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### **Messenger** McEwan wins 2nd Career Major

At the 2019 PWBA U.S. Open Danielle McEwan won her second career major by defeating 201-199. "This was one of my top goals to win the Women's U.S Open" stated McEwan. This was McEwan's fifth career PWBA title. 40% of her titles are majors. The scores were not as low as what bowling fans might expect in the stepladder finals. McEwan doubled in the tenth frame to capture her second career major. During the preliminary round of the women's US Open. The leader would be changing all throughout the tournament. Liz Johnson the four-time champion of this tournament would be hoping to capture her fifth crown. Her chances looked good early on as she laid the 24 game lead after qualifying of match play. She would also be the only bowler to shoot a perfect game in the third round of qualifying. In match



play the lead would go back and forth between two bowlers. A top bowler could not take the tournament and run with it. The pattern was the same as in 2018, but the volume of oil was different. So other notable names were Carolyn Dorrin-Ballard, Shannon O'Keefe, Lindsay

2019 U.S Open Winner Danielle McEwan

Boomershine, and Clara Guerrero would cash make the top twenty-four. In the stepladder finals it was a high-scoring environment taking any where from 201 to 232. Tannya Roumimpier would earn the top seed for the stepladder finals. There were a total of 108 competing at this year's Women's Open.

2019 U.S. Women's Open At Texas Star Lanes, North Las Vegas, Nev. Sunday's results

#### FINAL STANDINGS

- 1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y.,
- 2, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, 199 (one game), \$10,000
- 3, Shannon O'Keefe, Shiloh, Ill., 458 (two games), \$7,700
- 4, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y., 405 (two games), \$6,600

5, Shannon Sellens, Long Beach, N.Y., 183 (one game), \$5,600 STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match No. 1 – Kuhlkin def. Sellens, 213-183 Match No. 2 – O'Keefe def. Kuhlkin, 233-192 Semifinal – McEwan def. O'Keefe, 229-225 Championship – McEwan def. Roumimper, 201-199

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## Liz Johnson has captured four U.S Open Winner Titles.

## **Spare Column**



#### PBA Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open Presented by 900 Global

There were a total of 55 bowlers competing at the Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open presented 900 Global. Defending Champion Devin Miller would lead the qualifying part with a score of +124 for seven games. His closest competitor was 71 pins by Mike Eaton, Jr. It would take a score of -2 to make the match play portion of the tournament. Brad Angelo would be the fourth place bowler to receive a one round bye. The top 4 qualifiers would be automatically seeded in the round of 8. While fifth through twelve would have to go through the duration of the tournament. In the round of 12, Tristan Butler of Fort Wayne, Indiana would go undefeated against David Harold, Jr. Averaging over 255.

The round of 8 saw Butler take on 2018 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Kamron Doyle. He would also defeat him two games to zero. JR Raymond thought that he had lost his match in the round of 8, but Mike Eaton, Jr failed to mark in the tenth to take a two games to zero. Raymond would win the third and final game. Brad Angelo would tie his first game of match play and defeat his opponent after tying 234. Angelo would go on to win his match to the final four.

The final four Angelo would take on Greg Young. Angelo would stay clean and take out Greg 227-199. JR Raymond would handily defeat Tristan Butler of Fort Wayne, Indiana 201-155. Angelo struck out in the 9th and 10th frame to advance to the title match. Young needed to stay clean to advance to the championship match. However, he would open in the tenth frame giving Angelo the victory and advance to the champion-ship to seek his third career PBA regional title.

In the Championship Match, Angelo started out strong by having a turkey. However he would leave a big four in the next two frames. Raymond could not jump on the opening that Angelo gave him. Raymond would really struggle in the championship match. He could not apply any pressure to Angelo's open frames back to back. The 2019 Country Club Lanes Central Mid West Open paid a total of \$9,750.00.

Tournament Statistics		
7 Game Cash #	-3 Tyler Wilds	
7 Game Cut #	-2 Alex Martin & David Har- old II	
7 Game Cut for One Round Bye	+42 Brad Angelo	
7 Game Leader for One Round Bye	+120 Devon Miller	

Championship Round Statistics High Game: 227 Brad Angelo Low Game: 155 Tristan Butler High Match: Angelo vs Young 227-199 Low Match: Angelo vs Raymond 195-167 Average Winning Game: 207.66

Greg Young 199		
	Brad Angelo 195	
Brad Angelo 227		]
	-	Brad Angelo
Tristan Butler 155	_	Champion
	JR Raymond 167	
JR Raymond 201		-



Brad Angelo-2019 Winner





### **Midwest Scratch Bowling Series: Pro Bowl West**

There were a total of twelve teams at the Midwest Scratch Bowl Series at Pro Bowl West on June 23rd. The lane pattern was the MSBS Taco pattern which is almost gutter-to-gutter and 41 feet in length. It plays more like the 2010 US Open pattern. The format was ten games of qualifying with the top four teams advancing to the eliminator finals. The total pinfall carried forward into the finals. It was a great and challenging event for the bowlers who could keep the ball in play and not leave any big splits.

The tournament leaders were averaging 215 after Joe Hutchings shot a 258 in the first qualifying game. In the third qualifying game, Eaton and Brown took both the individual and team Pot Prizes. It was tough for a team to shoot 400 for one game. Hill and Hutchings had the high game of 482 in game 1. Charlie Brown had a hard time with getting feel right in the ball during game 2. It was tight from the second seeded team to the fourth seeded team as they were only separated by 11 pins.

Hutchings and Hill shot a 349 in the first game of the eliminator round. Stevens and Kennard shot a 371 to knock out Kittrell/Hersha 347 and Brown/Eaton 357. They moved on to the championship eliminator against Hutchings and Hill. They started the final down 176 pins. However, Hutchings and Hill did not shoot themselves in the foot but scored a 411 against Stevens and Kennard's 369. They won the tournament by 217 pins and collected the top prize \$700.

ELIMANATOR MATCH PLAY					
Bowlers	Qualify- ing Total	Game 6	Total Score	Prize Fund	
(1) Hill/Hutchings	2152	349	2501		
(2) Stevens/Kennard	1954	371	2325		
(3) Hersha/Kittrell	1960	347	2307	\$180	
(4) Brown, Jr/Eaton, Jr	1949	357	2306	\$180	
	Championship Eliminator Game				
Bowlers	Total	Game 7	Total Score	Prize Fund	
Hutchins/Hill	2501	411	2912	\$700	
Steven/Kennard	2325	369	2694	\$350	

## **July Tournaments**

		Sweeper Events		
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	Date	Host Center	City	Entry
	Monday, July 1, 2019	Hillcrest Lanes	Belding, MI	\$40
	Tuesday, July 2, 2019	University Lanes	Albion, MI	\$40
r	Monday, July 8, 2019	South Lanes	Three Rivers, MI	\$40
	Tuesday, July 9, 2019	New Glass Bowl	Toledo, OH	\$40
	Thursday, July 11, 2019	300 Bowl	Waterford, MI	\$45
	Monday, July 15, 2019	Northway Lanes	Muskegon, MI	\$50
	Tuesday, July 16, 2019	Ten Pin Alley	Tecumseh, MI	\$40
	Thursday, July 18, 2019	Wayne Bowl	Wayne, MI	\$45
	Monday, July 22, 2019	Bronson Strike Zone	Bronson, MI	\$40
	Tuesday, July 23, 2019	Eastern Lanes	Northville, OH	\$40
9	Thursday, July 25, 2019	Universal Lanes	Warren, MI	\$45
r	Monday, July 29, 2019	Hudsonville Lanes	Hudsonville, MI	\$40

a		<b>Open Events</b>		
	Date	Host Center	City	Entry
	Saturday, July 6, 2019	Town and Country Lanes	Westland, MI	\$85

Small Town Challenge Events				
Date	Host Center	City	Entry	
Sat., July 27, 2019	Quick's Lanes	Plymouth, IN	\$75	



## **Spare Column**



#### PBA Pro Bowl West Central/MidWest Challenge

There were a total of 70 players at the 2019 Pro-Bowl West Central Midwest Challenge. The very first game Mike Eaton, Jr. would start off with a bang by scoring a 279. In the second game Charlie Brown, Jr would follow it up with a 269. He would also take game five with a 279. Games 3 &4 would see the scores drop down as Dale Cheer shot a 253 and Brandon Keirns would shot a 243. In game six local bowler Jeff Grego would have the high game of 255. The final game would have a high game of 255. This tournament would have a high scoring field throughout qualifying and match play. The cut number was at +26 by Brent Calhoun and Justin Knowles. Calhoun was struggling in the roll-off game. However Knowles was able to take advantage to make the cut. Chadler Stevens would be the tournament leader with a score of +206. This tournament was also able to give out byes to the top four qualifiers and one bye for the fifth through eighth. After the seven game qualifying round.

In the round of sixteen Justin Knowles would take out Joe Tomassoni two games to one. There would only be one match that went the distance and that was Michael Slabach and Michael Adams. Michael Adams would take down Slabach two games to one.

The next round saw fifth seed through eighth seed through the round of 16. This round was more of a battle as bowlers wanted to take on the top four seeds. Only a couple of the matches took only two games. The rest took three games.

Quarter finals saw the round of eight bowlers take on the top four qualifiers. Tournament leader Chandler Stevens would knock off his opponent two games to one. Charlie Brown, Jr would have no problem against local bowler Jeff Grego as he would defeat him two games to zero. Michael Bankert would defeat Victor Cortez two games to one. Cory Hines would defeat Marcus McClain two games to one.

In the semi-finals would get on the strike train, as he would defeat Charlie Brown, Jr 276 to 203. The other semi-final match was a strike fast as Stevens were striking. Stevens would come out on top by defeating Bankert 267 to 255. In the Championship match Cory Hines would defeat Chandler Stevens 276 to 193. Cory Hines however did not receive his PBA Title because he was not a PBA member.

Tourname		nip Round Statistics	
+ 7 Game Cash	Brent Calhoun +26		3 Chandler Stevens
+7 Game Cut	Justin Knowles +26		67-255 Stevens/Bankert 6-193 Hines/Stevens
7 Game Cut 1 Round Bye	Mike Eaton, Jr +99	Average Winnin	ng Game: 273
7 Game Leader 1 Round Bye	Victor Cortez +114		
7 Game Cut 2 Round Bye	Michel Bankert +142		
7 Game Leader 2 Round Bye	Chandler Stevens +206		0000
Chandler Stevens-267			
Michael Bankert-255	Chandler Stevens—193	Cory Hines	
Charlie Brown, Jr-203	Cory Hines-276	Champion	
Cory Hines- 276	•		Cory Hines-2019 ProBowl Winner



# **Tenth Frame Commentary**

## **A Bowlologist View of Tournaments**

Whether Pete Weber is winning his sixth U.S Open or Joe Bowler needs a double in the tenth to win \$500.00 to claim the sweeper title, every bowler wants to win a tournament. However, in each tournament there is only one winner that claims the tournament title. If a bowler is not able to win he or she wants to make some money for bowling half way decent. As a former tournament director, it is very hard to make sure that a majority of bowlers make a little something back in there pocket. For my tournament, my dad always said a bowler could bring one bill and get in everything including pot games and brackets. The difference between a pot game and bracket is the pot game is the high score of the entire tournament that paid the five dollar or ten dollar side pot fee. If a bowler shoots a 280 game but did not get in the side pot. It would go to the next guy. Who did get in the side pot, brackets are like the NCAA March Madness brackets. Bowlers can enter in as many as they want. However a tournament should limit the number of brackets that bowlers can get into and they should run unlimited of number of brackets. The bowler that shot the 280 would survive in all his brackets. If forty bowlers got in the ten dollar pot game. In a three game qualifier each winner would receive a \$100.00 because the tournament director probably pays the high three game total. Limiting the number of brackets that a bowler can get into does not allow one bowler to win all the money. However tournament directors need to consider what bowlers are coming. Do these bowlers bowl tournaments all the time. Is there going to be some PBA members what lane pattern do I want to have. If they want higher scores then they will want to have a house shot. If they want to have lower scores then they will want to have a PBA pattern. Tournament directors should talk about this with proprietor about a month or so out before the tournament, guaranteeing a first place prize to do. This is why bowlers see based on x amount of entries. First place will get a certain amount of money. This is how both bowlers in the tournament director's can make money. It should not cost a tournament director a arm & leg to run the tournament. Tournaments are fairly inexpensive to run. The bowling center is what drives the tournament prize fund down. The tournament director has to take two dollars per game for a \$50.00 entry fee. The number of games can dictate what the payout will absolutely do.

Finally but not in the least, is the tournament prize fund. Maybe I did not pay a thousand dollars on top. Bowlers were able to make their money back in the three game qualifier. If they bowled 700 in the first three games they were surely going to make the first cut and make a little bit of money on the side action. Even if they had a high game. They would win the pot game. Pot games are hard to win. It is only the top high score of a certain game that can win. Where as in brackets 240 game, they may not win the high game. But they would be able to survive in most of there brackets. So for example, for every bracket a bowler gets into they can win five times there money back. If they invest in a 100 dollars of worth of brackets, they could win up to five hundred dollars. By shooting a decent number of 690 series for three games they can perhaps double their money or triple their money. The prize fund is very tricky and time consuming to accomplish. The tournament director is looking at how much they need to pay the bowling center and the bowlers. One in four is a number that tournament directors ideally would like to achieve. However, for a tournament director it can be quite challenging. One in five is a good number to start. When I ran my tournaments I was paying one in four. The winner of the tournaments was not making thousands of dollars. Five to eight hundred dollars for a \$35.00 dollar entry fee tournament. I was able to pay almost six thousand dollars to about two-thirds of the bowlers. No one bowler could make all of the money in the tournament. This is how I think an amateur tournament should be paid, the same as the PBA bowlers. They should be making enough money to make a living by throwing a bowling ball. This is why Eddie Elias formed the PBA back in the 1958. Dick Weber was the first super star of the PBA Tour. He won a total of thirty PBA Tour Titles.