be outdone by their male counterparts, [Shannon O'Keefe](#) of Shiloh, Illinois, and [Bryanna Coté](#) of Tucson, Arizona, captured gold medals of their own, using a combined eight-game total of 3,632 to cruise to the top of the women's doubles standings.

Competing in her final tournament as a member of Team USA, O'Keefe got the duo headed in the right direction immediately, firing a 299 in Game 1 with only a wiggling 10 pin on the final shot keeping her from perfection.

The 43-year-old right-hander added a 258 in Game 3 and a 257 in Game 6 to propel herself to a block total of 1,929, which was good for a 241.13 average and the top score of the day for both men and women.

Coté was steady throughout her set, breaking 200 in seven of eight games en route to a 1,703 total that gave her a 212.88 average and fourth place in the overall women's standings.

But Coté wasn't worried about the individual standings; instead, she was focused on enjoying the opportunity to bowl with O'Keefe and trying to help the veteran leave her final Team USA event in possession of more gold.

"This was my first time bowling doubles with Shannon, so I really wanted to bowl well to help her have a good ending tournament with Team USA," Coté said. "I know that we would've had each other's back win or lose, but to win doubles with one of the best in the world is priceless."

O'Keefe was equally pleased with Tuesday's victory, but she's trying hard to concentrate on the bowling still left to be done as that will keep her mind from wandering to what it means for her when the tournament comes to an end.

"I really wanted to win this event with Bryanna, so it feels awesome to win gold knowing that this is my last Team USA event," O'Keefe said. "Any time that I start really thinking about this being my last, I get emotional, so I'm really trying to shut that part of my brain off and execute one shot at a time. At the end of the week, I'll allow myself to fall apart, but in the meantime, I'm just trying to put one foot in front of the other and do the best I can."

That strategy allowed O'Keefe and Coté to finish nearly 200 pins ahead of the Colombian duo of Clara Guerrero and Juliana Franco, who took the silver medal with an eight-game total of 3,444. Stephanie Martins and Roberta Rodrigues of Brazil captured bronze with 3,415.

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe wasn't just happy with his wife's strong performance Tuesday; he liked what he saw out of all four competitors during doubles.

"Both teams came out buzzin' today," Bryan O'Keefe said. "The guys had a little bit of a slow start with pin carry, but once they got lined up the last four, they were really striking. The girls were the opposite; they came out guns firing, and then they sort of had it on cruise control from there. The whole team was just buzzin' all day."

O'Keefe hopes that continues when singles action gets underway Wednesday.

The 2022 Champion of Champions features a pair of eight-game blocks for singles, one Wednesday and one Thursday, with 16-game pinfall totals determining the medalists.

The cumulative pinfall for 48 games for each country, in each gender-based division, will determine the three countries qualifying for the 2023 Pan American Games.

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TEAM USA BOWLERS FOLLOW UP SWEEP OF DOUBLES GOLD WITH STRONG OPENING ROUND OF SINGLES AT 2022 PANAM CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

Rio de Janeiro – One day after capturing all available gold medals in doubles competition, all four [Team USA](#) bowlers positioned themselves at or near the top of the standings after the opening round of singles at the PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions held at the Bowling Social Club in Rio de Janeiro on Wednesday.

[Kristopher Prather](#) of Romeoville, Illinois, was Team USA's top performer on the day, using a 269 in Game 4 and a 259 in Game 6 to propel himself to 1,838 (an average of 229.75) for the eight-game block.

That put Prather in first place in the men's singles standings with eight games to go before medals are awarded Thursday. Also, it moved him into third in the men's overall standings with a two-day, 16-game total of 3,627 (a 226.69 average).

"It's kind of surreal to be in first place in singles because I didn't even know that was the case until I walked by the scoreboard," Prather said. "I was just really focused on executing good shots and helping A.J. (Johnson). It was about team bowling, sticking with my process and trying to knock all the pins down."

[Shannon O'Keefe](#) of Shiloh, Illinois, has certainly been effective at knocking all the pins down thus far at this event.

She followed up Tuesday's tournament-best 1,929 doubles set with 1,826 during her opening eight games of singles. That put the 43-year-old right-hander in second place in women's singles just nine pins behind the top score of 1,835 shot by Aruba's Kamilah Dammers.

Bowling in her last tournament as a member of Team USA, O'Keefe is making the most of her opportunity. Her two-day, 16-game total of 3,755 (a 234.69 average) is tops among all Champion of Champions bowlers, male or female.

"The lanes were a little bit different today, but I made some good choices, controlled the pocket and executed really, really well," O'Keefe said. "Putting yourself in position to win is all you can really ask for, so I'm just going to keep my head down, keep making the best shots I can and hopefully leave with some hardware."

[Bryanna Coté](#) of Tucson, Arizona, is in position to grab some hardware of her own after she shot 1,796 (a 224.5 average) to secure third place in women's singles with one block remaining.

After watching O'Keefe fire a 299 during the opening game of doubles on Tuesday, Coté got into the act herself Wednesday, starting Game 5 with the front 11 strikes on the same pair of lanes before a 10 pin ended her run at 300 just as it had done to O'Keefe one day earlier.

"We knew what the lanes were going to be like going into that game because we started on that pair yesterday, so I was really comfortable," Côté said. "The last shot was a little bit firmer, which caused it not to carry, but I'll take a 299 any day."

The big game and set helped Côté move into third place in the women's overall standings with a 16-game total of 3,499, which is good for a 218.69 average.

[A.J. Johnson](#) of Oswego, Illinois, has been equally impressive during the first two days of competition at the Champion of Champions.

The powerful right-hander followed up Tuesday's 1,921 doubles effort with a steady 1,756 on Wednesday. That set put Johnson in fifth place in men's singles, just 22 pins out of medal position and less than 100 pins out of first place with eight more games to bowl Thursday.

Johnson still sits atop the men's overall standings with a two-day total of 3,677 (a 229.81 average).

"Sticking to the process and mind frame has been working great," Johnson said. "There were a lot of times that really tested my patience today, and, in the past, I might have let that snowball and take over the block.

"I just made sure to stick to everything that we've been working on and all the things that have been going well. That's been great, and I'm looking forward to eight more games of bowling tomorrow."

With all four players in medal contention and the team in prime position to secure an advancing spot to the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe is looking forward to Thursday's action as well.

"The lanes played differently today, but I think we did a really good job adjusting to that for both the guys and the girls," O'Keefe said. "We're going into tomorrow in prime position to take home some more medals, which is all you can ask for."

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DATES ADDED TO START OF 2023 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the second time in as many months, dates will be added to the 2023 United States Bowling Congress Open Championships in Reno, Nevada.

The tournament staff, in cooperation with the National Bowling Stadium, has opened spots for an additional week in March. The 2023 event now will start March 4 and conclude July 24.

The original dates for the 2023 USBC Open Championships were March 11-July 17, before the tournament staff extended the event last month to July 24. The 2023 tournament now will run for 143 consecutive days and can accommodate nearly 10,700 teams.

The opening ceremony for the 2023 Open Championships still will take place March 11.

Registration is open, and teams can sign up and find more information at [BOWL.com/OpenChamp](https://www.bowl.com/openchamps).

Team competition will be scheduled daily at 2 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., while doubles and singles squads will take place at 7 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

The 9:30 p.m. squad will be a combination squad featuring 30 lanes for team and 30 lanes for doubles and singles.

The National Bowling Stadium has had several renovations since the tournament's last visit to Reno in 2016, including an expanded settee area and redesign of the concourse on the fourth floor. The stadium seating has been removed, and the latest addition prior to the start of the 2023 event will be new scoreboards for the 78 lanes used for the Open Championships and Bowlers Journal Championships.

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TEAM USA WINS EIGHT MEDALS ON FINAL DAY OF 2022 PANAM BOWLING CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS, QUALIFIES FOR 2023 PAN AMERICAN GAMES

Rio de Janeiro – Team USA bowlers and coaches came to the 2022 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions tournament in Rio de Janeiro with three primary goals in mind.

The first was to finish high enough to qualify both the men's and women's teams for the 2023 Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile, the second was to win as many medals as possible, preferably gold, and the third was to help veteran Shannon O'Keefe end her Team USA career on a winning note.

After three days of competition and 96 games bowled, it's safe to say mission accomplished.

Kris Prather of Romeoville, Illinois, and A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, used Thursday's final eight-game singles block to make sure Team USA's men earned the coveted Pan American Games bid.

Prather was locked in from the very first ball at the Bowling Social Club on Thursday morning, opening with 286, closing with 298 and shooting nothing lower than 213 en route to a block total of 1,978, which was good for a 247.25 average.

The big set allowed Prather to vault to the top of the standings and win gold in men's singles with a 16-game total of 3,816 and men's all-events with a 24-game total of 5,605.

Prather was Team USA's most-decorated bowler at the Champion of Champions, winning gold medals in all three events in which he participated.

"Having those medals placed around my neck and hearing our national anthem play just gave me an overwhelming amount of joy," Prather said. "I'm super proud of all the work we put in and what our team accomplished this week.

"Being able to stand up there and enjoy the little moments of happiness and relive the moments while you're up there with a gold medal around your neck is just awesome."

Brazil's Bruno Costa was Prather's closest pursuer; he finished in second place and took the silver medal in both singles (3,715) and all-events (5,547).

Johnson began Thursday's final round two spots out of medal position in fifth place, but by the end of the day he moved back onto the podium.

Johnson's final block got off to a strong start with the right-hander shooting 245 and 248 the first two games. After three more solid scores in Games 3, 4 and 5, Johnson went big in Game 6, firing a 267.

Things cooled down a bit during the last two games, but Johnson still came in with a final-round 1,858 (a 232.25 average), giving him 3,614 for the 16 games of singles and 5,535 for the 24 games of all-events.

Those scores were good enough to move Johnson into third place in both singles and all-events, allowing him to add a pair of bronze medals to the gold he won with Prather during doubles Tuesday.

"When we're out there bowling, our focus is on each frame, each game, staying in the moment and controlling what we can control," Johnson said. "But our goal is always to win, so to be standing on the podium at the end of the week wearing medals kind of puts into perspective how fortunate we are to get to do what we do."

Johnson and Prather's three-day, 48-game total of 11,140 put the duo in first place more than 750 pins ahead of Canadians Francois Lavoie and Jordan Jung, who earned the second Pan American Games bid with 10,377. Marcelo Suartz and Costa teamed up to help Brazil grab the final spot with 10,306.

The women's competition was equally one-sided in favor of Team USA.

Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, and Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, secured the women's team a berth to the Pan American Games by cruising to first place with a three-day, 48-game total of 10,687.

Mexico's Sandra Gongora and Paola Liemon finished second with 10,006. Brazil finished third and claimed the final advancing spot thanks to the 9,903 put up by Roberta Rodrigues and Stephanie Martins.

O'Keefe's final day of Team USA competition ended the way so many others had over the course of her illustrious international career, with her standing on the podium receiving medals.

The 43-year-old right-hander won gold in women's all-events with a three-day, 24-game total of 5,476 (a 228.17 average).

Colombia's Clara Guerrero was O'Keefe's closest pursuer; Guerrero finished second with 5,391 (a 224.63 average).

The roles were reversed in women's singles, however, as Guerrero used a strong finish to slip past O'Keefe and capture gold with 3,559. O'Keefe was just behind, securing silver with 3,547.

Despite the narrow miss in singles, O'Keefe ended her Team USA career by winning two more gold medals, one silver and helping pave the way for other Team USA women to win medals of their own at next year's Pan American Games.

Even though O'Keefe has stood upon many podiums and received many medals over the course of her Team USA career, it's a feeling that meant just as much to her Thursday as it did the first time she got to experience it nearly two decades ago.

"It doesn't matter how many times you've done it, doing something that you love with USA on your back and your teammates around you never gets old," O'Keefe said. "Winning medals and then hearing your national anthem play is just amazing. Outside of all my moments with my teammates, that's what I'll miss the most."

Coté is one of those teammates, and she used Thursday's final round to cap off a very successful Champion of Champions performance of her own.

The smooth-swinging right-hander broke 250 three times – 257 in Game 3; 259 in Game 4 and 253 in Game 6 – on the way to an eight-game total of 1,712 that allowed her to win the bronze medal in women's singles with a 16-game total of 3,508 (a 219.25 average).

That effort allowed Coté to walk away with bronze in women's all-events as well. She finished with a three-day, 24-game total of 5,211 (a 217.13 average).

"This week was extra special, and it makes me feel like all of the hard work paid off," Coté said. "It was also surreal because normally I compete against Shannon (O'Keefe), so to get to team up with her the other day in doubles and help her win one of her last gold medals is something I'll cherish for the rest of my life."

One thing that most coaches cherish is success, and Team USA Head Coach Bryan O’Keefe enjoys that as much as anyone; therefore, he had very little to be unhappy about regarding the team’s performance at the Champion of Champions.

“Our performance this week was wonderful,” Bryan O’Keefe said. “You can’t control the outcome, but you can control the effort that you put into it. That’s all we really tried to hone in on all week.

“We wanted to control the things that we could control, and hopefully the outcome would follow. When you’re fortunate enough to have the best in the world in your corner, a lot of times it’s going to work out in your favor like it did this week.”

Things worked out in Team USA’s favor to the tune of 12 medals, the maximum number possible at the event, including seven gold, one silver and four bronze.

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

CHAMPIONS CROWNED FROM 2022 BOWL.COM YOUTH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The winners in each of the four age-based divisions at the 2022 Bowling.com Youth Open Championships have been determined by the International Bowling Campus Youth Development team.

The [2022 Youth Open Championships](#), a non-qualifying tournament open to all United States Bowling Congress Youth members, was contested at Spectrum Entertainment Complex in Wyoming, Michigan, and held July 13-31.

Bowlers in the 18-and-under, 15-and-under, 12-and-under and 10-and-under divisions earned more than \$82,000 in scholarship prizes at this year’s tournament and won national titles in four-player team, doubles, singles and all-events.

Each discipline featured a scratch and optional handicap division, with 766 bowlers and 162 teams participating in the 2022 edition.

Breaking down the numbers from Spectrum Entertainment Complex, the 2022 tournament was highlighted by a group of young athletes finding success in several events, with 23 players claiming multiple titles. From that group of champions, four recorded victories in three events.

The bowlers claiming three titles were Mackenzie Keane of East Brunswick, New Jersey (U18 Girls Scratch Doubles, U18 Girls Scratch Singles and U18 Girls Scratch All-Events), Courtney Delaney of Rockford, Michigan (U18 Girls Handicap Doubles, U18 Girls Handicap Singles and U18 Girls Handicap All-Events), Jacob Porter of Gainesville, Florida (U18 Team Handicap, U15 Boys Handicap All-Events and U15 Boys Handicap

Singles) and Alyssa Randisi of the Brooklyn borough of New York City (U10 Team Handicap, U10 Girls Handicap All-Events and U10 Handicap Doubles).

Additionally, four bowlers managed to keep Youth Open Championships winning streaks intact by claiming victories this year in Michigan.

Katelyn Abigania (U15 Girls Scratch All-Events – 1,912) and Elias O'Hollaren (U15 Scratch Team), both of San Diego, won Youth Open Championships titles for the third year in a row while Sebastian Huffman of Las Vegas and Donaven Kline of Jackson, New Jersey, went one better by finding the winner's circle at the event for the fourth consecutive time.

Huffman kept his streak alive by teaming up with O'Hollaren, Keegan Alexander of Killeen, Texas, and Aidan Furukawa of Sunbury, Ohio, to help I'm an NFT get to the top of the U15 Scratch Team standings with 2,637.

Alexander and Furukawa also went on to win the U15 Scratch Doubles title with 1,365.

Kline captured two victories to keep his Youth Open Championships run going. He partnered with Dawson Kohl of Dyersville, Iowa, to win U12 Scratch Doubles (1,401), and that helped propel him to the U12 Scratch All-Events crown as well (2,023).

The highest all-events set authored at this year's tournament came in the U18 boys division where Jordan Malott of Austin, Texas, finished with a nine-game total of 2,117, which was good for a 235.22 average.

Malott took home a team title as well, joining Brandon Bohn of Jackson, New Jersey, James Bennett of Huntingtown, Maryland, and Alexander Horton of Douglassville, Pennsylvania, to push Purple Slammer to the top of the U18 Scratch Team standings with 2,701.

Keane wasn't far behind en route to capturing the U18 Girls Scratch All-Events crown. She put up 2,107 (a 234.11 average) thanks to sets of 572, 782 and 753.

Daniel Hong of Fullerton, California, and Luke Switalski of Oak Forest, Illinois, etched their names in the Youth Open Championships record book by authoring perfect games at this year's event.

The perfect game wasn't the only highlight for Hong, who partnered with Nihal Mareedu of Union City, California, to win the U18 Handicap Doubles title with 1,477.

Switalski didn't capture a title at this year's Youth Open Championships as a fourth-place finish in U15 Boys Scratch All-Events (2,033) was his top finish; nonetheless, he made this year's tournament experience memorable by notching not one but two 300 games.

Bowling.com awards a \$100 scholarship to any competitor who rolls a 300 game or 800 series during the Youth Open Championships.

The 2023 Youth Open Championships will take place July 12-14, 21-23 and 29-30 in the Indianapolis area.

For more information on the Bowling.com Youth Open Championships, visit [BOWL.com/YouthOpen](https://www.bowling.com/YouthOpen).

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U18 TEAM

Scratch – Purple Slammer (Brandon Bohn, Jackson, N.J.; Jordan Malott, Austin, Texas; James Bennett, Huntingtown, Md.; Alexander Horton, Douglassville, Pa.), 2,701

Handicap – Team Florida (Jacob Porter, Gainesville, Fla.; Olivia Rabbat, Palm Coast, Fla.; Joshua Munoz, Miami; Ariel Sistos, Winter Haven, Fla.), 2,948

U18 DOUBLES

Scratch – Kyle Drazil, Northfield, Ohio; Kyle Dunne, Hinckley, Ohio, 1,457

Handicap – Daniel Hong, Fullerton, Calif.; Nihal Mareedu, Union City, Calif., 1,477

Girls Scratch – Mackenzie Keane, East Brunswick, N.J.; Lauren Haynes, Lanoka Harbor, N.J., 1,348

Girls Handicap – Leigha Delaney, Rockford, Mich.; Courtney Delaney, Rockford, Mich., 1,464

U18 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Andrew Kearney, Austin, Texas, 733

Boys Handicap – Evan Posey, Belleview, Fla., 769

Girls Scratch – Mackenzie Keane, East Brunswick, N.J., 753

Girls Handicap – Courtney Delaney, Rockford, Mich., 800

U18 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Jordan Malott, Austin, Texas, 2,117

Boys Handicap – Lucas Koch, Plant City, Fla., 2,218

Girls Scratch – Mackenzie Keane, East Brunswick, N.J., 2,107

Girls Handicap – Courtney Delaney, Rockford, Mich., 2,429

U15 TEAM

Scratch – I'm an NFT (Keegan Alexander, Killeen, Texas; Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio; Sebastian Huffman, Las Vegas; Elias O'Hollaren, San Diego) 2,637

Handicap – Bama Prattville (Ryan Best, Deatsville, Ala.; Maggie Ragland, Montgomery, Ala.; Seth Wilson, Elmore, Ala.; Dylan Ragland, Montgomery, Ala.) 3,000

U15 DOUBLES

Scratch – Keegan Alexander, Killeen, Texas; Aidan Furukawa, Sunbury, Ohio, 1,365

Handicap – Seth Wilson, Elmore, Ala.; Dylan Ragland, Montgomery, Ala., 1,536

Girls Scratch – Gianna Brandolino; Joliet, Ill.; Abigail Starkey, Schaumburg, Ill., 1,251

Girls Handicap – Malia Briggs, Chambersburg, Pa.; Carly Wireman, Yorktown, Va., 1,464

U15 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Dylan Harnden, Shelby Township, Mich., 750

Boys Handicap – Jacob Porter, Gainesville, Fla., 904

Girls Scratch – Haley Swindle, Newnan, Ga., 740

Girls Handicap – Haley Swindle, Newnan, Ga., 851

U15 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Pedro Diaz Gonzalez, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 2,052

Boys Handicap – Jacob Porter, Gainesville, Fla., 2,438

Girls Scratch – Katelyn Abigania, San Diego, 1,912

Girls Handicap – Alyssa Torres, Munster, Ind., 2,292

U12 TEAM

Scratch – The Future 4 (Benjamin Linares, Cary, N.C.; Ezra Bentkowski, Aiea, Hawaii; Sebastian Vetter, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Do Hoon Kwon, Vancouver, Wash.) 2,468

Handicap – The Future 4 (Benjamin Linares, Cary, N.C.; Ezra Bentkowski, Aiea, Hawaii; Sebastian Vetter, Oak Lawn, Ill.; Do Hoon Kwon, Vancouver, Wash.) 2,825

U12 DOUBLES

Scratch – Donaven Kline, Jackson, N.J.; Dawson Kohl, Dyersville, Iowa, 1,401

Handicap – Alexander Eby, Constantine, Mich.; Jack Boylan, Three Rivers, Mich., 1,456

Girls Scratch – Alyssa Bechtol, Erlanger, Ky.; Tiffany McCarthy, Rochester, N.Y., 1,136

Girls Handicap – Jayne Juhasz, Ormond Beach, Fla.; Katie Waters, Orange Park, Fla., 1,292

U12 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Ridgely Potter Jr., Clearwater, Fla., 702

Boys Handicap – Jon Verde III, Las Vegas, 801

Girls Scratch – Tiffany McCarthy, Rochester, N.Y., 598

Girls Handicap – Addison Johnson, River Falls, Wis., 717

U12 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Donaven Kline, Jackson, N.J., 2,023

Boys Handicap – Jon Verde III, Las Vegas, 2,305

Girls Scratch – Anna Antony, Farmington, Conn., 1,721

Girls Handicap – Emma Dirksen, Lakeville, Minn., 2,036

U10 TEAM

Scratch – Dem Midwest Boyz (Asa Wilson-Perry, Columbus, Ohio; Aaron Cabiness, Columbus, Ohio; Eason Taylor, Chicago; Caleb Boykin, Chicago) 2,075

Handicap – ABC N eastCoast Stars (Bryonna Camp, Brick, N.J.; Alyssa Randisi, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Nolan Randisi, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Christopher Sim, Queens Village, N.Y.) 3,023

U10 DOUBLES

Scratch – Asa Wilson-Perry, Columbus, Ohio; Aaron Cabiness, Columbus, Ohio, 973

Handicap – Alyssa Randisi, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Nolan Randisi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1,420

Girls Scratch – Taylor Morgan, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Ellie Kate Murray, Orlando, Fla., 829

Girls Handicap – Brynlee Kohl, Waterloo, Iowa; Jersey Asbaty, Chicago, 1,373

U10 SINGLES

Boys Scratch – Treavor Thompson, Mabank, Texas, 551

Boys Handicap – Vincent Brandolino, Channahon, Ill., 743

Girls Scratch – Autumn Kelly, Dayton, Ohio, 480

Girls Handicap – Alivia Portillo, Bellevue, Mich., 693

U10 ALL-EVENTS

Boys Scratch – Treavor Thompson, Mabank, Texas, 1,725

Boys Handicap – Christopher Sim, Queens Village, N.Y., 2,254

Girls Scratch – Alivia Portillo, Bellevue, Mich., 1,436

Girls Handicap – Alyssa Randisi, Brooklyn, N.Y., 2,241

TEAM USA MEMBERS SELECTED FOR EVENTS IN PERU, AUSTRALIA

ARLINGTON, Texas – Coming off a highly successful performance at the 2022 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Rio de Janeiro last week, [Team USA](#) is shifting its focus to the future as the National Selection Committee has chosen participants for events in Peru and Australia this fall.

[Breanna Clemmer](#), [Bryanna Coté](#), [Danielle McEwan](#), [Lauren Pate](#), [Jordan Richard](#) and [Stephanie Zavala](#) will don the stars and stripes at the PANAM Bowling Women's Championships, which will be contested at Videna Bowling Center in the San Luis District of Lima, Peru, from Oct. 22-29.

The event will feature six days of competition with medals being awarded in singles, doubles, trios, team and Masters (formerly all-events).

At the conclusion of the Women's Championships, [Stefanie Johnson](#) will join Coté, McEwan and Richard as well as men's team members [Jakob Butturff](#), [A.J. Johnson](#), [Kris Prather](#) and [Kyle Troup](#) as Team USA travels to the Sunshine Coast Region of Queensland, Australia, to compete at the International Bowling Federation World Cup 2022 presented by QubicaAMF.

Before those eight bowlers take center stage, however, members of [Para Team USA](#) will hit the lanes in Queensland as competition in the Para World Cup runs from Nov. 3-10.

George Holscher, Eddy Hutchens, David Nelson Jr. and Mark Shephard will represent Para Team USA's men's team while Debra Freed, Jennifer Hooten, Emma "Toodie" Perry and Stacy Sanders compete for the USA in Para women's action.

When Para competition draws to a close, the IBF World Cup will get underway with tournament action running from Nov. 12-23 at Suncity Tenpin Bowl.

This year's World Cup will be the first to be conducted using a newly adopted format that, according to the IBF website, was designed to "showcase individual performance and teamwork with skill, endurance, knowledge and strategy as key ingredients to be able to walk as champions."

The event will feature a combination of singles matches and four-person Baker team play with individuals and teams earning points for their countries and contributing to team totals that will determine the overall winners.

The new format is intended to place a premium on teamwork, strategy and versatility, three qualities that Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe sees plenty of on the 2022 Team USA roster.

"We have an amazing group of talented bowlers representing Team USA again this year, and the 11 bowlers traveling to Peru and Australia are some of the best," O'Keefe said. "As always, we are proud to have the opportunity to represent our country at these prestigious events, so we are looking forward to competing and hopefully bringing home some medals."

The odds of accomplishing that goal seem to be pretty good as the 11 bowlers competing in Peru and Australia have combined to win 138 medals (74 gold) in international competition during their respective Team USA careers.

Coté, Prather and A.J. Johnson were responsible for the latest additions to that total as all three were part of last week's successful Team USA effort at the 2022 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Rio de Janeiro.

Prather led the way, capturing gold medals in doubles, singles and all-events. Coté and Johnson both took gold in doubles and bronze in both singles and all-events. [Shannon O'Keefe](#) was the fourth member of the team in Rio de Janeiro, joining Coté in the doubles victory while also claiming gold in all-events and silver in singles in her final event for Team USA.

Stefanie Johnson will be looking to close out her 18-year international career on a similarly high note; the 2022 World Cup will be Johnson's last tournament as a member of Team USA.

USBC QUEENS TO HEAD TO SAM'S TOWN IN LAS VEGAS FOR 2023 EVENT

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time in more than 20 years, a major championship on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour will be determined inside the historic walls of Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The 2023 United States Bowling Congress Queens will head to the 56-lane venue inside of Las Vegas' Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall from May 17-23.

Sam's Town has shared a long history with the PWBA, which included serving as the tour's presenting sponsor for several years and as the host of the Sam's Town Invitational (also known as the Sam's Town National Pro/Am) for 15 consecutive seasons (1986-2000).

USBC and PWBA Hall of Famer Tish Johnson captured three wins at the Sam's Town Invitational (1989, 1992 and 1994), and USBC Hall of Famer Dede Davidson collected the victory at the tour's last visit to the venue in 2000, winning the Sam's Town Invitational over Tiffany Stanbrough for her third major.

The USBC Queens features a field of the top professional and amateur female bowlers from around the world. The format includes three five-game blocks of qualifying, with the top 63 players after 15 games joining the defending champion in the tournament's famed double-elimination bracket.

The bracket matches are three games, with total pinfall determining which player advances. The top five players earn a spot in the stepladder finals for the chance to take home the coveted tiara presented to the champion and major title.

Germany's Birgit Noreiks captured her first major, and third PWBA Tour title, in May at the 2022 Queens in Addison, Illinois.

The 2023 USBC Women's Championships will be taking place across town at the South Point Bowling Plaza inside of the South Point Hotel and Casino from April 23-July 2.

In past years, the Queens and Women's Championships have been held in the same venue, meaning squads at the Women's Championships would not be held during competition at the Queens.

This move for 2023 will open spots for nearly 600 four-player teams to join in the excitement at the Women's Championships.

To register for the 2023 Women's Championships, visit [BOWL.com/WomensChamp](https://www.bowl.com/WomensChamp).

The Women's Championships will celebrate its 103rd edition at South Point in 2023, and the annual national tournament for female USBC members features team, doubles and singles competition.

The event features four average-based divisions for team competition and six for doubles, singles and all-events.

For more information on the USBC Queens, visit [BOWL.com/Queens](https://www.bowl.com/Queens).

USBC MASTERS HEADING TO MICHIGAN AND THUNDERBOWL LANES FOR 2023 EVENT

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time in more than 50 years, the United States Bowling Congress Masters will be contested in Michigan as Allen Park's famed Thunderbowl Lanes will host the 2023 event.

The 2023 USBC Masters will be held at the 90-lane venue from March 26 through April 2. Registration for the 2023 tournament is scheduled to open Oct. 19, 2022.

The 2023 event is part of the Professional Bowlers Association Tour schedule and will award a top prize of \$100,000 to the champion.

The Masters holds a history that dates back to 1951, and the major championship has visited the Wolverine State on two previous occasions – 1961 and 1971. Don Carter collected the win in 1961 at Detroit's Cobo Hall, while Jim Godman recorded the victory at Cobo Hall in 1971. Both are members of the USBC and PBA Halls of Fame.

Although the tournament will make its debut at Thunderbowl Lanes in 2023, the facility has hosted some of bowling's most historic moments.

The first PBA World Series of Bowling was held at Thunderbowl Lanes in 2009, and the most recent major at the venue was the 2019 PBA World Championship, where Australia's Jason Belmonte captured his record-setting 11th major title in a thrilling 236-227 victory against Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona.

The PBA Tour last visited the venue in June 2021, where Las Vegas' Anthony Simonsen collected the win at the PBA Tour Finals.

Simonsen will enter the 2023 Masters as the defending champion after claiming his second win at the event in 2022, defeating USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, in the title match, 219-216.

The Masters features three five-game rounds of qualifying, before the field is cut to the top 63 players and the defending champion. The 64 advancers are seeded based on qualifying position into the tournament's double-elimination bracket.

The bracket matches are three games, with total pinfall determining which player advances. The top five earn a spot in the stepladder finals for the chance to win the major championship.

TNBA YOUTH MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM WEEKEND AT ITRC

ARLINGTON, Texas – Following a two-year hiatus, The National Bowling Association Youth Weekend returned to the International Training and Research Center, providing six student-athletes with the unique opportunity to train at the world-class facility. The event, created through a partnership between the United States Bowling Congress and TNBA more than a decade ago, took place this year from Aug. 18-20.

Over the course of the three-day program, players received on-lane training and drills along with classroom sessions from the ITRC staff. Participants also had the opportunity to hear from guest speakers and tour the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame.

TNBA and USBC have worked together on a concept called the TNBA/Team USA Youth Bowling Program, and this year marked the 11th time the TNBA Youth Weekend event has taken place since its inception in 2010. The event ran consecutively for 10 years before being paused due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

Applications were sent to TNBA youth members, between the ages of 15-18, at the start of the year. As part of the application process, players were asked to submit a video, showing their bowling style from different angles, along with a resume of their accomplishments. This year's six participants were selected from that pool of TNBA youth program applicants and included two girls and four boys. The two girls were Diamond Gist of Hammond, Indiana, and Jewel Johnson of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The four boys were KC Campbell of Newark, New Jersey; Tyler Keller of Hialeah, Florida; Kiernyn Knox of West Orange, New Jersey; and Steven Leslie III of Philadelphia.

When asked about his experience at the TNBA Youth Weekend, a big smile came across the face of Leslie III.

"I can say that my experience here at the ITRC has been magnificent," he said. "This has definitely been a big boost to help me with my career and it's something I can take home with me and share with the people in my hometown. I've loved being here and loved being part of this program."

That sentiment was echoed by Leslie III's fellow participants, including Keller.

"I would hands down recommend this to any youth bowler that I know," Keller said. "Any chance you get to come train at any big national or international facility is a great experience, especially with the coaching staff they have here. It's a life lesson and life experience that you would never get to experience anywhere else."

During the weekend, an emphasis was placed on individual instruction to develop both the physical and mental game. The instruction included the use of the ITRC's advanced video analysis systems, analysis using Specto technology and additional statistical analysis. There were sessions covering bowler release discovery (positive axis point, axis tilt and axis rotation) and an assessment of each player's spare shooting.

Knox, who is a freshman this fall on the bowling team at Savannah College of Art and Design – Atlanta, found the on-lane instruction to be beneficial.

“It showed me where some weaknesses are in my game,” Knox said. “It showed me that I need to work on some repetition with certain spares, like shooting washouts and stuff like that. I really feel like this was a great opportunity to improve my game, especially since I’ll be going to college at SCAD and feel like there’s a lot I can take from this weekend and apply to my college season.”

In addition to on-lane instruction, the participants took part in classroom sessions on topics that included the physical game, bowling ball dynamics, ball motion dynamics and understanding the science of lane conditions and lane play.

“In the classroom, I learned when to apply certain surfaces to bowling balls and how those surfaces will affect ball motion,” Campbell said. “I also learned a variety of layouts for bowling balls and how those layouts make the bowling ball roll differently.”

Visiting the IBMHOF wasn’t the only tour provided to the participants. Gist also enjoyed the tour of the USBC’s Equipment Specifications Department, which included a demonstration by E.A.R.L. (Enhanced Automated Robotic Launcher), USBC’s ball-throwing robot.

“The robot, you only get to see that in videos,” Gist said. “To get to actually see the robot that picks the ball up and rolls it down the lane itself, that was cool.”

Joining the bowlers at the ITRC were TNBA Youth Weekend at the ITRC Project Coordinator Barbara Council-Armstead, TNBA Junior Bowling Director Veronica Green and TNBA representative/coach Don Armstead.

“By supporting the return of TNBA’s Youth Weekend at the ITRC camp, both organizations show that the program is valued and they are truly committed to enhancing diversity and representation on elite levels of competition,” Council-Armstead said. “Since its inception, highly talented groups of young athletes, often representing underserved populations, have been able to train with experts within our industry and gain access to the most advanced technology.

“The program has an impressive track record of alumni who have previously and are currently competing on the collegiate and professional level. As a founder of this joint initiative, I am pleased to see that goals are being met. USBC and TNBA are to be commended for their continued support of this exceptional training opportunity.”

For a video recap of the weekend, click [here](#).

For more information on The National Bowling Association, visit TNBAInc.org.

For more information on the International Training and Research Center, visit bowlingitrc.com.

TEAM USA HEAD COACH BRYAN O'KEEFE ACKNOWLEDGES USBC COLLEGIATE VIOLATION AND VOLUNTARILY ACCEPTS PENALTY

ARLINGTON, Texas – Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe has informed the United States Bowling Congress Collegiate program that he will voluntarily accept the full penalty for an unintentional recruiting violation under rules adopted by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA).

O'Keefe, the director of bowling at McKendree University, acknowledges having impermissible contact with a graduate transfer athlete that was not registered in the USBC Collegiate transfer portal. The contact occurred after the athlete graduated following the collegiate season.

"As the leader of the McKendree University program and head coach of Team USA, I hold myself to the highest standards of integrity," O'Keefe said. "While the violation was unintentional, ultimately it is my responsibility."

O'Keefe has voluntarily accepted the penalty under NCBCA's rules for a first offense and agreed not to speak with potential recruits or their parents for 151 days. O'Keefe's role in the Team USA program is not affected.

SIX SCHOOLS AWARDED BOWLER'S ED KITS IN SUMMER OF 2022

ARLINGTON, Texas – With the 2022-2023 school year getting underway across the country, six schools will have the opportunity to make bowling part of their plans moving forward.

The schools have been selected by the International Bowling Campus Youth Development team to receive Bowler's Ed kits and curriculum information through the Bowler's Ed Grant Program.

Through the program, schools, youth groups and other organizations are able to teach students and young athletes about bowling in an educational, yet fun, setting.

Each Bowler's Ed kit provides teachers and staff with all the equipment and tools needed to enjoy the sport in the most convenient way – by bringing a bowling-center-like atmosphere into their classrooms, gyms or recreational spaces.

Each kit includes a carpeted mobile bowling lane, rubber bowling ball, plastic pins, step-by-step curriculum and an instructional video on the fundamentals of bowling, etiquette, safety, scoring and fitness activities.

The schools selected to receive Bowler's Ed kits were determined based on applications submitted by the June 30, 2022, deadline. The schools receiving the kits are:

- Kingsley Elementary School, Naperville, Ill.
- Lakeside Primary, Prairieville, La.
- Lincoln Elementary, Bedford, Ind.
- Lincoln Elementary School, New Britain, Conn.
- Richardson Elementary, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
- Tri City Elementary, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

Along with the chance to introduce children in grades K-8 to a sport they can play for a lifetime, bowling in any setting is great exercise and a fun way to build endurance and hand-eye coordination.

The curriculum also includes lessons that put a different twist on math, language arts, social studies, problem solving, geography, computer skills and more.

“With the new school year getting underway, we’re excited and proud to be able to help make bowling a part of the experience,” said Chrissie Kent, chair of the IBC Youth Committee. “Our goal is to create ease of use and access to bowling, and our Bowler’s Ed kits provide just that since they are portable and can be used inside or outdoors. Bowling is a great physical activity, but it also requires participants to use math and other classroom skills. We’re happy to play a part in developing those skills while keeping it fun.”

IBC Youth Development works with local associations, schools and bowling centers throughout the country to deliver the In-School Bowler’s Ed kits. Each kit is valued at \$1,450.

The initiative is supported by the bowling industry and aims to bring bowling centers and associations together with schools in their communities, allowing physical education teachers the opportunity to make bowling one of the sports they teach to their students.

Since 2009, the Bowler’s Ed Grant Program has awarded 317 grants valued at \$697,400. More than 3.5 million students from 46 states and provinces across the United States and Canada have been positively impacted by the program. Within the six schools awarded this session, more than 18,000 students will be provided access to the program.

For schools, facilities or organizations interested in applying for a Bowler’s Ed grant, the application portal is open once again. The submission deadline for this round is Dec. 31, 2022. The application can be found at BOWL.com/BowlersEd.

IBC Youth Development is supported by the [Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America](#) and the [United States Bowling Congress](#).

SMART PROGRAM ALLOCATES ADDITIONAL \$750,000 FOR PELL GRANT MATCH

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Scholarship Management and Account Reporting for Tenpins (SMART) program is making an additional investment earnings allocation up to \$750,000 in 2022 to provide additional scholarships for youth bowlers in support of the SMART Pell Grant Match program.

In February, SMART announced \$1.2 million in funding for the new SMART Pell Grant Match program for 2022, and there has been enough interest in the program to exhaust the initial allocation. The SMART Oversight Committee approved additional funding of up to \$750,000 to continue accepting qualified applications for the program through the rest of 2022.

“Changes to the SMART program earlier this year are succeeding in our goal to increase use of scholarship funds by more youth bowlers,” said Frank Wilkinson, chair of the USBC SMART Committee. “The SMART Pell Grant Match is proving to be a great success in helping students within our bowling community, so SMART is adding more resources to meet the need.”

The federal Pell Grant is a national program that helps students and families with the greatest financial need pay for college. The SMART Pell Grant Match maximizes the power of this federal program for bowlers by matching it dollar for dollar. The SMART Pell Grant Match is available to any student with at least one season of USBC Youth participation and two seasons overall of USBC membership.

Students can request the SMART Pell Grant Match by visiting [BOWL.com/SMART](https://www.usbc.com/SMART). Applications for the SMART Pell Grant Match will be accepted through the end of the year or until funding is exhausted.

Complete language of the SMART policies and an FAQ guide are published on [BOWL.com](https://www.usbc.com).

For more information on SMART, visit [BOWL.com/SMART](https://www.usbc.com/SMART).

USBC HALL OF FAMER CAROL MILLER DIES AT AGE 88

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress recently learned of the death of hall of famer Carol Miller, who died Saturday, Feb. 5, at the age of 88.

Miller, of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1997 in the Superior Performance category. Miller’s induction was based upon her sustained success at the local, state and national levels.

Miller won the all-events title at the 1967 USBC Women's Championships and a doubles title in 1974 with Jane Leszczynski of Milwaukee. Additionally, she captured more than a dozen titles at both local and state levels.

She represented Team USA at the 1967 International Bowling Federation Masters World Championships in Malmo, Sweden, earning a silver medal in the five-player team event.

Miller continued to work with Team USA as a coach for the women's team, helping the program claim more than 25 medals in zone and world competition during the 1970s and 1980s.

Those accolades not only earned Miller a spot in the USBC Hall of Fame, but they also led to her induction into the halls of fame of the Milwaukee Women's Bowling Association (now Milwaukee Area USBC) and the Wisconsin WBA (now Wisconsin State USBC).

Once her competitive career was over, Miller gave back to her local community and the young people within it by working as a coach and physical education teacher at Washington High School.

Miller was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin Miller, and by parents, Earl and Marie Herb. Miller's passing was mourned by dear friends Jessie Holder and Leah Chapman, who lovingly cared for Miller during her final days, and by the many bowling friends, students and colleagues whose lives she touched over the years.

ZAVALA TO MAKE INTERNATIONAL DEBUT FOR TEAM USA AT 2022 PANAM BOWLING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, Texas – Stephanie Zavala has a history of making some noise when she arrives on bowling's biggest stages.

The 26-year-old from Downey, California, quickly established herself as one of the brightest young stars on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour after a historic debut in 2021, becoming the first newcomer in nearly 35 years to win three titles in her first season on the way to earning the PWBA Rookie of the Year award.

She added a fourth victory and first major in 2022 by capturing the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship in August, averaging more than 250 in her three wins during the stepladder live on CBS Sports Network.

Zavala will look to continue the trend on the international landscape starting this week in Lima, Peru, as she makes her on-lane debut for Team USA at the PANAM Bowling Women's Championships.

She'll be joined at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA) by Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri; and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio.

Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and Junior Team USA head coach Kelly Kulick also will make the trip to the 24-lane facility that held the Pan American Games in 2019.

The team will start its journey to Lima on Thursday, and the tournament's official practice session and opening ceremony will take place Saturday.

The action will get underway Sunday with singles, and Team USA also will be vying for medals in doubles, trios and five-player team competition. The event will conclude Oct. 28.

The PANAM Women's Championships will feature countries from within the Western Hemisphere.

"I'm extremely excited and trying to balance the nerves and adrenaline," Zavala said. "It was a goal of mine to make Team USA, but you also want to go somewhere and put that jersey on and have that red, white and blue on your back. The opportunity to hopefully help the team come home with a few medals is awesome."

Zavala earned a spot on Team USA and Junior Team USA for the first time in 2017 as a junior at Sam Houston State University, but she was not selected to compete during the year. Her spot on the adult team in 2022 marks her second appearance as part of the program.

The powerful right-hander learned a lot about her game and herself between that time.

"I was still a kid when I first made the program," Zavala said. "I really didn't know the first thing about what it meant to be on the team and everything that goes on behind the scenes. I just feel like I've grown so much as a person. Mentally and physically, my game has improved, and I feel like I've matured so much more and understand what it all means now. It's not just being on the team. Now, you have to represent."

In prepping for her first international excursion, Zavala has leaned on the experience of her teammates. From the do's and don'ts of packing to trimming an arsenal down to six bowling balls all requires some guidance for a first-time traveler, and she's been in good hands.

All five of her teammates have won at least two gold medals at the PANAM Women's Championships, and Kulick collected 15 medals (nine gold) at the event during her time as an athlete on the team.

"I've talked to a few here and there, and I feel like they're all my big sisters," Zavala said. "They're just guiding me in this entire process, and I think that's really awesome of them to do."

Team USA collected four of the five gold medals in the women's division at the 2021 event. Clemmer, Coté and Pate will return to the mix in 2022 after a successful showing last October at Bolera Departamental in Cali, Colombia.

The team was victorious in doubles (Clemmer and Pate), trios (Coté, Julia Bond and Sydney Brummett), team (Bond, Brummett, Clemmer, Coté, Pate and Gazmine Mason) and all-events (Clemmer).

The group also collected bronze medals in trios (Clemmer, Mason and Pate) and all-events (Coté) in 2021.

"I'm excited to compete with this team," Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe said. "We have a great combination of experience and youth filled with professional titles and international medals. Our goal is to compete as a team and trust what we bring to the table will be enough to bring home some hardware."

Zavala found a balance between bowling and rest after she hoisted the trophy at the Tour Championship in Dallas, but she's been gearing up in the past couple weeks for her Team USA debut.

Her win at the major helped turn around a tour season that featured some ups and downs, but more importantly, it helped reestablish her confidence and let her know she would not be defined by one or two sub-par performances.

"It still doesn't feel like I actually won that since the season was such a struggle," Zavala said. "It felt reassuring. After not really making any cuts, my confidence came back, and I felt good about my game again. Had I not performed well that last week, my confidence would have been really shaken going into this week. Now, I kind of feel like if I can erase the struggles and keep grinding and find a way to come out on top, I'll be OK. You just have to keep working. That's what I've learned on tour – don't ever give up."

To find results and more from the 2022 PANAM Women's Championships, visit [BOWL.com/2022PANAMBowling](https://www.bowl.com/2022PANAMBowling).

Shortly after returning home, Coté, McEwan and Richard will again be packing their red, white and blue jerseys as part of the contingent heading to Queensland, Australia, for the International Bowling Federation World Cup 2022 presented by QubicaAMF.

They will join Stefanie Johnson to complete the women's team while Jakob Butturff, AJ Johnson, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup will represent the men's program from Nov. 12-23 at Suncity Tenpin Bowl.

For more information on Team USA, visit [BOWL.com/TeamUSA](https://www.bowl.com/TeamUSA).

JUNIOR TEAM USA'S CAMERON CROWE, JILLIAN MARTIN TO SERVE AS GO BOWLING AMBASSADORS DURING MACY'S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

ARLINGTON, Texas – Bowling is back in the 96th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, and GoBowling.com is launching several promotional campaigns in conjunction with the iconic event.

GoBowling.com is the one-stop site where people of all ages can find bowling fun. The consumer-facing brand of the International Bowling Campus (IBC) — where the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA), United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and

Strike Ten Entertainment (STE) are headquartered — has been an official partner of the iconic holiday celebration since 2018.

The centerpiece of the parade partnership will continue to be the impossible-to-miss Go Bowling “balloonicles,” which include 16-foot-tall bowling pins, a pair of motorized size 15½ bowling shoes and a bowling ball measuring 12 feet in diameter.

“The global exposure of the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade provides bowling with an invaluable marketing platform that drives top-of-mind awareness and reminds people during the holiday season that bowling is a fun, family-friendly activity to enjoy wherever they live,” said John Harbuck, President of STE. “Beyond the visibility in New York and nationally on the broadcast, the partnership also offers bowling a platform to activate at the grassroots level by driving traffic into our member centers and engaging our fans and customers on social media.”

For this year’s parade, Junior Team USA members Jillian Martin and Cameron Crowe will have the honor of serving as the Go Bowling ambassadors. They will roll across the renowned Harold Square in the Go Bowling motorized bowling shoes and chronicle their journey and experiences on GoBowling.com and their own social-media channels.

“As the marketing arm of the IBC and owners and operators of GoBowling.com, we are excited to support the parade partnership with a comprehensive digital marketing asset package for activation at more than 3,400-member bowling centers,” Harbuck added. “Having these inspirational Junior Team USA members as our 2022 Go Bowling ambassadors and representatives of our great sport is fitting as the 67 million people who bowl annually return to the lanes to celebrate the holidays with family and friends.”

Every bowling center can receive the official 96th Annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade poster to display and promote the annual Macy’s Shopping Spree Sweepstakes that awards one lucky bowler with a \$1,000 holiday shopping spree at Macy’s. Go Bowling will also award six Holiday Bowling Party prizes in the sweepstakes, and to round out the holiday promotional offerings, Go Bowling will run contests throughout November across its social-media platforms, awarding followers limited-edition Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade bowling balls and pins.

The 96th Annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade will air nationwide on NBC-TV on Thursday, November 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in all time zones.

To join in Go Bowling’s Thanksgiving fun, visit GoBowling.com and follow on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. To follow and participate in the excitement, check out @macys on various social media platforms and follow #MacysParade. For more information, visit macys.com/parade.

UNITED STATES EARNS GOLD IN TEAM, ALL-EVENTS TO CONCLUDE 2022 PANAM BOWLING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

LIMA, Peru – The 2022 PANAM Bowling Women's Championships came to a close Friday with Team USA earning two additional gold medals, bringing its total to four for the week at the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional (VIDENA).

The United States already had claimed the top spots in singles and trios competition, and the group concluded its trip to Lima, Peru, with gold in team and all-events.

The unit captured the coveted five-player team title by 380 pins and was the only contingent to average more than 200 on Thursday and Friday. Team USA finished with a 6,129 total for six games on this week's 38-foot oil pattern, a 204.3 combined average.

Colombia earned the silver medal in team with a 5,749 total, and Puerto Rico collected bronze with 5,565.

The athletes representing Team USA during the week in Lima included Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina; Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri; Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio; and Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California.

The group was joined by Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and Junior Team USA head coach and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick.

Richard was the top overall performer for 24 games at the 2022 tournament, easily winning the gold medal in all-events with a 5,128 total, a 213.67 average. McEwan took silver with a 4,933 total (205.54 average), and Colombia's Maria José Rodriguez finished with 4,841 (201.71 average) to earn the bronze medal.

Richard, McEwan and Rodriguez were the only athletes to average more than 200 for 24 games at VIDENA.

Richard and McEwan were able to medal in each discipline during the week, with each adding three golds and two silvers to their expanding collections.

The 2022 PANAM Women's Championships consisted of 11 countries from the Western Hemisphere participating in singles, doubles, trios and team competition, with the top athletes also earning medals in all-events. The tournament was broadcast live at FedePeruBowling.pe.

Team USA built up its lead over the field during the first three team games Thursday, taking nearly a 200-pin advantage into Friday's final round.

Although the scoring pace seemed to slow down throughout the 24-lane complex to start Friday, the group was able to add onto its lead and cap the event with largest team game of the week.

The team rolled games of 1,016, 1,048, 1,066, 966, 964 and 1,069 on its way to victory.

Richard led the effort for Team USA with a 1,360 set, while McEwan added 1,282. Coté had 1,171, and Zavala posted 1,154. Pate was the fifth member of the team Thursday, finishing with 575. Clemmer came into the lineup Friday, recording a 587 series.

The team victory served as a successful title defense as well. Team USA recorded the win at the 2021 event in Cali, Colombia.

Clemmer, Coté and Pate were part of the team win in Cali last October, and the chemistry and communication that's part of Team USA's brand were on display this week.

"I love team events," said Pate, a three-time member of Team USA. "Bowling together, I feel like all our nerves were put aside. We executed really well, worked together and communicated. When all of that clicks together, we'll be up on the podium every single year."

While five of the athletes added to their growing list of accolades as members of Team USA, Zavala was traveling with the team for the first time in her second year with the program.

She took in the moments, from sightseeing around Lima to watching her teammates ascend to the top of the medal stand earlier in the week, and she settled into her own rhythm as the tournament progressed at VIDENA.

Zavala was the only player on Team USA using urethane during the week, but that didn't stop her from sharing and learning with her teammates to collect the first medal of her young career.

"I tried to hold it in and not get too emotional, but Bryan even asked me on the first day how it felt to put on that jersey for the first time," Zavala said. "It's the first time I've had the chance to wear it in competition, and as cliché as it sounds, it was a dream come true."

"I struggled the first day, but after talking with the girls and figuring out a solid game plan, everything became a little bit clearer. It helped a lot that Jordan and Danielle were doing what they were doing, so when I did ditch the urethane, I knew exactly where I had to go because they were executing so many good shots in a row."

Richard was incredibly consistent for her first three events before rolling the top six-game score of the tournament in team. She had 1,252 in singles, 1,253 in doubles and 1,263 in trios.

The 26-year-old right-hander was the only athlete to record sets over 1,200 during each event at the 2022 PANAM Women's Championships. Her execution, decision-making and spare shooting all were on point as she earned her first gold medal in all-events as a member of Team USA.

“Your execution had to be good, because your moves and misses were detrimental,” said Richard, a five-time member of Team USA. “If you threw a bad shot, you were getting six or seven. I just tried to stay with my process and make the best shots I could. I was able to play kind of where I like to play, so it made it a little easier, but they were hard this week.”

Richard, McEwan and Coté will be returning home from Lima for just a short time before they’re back in the air to represent Team USA.

They will join Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, and head to Queensland, Australia, as part of the women’s and men’s teams heading to the International Bowling Federation World Cup 2022 presented by QubicaAMF from Nov. 12-23.

The men’s team will feature Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona; AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois; Kristopher Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

The success for the women’s team in Lima will serve as a catalyst in getting the group started in Australia as they look to send Stefanie Johnson’s storied Team USA career off with a memorable finish.

Earlier in 2022, Johnson, along with Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, announced they would be retiring from the program at the end of the year. Both Johnson and O’Keefe have been part of Team USA since 2005.

“It was incredible bowling,” Bryan O’Keefe said. “I don’t like to take for granted the feeling of having a team work cohesively as a unit, and these six were just awesome. The way the week started, we knew it was going to take a lot of communication and great execution, because the lanes were so challenging. It was an incredible week and great setup for a few weeks from now. With three of these athletes going to Australia, it was a great way to build confidence and rapport among themselves as well.”

The 2022 event kicked off with singles competition Monday. McEwan started strong and rolled to the top spot, winning gold with a 1,299 total for six games. Richard earned the silver medal with a 1,252 total, and Venezuela’s Karen Marcano took home bronze with 1,230.

In doubles, Colombia’s Juliana Franco and Maria José Rodriguez were the only pair to average more than 200 on Tuesday and claimed the top prize with a 2,525 total. Franco led the way with 1,278, and Rodriguez added 1,247.

McEwan and Richard finished doubles in second place with a 2,344 total, and Puerto Rico’s Estefania Cobo and Zorani Reyes were third with 2,330.

The gold medal in trios went to Team USA’s Clemmer, McEwan and Richard on Wednesday, which featured strong performances from each athlete to finish with a 3,818 total. Clemmer posted a 1,294 block in the win, while Richard and McEwan contributed 1,263 and 1,261, respectively.

The silver in trios went to Colombia's Franco, Rodriguez and Clara Guerrero with a 3,709 total. Canada claimed the bronze medal as Jennifer Besana, Sarah Klassen and Felicia Wong combined for 3,506.

To find results and more, visit [BOWL.com/2022PANAMBowling](https://www.bowl.com/2022PANAMBowling). For more information on Team USA, visit [BOWL.com/TeamUSA](https://www.bowl.com/TeamUSA).

2022 PANAM BOWLING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS

At the Bowling Center of La Villa Deportiva Nacional Lima, Peru

Final Results

Singles

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Silver – Jordan Richard, United States, 1,252.

Bronze – Karen Marcano, Venezuela, 1,230.

Doubles

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Silver – United States (Danielle McEwan, Jordan Richard), 2,344.

Bronze – Puerto Rico (Estefania Cobo, Zorani Reyes), 2,330.

Trios

Gold – United States (Breanna Clemmer, Danielle McEwan, Jordan Richard), 3,818.

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Team

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Bronze – Puerto Rico, 5,565.

All-Events

Gold – Jordan Richard, United States, 5,128.

Silver – Danielle McEwan, United States, 4,933.

Bronze – Maria José Rodriguez, Colombia, 4,841.

USBC RELEASES 2022 BALL HARDNESS REPORT

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) released a new research report examining how bowling ball hardness changes with use and performance implications of ball hardness.

Key findings of this 2022 report include the following items:

- Urethane bowling balls get naturally softer with use. USBC data shows friction and shear forces along with lane oil exposure are contributing causes. However, this natural softening of bowling balls through use minimally impacts performance, if at all.
- Lower ball hardness at manufacture clearly impacts performance. Testing two versions of the same model urethane ball with different hardness out of the box shows very different performance. The softer ball is stronger.
- Chemically altering bowling balls to make them softer significantly impacts performance. The softer altered balls are stronger.

This 2022 report follows up on previous USBC research demonstrating urethane shell balls drop in hardness after use. Reactive shell balls have less significant changes, showing little to no drop in hardness after use.

USBC equipment specifications are designed to set boundaries on the manufacturing of bowling equipment. Manufactured hardness is a physical property of bowling balls that has clearly been demonstrated to have performance implications. Therefore, it is essential that manufacturing regulation in this area continues to ensure that the performance range allowed for bowling balls is maintained.

The full report can be found at [BOWL.com/Hardness](https://www.bowl.com/hardness).

ADDITIONAL TV SHOWS AND FINALS ON FOX HIGHLIGHT CHANGES TO 2023 U.S. OPEN AND USBC MASTERS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The U.S. Open and United States Bowling Congress Masters each will feature a pair of television shows in 2023 with the major titles and \$100,000 top prizes being awarded live on FOX.

The arrangement for the 2023 events came together through cooperation between the Professional Bowlers Association, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and USBC.

To allow for the additional TV exposure, both events will have slight adjustments made to their traditional format.

At the U.S. Open, the removal of the fourth qualifying round will allow for a nine-player stepladder over two days at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. The first show, which will

air live on FS1 on Feb. 4, will feature the No. 5 through No. 9 seeds in a traditional stepladder format. The advancer will join the top four seeds for the second stepladder Feb. 5 on FOX.

The 2023 event still will feature three eight-game qualifying rounds, but now the field will be cut to the top 24 athletes for round-robin match play after Round 3. Recent editions of the U.S. Open cut to the top 36 athletes after Round 3 with an additional eight-game round determining the top 24 for round-robin match play.

For 2023, 48-game totals, including bonus pins for each win in match play, will determine the nine finalists. Historically, the U.S. Open has featured 56 games.

At the USBC Masters, television matches will start in the Elimination Bracket on March 31 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, with four single-game matches replacing the final three-game head-to-head round and four-player shootout to determine the finalists for the stepladder. These matches will be broadcast live on FS1.

Now, eight athletes will earn spots on TV at the 2023 Masters with four players advancing to the stepladder and a true double-elimination format for the top seed April 2 on FOX.

Qualifying and match play will remain consistent with previous editions of the event prior to the introduction of TV on March 31. The double-elimination bracket will be retained, and all matches leading up to the final eight competitors will feature three-game total-pinfall contests.

The TV matches on March 31 will implement a knockout-style format with the winners of the first two games advancing to the finals of the Elimination Bracket. The advancers then will take on players who lost in the semifinals of the Winners Bracket with each winner earning a spot in the opening match of the stepladder on April 2.

The two players who emerge victorious from the semifinals of the Winners Bracket will earn automatic spots on the April 2 broadcast, with a three-game total-pinfall match determining the top seed. This match will be broadcast at [BowITV.com](https://www.bowltv.com).

With only four players advancing to the stepladder, the top seed will need to be defeated twice on FOX to be denied the title.

The 2023 U.S. Open is scheduled for Jan. 29 - Feb. 5, and the 2023 Masters is slated for March 26 - April 2. Both events are major championships on the 2023 PBA Tour schedule.

Anthony Simonsen of Las Vegas is the defending champion at both events and is a four-time major champion on the PBA Tour.

All rounds of qualifying and match play at both the 2023 U.S. Open and Masters will be streamed live on BowITV.

For more information on the U.S. Open, visit [BOWL.com/USOpen](https://www.bowl.com/USOpen). To learn more about the USBC Masters, visit [BOWL.com/Masters](https://www.bowl.com/Masters).

JOHNSON TO COMPETE FOR FINAL TIME AS TEAM USA MEMBER

AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP IN AUSTRALIA

ARLINGTON, Texas – Stefanie Johnson has put together an international resume that most bowlers can only dream of.

During a Team USA career that has spanned the better part of two decades, the 38-year-old right-hander from McKinney, Texas, has won 27 medals in international competition, 14 gold, eight silver and five bronze.

Johnson's most-recent Team USA triumphs came during the summer of 2019 when she partnered with best friend Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, to win a doubles gold medal at the Pan American Games in Lima, Peru, one month before helping the Team USA women capture a bronze medal at the International Bowling Federation Women's World Championships in Las Vegas.

But despite her track record of proven success, all good things must eventually come to an end, and that is why Johnson has decided to make the 2022 IBF World Cup her last event as a member of Team USA.

The 2022 IBF World Cup will run from Nov. 12-23 at Suncity Tenpin Bowl on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia.

"I have two kids who aren't getting any younger, so it felt like the right time to hang up my hat and put the Team USA jersey away," Johnson said. "Plus, Shannon (O'Keefe) and I started this journey together in 2005, and we always talked about ending it together as well."

O'Keefe retired from international competition at the conclusion of the 2022 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Rio de Janeiro back in August.

In addition to it allowing her to walk off into the sunset hand in hand with her best friend, Johnson also sees her retirement as creating an opportunity for another young woman to step up and take a shot at making her own Team USA dreams come true.

"By stepping away, I'm giving a gift to someone else because now that person will get to experience the thrill of bowling for their country and get to do everything that I've gotten to do while representing the red, white and blue," Johnson said.

It remains to be seen who will take Johnson's spot on the women's team and don the red, white and blue in years to come, but the decision as to who will be sharing the lanes with her at the World Cup has already been decided.

Johnson will be joined on the women's team by Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona; Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; and Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio. The men's team will be represented by Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona; A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Illinois; Kris Prather of Romeoville, Illinois; and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

This year's World Cup will be the first to be conducted using a newly adopted format that, according to the IBF website, was designed to "showcase individual performance and teamwork with skill, endurance, knowledge and strategy as key ingredients to be able to walk as champions."

The event will feature a combination of singles matches and four-person Baker team play with individuals and teams earning points for their countries and contributing to team totals that will determine the overall winners.

Stefanie Johnson is hoping to do her part to help Team USA find success at the World Cup, but she is also going to be sure not to let the pressure outweigh the pleasure.

"This is actually my first World Cup, so I was excited when I got the call to say that I'd been selected to compete," Johnson said. "I've prepared as hard as I can for myself and for my teammates, and I'm going to give it everything I've got. Of course, I want to do well, but I'm just going to enjoy every moment of it and let nature happens how it happens."

Thankfully for Johnson, she won't have to carry the load herself as Coté, McEwan and Richard should all be brimming with confidence after having helped Team USA author an outstanding performance at the recent PANAM Bowling Women's Championships in Lima, Peru.

Butturff, Prather and A.J. Johnson have their own past successes to call upon in order to instill confidence as all three were part of the Team USA crew that won the trios gold medal at the 2021 IBF Super World Championships in Dubai.

But should confidence wane at any point, Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe and Junior Team USA Head Coach Kelly Kulick, who will be on hand to assist O'Keefe in Queensland after having competed as a member of Team USA herself just one year ago, will be there to help get the team back on track.

"Kelly (Kulick) and I are very fortunate to get to coach another amazingly talented group of bowlers at this year's World Cup," O'Keefe said. "There is nothing that these men and women can't do on the lanes, so it will just be a matter of staying patient, staying confident and controlling the things that we can control. If we can do that, we have a chance to be very successful and to probably come home with some medals."

TEAM USA ENJOYS STRONG START ON DAY 1 OF SINGLES AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP IN AUSTRALIA

Gene J. Kanak

November 12, 2022

RESULTS AND INFORMATION

Queensland, Australia – Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, has competed for Team USA before, but the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup is her first world-level tournament. As such, no one would have blamed Coté for being a bit nervous and possibly starting slowly during Saturday's first round of Singles.

Coté had other ideas, however, going a perfect 5-0 to help Team USA get off to a very strong start after the first day of competition at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia.

It didn't take long for Coté to get going as she began her day with a 254-206 victory over Malaysia's Esther Chea.

Coté's next three games weren't quite as explosive, but they were equally effective, resulting in wins over Australia's Bec Whiting (216-166), Rachele Leon of the Philippines (207-190) and New Zealand's Dayna Haylock (215-193).

Coté put her striking shoes back on during Game 5, shooting 245 to top Singapore's Hui Fen New, who was only able to manage 199.

The victory allowed Coté to walk away from Saturday's opening round with a perfect record, first place in Group B and without experiencing a single open frame.

"To go undefeated and stay clean for the whole block was pretty cool," Coté said. "A day like this definitely boosts my confidence, but I also know that every day is different. I was just fortunate to have a good start and get the team as many points as I possibly could."

Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, earned her fair share of points for Team USA's women as well on Saturday; she just did so in a slightly different fashion.

Whereas Coté came out hot from the very first frame, Richard had to overcome some early adversity. That's because the powerful right-hander split in each of the first four frames and five of the first seven during Game 1, resulting in four opens and a sizable deficit to Germany's Sabrina Laub.

Richard righted the ship from there, however, settling into the pocket and filling frames. Her bid to pull off a come-from-behind victory over Laub fell short (177-171), but Richard carried the late momentum into Game 2 and beyond.

She notched her first points when she defeated Australia's Chloe Clague 245-193, and then she went on to top Lara Posadas of the Philippines (227-203) and Malaysia's Li Jane Sin (204-180) during Games 3 and 4, respectively.

Richard's run stopped there, however, as Singapore's Shayna Ng won Game 5 (213-204), causing Richard to finish the day with a 3-2 mark and tie for fifth place in Group A.

"The first game was pretty rough, but once I switched balls, I got a lot more comfortable and bowled a lot better," Richard said. "I have nothing to hang my head about. It was the first day, and there is a lot of bowling left."

The combined efforts of Richard and Coté helped the Team USA women into second place in women's team qualifying with the second half of Round 1 still to come on Sunday.

Germany currently leads women's team qualifying. Sweden is one spot behind Team USA in third place.

Once the women's competition was finished for the day, it was time for the men to show what they could do, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, was up first for Team USA.

Like Richard, Troup got off to a slow start, losing his first two matches of the day.

He fell to Kenneth Chua of the Philippines (227-223) in Game 1 and to Malaysia's Syafiq Ridhwan (216-206) during Game 2.

Troup heated up considerably from there, however, starting Game 3 with the front nine strikes before a 4 pin ended his bid for perfection; nevertheless, Troup walked away with a 278-213 victory over Hong Kong's Michael Mak to collect his first points of the day.

The right-handed two-hander came out swinging again during Game 4, this time notching a seven-bagger before a 4 pin stopped his string yet again. Still, he cruised to a 268-190 win over Sultan Alqubaisi of the United Arab Emirates to even the day's record up at 2-2.

Puerto Rico's Israel Hernandez, who sits in first place in Group A after Saturday's opening round, halted Troup's winning streak by topping the American 180-175 in Game 5.

Undaunted, Troup rebounded nicely, finishing with wins over Australia's Adam Hayes (258-187) and Canada's Darren Alexander (219-178).

Troup finished Saturday's opening day with a 4-3 mark and a tie for fourth place in Group A; however, Troup led not just Group A but the entire men's field in total pinfall, tallying 1,627 during the five-game block, which was good for a 232.4 average.

"I felt like I performed pretty well," Troup said. "I've got to make some adjustments on the fresh, but I felt like I saw the shape and the way to play the pattern pretty well for the rest of the block. Overall, I've got a lot of confidence and feel like the way that I play the lanes and how deep I can get may give me an advantage moving forward."

With Troup's set in the books, there was just one more Team USA bowler set to hit the lanes on Saturday, and that was Kris Prather of Romeoville, Illinois.

Like Troup, Prather didn't have the start he was looking for on the fresh, and that caused him to fall to Australia's Sam Cooley by a score of 237-176 during the opening game.

Unlike Troup, however, Prather was able to recover and get a win during Game 2 as he downed Sweden's James Blomgren 246-233 to even his record up at 1-1.

Not content to remain at .500, Prather then ran off another three victories – 209-195 over Emerson Gotencio of the Philippines, 234-224 over Hong Kong's Ernest Kwok and 245-225 over Singapore's Eugene Yeo – to run his record up to 4-1.

Puerto Rico's Cristian Azcona ended Prather's run during Game 5, topping the American by a final score of 258-233.

Prather was able to grind out a victory to end the night, however, defeating Malaysia's Timmy Tan 169-155 to end Day 1 with Team USA's second-best individual mark at 5-2.

"The lanes played pretty tough for me pair to pair, but I controlled the pocket, was good with my spares and kept the head pin in play, which is pretty good for me on a long pattern," Prather said. "Going forward, I just need to be less aggressive with ball speed and hand so that I can be conscious of what the lane is asking."

Prather's strong performance put him into a tie for second place in Group B, and it moved Team USA's men into third place in team qualifying with two more sets remaining in Round 1.

Puerto Rico was tops on Day 1, and Sweden was close behind in second place.

Even though his team doesn't find itself atop the standings at the moment, Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe was happy with the performance his team put forth during the first half of Round 1.

"Overall, I think our ability to track the pairs has been pretty good because a lot of the lanes are similar to what we thought they were going to be after yesterday's practice session," O'Keefe said. "When you're bowling in smaller bowling centers, it's important to have a good read on what's happening lane to lane, so it's good that we seem to have that down."

"Everybody that bowled today had a winning record, and that's always a big thing. Match play can be a fickle beast, but anytime we end a day winning more games than we lose, that's a good day for us."

The second half of Round 1 will be completed Sunday when all teams send their last two men and last two women to the lanes.

TEAM USA ENDURES UPS AND DOWNS DURING DAY 2 OF SINGLES AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP

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Queensland, Australia – Once the action gets going, A.J. Johnson chomps at the bit to hit the lanes and make his mark at whatever tournament he's bowling.

So even though he enjoyed cheering teammates Jordan Richard, Bryanna Coté, Kyle Troup and Kris Prather on during Saturday's opening round of Singles at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup, Johnson was anxious to get on the lanes for his own opening set on Sunday.

Thankfully, he didn't have to wait very long as he was Team USA's leadoff man during Day 2 of competition at Suncity Tenpin Bowl on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia.

Another thing Johnson didn't have to wait for was success as he opened his 2022 IBF World Cup experience with a 253-178 victory over Malaysia's Hakim Tun.

A tricky pair slowed Johnson down during a 195-164 loss to Puerto Rico's Eisam Hussein in Game 2, but the negative vibes didn't last long as Johnson bounced back and started with the front eight during Game 3.

A 10-pin ended Johnson's run at 300, but the 278 he walked away with was more than enough to give him the victory over Ivan Tse of Hong Kong, who was only able to manage 210.

Johnson found himself in the winner's circle again after Game 4, this time as a result of a 235-203 win over Singapore's Nu'man Syahmi.

Another difficult pair of lanes helped Canada's Francois Lavoie top Johnson by a score of 237-170 during Game 5, but just as he had during his earlier setback, Johnson responded in fine fashion.

He notched his second 253 of the day to defeat Nayef Equb of United Arab Emirates (253-195) in Game 6, and then he finished Game 7 with a six-bagger to defeat Sweden's Jesper Svensson 235-233.

When all was said and done, Johnson finished with a 5-2 record, an average of 226.9 for the day and in a tie with Australia's Jason Belmonte for first place in Group C after one round of competition.

Johnson knows the importance of getting off to a good start, so he was very happy with his ability to do that for Team USA on Day 2.

"It feels good to get the team off to a good start and kind of set the tone for the day because that makes it easier for the other guys to keep that momentum going for us," Johnson said. "My execution was really good today. I got lost a couple of games there, but with a round under my belt, I'll be able to do a better job recognizing that and keeping those games from spiraling like they did today."

No bowler enjoys spiraling. Unfortunately, when you're battling poor ball reaction, it's a reality that is likely to rear its ugly head.

That's what Jakob Butturff encountered when he took to the lanes for his block on Sunday afternoon.

Despite his best efforts and well-established talent, Butturff struggled to find consistent ball reaction from the left side of the lane throughout his seven-game block.

Nevertheless, Butturff stayed determined, fighting until the end to grind out three match victories, including a 244-204 win over Hussain Alsuwaidi of United Arab Emirates.

Those victories gave Team USA some valuable points that will definitely come in handy in the days to come.

Butturff, meanwhile, will have Monday off as Group A and Group B return to the lanes for their second round of Singles. He plans to use that time to regroup in the hopes of authoring a stronger performance when his turn comes up again on Tuesday.

"We had six lefties on our squad, so we had a lot more traffic on that side of the lane, and all of us had trouble putting together two good games in a row," Butturff said. "Between now and Tuesday, I'm going to sit down with Coach Bryan (O'Keefe) to come up with a different plan that will get me more comfortable. I'm still in the fight; we just need to work together to get it figured out."

But sometimes even when you have it figured out, the pins refuse to fall for you even though they are consistently falling for the opposition.

That was the unenviable position that Danielle McEwan found herself in during her first Singles set on Sunday.

McEwan found the pocket on the majority of her shots during the five-game set. Unfortunately, a large percentage of those shots resulted in nine counts, not strikes.

To make matters worse, McEwan's opponents failed to experience the same issue, at least not while bowling her.

McEwan's adversaries averaged 226.4 against her on Sunday, a number made all the more striking when considering that her last opponent, Madeline Arles of the Philippines, only managed a 169 during their matchup.

McEwan broke 200 during three of her five matches (205, 227 and 237) and finished the day with a 206.8 average, which was third-best in Group C.

Unfortunately, what she didn't finish with was the number of match-game victories and total points she was hoping for when the day began; however, despite her understandable frustration, McEwan kept things in perspective when discussing Sunday's block and the games still left to come.

"It was a very frustrating day, but I learned a lot," McEwan said. "I think that I'm close, so I'm going to continue gathering information while watching my teammates tomorrow and come up with a new game plan. There's still a lot of games left."

For Stefanie Johnson, there aren't all that many games left. That isn't because she'll be bowling any less than her teammates throughout the rest of this event; it's because due to her impending retirement from international competition, every shot she throws brings her one step closer to the end of the line.

As such, Stefanie came into the 2022 IBF World Cup hoping to enjoy her farewell experience by bowling well and contributing as much as possible to Team USA's march toward the podium.

She took the first step toward turning those hopes into reality by stepping up and playing stopper during an up-and-down day for the American squad.

After A.J Johnson started the day off by going 5-2, Team USA bowlers went just 4-8 during the next 12 matches leading up to Stefanie's squad.

It appeared as if the unfortunate slide was destined to continue after Stefanie fell to Germany's Saskia Malz 201-190 during Game 1 and then to Josefin Hermansson of Sweden (199-185) in Game 2.

But that's when Stefanie dug in and showed her veteran moxie.

She fought hard to grind out a 201-190 win over Singapore's Colleen Pee during Game 3, and then she went big, rattling off a 244 to top Krizziah Macatula of the Philippines (244-211) in Game 4.

Not content to let the momentum stop there, Stefanie finished strong, putting up 233 during Game 5 to easily take down Australia's Bek Martin, who could only muster 184.

By winning those last three games, not only did Stefanie move herself into second place in Group D, but she also stopped Team USA's Day-2 slide and gave the team a positive note to take into Monday's second round of Singles play.

"I was proud of myself for how I handled everything and for helping to end the day on a high note for the team," Stefanie said. "It wasn't easy waiting around for almost two full days before getting to bowl because you always want to be the one out there throwing the ball. Still, once I settled in and started seeing the picture a bit better, I was able to repeat."

Although there has been plenty of good to watch during his team's first two days on the lanes, Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe isn't focused on repeating those performances; instead, he wants to keep his team focused on what's still to come.

"We had a little bit of everything today," O'Keefe said. "Danielle (McEwan) was the tough-luck customer of the day with all of the matches and how people bowled against her, Jakob (Butturff) had the tough luck with ball reaction and then Stefanie (Johnson) was sort of the comeback story, so we kind of saw it all out there.

"I really think sometimes bowling can be a verb, and we sort of got "bowlinged" out there today. But tomorrow is a new day with different people, so we're just going to take the things that we've learned over these first two days, use them and gather more information to help us throughout the rest of this tournament."

TEAM USA SENDS THREE WOMEN THROUGH TO ROUND OF 16 AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP

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Queensland, Australia – The 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup in Queensland, Australia, will be Stefanie Johnson's last event as a Team USA bowler.

One might expect that fact to put Johnson under a certain amount of extra pressure to perform. After all, it's not like she would have the opportunity to shake off a sub-par performance and do better next time

Nevertheless, Johnson came into the tournament with a calm mind and full heart knowing that nothing she does or does not accomplish at this event will define her stellar Team USA career

As such, Johnson came in bowling free and loose, and that approach has led to outstanding results thus far.

Johnson began Women's Singles competition with a 3-2 block on Sunday and then followed it up with a 5-0 round Tuesday, putting her atop the Group D standings and in prime position to advance to the Round of 16 with one more five-game set remaining

Using the same cool, calm and collected approach she employed during the first two rounds, Johnson breezed through Wednesday's final set, going a perfect 5-0 yet again and averaging 220.4 on the final day of Women's Singles Round 1 at Suncity Tenpin Bowl on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland,

Australia. That allowed Johnson to remain in first place in Group D and easily advance to the women's Round of 16. Johnson began her day battling Krizziah Macatula of the Philippines, who came into the final round in second place just one spot behind Johnson.

Neither bowler was able to put on her striking shoes during Game 1, but Johnson stayed clean all the way to the 10th frame, which allowed her to build a sizable lead after Mactaula suffered back-to-back splits in the sixth and seventh frames. Johnson would open the tenth after leaving a 2-4-10 split, but she had put herself far enough ahead that it was of little consequence; she still walked away a 189-174 winner. The aforementioned striking shoes came out in a big way during Game 2 as Johnson threw a closing eight-bagger to defeat Australia's Bek Martin 269-203, giving Johnson her tenth consecutive victory going back to Round 1.

That number would grow to 11 just one match later as Johnson converted a 10 pin and then took nine on her fill ball to hold off a late charge and defeat Malaysia's Natasha Roslan by the narrowest of margins, 237-236. Johnson's scoring pace came down a bit in Game 4, but her winning ways continued as she collected a 194-159 win over New Zealand's Sarah Young, who opened four of the first five frames. That left only the position-round match standing between Johnson and another undefeated round. That was all that was at stake as Johnson had already easily secured first place in the group standings. The position-round bout was a rematch with Roslan, the only opponent who had truly tested Johnson during Round 3. But Johnson would pass the second test even easier than she did the first, coming up with strikes in the ninth, tenth and eleventh to emerge victorious once again, this time by a final of 213-180. The win allowed Johnson to finish the opening round riding a 13-match unbeaten streak, one she'll look to add to in the women's Round of 16. Johnson isn't thinking about streaks though; she wants to help Team USA get off to a good start in Baker Team play tomorrow. She'll turn her attention back to Singles when the quarterfinals roll around on Sunday. Still, Johnson couldn't help but be pleased with Wednesday's block and her dominant overall performance thus far.

"The gameplan this afternoon was the same as it was yesterday, same balls, same alignments, so it just came down to executing," Johnson said. "I felt like my tempo was really good today, and I just bowled. I wasn't trying extra hard or trying any less; I just bowled.

"Sometimes I think we can get too caught up in the prestige of all of this, but at the end of the day, it's still just bowling. I'm just so thankful to be here and for the opportunity to represent my country. I really just wanted to approach this entire event with that mindset."

That mindset has worked quite well for Johnson so far, and it's one that she'll be taking with her into the Baker Team event and into the latter stages of Singles.

Bowling on the squad that followed, Jordan Richard hoped to have a good enough day to be able to join Johnson in the women's Top 16.

Richard came into the final block in second place in Group A but well ahead of the cut line, meaning a solid performance was likely to be more than enough for her to advance and join Johnson in the next round.

Unfortunately, that performance got off to a rocky start.

It began when Richard was only able to collect three strikes during a 202-180 Game 1 loss to Malaysia's Li Jane Sin. Richard started much quicker in Game 2, throwing the first three strikes at Singapore's Shayna Ng.

Ng didn't back down, however, sparing in the first and then coming back with a triple of her own to keep herself in the match.

The two then traded spares back and forth until Richard was saddled with a 2-4-10 in the seventh frame. She was unable to convert, and that was all the opening Ng needed to take the lead and go on to a 216-209 victory.

Richard stopped the bleeding there, however, starting Game 3 strike, 10 pin before throwing an eight bagger at Sweden's Cajsa Wegner.

Richard would need almost every bit of it too as Wegner found the pocket early and often as well; nevertheless, Richard's firepower was enough to get her an important 263-245 win.

The win that followed was even more important though as that was the one that officially secured Richard's advancement into the Round of 16.

She got there by closing with a late five-bagger to top New Zealand's Christine Rota by a score of 248-185.

With her spot in the next round already secured, the only thing riding on Richard's position-round matchup was a battle for first place in Group A.

Li Jane Sin was Richard's opponent once again, and this time Richard turned the tables on the Malaysian, grinding out a 179-172 victory to walk away with the Group A title.

Richard didn't immediately realize that she was in position to win the group; after her slow start, she was just happy to get back on track and secure her advancing position.

"I was worried after the first two games; it wasn't looking very good," Richard said. "But once I switched balls and got comfortable, it allowed me to play more of my A Game. That allowed me to make better shots and the right adjustments, and that's what got me through.

"I didn't know that I was going to be the leader, but that's exciting. Still, what's really important is that we got three of us through to the next round in Singles and that we finished first in the Team qualifying; that's what matters most."

The third bowler moving on to the next round of Singles is Bryanna Coté, who advanced by winning Group B after going 4-1 on Wednesday night and 13-2 overall during her 15 opening-round matches.

Coté began the day as the Group B leader thanks to a 5-0 first block and a solid 4-1 performance during Round 2.

Although Sweden's Jenny Wegner was close behind Coté for first place to start the day, both bowlers had a good lead over fifth-place competitor Bec Whiting of Australia.

That basically meant that Coté and Wegner were both extremely likely to move on to the next round; the only question was whether or not either one would earn the added honor of being crowned Group B champion.

Coté took a quick step in the right direction by efficiently dispatching New Zealand's Dayna Haylock 224-168 to begin the night.

Next up for Coté was a Game 2 bout with Singapore's Hui Fen New.

The match was close throughout, but Coté used clutch strikes in frames seven, eight and nine to gain the edge and walk away victorious (215-201).

Game 3 saw Coté and Wegner square off head-to-head in a one-versus-two battle; however, due to Coté's lead, she would remain in first place after the match regardless of the outcome.

The match progressed in somewhat-surprising fashion as neither bowler managed a double through the first eight frames; however, when the first double was carded, it was next to Coté's name on the scoreboard.

After a savvy ball change, Coté struck in the ninth, tenth and eleventh balls to shut Wegner out for a 194-179 victory.

With two games remaining in the block, Coté had already wrapped up first place in the group. At that point, the only trophy left in her sights was the best record among Team USA ladies.

If Coté could top Germany's Birgit Noreiks in Game 4 and then beat her position-round opponent to end the night, she'd finish the opening round of Singles 14-1, one game better than the 13-2 mark Johnson posted earlier in the day.

Alas, it wasn't meant to be as Noreiks was able to use a closing five-bagger to top Coté 227-203.

With the opportunity to capture the best record off the table, Coté settled in for her final match of the opening round, a position-round tilt with Wegner.

Neither bowler truly got settled in on the position-round pair, but, just as she has all tournament long, Coté was able to come up with enough quality shots down the stretch to get the win (205-180).

The victory gave Coté a 13-2 overall record for the opening round, the same record posted by Johnson just hours before.

Despite the impressive record and having won her group, Coté still felt like there was room for improvement after Wednesday's effort.

"Today, honestly, I physically didn't throw it as well as I did the past couple of days, so I was sort of battling some of that with myself," Coté said. "But I'm very fortunate to come out with 13-2. I'm happy with it, but I definitely think I can physically improve for Team event."

Danielle McEwan came into Wednesday's final five-game block of Singles hoping for some improvement as well. Not improvement of execution because by and large she had been more than adequate on that front.

What she needed was improved results because despite averaging 205.6 per game and controlling the pocket masterfully throughout her first two rounds, a deadly mixture of poor pin carry for her and outstanding pin carry for her opponents put McEwan well outside advancing position in Group C heading into the third and final round.

As such, McEwan knew that she'd almost certainly have to go undefeated on Day 5 to have any chance of moving on, and even then, the odds were stacked against her.

Things looked promising during the early stages of Game 1 when McEwan notched a pair of early doubles to quickly jump out to a lead over Malaysia's Siti Safiyah.

But as any bowler knows, the tides can turn rather quickly, and that's exactly what happened shortly thereafter.

McEwan was forced to endure a solid 8 pin and a wiggling 10 pin precisely when Safiyah began finding her groove and striking.

The Team USA star did her best to hang on, but the lead officially changed hands in the ninth frame after Safiyah tripped a 4 pin just seconds after McEwan failed to convert the 2-4-5-7.

McEwan still had a slim chance as the match moved into the 10th frame, but that chance was officially taken away after Safiyah struck on her first two balls to close the door and take claim a 221-202 victory.

That loss all but nullified any remaining hopes McEwan had of advancing; nevertheless, there were four more matches to bowl, and, being the consummate professional that she is, McEwan never let her focus waver as she competed in those remaining matches.

She used an early turkey and a late double to easily dispatch Mades Arles of the Philippines (238-170) in Game 2, but a stubborn 4 pin in the 10th frame caused her to fall to Singapore's Cherie Tan (235-227) during Game 3.

Game 4 was a relatively stress-free 201-122 win for McEwan over New Zealand's Melonie Lister.

That left just one more match to be bowled, a position-round tilt with Arles.

McEwan fought hard and put up a solid score yet again, but the win would go to Arles (221-216), who needed the victory in order to advance to the Round of 16.

McEwan finished the 15 games of Singles with a 209.1 average, which was third highest in Group C.

Now that her Singles competition has come to an end, McEwan's focus will turn to Baker Team play, which gets underway Thursday.

"Overall, singles was very frustrating for me as the format definitely didn't work out in my favor," McEwan said. "It was hard not to feel like I had black cloud over my head with how a lot of those matches went down, but I'm hoping that I can absorb all the bad luck for the entire team so that once we get into Team event, it will be smooth sailing. I'm really looking forward to getting on the lanes with the rest of the girls."

McEwan won't have to wait long as Baker Team competition gets underway Thursday for both the men and the women.

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe is pleased with how his team performed during the opening round of Singles, but he knows that there will be a bit of learning curve as the Team event gets underway.

"Getting seven of our eight men and women through to the bracket is awesome. Obviously, we would've loved to have Danielle (McEwan) there; she clearly bowled well enough to be there, but match play can be fickle like that," O'Keefe said.

"Now it turns to the team portion. Everybody kind of has a clue what we think and how the lanes transition, but I'm sure it's going to change quite a bit tomorrow with so many more faces bowling all at the same time. All we can do is take care of what we can take care of, hopefully win some matches and execute to the best of our ability."

COLLEGIATE TICKER - NOV. 16, 2022

The Wright State women and Marian-Indiana men were able to work their way through the elimination-style championship round at last weekend's Roto Grip Raider Classic to record wins in Western Ohio.

The event featured 18 women's varsity teams competing in Kettering, Ohio, while 26 men's varsity squads were bowling in nearby Beaver Creek, Ohio. Qualifying consisted of five traditional games Saturday and 16 Baker games Sunday before the top four teams in each division advanced to the finals.

The four advancers kicked off the finals with a four-game Baker set. The top two teams advanced to the title match, which featured a two-game total-pinfall contest to determine the winner.

In the women's division, Trine put together a dominating performance through qualifying. The Thunder led qualifying by more than 725 pins, finishing with a 7,883 total to advance.

Wright State, the tournament host, was next in the standings with 7,155, just ahead of Notre Dame-Ohio (7,147). Ohio State was the final team to advance, finishing qualifying in fourth with 7,033.

Trine continued to roll during the first round of the eliminator, posting 794 to advance to the title match. Wright State was able to grab the second spot with 746, as Ohio State (722) and Notre Dame-Ohio (678) finished third and fourth, respectively.

Wright State took early charge in the finals, however, taking an eight-pin lead over Trine (189-181). In Game 2, the Raiders were able to stay ahead and collect the home win by finishing with 187 for a 376-360 victory.

Trine's Jenna Beatty posted her second top-five individual finish in as many weeks after recording the top score in the women's division Saturday with a 996 total for five games (199.2 average). She finished fifth at the Bowlero Southern Collegiate Classic in Marietta, Georgia, on Nov. 5.

Wright State's Zoe Paxhia-Poppaw took second with 987 and was followed by Shawnee State's Skylar Lane (983), Trine's Megan Timm (981) and Kayla Grossman of Rochester Institute of Technology (977).

Qualifying in the men's division also saw one team standout in both traditional and Baker play, as Pikeville rolled to the top spot by more than 380 pins with an 8,703 total.

Marian-Indiana was second with 8,322, and Northwestern Ohio (8,248) and Notre Dame-Ohio (8,243) were able to grab the final two spots in the eliminator.

Although Ohio State missed out on the bonus round after a fifth-place finish (8,197), the team was able to work together to roll a Baker 300 during Game 2 on Sunday. Watch the final shot here.

Marian-Indiana and Northwestern Ohio started strong in the opening round of eliminator and quickly distanced themselves from their opponents, taking the top two spots with 903 and 881, respectively. Notre Dame-Ohio finished with 777, one pin ahead of Pikeville.

The scoring pace slowed down in the first game of the finals, but Marian-Indiana was able to take the advantage, 193-177. The Knights started striking again in Game 2 and wrapped up the win by rolling 234 to take the match, 427-344.

Pikeville's Bryce Oliver picked up his third individual win of the young season by posting 1,140 for five games Saturday (228 average). After a 170 start, he went 237, 290, 238 and 205.

Alex Smith of Robert Morris-Pennsylvania was second with 1,120. Ohio State's David Hart (1,101), Pikeville's Matteo Cittadino (1,099) and Robert Morris-Pennsylvania's Kyle Wilkinson (1,088) also finished in the top five.

In other collegiate action:

- At the Leatherneck Classic, the Indiana Tech men recorded the bracket win over Wichita State to earn their banner in Davenport, Iowa. On the women's side, Mount Mercy successfully defended the title by getting past Wichita State in the finals held in Moline, Illinois. Select pairs from each center were broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

- At the AC Open in Adrian, Michigan, the Spring Arbor women rolled in Baker to win by nearly 220 pins. Adrian held on to capture the men's title by 50 pins.
- At the SHU Halo Classic in Adrian, Michigan, the Spring Arbor men cruised to the top spot by 465 pins. In the women's division, Olivet recorded a six-pin win to deny Spring Arbor the sweep.
- At the Motiv Ladyjack Classic in Kenosha, Wisconsin, the McKendree women won the final four games against Vanderbilt to capture the title, 4.5-2.5.
- At the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) – Event 1 in Millsboro, Delaware, the North Carolina A&T women posted a perfect mark (8-0) to finish at the top of the standings. Delaware State led the way in total pinfall.
- At the Northeast Conference (NEC) – Event 1 in Plum, Pennsylvania, the Duquesne women went 6-1 to earn the top spot.
- At the Unicorn Baker Invitational in Kenmore, New York, the Saint Vincent women went undefeated (5-0) to finish with the win.

BowlTV once again will be on the road this weekend for collegiate bowling excitement. Competition from the Hawk Classic will take place Nov. 18-20 and feature many of the top NCAA programs from across the country at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Delaware.

TEAM USA STARTS OFF STRONG IN BAKER TEAM PLAY AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP IN AUSTRALIA

Queensland, Australia – Team USA's men and women both got off to good starts during Thursday's first day of Baker Team competition at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia.

The men's team, which features Jakob Butturff, A.J. Johnson, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup, went 5-2 over the course of two sets of best-of-three matches, one in the early afternoon and the other in the evening.

The women's team of Bryanna Coté, Danielle McEwan, Jordan Richard and Stefanie Johnson bowled only one four-match set, going 3-1.

Men's Block 1

The men's first block started slowly as they opened their first match with Germany leaving splits that led to opens in each of the first two frames.

Germany, meanwhile, doubled out of the gate and then used another double in the eighth and ninth frames to keep themselves out front and top Team USA, 205-192.

Because of the World Cup's best-of-three format for Baker Team, play, the Americans found themselves facing a must-win situation in Game 2.

Things looked dicey for Team USA once again as the Germans struck in six of the first seven frames to start the second game.

However, the lone non-strike led to an open frame. The Americans, meanwhile, went spare, double, spare, four-bagger to keep themselves in the match.

Team USA narrowly avoided disaster in the ninth frame when Troup's shot almost left a pocket 7-10. The 7 pin fell, however, and Troup easily converted the 10 pin.

That gave Johnson the chance to step up in the 10th frame to shut Germany out.

Proving once again that no moment is too big for him, the powerful right-hander delivered the strike Team USA needed, allowing the Americans to win the game (238-224) and send the match to a third game.

Both teams remained on point during Game 3 with Germany carding two doubles in the first seven frames and Team USA starting strike, spare, four-bagger.

Nevertheless, the Americans found themselves in jeopardy after Prather left a 4-6-7 split in the ninth frame.

That open gave Germany's Tobias Börding the chance to step up in the 10th frame and shut the Americans out with a double.

That's exactly what he did, delivering a solid strike in the tenth and then tripping a 6 pin on a slightly high shot in the eleventh to give Germany a 233-226 Game 3 win and the match victory.

Next, Team USA went up against the hosts from Australia.

Things looked good for the Americans early on, but three consecutive nine-spares in frames seven, eight and nine gave Australia's Sam Cooley the chance to beat Team USA with a double in the 10th frame.

Cooley delivered the first hit, but the second left a 7 pin standing.

That meant that if Prather could convert a 10 pin, the Americans would take Game 1. He did, and Team USA opened the match with a 206-194 win.

The second game wasn't nearly as exciting, at least not from a win-loss perspective.

After Johnson's 4 pin in the first frame, the Americans rattled off the back 11 strikes. Australia, meanwhile, managed just one strike of its own, allowing Team USA to win Game 2 (290-179) and the match.

Hong Kong was the next opponent standing opposite the Team USA men.

The opening game of the match was all even heading into the 10th frame, but after Hong Kong's anchor bowler failed to strike on his first ball, Johnson once again found himself in position to throw a strike to give Team USA a win.

Just as he had earlier against Germany, Johnson delivered in the clutch to give the Americans a 213-203 victory.

Team USA looked good early on in Game 2, going double, spare, turkey to jump out ahead of Hong Kong, which was playing from behind after a split led to an open in the fourth frame.

But things got a whole lot closer after Prather left a 3-4-6-7 split of his own and opened in the ninth.

Thankfully, Troup was there to pick up his teammate. Needing a 19-pin fill in the 10th frame to secure the win, Troup struck out, giving Team USA a 224-212 win and the match sweep.

The Americans' final opponent of the first block was New Zealand, who came into the match sporting a 1-2 record on the day compared to the 2-1 mark of Team USA.

The Americans had Game 1 wrapped up well before the 10th frame rolled around as New Zealand split four times in the first six frames.

Team USA, on the other hand, was locked in early, going strike, spare, five-bagger to coast to the 235-179 win.

Game 2 brought more of the same as early opens by New Zealand and early strikes from the Americans led to another comfortable win for Team USA, this one by a final of 238-198.

The victory put the Americans at 3-1 for the round and in a tie for second place in the overall Team standings after Block 1.

Although the set wasn't perfect, Butturff was pleased with the way that he and his teammates performed during the opening block, and he thinks that the close bond between men's team members definitely played a role in that.

"We have pretty good chemistry between me, Kyle, Kris and A.J., and I think that helped us out there today," Butturff said. "We all trust one another, so everyone feels comfortable just going out there and bowling their own game. That's when we're at our best, and I think that showed by the way we bowled that round."

Women's Block 1

After cheering on the men throughout the opening set, it was time for Coté, McEwan, Richard and Stefanie Johnson to open play in the Women's Baker Team competition.

Unlike the men, the ladies would only have one four-match block to bowl on Thursday; their double set will come on Friday.

The Team USA quartet opened their night battling Malaysia, which had earned the No. 2 seed after qualifying; Team USA came in No. 1.

If the Malaysians were intimidated, it didn't show as they opened the first game with the front six strikes against Team USA.

The Americans hung tough, staying clean early and recording a four-bagger in frames four through seven to stay tight on Malaysia's heels.

However, the early string of strikes put Malaysia too far ahead, and when Coté split (3-4-6-7-10) on her first ball in the tenth, Game 1 officially went to Malaysia, 244-214.

Game 2 began in very much the same fashion as Malaysia opened with a five-bagger to immediately apply pressure to Team USA.

The Americans opened with a double of their own, but things slowed down from there as pair of opens halted Team USA's momentum and allowed Malaysia to run away and hide.

When all was said and done, Malaysia rolled to a 228-195 victory and the 2-0 match sweep.

Match 2 saw Team USA take on Sweden.

Like the Malaysians had the match before, the Swedes jumped out quickly on the Americans, starting with a turkey to grab the early lead.

Team USA stayed calm and stayed clean, which allowed it to stay within striking distance as the game went to the 10th frame.

Sweden had the chance to lock the Americans out with a double, but it wasn't meant to be as the second shot in the tenth left a 10 pin.

That gave Richard the chance to step up and play hero for Team USA, which she did by striking on all three shots in the 10th frame to lift the Americans to a 217-215 win. Richard struck on all five shots she threw in the game.

Strikes grew tough for Team USA to come by during the early stages of Game 2, and that allowed Sweden to jump out to the lead thanks to runs of strikes in the third, fourth and fifth and again in the eighth, ninth and first ball in the tenth.

That first strike meant that Sweden just needed to fill the remainder of the frame to win the game and even the match.

It was not meant to be though as Sweden's next shot resulted in a disastrous 3-4-6-7-10 split.

After the conversion attempt only got the Swedes three more pins, Team USA's Stefanie Johnson, who had struck on the first two shots in the 10th frame, stepped up needing seven pins for a tie or eight or better for the win.

Her pocket shot resulted in a 10 pin, but it was more than enough to give the Americans another 217-215 victory over Sweden and the match win.

The next matchup pitted Team USA against New Zealand.

The Kiwis led the Americans for most the opening game, but it appeared as if Team USA might be on the verge of completing a comeback when New Zealand left a 1-2-4-10 washout in the ninth frame.

The challenging spare was converted, however, and when Coté caught the business end of a pocket 7-10 in the 10th frame, it was over; New Zealand took Game 1 by a final margin of 186-174.

Even though they were bowling New Zealand, Team USA went Dutch to start Game 2, alternating strikes and spares during the first five frames.

Still, it was enough to get the Americans out to the lead as the Kiwis had just one strike and an open over the same span of frames.

Team USA heated up down the stretch, however, as Stefanie Johnson, Richard and McEwan combined to throw five out of the last six strikes to down New Zealand 227-171.

With each team having won a game, the match would be decided by Game 3.

That didn't bode well for Team USA after they split and opened in each of the first two frames of the final game.

New Zealand couldn't take advantage though, and that allowed the Americans to use a turkey in the sixth through eighth frames to jump on top and go on to a 196-182 victory.

Team USA's final opponent of the day was the Philippines, which entered the contest still in search of its first match win of the block.

The Americans weren't in the mood to let them find it.

After spares in the first two frames, Team USA ran off six strikes in a row before the streak came to an end with an open in the ninth frame. It was of little consequence, however, as the Philippines couldn't string enough strikes together to close the gap, allowing the Americans to emerge with a relatively stress free 232-195 win in Game 1.

Things got closer during Game 2, but the outcome was the same as Team USA closed with strikes on five of their final six shots to win the game 245-213 and claim the match 2-0.

That moved the Team USA women to 3-1 for the day and earned them a share of first place with Germany and Singapore.

The set was not without its ups and downs, but the Team USA ladies are never ones to shy away from a battle.

"We're a team that grinds and just tries to find a way to win," Côté said. "Whether it's shooting lights out or just making spares and staying patient, we're always fighting. I think we stayed patient tonight, and that's when we're at our best."

The ladies will roll a three-game block of matches early Friday afternoon and then a four-game set later that night after the men's lone four-game session of the day is completed.

Men's Block 2

Once the women's block was completed, it was time for the Team USA men to take their cheerleading caps off and get back on the lanes for a three-game block of matches to close out Thursday night's action.

Singapore was the first team standing in Team USA's path as the evening block commenced.

The Americans came out strong and grabbed the lead with an early four-bagger, but Singapore hung tough, and when the Americans opened after splitting in the seventh frame, the lead changed hands.

But it would be handed back just moments later when Singapore left a split and opened the ninth. That's when Team USA stepped up and slammed the door on a 221-216 win.

The action really heated up in Game 2 as both teams stayed clean and logged five-baggers to set up an exciting, high-scoring finish.

Troup had a chance to close Singapore out with a strike on his first ball in the 10th frame, but the shot crept high and left a 4 pin.

That allowed Singapore to double to win the game and extend that match, and that's precisely what they did, downing the Americans 248-245 to force a deciding game.

The scoring pace came down during Game 3, but the excitement did not as it was another battle that went right down to the wire.

Thankfully, this one went the way of Team USA as after Singapore's anchor bowler failed to strike on his first ball in the tenth, Kris Prather was able to count 20 pins in his final frame to give the Americans the 219-207 win and the match.

Match 2 was Team USA versus the Philippines, and the opening game was a wild one.

The Philippines looked to have the game well in hand, up thirty pins in the eighth frame, but a Team USA double and an open in the ninth by the Philippines suddenly gave the Americans a chance.

If Butturff could strike on the first ball in the tenth, Team USA would grab an unlikely victory.

Unfortunately, Butturff's pocket hit couldn't shake the 7 pin, which allowed the Philippines to hang on for the Game 1 victory (200-192).

What was even more unfortunate was that Game 2 was never even close as Team USA just couldn't seem to find its way, striking just three times and opening twice during an easy 203-169 Philippines victory that ended the match 2-0.

That left just one more bout for Team USA to fight on Day 1 of Team, and Puerto Rico was in the opposing corner.

Team USA came out swinging, going spare, double, spare before running out an eight-bagger to finish the game and collect a lopsided 267-214 victory.

The Americans would've liked to end the fight early by closing things out in Game 2, but it was destined to go all three rounds as poor ball reaction on the left lane had the Americans stuck in neutral while Puerto Rico was in cruise control.

After a double in frames three and four, Team USA only recorded two additional strikes during an easy Puerto Rico victory (236-194).

Thankfully, the Americans' collective ball reaction immediately looked better upon moving back to the right lane, where they put up 10 strikes just two games before.

The Americans began Game 3 strike, spare, strike, spare before starting to strike strikes yet again.

All four Team USA members struck in frames five through eight, and they weren't content to stop there. Johnson tripped a 4 pin in the ninth, and Butturff doubled in the tenth to put the Americans back in the winner's circle with a 258-204 match-clinching victory.

The win moved the men's record to 5-2 for the day, which put them in third place at the end of Day 1 of Baker Team competition.

"I think we're off to a pretty solid start halfway through this event," Prather said. "Our communication was great, which made it easier for us to make adjustments quickly and play the lanes the way we needed to. We'll just keep gathering information and learning as we go; we're looking forward to the next couple of days."

The men will be back on the lanes for one four-match block Friday afternoon and a final three-game set Saturday morning, at the end of which the field will be cut to the top eight teams.

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe was pleased with the start that both of his teams got off to on Day 1 of Team.

"I thought today went well. We had a good gameplan, and both groups did a good job sticking with it and executing," O'Keefe said. "It was a solid start for both teams, so we'll just try to carry that into tomorrow."

TEAM USA SQUADS IN QUALIFYING POSITION AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP IN AUSTRALIA

Queensland, Australia – Team USA's men and women were back on the lanes Friday for more Baker Team competition at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia.

Friday's schedule was the reverse of that followed on Thursday, meaning the women bowled two blocks, early afternoon and late evening, while the men just bowled a four-game early-evening set.

Despite the switched-up schedule, one thing that didn't change was Team USA's success.

The women went 2-1 during the early set and 4-0 to finish the evening, moving their overall record to 9-2 and keeping them in first place with only Saturday's final three-match block remaining before the cut to the top four is made.

Team USA's men are also inside the cut line; they are in a tie for third place in the men's overall standings.

Women's Block 1

Team USA's familiar quartet of Bryanna Coté, Stefanie Johnson, Danielle McEwan and Jordan Richard matched up with Australia to start Day 2 of Team, and the hosts were anything but welcoming, throwing an opening seven-bagger at the Americans.

Team USA tried to hang tough, starting strike, spare, strike, spare, five-bagger, but when Richard left the 3-4-6-7-10 in the ninth frame, Game 1 was officially over, and the Australians had won (245-221).

The roles reversed in Game 2 as it was the Americans coming out with a string, notching the front five before Richard's 3-10 baby split stopped the run; nevertheless, she adeptly converted the spare to keep Team USA clean and in control.

The Australians, meanwhile, couldn't recapture their Game 1 firepower, striking just three times through the first seven frames and chopping a 3-6-10 in the eighth to allow the Americans to even the match up with a 257-195 victory.

When you figure out what works, there's no reason to change it, and Team USA didn't during Game 3, rolling nine more strikes and staying clean yet again to notch another 257, which was more than enough to top Australia's 182 and give the Americans the match.

Team USA's scoring pace came down just a bit during their opening game against Singapore, but the win-loss result was the same as the Americans overcame an early open and threw a late six-bagger to win the game (232-224) and take a 1-0 lead in the match.

Team USA only got stronger during Game 2, starting with a double and then adding a four-bagger in frames five through eight to cruise to a 245-199 match-clinching win.

The last match of Friday's early block pitted the Americans against Germany, and Team USA didn't slow down one bit, striking in eight of the first nine frames to sew up the victory (254-198) before the 10th frame began.

The Germans wouldn't go down without a fight, however, and it showed during Game 2 when they overcame a pair of early splits to throw a late four-bagger that applied pressure to Team USA heading into the 10th frame.

Nevertheless, the Americans still had ball-in-hand, needing Johnson to double to squeak out the game and end the match.

She got the first hit, but the second ball skidded wide and left a bucket, giving Germany a 208-205 win and forcing a third game.

Unfortunately, Team USA just never found its groove during that final game, splitting three times and missing a single-pin spare to end the early block with a disappointing 205-162 loss that gave Germany the match victory and gave Team USA its only loss of the set.

Despite the disappointment of the loss, Johnson saw a lot of good things in the early set and was optimistic about the matches to come.

"Our communication has been great, and, for the most part, our ball reaction has been really good as well, so it was a solid block," Johnson said. "Our mindset for tonight will be the same, just controlling what we can and not dwelling on our opponents. We're just going to have some fun and let the pins fall where they may."

Team USA's women sat at 5-2 after the first two blocks, which was enough to put them into a tie for first place heading into the evening block.

Men's Block 1

After going 5-2 over the course of two blocks Thursday, Jakob Butturff, A.J. Johnson, Kris Prather and Kyle Troup had Team USA's men's team in third place heading into the lone four-match block of Men's Baker Team play Friday afternoon.

Bermuda was the first team standing in Team USA's way when Friday's men's action began, and they gave the Americans all they could handle.

Bonus bowling was needed to determine a winner in Game 1 as after Bermuda's anchor bowler left a 4-6-7 split in the 10th frame, Team USA's A.J. Johnson left one of his own, causing the two teams to tie at 187 and force a roll-off.

By tournament rule, the bowlers who bowled the last frame must also be the two who do battle in the roll-off.

Thankfully for Team USA, Johnson quickly shook off the sting of the split and delivered a double to begin the extra frame. Bermuda's bowler matched Johnson's first strike but not his second, allowing the Americans to win the roll-off (47-37) and take Game 1.

Game 2 would go to Bermuda, which led pretty much from start to finish.

Late strikes by Johnson and Prather kept Team USA's slim hopes alive, but when Troup left a 4 pin on the first ball in the tenth, the game belonged to Bermuda (211-177).

The Americans rebounded and seemed to be in good shape during the early portion of Game 3, but a split in the fifth and single-pin leaves in the eighth and ninth, coupled with Bermuda strikes in the fifth, sixth and seventh, created another nail-biter.

Team USA held a one-pin lead going into the 10th frame, so it was all riding on each squad's anchor bowler.

Bermuda's man was up to the challenge, striking on all three shots to keep the pressure on the Americans, but Prather was equal to the task as well, and when he tripped a 4 pin on the fill ball, Team USA had a 215-214 win and another match victory.

The thrill of victory didn't last long though as the Americans struggled from start to finish in the opening game against Malaysia, splitting five times and striking just four during a 218-152 loss.

Team USA had a much stronger showing during Game 2, staying clean and delivering strikes when they were needed most to top Malaysia 217-202 and even the match at one game apiece.

Unfortunately, the Americans were not able to drum up a repeat performance in Game 3 as a split and two single-pin spare misses allowed Malaysia to breeze to a 207-178 win and take the match over Team USA.

Thankfully, things went much more smoothly once United Arab Emirates was the opponent on the other lane.

Team USA opened the match against UAE with a double and closed with five out of the last six strikes to breeze to a 244-172 win in the opener.

The second game wasn't quite as pretty, but it was equally effective as Butturff got the first strike in the 10th frame to help Team USA grind out a 190-184 victory and the sweep.

The Americans' final match of the day was against Czech Republic, whose Marek Talpa still holds the honor of being the only bowler to shoot 300 so far at this year's tournament.

Nobody was perfect in Game 1 of this matchup, but Team USA opens in the seventh and eighth frames coincided with a Czech Republic double, allowing the Czechs to win the opener by 18 pins (192-174).

Game 2 was closer, but the outcome was the same as Team USA just never found its way, striking just three times and splitting in the tenth to lose the game (205-192) and match to Czech Republic.

The day-ending loss dropped the Americans to 2-2 for the block and 7-4 overall, which kept them in third place with Saturday's final three-match block remaining.

The Americans will have to stay in the top eight after that block in order to advance to the Men's Baker Team quarterfinals on Monday.

Even though Friday's block wasn't pretty at times, Troup feels good about the position the Team USA men hold going into Saturday's final qualifying round.

"As a team, we made a few too many mistakes today, myself included, but we still went 2-2 and are in position to make the cut," Troup said. "In the big picture, the goal is to make the top eight, so we're going to come in tomorrow, win a match and lock up our spot. We feel good."

Women's Block 2

Once the men had finished up, it was time for the Team USA ladies to get back to work during the evening block.

The Americans entered Friday night's session in a four-way tie for first place with Singapore, Sweden and Germany, and Malaysia was just one game back.

As such, it was crucial for Team USA to author another strong set in order to put themselves in good position going into tomorrow's final three-match block of Women's Baker Team qualifying.

At the end of Saturday morning's round, only the top four women's teams will remain.

Team USA didn't have to wait long before facing one of its rivals in the women's top four as Malaysia was the Americans' opening-round opponent Friday night.

The Malaysians gave the Team USA women their only loss of Thursday's opening round, so the Americans may have had payback on their minds as the match began.

It certainly looked that way as Team USA was all over Malaysia from start to finish, staying clean and notching 10 strikes to roll to a 258-170 win in Game 1.

It's hard to improve upon a 10-strike performance, but you can do it with 11 strikes, which is precisely how many the Americans threw during Game 2.

A second-frame split was the only blemish on Team USA's scorecard; the rest were strikes, and that allowed the Americans to easily take the game (268-213) and match victory over the Malaysians.

Things got considerably tighter during the opening game of the following match against Sweden.

After completing the Baker version of an Andy Varipapa 300 by striking on the first two shots of Game 1 - giving the Americans 12 strikes in a row going back to the previous game - Team USA suffered an open in the third and lackluster pin carry throughout the middle of the game.

Those factors allowed Sweden to hang close, down just 12 pins after eight frames.

Both teams put up doubles in the eighth and ninth, setting up a scenario where Sweden could pull off the comeback if their anchor bowler struck out and Johnson didn't.

Team USA was in good hands, however, as Johnson delivered a pair of no-doubt strikes in the tenth and eleventh to lock up the game. She took seven on her fill ball to make the final score 218-197 Team USA.

No such heroics were needed during Game 2; the Americans just stayed clean and used a turkey in frames six through eight to keep Sweden just out of reach.

By the time the 10th frame rolled around, Coté just needed a mark to officially end Sweden's chances. She easily covered the solid 8 pin that refused to fall on the previous delivery, giving Team USA the 206-197 win and another match victory to add to its total.

New Zealand was the next opponent standing in the Americans' way, and it didn't take long for Team USA to jump all over them.

After starting spare, strike, Coté struck in the third, kicking off an eventual seven-bagger that put Team USA out in front to stay (257-175).

The Americans stayed clean during Game 2, but the striking power was missing as they managed just one double.

The Kiwis, meanwhile, notched a double in the second and third and a turkey in the sixth, seventh and eighth to fight back with a 225-204 victory that pushed the match to a winner-take-all third game.

Nevertheless, it would be the Americans who would be doing the taking.

Team USA started spare, spare, double, spare before finishing with a seven-bagger to defeat New Zealand 257-171 and prove once again that few teams can match the Americans when they're stringing strikes.

Team USA's final match of the evening would be against the Philippines, which it defeated 2-0 during Thursday's opening block of Baker Team play.

The Americans ran that mark to 3-0 when they took the first game of Friday night's match by a final score of 225-213.

Neither team put together any big strings, but Team USA doubled to start, tripled in frames four, five and six and stayed clean the rest of the way to hold the Philippines at bay.

Game 2 was another matter entirely; it was a game to remember.

Taking advantage of an early split by the Americans, the Philippines jumped out to a 17-pin lead by the seventh frame.

Team USA was closing fast though, using strikes in the seventh, eighth and ninth to lessen the gap considerably.

Still, when McEwan left a 10 pin on her first shot in the tenth and the Philippines' anchor bowler doubled, it looked like the game had slipped away from Team USA.

That's when things got interesting.

Needing just seven pins on the fill-ball, the Philippines' final bowler left the bucket, tying the game and forcing a roll-off.

Things started badly for Team USA as McEwan left a 4-6 split and opened in the first frame of the ninth-and-tenth-frame extra session.

She recovered from there though, notching all three strikes in the tenth to post a score of 39.

After its anchor bowler struck in the ninth and spared in the tenth, the Philippines was once again in position to collect the win.

But the roll-off was destined to continue because needing a strike, the anchor bowler counted nine to send the game to a second roll-off.

That one would do the trick though as after McEwan stoned an 8 pin on her opening shot, the Philippines' bowler threw a Brooklyn strike in the ninth and a flush pocket hit in the tenth to put McEwan away (49-40) and send the match to a third game.

That game wasn't going Team USA's way early on as it managed just one strike through the first seven frames before finally putting up a double in the eighth and ninth.

The Philippines, meanwhile, suffered two early opens before putting together a four-bagger in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth to put themselves in the driver's seat heading to the 10th frame.

That's when the tables turned, however, as after the Philippines' anchor bowler chopped a spare, Richard delivered a strike to complete the comeback and give Team USA a 225-213 Game 3 win and the 2-1 match victory.

The win moved the Americans to 4-0 for the evening block, running their overall record to 9-2 and keeping them in first place with only Saturday's final three-match block remaining.

On the day, the Team USA women averaged 231.6 over the course of 18 games and broke 240 eight times. If that keeps up, the Americans are not only almost certain to advance, but they'll also be a handful for any team that opposes them.

"We're bowling really well and feel good about where we're at," McEwan said. "We're working together, learning together and getting better every match."

Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe has definitely noticed that improvement, and it's just what he likes to see.

"The women just bowled incredible today, especially the night block," O'Keefe said. "They really got the picture of what the lanes were doing right from the word go, and it was a lot of fun to watch."

"The guys had some trouble seeing the picture and struggled with execution a little bit, but they're still in good shape with one set to go. We're going to change up the gameplan a little bit tomorrow and see what we can do."

COTÉ, PRATHER ADVANCE TO SINGLES QUARTERFINALS AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP

Queensland, Australia – Team USA's Bryanna Coté and Kris Prather remained in medal contention after Round of 32 and Round of 16 Singles competition concluded at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia, Saturday night.

Coté advanced by defeating Madeline Arles of the Philippines in a three-game thriller (197-218; 192-190; 224-215) while Prather earned his spot by sweeping Hong Kong's Eric Tseng (225-189; 217-209).

Team USA's women will have a much-deserved day off, but the men will return to the lanes at 1:30 a.m. CST Monday morning for their Round of 8 matchup with No. 3 seed Germany.

Singles competition wraps up Monday evening.

Coté will take on Australia's Chloe Clague at 9:15 p.m. CST. Prather will be on the lanes shortly thereafter, battling Singapore's Nu'Man Syahmi at 10:30 p.m. CST.

A win over Clague would send Coté through to the semifinals where she would face either Anna Andersson of Sweden or Lara Posadas of the Philippines.

Should Prather top Syahmi, he'd move on to the men's semis and have a match with Hong Kong's Michael Mak or Australia's Jason Belmonte.

The Women's and Men's Singles finals will be conducted Tuesday morning at 3:30 a.m. CST and 4:30 a.m. CST, respectively.

Women's Round of 16

Coté (USA) def. Arles (Philippines) 2-1 (197-218; 192-190; 224-215)

Coté's battle with Arles was a back-and-forth affair from start to finish.

Coté found herself up by five pins through eight frames of Game 1, but that all changed when she went high and left the Big 4 (4-6-7-10 split) in the ninth, resulting in a costly open.

Arles took advantage by putting up a strike in the ninth frame and then striking out the tenth to complete the late comeback and defeat Coté 218-197.

A second-frame Arles open allowed Coté to grab an early 12-pin lead during Game 2, but that advantage disappeared just two frames later when Coté left a 4-6-7 split and opened herself.

From that point forward, neither player led by more than eight pins the rest of the way.

Nevertheless, when Coté left a 7 pin in the ninth frame and Arles struck to record a double, the game was Arles' to win.

That's because even if Coté struck out for 205, Arles could go strike, nine spare to reach 206 and beat her.

Coté got the first strike in the tenth, giving Arles something to think about.

It seemed to work as Arles' first shot in the 10th frame came in light, leaving the 2-4-5. She would convert the spare, but the damage was done.

Arles' seven-count on the first ball, combined with Coté's opening strike, put Coté back on top by one.

If Coté recorded a second mark in the tenth, she couldn't lose.

That mark never came, however, as Coté's next shot went high and left the 6-7-10.

Arles stepped back up for her fill ball needing a strike for 194. If she delivered, it would've forced Coté to take two pins to set up a roll-off or convert the difficult split for the win.

To the disappointment of the Philippines faithful, Arles didn't deliver as her final shot stayed out to the right, leaving a 1-2-4-10 washout. The low count handed the win to Coté, who then used her final delivery to get lined up for Game 3 as opposed to trying to convert the spare.

Fresh off the thrilling 192-190 win in Game 2, Coté came out striking during Game 3, opening with a four-bagger to jump out to a 23-pin lead through four frames.

Coté's lead was still at 19 pins heading into the ninth and tenth, but that's when things got interesting yet again.

Coté washed out in the ninth, leaving a 1-2-4-10 of her own that she was unable to convert. That left the American with a score of 194 through nine frames.

Arles spared in the ninth and struck on her first ball in the tenth to cut Coté's lead down to nine.

Staying composed, Coté responded with a strike of her own to open the 10th frame.

That put the pressure back on Arles. If she failed to strike on her second ball in the tenth, Coté would win.

But Arles didn't fail; instead, she delivered a flush strike to turn the tables yet again and put Coté back in a must-strike situation.

Showing the moxie that has helped her win four Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour titles and earn more than 20 medals in international competition, Coté delivered the strike that she had to have, which allowed her to walk away with a 224-215 Game 3 win, the match victory and a berth in the women's quarterfinals.

"It was definitely an up-and-down match," Coté said. "I was fighting myself physically, fighting myself mentally and just not throwing it very good.

"When it went to the third game, I just had to tell myself that there's a reason why I'm here. I just need to be the best me I possibly can, and whatever happens, happens. I threw probably two of the best shots I could to end that game, and I get to move on; I'm very thankful for that."

Chloe Clague (Australia) def. Stefanie Johnson (USA) 2-1 (203-181; 210 (39)-210 (49); 202-190)

Bowling in her final tournament after nearly 20 years as a member of Team USA, Stefanie Johnson was hoping to end her career with another Singles medal hanging around her neck.

Unfortunately, the American superstar will have to take comfort from the more than two dozen medals she's earned in international competition over the years because Clague ended her hopes of medaling in Singles by eliminating her in three games.

Johnson was playing from behind throughout Game 1 as a Big 4 (4-6-7-10) in the third and 4-6-7-9 in the sixth allowed Clague to jump out to a 40-pin lead.

Johnson tried to rally by putting up a double in the seventh and eighth, but the momentum stopped when she left a 2 pin in the ninth.

That leave, coupled with Clague's ninth-frame strike, officially gave Game 1 to the young Australian (203-181).

Johnson and Clague battled back and forth during the first half of Game 2 with Johnson holding a 12-pin lead after two frames but Clague battling back to grab a three-pin lead of her own after five.

Clague would see her lead balloon up to 26 pins after Johnson left a 1-2-8-10 and opened in the seventh frame.

At that point, the ball was firmly in the Australian's court. She had 155 in the seventh with a turkey going. Johnson, meanwhile, had 130 in the seventh and was on an open.

Johnson delivered a pocket shot in the eighth, but she left a 10 pin. Had Clague struck to extend her string to a four-bagger, the match would've been all but over.

Clague didn't strike though; instead, she left a 6-10, which she converted to maintain a 25-pin lead through eight.

Johnson's only hope was to start striking and hope for some help.

Her first bit of good fortune came when after she delivered a flush strike in the ninth, Clague left a solid 10 pin.

Her second bit of good fortune came when Clague failed to strike on her first ball in the tenth; instead, she left a 1-2-4-8, which she converted.

Johnson, meanwhile, struck on each of her first two balls in the tenth frame, and it was shortly thereafter when her next bit of good fortune came along.

Going first, Johnson's fill-ball was left out of her hand, hitting almost directly on the head pin yet somehow caving all ten pins back for a strike that put her final score at 210.

Nevertheless, Clague could strike on her fill for 211.

But that's when Johnson's last bit of good fortune came through as Clague's final shot hit the pocket but left a wiggling 7 pin to end Game 2 in a tie (210-210).

Johnson needed no good fortune during the ninth-and-tenth-frame roll-off, flushing two pocket strikes before leaving a 10 pin.

Clague, meanwhile, could only muster nine-spare, nine-spare, nine, giving the roll-off to Johnson by a score of 49-39 and sending the match to a deciding Game 3.

It appeared as if the thrill of the roll-off win may carry Johnson through to the match victory as she started Game 3 spare, strike, spare, spare, double to grab an 11-pin lead over Clague through six frames.

Clague stayed clean during that same span, however, and when Johnson left a pocket 5-10 (nearly a 5-7-10) in the seventh, the game was quickly back to even.

Johnson and Clague each posted doubles during the eighth and ninth, setting up another dramatic finish.

If Johnson could strike on her first shot in the 10th frame, it would put the pressure squarely upon Clague to match.

Unfortunately, Johnson didn't strike; instead, her shot struggled to come back and left the 2-4-5.

Meanwhile, Clague's first ball in the tenth left a 10 pin. That put the Australian up by two pins in count, but nothing was decided yet.

If Johnson could convert her spare and strike on the fill, she'd post 202, which would force Clague to make her 10 pin and then go nine or better on her final shot to take the game and match.

But despite appearing to hit the 2 pin head on, which should've then caused her spare ball to split the 4-5, Johnson's shot inexplicably only managed to take out the two and the five, leaving the 4 pin behind and resulting in an open to finish at 190.

At that point, Clague's opening nine count was already enough.

With the outcome no longer in doubt, the Australian covered her spare. She then went on to count seven on the fill to win the game (201-190) and eliminate Johnson.

Natasha Roslan (Malaysia) def. Jordan Richard (USA) 2-0 (246-182; 234-170)

Jordan Richard advanced to the women's Round of 16 by winning Group A with an average of 213.2 and showing as much striking power as any woman in the field.

Sadly, that power just didn't show up with any consistency for Richard during her bout with Roslan.

Richard struggled from the very beginning, opening the first frame of the match and only notching one strike through the first six frames of Game 1.

Roslan, meanwhile, was locked in from the start, going strike, spare, spare, six-bagger to jump all over the American and build a 54-pin lead after eight frames.

With the game decided, Richard began trying to get lined up for Game 2 while Roslan stayed clean in the ninth and tenth and took the opener 246-182.

It looked as if maybe things would be turning around for Richard in Game 2 as she started with a double, and Roslan's torrid striking pace appeared to be slowing down.

But appearances can be deceiving, and after Richard left a 4-10 split and opened in the fourth, Roslan was quickly ahead by 11 pins.

Richard did her best to hang tough, but Roslan just wouldn't make any mistakes to give her an opening.

Once the American chopped the 3-6-10 in the seventh and followed it up with a 2-8-10 in the eighth, it was clear that it just wasn't going to be her night.

Roslan stayed clean and threw a turkey through the ninth and first two balls in the tenth to coast to a 234-170 victory that ended Richard's run in Singles.

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Prather jumped on top of the Hong Kong bowler from the start of Game 1, going spare, turkey, spare, double to establish a 48-pin lead over Tseng, who got himself behind the eight-ball early with three opens in the first five frames.

Tseng recovered to throw a four-bagger in frames five through nine, but it wasn't nearly enough to catch Prather, who stayed clean and rolled to a 225-189 win.

Prather continued showing his striking prowess during Game 2, starting strike, spare, turkey to go up by ten pins at the midway point.

Tseng would fall no further behind, but he would never get closer than eight pins either, allowing Prather to close him out for a 217-209 victory and berth in the men's Round of 8.

"Obviously, I'm incredibly proud and fortunate to be moving on," Prather said. "Eric (Tseng) looked a little nervous at the start, and that got me out to a pretty comfy lead and allowed me to experiment a little bit during the second half of Game 1.

"The pair was really tough; that pair has been tough on me all week, so I'm super happy to win a match there and sort of feel like I conquered it a little bit. I'm looking forward to the next round."

Timmy Tan (Malaysia) def. Jakob Butturff (USA) 2-0 (226-171; 219-213)

Jakob Butturff is one of the best bowlers in the world. You don't win six standard Professional Bowlers Association titles and one major otherwise.

Still, even the best bowlers in the world can't overcome bad pin carry, and that is what Butturff was forced to endure throughout his Round of 16 matchup with Malaysia's Timmy Tan.

Butturff hit the 1-2 pocket on each of his first seven shots of Game 1 against Tan. The result was one strike and six nine counts.

Tan, on the other hand, had no trouble striking from the right side, going turkey, spare, turkey to open up a 42-pin lead over Butturff after seven frames.

Tan slowed down a bit to end the game, but it was of little consequence as Butturff's inability to carry allowed the Malaysian to cruise to a stress-free 226-171 Game 1 victory.

It appeared as if maybe Butturff's carry problems were going away after he started Game 2 with a double.

That appearance proved misleading, however, as he then went 7 pin, pocket 5-10, 7 pin during the next three frames to allow Tan to take a 23-pin lead.

Unwilling to quit, Butturff responded with a double in the sixth and seventh to keep Tan in sight.

Unfortunately for Butturff, his opponent would make no mistakes, and his own pin carry refused to improve.

Once Butturff left a solid 8 pin in the eighth and yet another 7 pin in the ninth, all Tan needed was a mark and count to end the match.

He delivered, counting 20 pins in the tenth to eliminate Butturff with a 219-213 win in Game 2.

Men's Round of 32

Kris Prather (USA) def. Merwin Tan (Philippines) 2-1 (228-182; 219-300; 213-204)

Prather's Round of 16 match may have been stress free, but his Round of 32 battle with Merwin Tan of the Philippines was anything but.

Things started smoothly enough for Prather, who struck on six of his first seven shots of Game 1 to open up a 30-pin lead over Tan, who only managed two strikes of his own over that same stretch.

Prather's pace slowed down over the final few frames of the opener, but he stayed clean and breezed to a 228-182 win.

Game 2 was a whole different story, however, as Tan started striking and just never stopped.

Before Prather knew what hit him, Tan had recorded just the second Singles 300 at the 2022 IBF World Cup – Marek Talpa of the Czech Republic had the first.

The match was suddenly back to even at 1-1, and Prather was now battling an opponent who was riding a very hot hand.

Tan's hand cooled down shortly thereafter, however, as after starting Game 3 with a strike – his 14th in a row going back to Game 1 – the left-hander left a 4-6-10 split and opened.

Prather stayed clean through the first five frames to grab a nine-pin lead, but a pocket 7-10 in the sixth shifted the momentum, and a one-pin lead, back to Tan.

Prather recovered with a double in the seventh and eighth, but when he left a 10 pin in the ninth, Tan was suddenly in position to double in the tenth frame to win the match.

Tan delivered a flush pocket shot, but he rang a 7 pin.

Still down, Prather kept his hopes alive by striking on the first ball in the tenth.

Tan then covered his spare, which meant that if Prather didn't strike on his next shot, Tan could strike on his fill ball to shut him out.

But Prather refused to take that chance; instead, he delivered a flush strike to take the game (213-204) and match and move on to the Round of 16.

Jakob Butturff (USA) def. Martin Larsen (Sweden) 2-0 (234-224; 258-236)

As if Butturff's terrible pin carry in the Round of 16 wasn't frustrating enough in and of itself, what made it worse was that he enjoyed just the opposite during his Round of 32 match against Sweden's Martin Larsen.

Larsen bowled a good match against the American, but Butturff was simply too much to handle.

Butturff began Game 1 with six strikes in the first eight frames before a high-flush 6-8 stopped his string and allowed Larsen to grab a one-pin lead.

That lead wouldn't last, however, as after Larsen left a 10 pin on his first ball in the tenth, Butturff delivered a double to go back around him and take Game 1 by a final score of 234-224.

Larsen put up another good number in Game 2, staying clean and shooting 236.

Unfortunately for him, Butturff's number was great, a 258 that included a seven-bagger in frames three through nine, which was enough to get Butturff the 258-236 victory and a ticket to the Round of 16.

Eric Tseng (Hong Kong) def. Kyle Troup (USA) 2-1 (211-208; 154-202; 233-209)

Kyle Troup delivered several quality shots during his Round of 32 matchup with Tseng, but a combination of shaky pin carry and untimely opens was too much for the charismatic American to overcome.

Game 1 started off almost dead even as both bowlers opened with doubles before notching spares in the third frame, Troup's on a 10 pin, and Tseng's on a 3-6.

That gave Troup the early lead, but he wouldn't have it for long as he found trouble in the fourth frame, leaving the 3-4-6-7-10 split. His conversion attempt would only get three pins, opening the door for Tseng.

The right-hander from Hong Kong took advantage, stringing strikes together in the fourth, fifth and sixth frames to grab a 25-pin lead at the halfway point.

Troup fought back, however, putting a four-bagger together in frames five through eight to cut Tseng's lead down to two pins with two frames to go.

It looked like fortune was in Troup's favor after Tseng left a 4-6-7 split and opened the ninth frame.

That gave Troup the opportunity to double in the tenth to go around him and complete the comeback.

Troup delivered what looked to be a quality shot, but it resulted in a disastrous pocket 7-10.

After Troup took one pin to finish at 208, Tseng just needed a mark to win the game.

His first ball in the tenth drifted high and left a 6-10, but he was able to convert the spare and count nine on the fill ball to claim Game 1 by a final score of 211-208.

Tseng struggled throughout Game 2, however, striking just once and opening three times to post a paltry 154.

Troup, on the other hand, was steady, staying clean and using a late double to come in with an easy 202-154 victory that evened the match.

Things started off well for Troup again in Game 3 as he opened with a five-bagger.

But things would soon take a turn for the worse as Troup's string ended with a 4-10 split in the sixth.

He went for the conversion but failed to hit either pin, leaving him at 144 through six frames.

Apparently rejuvenated by Troup's misfortune, Tseng promptly delivered a double to cut Troup's once-sizeable lead down to just ten pins.

The American hung on for a couple more frames, but things really went south when his ball went wide and left a 1-2-8-10 in the ninth.

His spare attempt left the 10 pin standing, giving him an open frame and putting Tseng firmly in the driver's seat.

He took full advantage, delivering a strike in the ninth and two more to start the tenth to put Troup away and emerge with a 233-209 win.

The victory sent Tseng through to the Round of 16 while eliminating Troup from Singles competition.

James Blomgren (Sweden) def. A.J. Johnson (USA) 2-0 (246-231; 227-211)

A.J. Johnson delivered several quality shots over the course of his two-game match with Sweden's James Blomgren.

Unfortunately, Johnson learned the hard way that any mistake you make can and will bite you in the end when facing an opponent who's locked in and experiencing exceptional pin carry.

Johnson was in the pocket on seven of his first eight shots to start Game 1. Unfortunately, his one non-pocket shot went wide and left a 2-10 split.

The open that followed allowed Blomgren to take a five-pin lead through eight frames.

Johnson was hoping to finish strong, but a high shot in the ninth frame resulted in a 3-6-10.

Johnson converted the spare and struck out, but it wasn't enough as Blomgren finished with a four-bagger of his own to take the opener 246-231.

The American used an opening turkey to grab a 14-pin lead through three frames of Game 2, but a 2-4-8-10 slowed his progress in the fourth, allowing Blomgren to cut the lead down to two pins just by staying clean.

Johnson increased the lead to four pins after eight frames, but when he was unable to strike in the ninth while Blomgren did, the advantage shifted back in favor of the Swede.

Johnson applied pressure by striking on his first ball in the tenth, but Blomgren did him one better, throwing a double of his own to all but guarantee victory.

Once Johnson left a 10 pin on his second shot in the tenth, it was over; Blomgren had won the game (227-211) and the match.

Starting the day with seven bowlers in contention and ending it with two may appear disappointing on the surface, but Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe knows just how hard it is to win at this stage of an event like this one. As such, he's content with how the day shook out for Team USA.

"Match play is hard; best-of-three match play is really, really hard," O'Keefe said. "We had some opportunities to win some matches; unfortunately, it didn't go our way.

"Thankfully, Kris (Prather) and Bryanna (Coté) made some incredible shots when they needed to, both doubling in the tenth to beat opponents from the Philippines. We're here to get as many bowlers as possible through to the next rounds, and we got two of them. We'll take that."

Queensland, Australia – Team USA’s Bryanna Coté and Kris Prather remained in medal contention after Round of 32 and Round of 16 Singles competition concluded at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia, Saturday night.

Coté advanced by defeating Mades Arles of the Philippines in a three-game thriller (197-218; 192-190; 224-215) while Prather earned his spot by sweeping Hong Kong’s Eric Tseng (225-189; 217-209).

Team USA’s women will have a much-deserved day off, but the men will return to the lanes at 1:30 a.m. CST Monday morning for their Round of 8 matchup with No. 3 seed Germany.

Singles competition wraps up Monday evening.

Coté will take on Australia’s Chloe Clague at 9:15 p.m. CST. Prather will be on the lanes shortly thereafter, battling Singapore’s Nu’Man Syahmi at 10:30 p.m. CST.

A win over Clague would send Coté through to the semifinals where she would face either Anna Andersson of Sweden or Lara Posadas of the Philippines.

Should Prather top Syahmi, he’d move on to the men’s semis and have a match with Hong Kong’s Michael Mak or Australia’s Jason Belmonte.

The Women’s and Men’s Singles finals will be conducted Tuesday morning at 3:30 a.m. CST and 4:30 a.m. CST, respectively.

Women’s Round of 16

Coté (USA) def. Arles (Philippines) 2-1 (197-218; 192-190; 224-215)

Coté’s battle with Arles was a back-and-forth affair from start to finish.

Coté found herself up by five pins through eight frames of Game 1, but that all changed when she went high and left the Big 4 (4-6-7-10 split) in the ninth, resulting in a costly open.

Arles took advantage by putting up a strike in the ninth frame and then striking out the tenth to complete the late comeback and defeat Coté 218-197.

A second-frame Arles open allowed Coté to grab an early 12-pin lead during Game 2, but that advantage disappeared just two frames later when Coté left a 4-6-7 split and opened herself.

From that point forward, neither player led by more than eight pins the rest of the way.

Nevertheless, when Coté left a 7 pin in the ninth frame and Arles struck to record a double, the game was Arles’ to win.

That’s because even if Coté struck out for 205, Arles could go strike, nine spare to reach 206 and beat her.

Coté got the first strike in the tenth, giving Arles something to think about.

It seemed to work as Arles’ first shot in the 10th frame came in light, leaving the 2-4-5. She would convert the spare, but the damage was done.

Arles’ seven-count on the first ball, combined with Coté’s opening strike, put Coté back on top by one.

If Coté recorded a second mark in the tenth, she couldn’t lose.

That mark never came, however, as Coté’s next shot went high and left the 6-7-10.

Arles stepped back up for her fill ball needing a strike for 194. If she delivered, it would've forced Coté to take two pins to set up a roll-off or convert the difficult split for the win.

To the disappointment of the Philippines faithful, Arles didn't deliver as her final shot stayed out to the right, leaving a 1-2-4-10 washout. The low count handed the win to Coté, who then used her final delivery to get lined up for Game 3 as opposed to trying to convert the spare.

Fresh off the thrilling 192-190 win in Game 2, Coté came out striking during Game 3, opening with a four-bagger to jump out to a 23-pin lead through four frames.

Coté's lead was still at 19 pins heading into the ninth and tenth, but that's when things got interesting yet again.

Coté washed out in the ninth, leaving a 1-2-4-10 of her own that she was unable to convert. That left the American with a score of 194 through nine frames.

Arles spared in the ninth and struck on her first ball in the tenth to cut Coté's lead down to nine.

Staying composed, Coté responded with a strike of her own to open the 10th frame.

That put the pressure back on Arles. If she failed to strike on her second ball in the tenth, Coté would win.

But Arles didn't fail; instead, she delivered a flush strike to turn the tables yet again and put Coté back in a must-strike situation.

Showing the moxie that has helped her win four Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour titles and earn more than 20 medals in international competition, Coté delivered the strike that she had to have, which allowed her to walk away with a 224-215 Game 3 win, the match victory and a berth in the women's quarterfinals.

"It was definitely an up-and-down match," Coté said. "I was fighting myself physically, fighting myself mentally and just not throwing it very good.

"When it went to the third game, I just had to tell myself that there's a reason why I'm here. I just need to be the best me I possibly can, and whatever happens, happens. I threw probably two of the best shots I could to end that game, and I get to move on; I'm very thankful for that."

Chloe Clague (Australia) def. Stefanie Johnson (USA) 2-1 (203-181; 210 (39)-210 (49); 202-190)

Bowling in her final tournament after nearly 20 years as a member of Team USA, Stefanie Johnson was hoping to end her career with another Singles medal hanging around her neck.

Unfortunately, the American superstar will have to take comfort from the more than two dozen medals she's earned in international competition over the years because Clague ended her hopes of medaling in Singles by eliminating her in three games.

Johnson was playing from behind throughout Game 1 as a Big 4 (4-6-7-10) in the third and 4-6-7-9 in the sixth allowed Clague to jump out to a 40-pin lead.

Johnson tried to rally by putting up a double in the seventh and eighth, but the momentum stopped when she left a 2 pin in the ninth.

That leave, coupled with Clague's ninth-frame strike, officially gave Game 1 to the young Australian (203-181).

Johnson and Clague battled back and forth during the first half of Game 2 with Johnson holding a 12-pin lead after two frames but Clague battling back to grab a three-pin lead of her own after five.

Clague would see her lead balloon up to 26 pins after Johnson left a 1-2-8-10 and opened in the seventh frame.

At that point, the ball was firmly in the Australian's court. She had 155 in the seventh with a turkey going. Johnson, meanwhile, had 130 in the seventh and was on an open.

Johnson delivered a pocket shot in the eighth, but she left a 10 pin. Had Clague struck to extend her string to a four-bagger, the match would've been all but over.

Clague didn't strike though; instead, she left a 6-10, which she converted to maintain a 25-pin lead through eight.

Johnson's only hope was to start striking and hope for some help.

Her first bit of good fortune came when after she delivered a flush strike in the ninth, Clague left a solid 10 pin.

Her second bit of good fortune came when Clague failed to strike on her first ball in the tenth; instead, she left a 1-2-4-8, which she converted.

Johnson, meanwhile, struck on each of her first two balls in the tenth frame, and it was shortly thereafter when her next bit of good fortune came along.

Going first, Johnson's fill-ball was left out of her hand, hitting almost directly on the head pin yet somehow caving all ten pins back for a strike that put her final score at 210.

Nevertheless, Clague could strike on her fill for 211.

But that's when Johnson's last bit of good fortune came through as Clague's final shot hit the pocket but left a wiggling 7 pin to end Game 2 in a tie (210-210).

Johnson needed no good fortune during the ninth-and-tenth-frame roll-off, flushing two pocket strikes before leaving a 10 pin.

Clague, meanwhile, could only muster nine-spare, nine-spare, nine, giving the roll-off to Johnson by a score of 49-39 and sending the match to a deciding Game 3.

It appeared as if the thrill of the roll-off win may carry Johnson through to the match victory as she started Game 3 spare, strike, spare, spare, double to grab an 11-pin lead over Clague through six frames.

Clague stayed clean during that same span, however, and when Johnson left a pocket 5-10 (nearly a 5-7-10) in the seventh, the game was quickly back to even.

Johnson and Clague each posted doubles during the eighth and ninth, setting up another dramatic finish.

If Johnson could strike on her first shot in the 10th frame, it would put the pressure squarely upon Clague to match.

Unfortunately, Johnson didn't strike; instead, her shot struggled to come back and left the 2-4-5.

Meanwhile, Clague's first ball in the tenth left a 10 pin. That put the Australian up by two pins in count, but nothing was decided yet.

If Johnson could convert her spare and strike on the fill, she'd post 202, which would force Clague to make her 10 pin and then go nine or better on her final shot to take the game and match.

But despite appearing to hit the 2 pin head on, which should've then caused her spare ball to split the 4-5, Johnson's shot inexplicably only managed to take out the two and the five, leaving the 4 pin behind and resulting in an open to finish at 190.

At that point, Clague's opening nine count was already enough.

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The victory sent Tseng through to the Round of 16 while eliminating Troup from Singles competition.

James Blomgren (Sweden) def. A.J. Johnson (USA) 2-0 (246-231; 227-211)

A.J. Johnson delivered several quality shots over the course of his two-game match with Sweden's James Blomgren.

Unfortunately, Johnson learned the hard way that any mistake you make can and will bite you in the end when facing an opponent who's locked in and experiencing exceptional pin carry.

Johnson was in the pocket on seven of his first eight shots to start Game 1. Unfortunately, his one non-pocket shot went wide and left a 2-10 split.

The open that followed allowed Blomgren to take a five-pin lead through eight frames.

Johnson was hoping to finish strong, but a high shot in the ninth frame resulted in a 3-6-10.

Johnson converted the spare and struck out, but it wasn't enough as Blomgren finished with a four-bagger of his own to take the opener 246-231.

The American used an opening turkey to grab a 14-pin lead through three frames of Game 2, but a 2-4-8-10 slowed his progress in the fourth, allowing Blomgren to cut the lead down to two pins just by staying clean.

Johnson increased the lead to four pins after eight frames, but when he was unable to strike in the ninth while Blomgren did, the advantage shifted back in favor of the Swede.

Johnson applied pressure by striking on his first ball in the tenth, but Blomgren did him one better, throwing a double of his own to all but guarantee victory.

Once Johnson left a 10 pin on his second shot in the tenth, it was over; Blomgren had won the game (227-211) and the match.

Starting the day with seven bowlers in contention and ending it with two may appear disappointing on the surface, but Team USA Head Coach Bryan O'Keefe knows just how hard it is to win at this stage of an event like this one. As such, he's content with how the day shook out for Team USA.

"Match play is hard; best-of-three match play is really, really hard," O'Keefe said. "We had some opportunities to win some matches; unfortunately, it didn't go our way.

"Thankfully, Kris (Prather) and Bryanna (Coté) made some incredible shots when they needed to, both doubling in the tenth to beat opponents from the Philippines. We're here to get as many bowlers as possible through to the next rounds, and we got two of them. We'll take that."

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USBC CREATES COLLEGIATE HALL OF FAME WITH INAUGURAL INDUCTIONS SET FOR APRIL OF 2024

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress will create a USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame recognizing individuals in three categories and featuring an inaugural induction class in April of 2024.

The first collegiate bowling championships were contested in 1975 in Dayton, Ohio, and the sport has grown on the collegiate level to more than 4,000 student-athletes on nearly 300 college and university campuses. Each year, more than 150 certified tournaments are held across the country to showcase these student-athletes and programs.

USBC Collegiate currently oversees and conducts the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships. The top 80 men's and top 64 women's collegiate teams compete in regional events for the right to advance to the ITC. Individual champions are crowned at the ISC.

The creation of a USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will honor the sport's collegiate history by inducting deserving candidates in one of three categories: Student-Athlete, Coach and Contributor. The eligibility criteria for each category are:

Student-Athlete:

Completion of at least two seasons as a collegiate member with nomination eligibility beginning 10 years after an individual's last year in USBC Collegiate competition.

Selected at least once as an NCBCA or IBMA All-American or at least twice as an NTCA, NAIA or Club All-American.

If a student-athlete does not meet the criteria above, the nominee's individual tournament results, performance in national championship events and post season awards will be considered.

Coach:

Eligible for nomination after 20 years of active coaching. If an individual coaches less than 20 years, they will become eligible for nomination after their years of coaching and time after coaching equals 20.

Must have served as a coach (head or assistant) for a minimum of 10 seasons.

Must have coached teams with a final season power ranking (if coached during this era) in the top 10 for a minimum of five seasons.

Must have qualified for their respective national championship a minimum of five times.

Contributor:

Must have demonstrated significant contribution to college bowling. Examples include:

Service on NCBCA or other affiliate (NJCAA, NTCA, NAIA, CTBCA, USBC Collegiate Advisory Committee) boards/committees.

Served as a tournament director.

Served in a national USBC Collegiate leadership/administrative role or made multiple significant financial/in-kind contributions to USBC Collegiate or their events.

Must have distinguished himself/herself through outstanding service in collegiate bowling. These individuals shall be persons who have demonstrated service, ideals, contributions, and achievements above and beyond the ordinary to the sport.

The USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame will be a function of the USBC Collegiate Division. Governance shall be by the USBC Collegiate Hall of Fame Committee, which will consist of a total of 13 individuals comprised as follows:

Five USBC representatives appointed by the USBC Collegiate Advisory Committee.

Four current USBC Hall of Fame members. All four shall be appointed by the Chair of the USBC Hall of Fame Committee.

Four members of the bowling writing community with a minimum 10 years of experience as recommended by recognized national bowling writer organizations.

Any person may submit nominations, along with the nominee's qualifications and achievements. The nomination process for the inaugural class will begin in the summer of 2023.

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TEAM USA MEN BRING HOME GOLD, WOMEN FINISH FOURTH ON FINAL DAY
OF COMPETITION AT 2022 IBF WORLD CUP IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

QUEENSLAND, Australia – Team USA’s men won a gold medal while the women took fourth place in Baker Team play on the last day of competition at the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup at Suncity Tenpin Bowl in Queensland, Australia.

The Team USA men struck gold by defeating Puerto Rico 3-1 (214-172; 262-202; 221-222; 209-198) during Wednesday’s morning’s Men’s Baker Team final.

Puerto Rico walked away with the silver medal. Australia topped the Philippines to earn bronze.

The Team USA women narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing fourth after falling to Malaysia 3-2 (204-226; 182-219; 226-192; 248-220; 228-235) during the women’s bronze-medal match.

The women’s gold went to Sweden, which defeated Germany in the finals. Germany settled for the silver. Even though it would have been nice to have the women’s team bring home a medal after bowling so well throughout the tournament, Team USA Head Coach Bryan O’Keefe was proud of his teams’ performances on the final day of competition and during the 2022 IBF World Cup as a whole.

“As I’ve said many times, you can never just take for granted that you’re going to walk away with medals at a world cup,” O’Keefe said. “You go up against the best of the best, and one bad break can send you home empty handed.

“We’re leaving this world cup with medals in three out of four events, and we bowled well enough to take a medal in Women’s Team as well; a few things just didn’t go our way. Coach Kelly (Kulick), Coach Kendra (Cameron-Curry) and I are very proud of our men and women for how they performed and carried themselves on and off the lanes during this trip. They did an amazing job; they should be proud of themselves.”

Even though all four members of the men’s team shared the same time and space on the lanes, all four members of the quartet will leave the 2022 IBF World Cup with slightly different answers as to what they enjoyed most about the experience and what they’re most proud of. For Kyle Troup, a great deal of pride came simply from being able to represent his country again. However, he’ll also

remember this trip because it was the one on which he won his first Team gold medal as a member of Team USA.

"We communicated well, we stayed as one and we had each other's backs even during the bad moments, and we all had some of those at different times throughout the tournament," Troup said. "It was a long journey from the time we left camp and were selected for this event to the time that we're standing here now.

"We had the team gold medal in mind all that time, and when we won that last game, it hit me that it had finally happened; I was overcome with emotion. When you're wearing the Team USA logo on your back, everything means more. This is right up there with anything I've accomplished in my career. We couldn't have asked for more."

What stands out in Jakob Butturff's mind is the amazing team chemistry among this foursome and how proud he is of the support that they showed one another no matter the situation or outcome on the lanes.

"Winning the IBF World Cup is an amazing feeling," Butturff said. "We have such strong chemistry on this team; everyone just has that team mindset, so you know that the other guys have your back no matter what happens. That makes it a lot of fun to go out there and compete."

Kris Prather was awestruck by the group's ability to seamlessly flip the switch from being competitors week in and week out on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour to being teammates when coming together to represent Team USA.

"Doing this for a living as we do, we're singles competitors the overwhelming majority of the time, so to be able to come out here and accomplish a goal that the whole Team USA organization wants to achieve is huge for us," Prather said. "Being a part of something like this is like being a part of a special fraternity; we'll always have this and be able to talk about it and share it no matter where we go or how much time goes by. It's almost surreal."

Finally, A.J. Johnson will remember the unique feeling that only comes from finding success while competing for one's country.

"I feel like there's nothing better than bowling as a team, and when you get to do it for Team USA, the greatest team in the world, it's that much sweeter," Johnson said. "I felt like I didn't have my best stuff today, but that's why we're a team; we pick each other up. We won gold, and there's no better feeling; it never gets old."

Even though the Team USA women narrowly missed out on a medal, Jordan Richard was proud of how she and her teammates competed throughout the event.

"We continue to put ourselves in position to win, and that's really all you can do at the end of the day," Richard said. "We fought our hardest until the final ball was thrown; we just came up on the wrong side a couple times today. Still, we continue to learn and grow so that the next time we find ourselves in that situation, we can be better."

Men's Baker Team Gold Medal Match

USA def. Puerto Rico, 3-1 (214-172; 262-202; 221-222; 209-198)

On paper, a 3-1 match victory may appear to have been smooth and easy for the winning team, and there were certainly portions of the gold-medal match that fit that picture for Team USA.

Take Game 1 for example. The Americans opened with a five-bagger to jump ahead to a 50-pin lead by the end of the fifth frame. Puerto Rico used a late double and a Team USA open to make things respectable, but the end result was still a relatively easy 214-172 Game 1 win for the Americans.

Game 2 wasn't much harder as Team USA went strike, spare, spare, eight-bagger to run away and hide from Puerto Rico yet again, this time by a final tally of 262-202.

That win put the Americans up 2-0 and on the cusp of capturing the coveted 2022 IBF World Cup and Men's Baker Team gold medal.

It looked like it would only take Team USA one more game to get it as they started off strong yet again in Game 3.

The Americans started the game with a four-bagger before a chopped spare slowed their momentum down just a bit in the fifth.

Nevertheless, Team USA was still up 23 pins after the open, and they quickly recovered from it by throwing a turkey immediately thereafter.

But Puerto Rico quietly tossed a four-bagger of its own in frames six, seven, eight and nine, and when Team USA chopped another spare during its half of the ninth frame, what had looked like a guaranteed American victory just moments before had suddenly come into doubt.

If Puerto Rico's anchor bowler struck on his first shot in the 10th frame, the Americans would lose. That first shot didn't strike, however; instead, a 4 pin was left standing.

Suddenly, Team USA had a reprieve. If their anchor bowler could double, the game would end in the Americans' favor after all. Team USA's anchor succeeded in notching the first strike, but the second shot came in light and left the 2 pin. Once the spare was converted, Team USA had posted 221. Puerto Rico's man needed nine to tie or a strike to win; anything less would hand the gold to the Americans.

Puerto Rico's fill shot crept high into the 1-2 pocket and looked to have left the 6 pin, but some late pin action tipped the six forward, keeping Puerto Rico alive with a thrilling 222-221 come-from-behind victory in Game 3.

As unlikely as it sounds, Game 4 was similar with the Americans jumping out to a lead and appearing to be on cruise control only to see things screech to a grinding halt and tighten up greatly as the game moved to the final frames.

This time, a 26-pin Team USA lead through five frames was cut in half by the eighth frame, forcing the Americans' last two bowlers to step up and deliver or risk having the Puerto Ricans steal another game in the 10th frame and even the match.

Team USA wasn't about to let lightning strike twice though; instead, they notched marks in both the ninth and 10th to finally put Puerto Rico away (209-198) and lay claim to the 2022 IBF World Cup and Men's Baker Team gold medal.

Women's Baker Team Bronze Medal Match

Malaysia def. USA, 3-2 (226-204; 219-182; 192-226; 220-248; 235-228)

Even if you're the best team in the world, coming back from an 0-2 deficit in a best-of-five match is a very tall order.

The Team USA ladies learned that lesson the hard way twice on the final day of Baker Team competition.

The bronze medal match against Malaysia went very much the same way that Team USA's semifinal loss to Germany had gone just a couple hours earlier

The Americans didn't bowl badly during Game 1, but they weren't quite finding the right combinations of bowling balls and attack angles to consistently knock all 10 pins down either.

Team USA did a nice job of staying clean to keep things close, but Malaysia was able to roll a late five-bagger to top Team USA (226-204) in Game 1.

Game 2 brought more of the same, meaning too few strikes for the Americans and a few too many for the Malaysians, at least as far as Team USA fans were concerned.

That combination allowed Malaysia to cruise to a 219-182 victory that put them ahead 2-0 and brought them just one win away from the bronze medal.

Team USA wasn't ready to let them have it though, not yet at least.

Showing tremendous fight and determination, the Americans began clawing their way back into the match.

They struck on five of their first six shots to establish a 36-pin lead midway through Game 3.

Try as it might, Malaysia wouldn't get much closer, allowing Team USA to thwart the sweep with a 226-192 victory.

The Americans rode the momentum to an even stronger performance during Game 4, pounding the pocket relentlessly and recording eight strikes to take another game off the Malaysians, this one by a final of 248-220.

Team USA had successfully erased another 0-2 deficit. Now, they just needed to get over the top and complete the comeback. The bronze medal was riding on it.

Things looked good during the early going in Game 5 as the Americans started with a four-bagger.

The Malaysians got off to a great start as well, beginning the deciding game spare, five-bagger to take a 10-pin lead through six frames.

The lead would shift back to Team USA's side just two frames later though after Malaysia chopped a 3-6 in the eighth.

With just two pins separating the two powerhouses as both teams' bowlers stepped up in the ninth frame, every shot was crucial.

Both teams struck in the ninth frame, keeping the Americans ahead by two heading into the 10th.

Malaysia's anchor bowler stepped up and started the 10th frame with a strike to put the pressure back on the Americans. If their anchor couldn't match, the bronze medal would go to Malaysia.

Unfortunately for Team USA, it was during the next moment that the sometimes-cruel nature of bowling presented itself.

The American anchor bowler stepped up and buried her first shot deep in the 1-3 pocket, but instead of being rewarded with a strike that would've kept the Americans ahead and put the pressure right back on Malaysia, the shot left a solid 8 pin.

Despite having executed the shot that was called for when it was needed most, the Americans had lost.

Malaysia took Game 5 (235-228) and the match, sending the bronze medal home with the Malaysians and sending Team USA home with a fourth-place finish.

Men's Baker Team Semifinals

USA def. Australia, 3-1 (278-192; 202-201; 193-224; 260-222)

If there is one thing that the Team USA men showed over and over again throughout the 2022 IBF World Cup, it's that few teams can match their striking power.

The Americans put that power on full display while taking the host team out of gold medal contention.

Butturff, A.J. Johnson, Prather and Troup simply dominated the Australians during Game 1, starting with the front eight before Butturff rang a 7 pin to halt the string in the ninth.

It hardly mattered though as Team USA already had the game well in hand. Before the Aussies knew what hit them, they had lost Game 1 (278-192) and were already playing from behind.

Game 2 wasn't nearly as explosive for the Americans, but it was equally effective.

Australia was ahead early, taking advantage of a Team USA open in the fourth frame to hold a 19-pin lead through seven frames.

But that all changed when the Aussies suffered back-to-back opens in the eighth and ninth.

Suddenly, Butturff found himself in position to help Team USA steal an unlikely Game 2 victory.

Butturff only managed eight on his first shot in the 10th, but the Australian anchor bowler only counted seven, keeping the Americans ahead by one.

That's where they would stay as Butturff delivered a flush strike on his fill ball to lock the Australian's out (202-201) and put Team USA up 2-0.

Much to the delight of their fans, the Aussies refused to quit, using a late five-bagger to stave off elimination by defeating Team USA 224-193 in Game 3.

That only delayed the inevitable, however, as the Americans went five-bagger, open, five-bagger during Game 4, pushing their score to 260 and pushing the Australians out of the gold medal hunt thanks to a 260-228 match-ending victory for Team USA.

Women's Baker Team Semifinals

Germany def. USA, 3-2 (223-158; 201-186; 185-211; 178-221; 237-207)

As mentioned above, the bronze-medal match was not the only match of the day that saw the Team USA ladies rally back from an 0-2 deficit only to fall short in Game 5.

Sadly, the exact same thing happened earlier in the day during the Americans' semifinal matchup with Germany.

For whatever reason, the Americans just didn't quite look like themselves during the first two games of the match.

In Game 1, Team USA posted just four strikes to go along with three opens. Germany, meanwhile, struck five times and, more importantly, stayed clean.

That combination helped the Germans capture Game 1 by a final score of 223-158.

Unfortunately, for Team USA, Game 2 wasn't much different.

The Americans struck just four times and failed to record a double. They also suffered another costly open, this one thanks to a 6-7-10 split in the seventh frame.

Germany took advantage, controlling the pocket and converting spares to come out on top yet again (201-186) and push Team USA to the brink of elimination.

To nobody's surprise, the Americans refused to go down without a fight.

They looked more like themselves during Game 3, staying clean from the second frame onward and delivering clutch shots down the stretch to grab their first victory of the match (211-185).

They would keep the Germans even further away during Game 4, starting with a four-bagger and staying clean to coast to a 221-178 win that evened the match at 2-2.

Riding a two-game winning streak and with momentum finally on their side, the Americans looked poised to complete the comeback and take their place in the gold medal match.

But Germany had other ideas.

Game 5 was close through the first seven frames, but Team USA held a four-pin lead.

Things changed from there, however, as the Americans chopped a spare in the eighth while Germany put up a strike to notch a double.

That reversal of fortune put the Germans' fate squarely in their own hands, and they were not about to let it go.

Team USA tried to give German anchor Birgit Noreiks something to think about by striking in the ninth and on the first ball in the 10th, but Noreiks is not easily rattled.

She demonstrated that fact just moments later when she struck on her first ball in the 10th frame to officially slam the door on Team USA.

When the final pins had fallen, Germany was victorious (237-207) and headed to the gold-medal match against Sweden.

Team USA would have to dust itself off and fight for a bronze medal by trying to take down Malaysia

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

FOUR ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME FOR 2023

ARLINGTON, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will welcome at least four new members when the 2023 class is inducted April 26 during the USBC Convention in Las Vegas.

The USBC Hall of Fame Committee recently elected Jill Weber of Burlington, Wisconsin, and Mike Rose Jr. of Orlando, Florida, in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, Ron Mohr of Las Vegas in the Veterans category and Jamie Brooks of Fort Worth, Texas, in Meritorious Service.

In addition to the four electees, the USBC Hall of Fame Committee selected seven bowlers – two women and five men – 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.

Named to the women's national ballot are Diandra Asbaty of Chicago and Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California.

Selected for the men's national ballot are Dave Ferraro of Kingston, New York; Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas; Wes Malott of Fort Wayne, Indiana; Randy Pedersen of Orlando, Florida; and Mike Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas.

Weber, a right-hander, is a three-time champion at the USBC Women's Championships.

Her first title came in 2002 when her team, High Roller-Cherry Hills, N.J., won the Classic Team title with a then-record score of 3,327. Weber contributed 741 to that total.

Two years later, the same team won the same title with a nearly identical total. This time, High Roller-Cherry Hills, N.J., totaled 3,320, with Weber contributing 706.

The last of Weber's trio of Women's Championships victories came in 2008 as she teamed with Gina Daroszewski to win the Classic Doubles title. Weber rolled games of 192, 259 and 246 for a 697 series, while Daroszewski added 748. The team's total of 1,445 was 29 pins better than their nearest competitor.

In addition to her three Women's Championships wins, Weber finished third in the 1993 USBC Queens and owns 10 more top-10 finishes in her 27 appearances at the Women's Championships.

Rose earned induction in his first year on the ballot on the strength of four Eagles won at the USBC Open Championships.

Rose, a 51-year-old right-hander, collected his first Open Championships victory in 2007, when he totaled 2,198 to capture the title in Regular All-Events. Rose shot 687 in team, 724 in doubles and 787 in singles (where he finished seventh).

Eagle No. 2 came in 2015 as part of Team NABR. The group captured the title in Regular Team with a 3,368 total. Rose's contribution to that was 697.

Rose's third and fourth wins at the Open Championships came in 2017, as Team NABR won titles in both Regular Team (3,266 with Rose contributing 602) and Team All-Events (9,957 with Rose adding 1,865).

He owns a 219.1 average at the Open Championships over his 22 years of competition, good for second on the 20-year average list. In addition to his four Eagles, he owns 10 other top-10 finishes at the event.

Mohr, a 66-year-old right-hander, earned induction in the Veterans category after previously being considered in Superior Performance.

Mohr owns two Open Championships titles, a senior major win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open that is one of 11 PBA50 Tour titles, four PBA60 titles and a pair of Super Senior Classic titles.

Mohr's two Open Championships wins span more than 20 years, with his first win coming in 2001 as a member of Team USA Support No. 2. The group captured the Team All-Events title with a 9,807 total (Mohr's pinfall was 2,008).

His most recent win at the event came just this year as part of Storm Products Inc. 1. The team earned the championship in Regular Team with a 3,486 total. Mohr's contribution was 603.

From 2009-2019, Mohr collected 11 PBA50 Tour titles, highlighted by his win at the 2011 Senior U.S. Open where he defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr., 246-189, for his lone major title.

In addition to his professional and Open Championships titles, Mohr owns numerous medals in international competition as a multi-time Team USA and Senior Team USA member. He is a two-time PBA50 and four-time PBA60 Player of the Year. Mohr was inducted into the Greater Anchorage Hall of Fame in 1993, the Alaska State USBC Hall of Fame in 2008 and was a 2018 inductee into the PBA Hall of Fame.

Brooks has left his mark on the sport as a bowling center proprietor, past president of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America, tournament organizer and host, and accomplished bowler.

As a proprietor, he has put his creativity and ingenuity into action with a variety of formats and concepts. In Houston, he hosted the 1974 USBC Women's Championships at his 72-lane Stadium Lanes, and two U.S. Opens at his 74-lane Big Texan, as well as other PBA national and regional events.

He founded the Senior All-Star Bowling Association in 1990, and more than 30 events are held annually.

Brooks was recognized in 2010 as the USBC Proprietor of the Year for his longtime support of various programs, such as hosting charity events for Bowl for the Cure and developing SASBA.

In 2019, the BPAA recognized Brooks as its President's Award Winner.

Brooks has been very active at the local, state and national levels. He was one of the founders of the Texas State Bowling Council, he supported the start of the Texas Grand Prix Scholarship Program, and he has served on countless task forces and committees.

As BPAA President from 1984-1986, he hosted numerous summit meetings to solve bowling's lane-conditioning challenges. Some subjects discussed in those meetings were mergers, single memberships, marketing and industry unity, laying some of the groundwork for the ABC/WIBC merger/consolidation of the industry groups that would come later at the International Bowling Campus.

Brooks also is an accomplished bowler having won the 1961 Texas State All-Events title and earning a title at the 1973 Open Championships when he captured the doubles

championship with partner Jimmy Paine. Brooks joined the 100,000 Pin Club at the Open Championships in 2021 and is one of 25 bowlers to accomplish the feat. He has 62 appearances at the Open Championships.

In addition to his USBC Proprietor of the Year Award and his BPAA President's Award, Brooks has been honored with the Joyce Deitch Award (2016) and the Flowers for the Living (2018) award. He was inducted into the Houston USBC Hall of Fame in 1974 and the Texas State USBC Hall of Fame in 1982.

Through 2022, there are 446 members of the USBC Hall of Fame – 228 in Superior Performance, 125 in Meritorious Service, 53 in Veterans, 22 in Pioneer and 18 in Outstanding USBC Performance.

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.

Visit [BOWL.com/HallofFame](https://www.bowl.com/halloffame) for more information on the USBC Hall of Fame.

CBS SPORTS NETWORK TO TELEVISION PWBA, COLLEGIATE AND YOUTH EVENTS IN 2023

ARLINGTON, Texas – Live coverage of three Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour majors, continued coverage of collegiate events, and the return of televised finals for youth events highlight a 13-event television schedule on CBS Sports Network in 2023.

The stepladder finals of the United States Bowling Congress Queens from Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas on May 23 will be the first of three live PWBA Tour majors televised by CBS Sports Network.

The stepladder finals of the U.S. Women's Open follows on June 20 from ABC Gates Bowl in Rochester, New York, and the stepladder finals of the PWBA Tour Championship complete CBS Sports Network's live coverage on Aug. 15 from Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center in Waterloo, Iowa. Each of the three two-hour live events are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Eastern.

"We're excited to continue to partner with CBS Sports Network to bring live coverage of the PWBA's most important events to our fans," said Frank DeSocio, Executive Director of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. "Televising the finals of these three majors helps bring top-of-mind awareness to the talented athletes competing on the PWBA Tour."

In addition to live coverage of the women's professional majors, CBS Sports Network will feature four shows from the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, the finals of all four divisions of the Junior Gold Championships, and the two title matches at the USA Bowling National Championships.

The last time the finals of the Junior Gold Championships and the USA Bowling National Championships were broadcast on television was at the 2019 events in Detroit.

"Bringing back televised coverage for these youth events was a priority, and we're glad we were able to work with CBS Sports Network to make these telecasts a reality," said Melissa McDaniel, President of the United States Bowling Congress. "The competitors in these events truly represent the future of the sport and it's important to highlight their talents."

The finals of college bowling's premier events, the Intercollegiate Singles Championships and Intercollegiate Team Championships, will be held at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas and will kick off CBS Sports Network's 2023 coverage with telecasts on four consecutive Tuesdays in April and May, all at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The ISC women's finals will air Tuesday, April 25, followed by the ISC men's finals on May 2, the ITC women's title match on May 9 and the ITC men's final on May 16.

Rounding out CBS Sports Network's 2023 coverage are the finals of the USA Bowling Championships on consecutive Tuesdays in July, and the boys and girls finals in each of the four divisions of the Junior Gold Championships in August. Both events will be contested in Indianapolis.

The U12 division finals of the USA Bowling Championships will be televised Tuesday, July 18, at 7 p.m. Eastern and will be followed by the finals of the U15 division Tuesday, July 25, also at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The finals of the U12 and U15 divisions at the Junior Gold Championships are slated to be televised on back-to-back Tuesdays, Aug. 1 and 8. After a one-week hiatus, the finals of the U18 and U20 divisions will be televised on consecutive Tuesdays, Aug. 22 and 29. Each of the four Junior Gold telecasts are scheduled to start at 7 p.m. Eastern.

The 2023 CBS Sports Network bowling schedule is as follows (all times Eastern):

PWBA Finals (all live):

Tuesday, May 23, 7 p.m., USBC Queens, Las Vegas

Tuesday, June 20, 7 p.m., U.S. Women's Open, Rochester, N.Y.

Tuesday, Aug. 15, 7 p.m., PWBA Tour Championship, Waterloo, Iowa

USBC Intercollegiate Championships (taped April 22)

Tuesday, April 25, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championship (Women), Las Vegas

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Singles Championship (Men), Las Vegas

Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championship (Women), Las Vegas

Tuesday, May 16, 7 p.m., Intercollegiate Team Championship (Men), Las Vegas

USBC Youth Championships (taped July 14 and 22)

Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U12 division), Indianapolis

Tuesday, July 25, 7 p.m., USA Bowling National Championships (U15 division), Indianapolis

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U12 division), Indianapolis

Tuesday, Aug. 8, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U15 division), Indianapolis

Tuesday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U18 division), Indianapolis

Tuesday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m., Junior Gold Championships (U20 division), Indianapolis

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Visit BOWL.com/Collegiate to learn more about the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships.

For information on the Junior Gold Championships and USA Bowling National Championships, visit BOWL.com/Youth.

The PWBA Tour, Junior Gold Championships and USA Bowling National Championships are collaboratively funded by the BPAA and USBC.

PBA AND USBC ANNOUNCE PARTNERSHIP MOVING PBA LIVESTREAMING TO BOWLTV FOR 2023 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – The Professional Bowlers Association and United States Bowling Congress have agreed on a partnership to offer exclusive livestreaming coverage of the 2023 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season on BowITV.

The agreement will include comprehensive coverage of the PBA National Tour, as well as PBA50, PBA Jr. and PBA Regional Tour events. BowITV's season coverage will feature all PBA Tour qualifying rounds and championship rounds for five PBA Classic series tournaments. The coverage also will include the entirety of the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship and all PBA50 Tour events.

This agreement brings the PBA Tour, Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour and USBC short-duration tournaments to the same BowITV livestreaming platform, providing subscribers unprecedented access to top-level bowling with one subscription.

"We are pleased to have all professional bowling come together under the same platform for 2023," PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark said. "BowITV's coverage will be tremendous for bowling fans."

PBA coverage on BowITV will include multiple channels at each event, so fans can follow their favorite PBA competitors. The broadcasts also will include professional commentary, interviews and analysis featuring top bowling experts.

"We appreciate the PBA partnering with the USBC to create this incredible content offering for bowling," USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. "This partnership is a big win for all of bowling, including the fans, athletes and USBC members. USBC is committed to making the BowITV experience outstanding for its subscribers and the PBA."

BowITV offers the ability to purchase event tickets, as well as monthly and annual subscriptions. A full 2023 event schedule and updated pricing will be announced later this month.

Go to BOWL.com/BowITV to learn more about BowITV. Visit PBA.com for information on the PBA Tour.

BOWLTV SERVES AS HOME OF PROFESSIONAL BOWLING IN 2023, INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE APP

ARLINGTON, Texas – For the first time, bowling's premier professional organizations in the United States will be available for fans around the world to watch through a single livestreaming service – BowITV.

BowITV.com is the multi-channel livestreaming platform of the United States Bowling Congress and will be the exclusive home of the Professional Bowlers Association and Professional Women's Bowling Association in 2023.

A partnership between USBC and PBA is bringing the PBA's full lineup to BowlTV for 2023, which includes coverage of the national tour, PBA50, PBA Jr. and regional competition.

The 2023 PWBA Tour schedule recently was announced, and BowlTV will be providing coverage for all 12 national tour stops and nine regional events.

All qualifying and match-play rounds leading up to any televised rounds will be featured on the livestream service. Visit PBA.com and PWBA.com to learn more about each organization's television schedule for 2023.

With the additional tour events added to the schedule, BowlTV also will feature a new pricing structure starting Dec. 5. A recurring annual subscription will be \$119.95, but there's an opportunity to save before the calendar flips to 2023.

From now until Dec. 31, 2022, bowling fans can get a recurring annual subscription to BowlTV for \$99.95. After the first of the year, the price will automatically renew at \$119.95.

Current BowlTV annual subscribers will be charged \$99.95 at their next renewal date and annually renew at the same rate with an active subscription.

A monthly recurring subscription now will be \$12.95, with the rate changing on Jan. 1, 2023, for current monthly subscribers. Event tickets still will be available for those who want to watch select live events. Transaction fees will apply at all price points.

In addition to the full range of professional events, USBC's short-duration events and top-tier youth, collegiate and senior competitions will be featured on the platform. BowlTV also will continue to work with organizations like The National Bowling Association (TNBA) and Underground Bowling Association (UBA) to showcase their regional and national tournaments.

The PBA, PWBA, USBC short-duration and International Bowling Campus Youth Development schedule on BowlTV in 2023 includes:

- PBA Regional Players Invitational, Las Vegas – Jan. 2-5
- Team USA Trials, Las Vegas – Jan. 2-7
- U.S. Open, Indianapolis – Jan. 29-Feb. 4
- PBA Springfield Classic, Springfield, Mo. – Feb. 7-11
- PBA Shawnee Classic, Shawnee, Okla. – Feb. 13-17
- PBA Wichita Classic, Wichita, Kan. – Feb. 20-24
- PBA Jackson Classic, Jackson, Mich. – March 6-9
- ISC and ITC sectional qualifiers, four locations – March 11-13
- PBA Tournament of Champions, Fairlawn, Ohio – March 12-16
- PBA Kokomo Classic, Kokomo, Ind. – March 21-24
- USBC Masters, Allen Park, Mich. – March 26-31
- PBA World Series of Bowling, Wauwatosa, Wis. – April 7-14
- ISC and ITC, Las Vegas – April 17-22

- USBC Senior Queens, Las Vegas – April 22-25
- USBC Convention and Hall of Fame ceremony, Las Vegas – April 24-27
- PBA Players Championship, North Brunswick, N.J. – April 30-May 5
- PWBA Stockton Open, Stockton, Calif. – May 4-6
- Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship, Middletown, Del. – May 8-11
- PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open, Spokane, Wash. – May 11-13
- USBC Queens, Las Vegas – May 17-22
- PWBA Grand Rapids Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – May 31-June 2
- Super Senior Classic, Las Vegas – May 31-June 4
- PWBA BowlTV Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – June 3-4
- PWBA Great Lakes Classic, Wyoming, Mich. – June 5-6
- USBC Senior Masters, Las Vegas – June 5-11
- PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open, Parma Heights, Ohio – June 8-10
- U.S. Women’s Open, Rochester, N.Y. – June 13-19
- Junior Gold Championships, Indianapolis – July 10-22
- USA Bowling National Championships, Indianapolis – July 12-13
- PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Houston – July 27-30
- PWBA Waterloo Classic, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 8-10
- PWBA Pepsi Classic, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 11-12
- PWBA Tour Championship, Waterloo, Iowa – Aug. 13-14
- PBA League Elias Cup, Portland, Maine – Sept. 23

The schedule is subject to change as additional events and dates are confirmed.

Along with a schedule featuring more than 100 events from across the country in 2023, bowling fans will be able to enjoy BowlTV “On the Go” through a new mobile app.

The mobile app now is available for download on Google Play and the App Store.

Subscribers will enjoy the ease of just one click to watch their favorite bowlers and tournaments during the year while still enjoying the interactive features that have helped BowlTV continue to grow since its introduction as a subscription-based product in 2019, like the community chat, polls and giveaways.

The enhanced app experience will allow for casting to multiple platforms, a new video search function, notifications for live events and easy access to on-demand and archived tournament videos.

“Bowling fans have wanted to bring all of their favorite tours and events to one livestreaming platform, and we’re excited for our partnership with the PBA to make this happen in 2023,” USBC

President Melissa McDaniel said. "Integrating a mobile app was the next stage for the continued development and growth of BowlTV. Being able to combine this new schedule with a new way to enjoy BowlTV is going to make for a great year for the subscribers."

For more information on BowlTV, visit [BOWL.com/BowlTV](https://www.bowl.com/BowlTV). To subscribe, head to [BowlTV.com/subscribe](https://www.bowl.com/subscribe).

IBMHF CREATES NEW LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD, ANNOUNCES FIVE INAUGURAL RECIPIENTS

ARLINGTON, Texas – The International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame is proud to announce the creation of a new award honoring those who have shown a lifetime of dedication to the IBMHF and has announced five inaugural award recipients.

The IBMHF's Legacy of Excellence Award has been created in recognition of an individual, institution or organization that has demonstrated a lifetime of dedication and support to the museum and halls of fame.

The inaugural recipients of the award are Bill Chrisman, Pat Ciniello, Daroll Frewing, the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America and the United States Bowling Congress. The recipients will be presented with their awards during the Industry Update Luncheon at the BPAA Bowling Summit in Savannah, Georgia, on Jan. 17, 2023.

"These five are truly worthy of being the inaugural recipients of this award," said Mike Aulby, President and Chairman of the IBMHF Board of Trustees. "They have dedicated countless hours of their time and have raised, or personally donated, hundreds of thousands of dollars in support of the museum and halls of fame. This organization would not be where it is today without the efforts of these individuals and associations."

Chrisman, CEO/Owner of Storm Products Inc., has been on the IBMHF Board since 2001. He has made many contributions, including playing a crucial role, for numerous years, in the Salute to Champions annual fundraising event for the museum.

"I believe it's always nice when anyone receives an award for outstanding service to any organization," said Chrisman. "I have been on the museum board for more than 20 years, and in that time frame the hall has made many positive decisions to update and become better in housing many bowling halls of fame such as the USBC, PBA, PWBA and other past organizations. Preserving the history of the sport of bowling is extremely important, and I'm very honored to receive this award."

Ciniello, President and CEO of Bowland and HeadPinz Entertainment Centers, served as IBMHF President from 2007-2011 and helped oversee the move of the museum to its present home in Arlington, Texas. He established Xtravaganza, one of the largest IBMHF annual fundraisers, and served on either the IBMHF's board or committee from 1998-2016.

"I'm truly humbled with this recognition," said Ciniello. "I've simply always wanted the best for this great sport of bowling. Working to bring the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame to its new home in Texas, from concept to reality, was one of the crowning achievements of my career."

Frewing, CEO of U.S. Bowling Corporation, has served on the IBMHF Board since 2008. He has played a critical role in raising funds for the IBMHF at the annual tournament Xtravaganza and established the Frewing Scholarship, which provides a \$25,000 scholarship for one student each year.

"I am absolutely thrilled to be one of the inaugural recipients of this award," said Frewing. "Additionally, to be included with two of the current outstanding leaders in our industry, Pat Ciniello and Bill Chrisman, makes this award unbelievably special. As I look back on my 62 years in the bowling industry, there are so many people I could credit, and it would be unfair to single out only a few people. But there is a common thread amongst them all, which is decision making, risk taking, a strong personality and work ethic. I am so honored to be given this prestigious award and only want to be able to continue demonstrating my passion for the sport and continue to do more as we move forward."

The BPAA and USBC were selected as inaugural recipients of the award based on the years of consistent support, dedication and unwavering enthusiasm each has shown in helping to make the IBMHF a showcase for preserving and displaying the history of the sport. Those efforts were especially noteworthy in support of the move of the IBMHF to its present home as part of the International Bowling Campus in Arlington, Texas.

Award recipients are selected by a committee for the award as appointed by the IBMHF. There is no limit to the number of people who can be nominated for the award, and the award is scheduled to be

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

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

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

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

Diamond – 701 and above (team), 351 and above (doubles), 176 and above (singles/all-events)

Ruby – 621-700 (team), 311-350 (doubles), 156-175 (singles/all-events)

Emerald – 541-620 (team), 271-310 (doubles), 136-155 (singles/all-events)

Sapphire – 540 and below (team), 270 and below (doubles), 135 and below (singles/all-events)

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

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

Topics evaluated by the task force in 2022 included:

Division structure

Restrictions for professional bowlers

Restrictions for team composition

Difficulty and publication of lane patterns

Livestreaming of competition

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information on the USBC Open Championships, visit [BOWL.com/OpenChamp](https://www.bowl.com/openchamp). To learn more about the USBC Women's Championships, visit [BOWL.com/WomensChamp](https://www.bowl.com/womenschamp). presented annually pending qualified candidates.

TNBA CREATES YOUNG DELEGATES GRANT PROGRAM WITH USBC PARTNERSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The National Bowling Association and United States Bowling Congress have created a partnership supporting creation of a TNBA Young Delegates Grant Program modeled after the one initiated by USBC in 2016.

The program aims to encourage the next generation of TNBA members to attend TNBA's National Convention and promote lifelong engagement in the sport. USBC launched its version of a Young Delegates Grant Program six years ago and the program has proven to be successful in attracting and retaining a new group of leaders by covering expenses to introduce them to USBC's Annual Convention.

Like USBC, TNBA was looking for ways to create more age diversity at its National Convention. That led to a discussion between TNBA President Gregory Green and USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy, where Murphy shared how the USBC addressed the issue and offered to assist TNBA with setting up its own program.

TNBA's Young Delegates Grant Program will provide grants to first-time delegates between the ages of 21-40 to attend their National Convention. Additionally, through the USBC's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives, the USBC is offering a minimum three-year commitment to fund grants in TNBA's program.

"We are super excited to launch this initiative and appreciate the opportunity to partner with USBC," Green said. "This effort will help grow the young adult participation for our organization. We see a big presence in young adults participating at the National Championship Tournament, but this will also give our youth a chance to see within the organization and observe items such as decision making, rules, regulations and more."

The USBC's Young Delegates Grant Program has proven to be a success as the program has seen a growth in the number of individuals under the age of 45 attending the Annual Convention since the program was instituted.

"We're certainly happy to share this program's blueprint for success with TNBA," Murphy said. "We're also pleased to be able to contribute by funding grants. Creating and maintaining the next generation of association leaders is a priority for both of our organizations, and we're proud to partner with TNBA on this initiative."

TNBA's Young Delegates Grant Program is off to a promising start as more than \$10,000 already has been collected from the organization's senate membership, including donations from past president Dewann Clark and National 2021 King Robert Danzy.

More information on the application process will be available soon by visiting [TNBAInc.org](https://www.tnba.org).

WINNERS NAMED FOR USBC NATIONAL HIGH AVERAGE, SERIES AWARDS FOR 2021-2022 SEASON

ARLINGTON, Texas – A pair of Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour champions made their way to the top of the list to claim United States Bowling Congress National High Average and Series Awards for the 2021-2022 season.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, and Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, are two of the 10 award winners being recognized for the top performances of the season. The USBC National High Average and Series Awards are presented to adult male and female USBC members and youth USBC members in male and female divisions.

Kuhlkin earns the women's high average award for the second time in three seasons after recording a 247.29 average for 124 games in The Reis Group-Kim Brown Mixed DBLS league at Schenectady's Towne Bowling Academy. The three-time PWBA Tour champion also claimed the top average (240) during the 2019-2020 season.

Her performance during the 2021-2022 season ranks third on the all-time average list for female competitors, sets the record for a doubles league on the women's side and adds another national award to her collection.

She was the Youth Female National High Average Award winner for three consecutive seasons (2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011) and set the women's three-game series record during the 2016-2017 season to win the high series award with an 890 set.

The men's high average award for 2021-2022 belongs to Jesse Hawkins of Pikeville, Kentucky, for posting a 257.47 clip for 90 games during the Gary Stepp Memorial 21-22 league at the Hatfield McCoy Rec Center in Williamson, West Virginia.

Hawkins moves into fourth place on the all-time average list in the men's division and now holds the top average on the men's side for a four-player league.

The youth high average awards for 2021-2022 go to Melia Mitskavich of DuBois, Pennsylvania, and Wyatt Honecker of Rochester, Minnesota.

Mitskavich collected the youth female award after finishing the season with a 237.53 average for 75 games during the DuBois Lanes Juniors league at DuBois Lanes, Inc.

Mitskavich is the daughter of three-time PWBA Tour champion Jackie Mitskavich.

Honecker averaged 242.33 over 66 games during the P.M. Strikers league at Rochester's Bowlocity to win the youth male award for the 2021-2022 season.

Clemmer earned the Adult Female USBC National High Series Award for her incredible run during qualifying at the 2022 PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open at Seminole Lanes in Seminole, Florida.

During Games 4, 5 and 6 of her second qualifying round June 3, Clemmer rolled games of 300, 300 and 279 for an 879 series. She rolled 29 consecutive strikes before leaving a 10 pin in the sixth frame of Game 6.

The score is tied for third all-time on the USBC list for female bowlers, and her performance set the new three-game mark for PWBA competition. Jackie Mitskavich had held the PWBA record with an 877 set in 1997.

Clemmer went on to earn the top seed for the stepladder finals at the event and claimed her first PWBA Tour title with a 226-181 victory over 2021 PWBA Player of the Year Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona.

Three competitors on the men's side shared top honors for the USBC National High Series Award with a 900 series during the 2021-2022 season.

Cody Schmitt of Plymouth, Wisconsin, was the first to achieve the feat during the season, posting his perfect series Nov. 16, 2021, during the Tuesday GFL at Anchor

Lanes in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Stephen Kosela of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, rolled three consecutive 300s during his singles set March 13, 2022, at the Beaver Valley USBC Open Championships at Sheffield Lanes in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

Bryan Deck of New Castle, Indiana, posted the 40th USBC-approved 900 on June 20, 2022, during the Summer Chase The Cash league at New Castle's Rose City Bowl.

In the youth divisions, Claire Jacobson of New Prague, Minnesota, and Drue Hutmacher of Rapid City, South Dakota, posted the top sets of the season.

Jacobson earned the youth female award with her performance Jan. 29, 2022, during the Saturday Morning Juniors league at New Prague's Strike Force Bowl. She rolled games of 300, 279 and 265 for an 844 series.

Hutmacher won the youth male award with games of 300, 279 and 278 for an 857 set during the Stars and Strikes league Nov. 6, 2021, at Rapid City's Meadowood Lanes.

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 team, click [here](#).

USBC HALL OF FAMER DAVE DAVIS DIES AT AGE 80

ARLINGTON, Texas – United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Dave Davis of Lake Placid, Florida, died Dec. 29 at the age of 80.

Davis, originally from Hackensack, New Jersey, was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1978 and USBC Hall of Fame for Superior Performance in 1990 as one of the sport's most dominant players through the 1960s and 1970s.

The talented left-hander joined the PBA Tour in 1964 and captured the first of his four major championships in 1965 at the PBA World Championship. He won 18 PBA Tour titles during his career.

Davis added a second win at the PBA World Championship in 1967 as part of a six-win season that placed him at the top of the tour's money list for the year and helped him be named Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year.

His third major victory occurred at the 1968 PBA Tournament of Champions. The win helped Davis become the youngest player to claim three majors (25 years and 43 days). The record stood until February 2022 when Anthony Simonsen won his third major at the U.S. Open (25 years and 31 days).

Davis' final major came at the 1975 PBA Tournament of Champions. He also recorded a runner-up finish at the U.S. Open in 1974 and had a top finish of fourth at the USBC Masters in 1970.

After turning 50, Davis continued to find success at the highest level on the PBA50 Tour. He collected five national titles on the senior circuit, including back-to-back wins at the USBC Senior Masters in 1995 and 1996. Fellow USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker is the only other competitor to successfully defend a title at the Senior Masters (2006 and 2007).

Another prominent victory for Davis came at the 1968 USBC Open Championships. He was able to claim the Classic Singles title with scores of 275, 235 and 231 for a 741 series.

Davis was named as a member of the Bowlers Journal All-American Team on five occasions between the 1965-1966 and 1975-1976 seasons, and his success on the lanes helped him earn the No. 19 spot on the list of the 50 greatest players in PBA history, published in 2009.