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Reno Welcomes Annual USBC Open Championships for Record 12th Time

RENO, Nev. — The National Bowling Stadium has played a big role in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Open Championships, and that tradition continued as the 111th edition of the tournament kicked off in The Biggest Little City in the World. Hundreds of bowlers, fans,

friends, family and dignitaries helped usher in the 2014 USBC Open Championships, which will run for 136 days, concluding July 13. It is the event's record 12th trip to Reno and ninth visit to the NBS.

As has been the tradition since 1951, Joe Bowler presided over the opening ceremony and helped offi-

cially start the tournament by throwing out the first ball. This year, the honor went to 63-year-old James Campton of Leavenworth, Kan., who knocked down five pins on his initial delivery.

"It was quite an experience," said Campton, who made his 16th Open Championships appearance overall and second on Opening Day. "I enjoyed it, and it was a lot of fun, but a little nerve-wracking, too. I'll say this much, it's something that I'll never forget."

The opening squad included the first of more than 9,000 teams that will make their way to the NBS for this year's Open Championships, one of a handful of events being held

in Reno in the coming months.

The 2014 USBC Women's Championships will return to the nearby Reno-Sparks Convention Center from April 11 until June 30. The RSCC also will welcome the XBowling Intercollegiate Singles and Team Championships (April 13-18), while the NBS hosts the USBC Queens, Senior Queens and Senior Championships in late June and early July.

The first night of the 2014 Open Championships also marked the first live stream broadcast of the year from Reno. There are nearly 30 broadcasts on the schedule, and they all will air on BowITV, which is being sponsored by Track.

IN THE NEWS

Sharon Schildroth Named USBC 'Youth Volunteer of the Year'

• SHARON SCHILDROTH of Grandville, Mich., has been named the United States Bowling Congress "Youth Volunteer of the Year" for her more than 30 years of service to youth bowling at the local, state and national levels. The prestigious award recognizes an adult volunteer who has displayed outstanding efforts to foster, organize and promote youth bowling. The award winner is determined by the International Bowling Campus Youth Committee.



SCHILDROTH

Schildroth, a former elementary school teacher, currently serves as the Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association Manager, and for the last 32 years has been the youth manager for the Michigan State USBC Youth.

She is a member of the Michigan State USBC WBA and Greater Grand Rapids Halls of Fame. She has received several awards and honors, including the Thomas W. McKay Award for Lifetime Service to Bowling in 2013.

Carmeletta Allen Wins MDUSBC Senior Queens at Bowl One Lanes

Carmeletta Allen of Highland Park won the Metro Detroit USBC Association Senior Queens with a 204-161 triumph over Sandra Schultz of Macomb at Taylor Lanes in Taylor.

Allen was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals with a four-game total of 893 on games of 219-217-233-224. Baldwin took home the top prize of \$160. Schultz was the second qualifier for the stepladder finals with 884. Schultz settled for \$135.

Schultz advanced to the finals with a 248-194 victory over defending champion Kim Baldwin of Redford. Baldwin earlier had defeated Michelle Turner of Detroit, 49-38, after tying at 173 to move on. Baldwin took home \$110 and Turner \$90 for their efforts.

This was the seventh year of the MDUSBC Senior Queens. Initial qualifying was done by senior women 50 years of age and older with their actual all-events of the recently completed MDUSBC Women's Championship. The top bowlers advanced to the qualifying finals.

Other cashers were Karen Whitmore of Detroit, Carolyn Wilson of Roseville, Martha Marshall of Ypsilanti and Melinda Hylton of Taylor. Each cashed for \$50.

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Todd James of East New Market, Md., added three memorable perfect games to his resume as he rolled 36 consecutive strikes for a 900 series at Bryan's Bowling Center in Laurel, Del.

The 31-year-old right-hander was bowling as a last-minute substitute in the Tuesday Night Mixed league and struck on every shot he threw to become the 23rd bowler in history to record a perfect series. The achievement is pending approval from the United States Bowling Congress and would be the 24th USBC-approved 900.

"I don't usually have any problems finding the shot there, but last night, I just couldn't get lined up in practice," James said. "I didn't throw a strike until the last shot, but then I was in the pocket the rest of the night."

James' longest string of strikes previously was 20, and once he got past that point, the nerves started to set in. As he got closer to the end of the third game, he also was in position for the center's strike jackpot, so everyone took notice.

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

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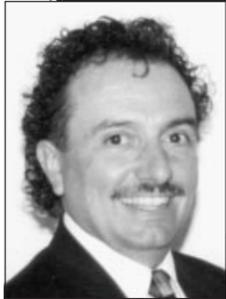
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By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• BEGINNING THIS season the averages to be submitted are the FINAL average of the league. This includes any special contests or playoffs.

League secretaries have been notified of this change.

Additionally league secretaries are requested to submit a copy of the final sheet of the league for our records when filing the final averages.

The cooperation of all is critical to com-

plete this process and make sure the records are accurate.

2014-15 SEASON CHANGES

• CONTRARY TO things you may have heard, the Metro Detroit USBC Association WILL provide an awards program to recognize our members for their achievements in the 2014-15 season.

ALL-CITY TEAMS

• THIS IS the time of year that we work on and finalize the process for the men's, senior men's, women's and senior women's all-city teams.

This is a very laborious task and your help is needed.

For the men's and senior men's categories games of 298, 299 and 300 receive points as does all 800 series.

For the women's and senior women's

categories games of 279 and better and series above 700.

In order that we don't miss any honor scores in the calculations, please contact the MDUSBC office if you think we're missing some of yours.

TOURNAMENT CHECKS

• PRIZE CHECKS for the Women's and Open Championship are scheduled to be mailed to the team captains on March 19. The prize list will be posted on www.mdusbc.com.

In the Women's Division some of the past calls we've gotten are from bowlers who placed high in both the actual and handicap prize lists. According to tournament rules, if a team or individual qualifies for both actual and handicap, they can cash for the higher amount only. In the event both amounts are the same, the prize will come from the actual prize list.

Also if a bowler or team wins the actual division of an event, but received a prize check from the handicap division the bowler or team will be honored as the association champion in that event.

Congratulations to all of the winners.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, May 18 at DeCarlo's Banquet Center at 1 p.m.

The banquet will honor youth tournament award winners, honor scores, scholarship winners and all-city recipients.

Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered from the Association office at (248) 443.2695.

AWARDS RECEPTION

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 17.

Dinner will be served first buffet style from 5:30 until 7 p.m. followed by the awards presentations.

Tickets are available for \$15 by calling the Association office at (248) 443-2695.

USBC CONVENTION

• THE UNITED States Bowling Congress annual convention will be held from April 23-25 in Reno, Nev.

During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations will vote on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing four new members of the board of directors. Additionally there will be several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention will be Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Sarita Dillard, Constance Fordyce, Lavern Hester, Mark Hurttgam, June Klix, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Dorothy Thompson and John Vorpapel.

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“Monday Mixers League” (12 Weeks) Starts May 12th @ 7:00 pm — \$12 per week per person includes a Free Bowling Ball!! (Don't need a ball but still want to bowl?? No Problem \$9 per week). Fun Session End Party with Prizes!!!

Wednesday — Over 40 Mixed Trio (13 Weeks) Starts May 14th @ 6:30 pm — 3 Person combo (one member of opposite sex). Competitive League with every member at least 40 Years of age. Super prize money & Jackpots!! **Must have a full team & sign up in advance

Thursday — Men's Classic Trio (14 Weeks) Starts May 15th @ 6:45 pm — \$16 Per week, per person. 3 Person team, competitive league, USBC Certified, \$30 Team entry (Goes directly to prize). Prize Money & Jackpots. 20+ Teams every year! (Handicap 80% of difference up to 630...100% over 630). \$1,500 1st Place Guaranteed!!!

“Thirsty Thursday Mixed Trio” (13 Weeks) Starts May 1st @ 7:00 pm

Friday — Mixed Doubles (13 Weeks) Starts May 16th @ 7:00 pm — \$18 Per week, Per person. 1 Man + 1 Woman = 1 Team. \$800 1st Place. Competitive League, BUT a lot of fun!! Great Group with Jackpots, League has handicap & session end battle of sexes & banquet. This League Fills Up Every Year — So Call us!

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6/28/14	OAK LANES	10 AM
JULY	STERLING LANES	10 AM
8/23/14	WONDERLAND LANES	10 AM
9/27/14	HAZEL PARK BOWL	10 AM
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• THE USBC will honor several people at its national convention at the end of April. This year the Metro Detroit USBC will have two national honorees who call our area home. Randy Shank and Sharon Schildroth will be awarded by the national office for their lifelong commitments to our sport.

Sharon Schildroth will be honored in April at the USBC National Convention. Sharon will be recognized as the USBC Youth Volunteer of the Year. She was named for this award by virtue of her more than 30 years of service to the youth bowlers in the state of Michigan. Sharon has served as the state youth secretary/association manager since the inception of the state organization. She is a constant supporter of all things that are youth bowling in Michigan.

Sharon started on her path in bowling under the tutelage of her mother, Detroit Hall of Fame member and former DWBA President, Dorothy Thompson. Sharon would become a bowler, coach, administrator, board member and leader in the Detroit area. Last July, despite now being a resident of the west side of the state, she volunteered alongside her husband, Roger, to work the Junior Gold events in this area. Last fall in consideration of her past and present work in the Detroit association,

Sharon received the Thomas McKay Award for lifetime service to bowling. Sharon was also a previous recipient of the Howard W. McCullough award for distinguished service to youth bowling which is presented by the Old Timers Association of Detroit.

In addition to her many contributions to youth bowling, Sharon is the current association manager of the Michigan State USBC Women's Bowling Association, secretary/treasurer of the Michigan State Bowling

Council, and an avid bowler. Shortly after receiving her award at the convention, Sharon will be honored at her 40th consecutive WIBC/USBC Women's Championship Tournament. She is also a past president of the Grand Rapids USBC and a member of that association's Hall of Fame.

Randy Shank is the proprietor of Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. Randy will be honored in April by the USBC as the Proprietor of the Year. In the Detroit area he has long been a leader on the business side of the game. He sits on the Bowling Centers Association of Michigan (BCAM) Board of Directors and serves as a Regional Director on the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA). Randy is also a member of the Michigan State Bowling Council.

Sunnybrook has been the host of many bowling events including the Junior Gold events of last summer. Randy, his wife, Cheryl, and his staff are ready, willing and able to help in ways that go above and beyond in all the events that the center has hosted at the local, state, and national levels. Sunnybrook has hosted high school competitions both as a home center and a regional and state championship center.

The center is the home center for the team from Adlai Stevenson High School in Sterling Heights. In that capacity Randy and staff

serve as the home field for the team and their practice center. Sunnybrook has long been a favorite tournament site for Michigan High School Athletic Association regional and state finals in bowling competition. The center has hosted a division competition each year since the onset of varsity bowling in the state. On the local USBC side Sunnybrook has hosted the MDUSBC youth championships many times since Randy purchased the center in 1997.

Randy has been recognized for his efforts with the George Prybyla Industry Award for outstanding contributions by a bowling proprietor or manager in the MDUSBC. He is also a member of the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame and the Michigan High School Interscholastic Bowling Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to both Sharon and Randy on their well-deserved recognition at the national level. On the local and state level we have known they were stars for a long time.

MICHIGAN 500 CLUB

• THE 38th annual Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club Tournament will be held Saturday, June 7. The tournament will take place at Airport Lanes in Jackson. Airport Lanes is the home of the first recognized Michigan 900 series. The competition will be held in two squads and in four average classes. The squad times are 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. To compete in the tournament you must be a member of the Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club. Membership is available for any female bowler who has bowled a 500 series in a certified bowling league or tournament. The membership fee is \$5. The en-

try fee for the tournament is \$23, which includes the club's annual dues.

New this year is the ability for a member to bowl in both squads of the tournament for an additional \$20. Each division champion receives prize money and a trophy. The club's annual meeting follows the last squad of the tournament. Any additional information can be obtained through the club's secretary/treasurer at 313-292-6538 or at michwomens500club@gmail.com. The club is on Facebook: Michigan Women's 500 Bowling Club.

SAVE THE DATE: The Detroit 600 Club will take to the lanes on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. The tournament will be held at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. The tournament is open to members of both the Detroit and Pontiac 600 Bowling Clubs. The entry fee is \$22 for the event. This is a one-squad tournament open to bowlers who have had a 600 series in a certified league or tournament. Membership or additional information or entries can be obtained by contacting the club secretary Ann Block at 313-292-6538. Until next time!

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TIPS FROM THE PROS



By **CHERYL DANIELS**

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• BOWLING IS a game that requires good eye-hand coordination. In sports like bowling, golf and pool, your alignment with your target is very critical.

Years ago the very first bowling lanes and approaches did not have lane markings on the approach or the lanes. Now every bowling center has a configuration of dots and arrows to help you aim more precisely instead of aiming directly at the pins.

The dots on the lanes are closest to the foul line and located about eight feet from the foul line. The arrows are the farthest from the foul line and are located 15 feet beyond the foul line. But in today's game there is another less visible target that is used by many of the professionals and that is the area known as your "break point."

(1) First the dots. I tend to use the dots when I am playing an outside line like the gutter or when I am trying to get the ball into an earlier roll. If the lanes are really dry and you need to play inside I do not suggest aiming at the dots.

(2) The arrows are probably the most commonly used target and are located on every fifth board. The principle behind aiming at the arrows instead of the pins is that it

is easier to aim at something 15 feet away than directly at the pins that are 60 feet away.

I feel personally that it is easier to get the ball longer down the lane the further you look. I will discuss using the breakpoint as your target last. The dots on the approach will help you find the proper starting point for your feet in relationship to your target. The dots on the approach are located on every fifth board just like the arrows.

Unlike the arrows sometimes the set of dots on the approach can vary. Some approaches have five dots and some have seven dots. The basic rule of thumb is to keep 10 boards between your left instep and your strike target. Example if you are standing on the 15th board you would aim at the first arrow or fifth board. If you stand on the 20th board you would aim at the second arrow or the 10th board.

(3) The last target which is less visible is the breakpoint, which is the area in the back part of the lane where your ball changes direction and heads toward the strike pocket. The power players will use this method be-



cause it is a way to be more precise with a big sweeping hook shot. If a big hook player can consistently get the ball to this area down the lane they know that they can get a consistent ball reaction.

You may have to look 30 to 40 feet down the lane. I have been on conditions on tour where I have had to look 45 down the lane. For the higher average bowlers I suggest that you experiment with using the different markings on the lane to help you adjust to different lane conditions and

how you throw the ball.

◆ Send Questions to Cheryl Daniels, P.O. Box 252, Novi, MI 48376 or e-mail me at "shebe@freeway.net" or visit www.cheryldaniels.com.

Norm Duke Turns 50, to Make Pba50 Debut

The PBA50 Tour will make its 2014 debut April 12-15 when Lane Glo Bowl hosts the Pasco County Open in New Port Richey, Fla. Norm Duke, who still holds the PBA record as the youngest player ever to win a PBA Tour title, will join the ranks of 50-and-older players 31 years after that memorable event. Duke was 18 years and 345 days old when he defeated Tom Milton of St. Petersburg, Fla., 238-204, to win the 1983 Cleveland Open.

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Aaron Lorincz Completes Triple Crown at Mayflower Lanes

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's first "Major" of the year was held at Mayflower Lanes in Redford March 15-16. One of the MMBA's youngest stars, Aaron Lorincz of Saginaw, added his name to the list of "Triple Crown" winners by defeating Frank Snodgrass of Roseville three games to one at our annual Match Game Championship. Only Gene Stus and Larry Walker have accomplished this feat.

Lonnie Jones of Ann Arbor and Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights paced the field of 43

bowlers with a six-game qualifying score of 1442. The cut score to make the 16-man semifinal match game bracket was a six-game qualifying score of 1243.

Frank Snodgrass started match play on Saturday afternoon as the 11th seed and eliminated sixth seed Scott Christie, 2-1, 191-210, 238-215, 237-209. Snodgrass faced Abed Daher of Dearborn in his first match on Sunday and won 2-0 in a couple of close games, 236-212, 239-231.

In the semifinal round Snodgrass de-



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feated Mike Chism of Farmington Hills 2-0, 239-180, 196-165 to move into the championship match. Aaron Lorincz started match play as the fourth seed and defeated Terry Dockery of Fraser 2-1 in a close match 175-166, 194-211, 244-206.

The first match on Sunday Lorincz matched up against Todd Sim of Belle River, Canada. This match couldn't have been any closer. Lorincz won the first game 236-214 and Sim won game two, 214-205. The deciding game came down to the 10th frame.

Sim needed a double to win the game and got the first strike, however, came up light on the second shot leaving a 2-pin. With the spare conversion both players ended up tied 254-254. Sim started the ninth and 10th frame roll-off leaving the 3-6 spare and failed to convert. Lorincz stepped up and threw a strike in his ninth frame and 10th to shut the door on Sim 47-39.

Lorincz lined up nicely in his semifinal match against Corey Miller of Grand Blanc. Lorincz started with the front eight in game

one to win, 259-215, then started with the front eight in game two to win easily, 279-233. The championship match is a best three-out-of-five games and looked like it would be a shootout as Snodgrass captured game one, 280-247.

In game two the scores came down for both players as the lanes transitioned with Lorincz grinding out a 214-182 victory to even the match at a game a piece. Lorincz pounded the pocket in game three and was rewarded with a 249-224 win taking a 2-1 lead.

In game four Lorincz again was in the pocket in but couldn't put strikes together. In the 10th frame Lorincz needed a mark to shut the door and missed a 10-pin to open the door for Snodgrass. Snodgrass needed a double in the 10th but came up high on his first, ending his day with another second-place finish. Snodgrass finished second last month at Sterling Lanes.

For Lorincz, this was not only his fifth MMBA title in his young career but also completed the triple crown which includes wins at the Match Game, Championship, and Tournament of Champions. Lorincz received the first-place check of \$1,000 along with a beautiful trophy provided by Pro Am Bowling and Trophy. Snodgrass received a check for \$500 for his second-place finish.

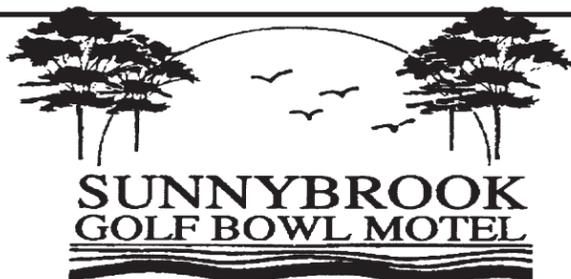
A big thank you to Vicki Ingham and the rest of the staff at Mayflower Lanes for their support and hospitality. I would also like to recognize our great sponsors, A.J. Mathews of West Side Distributors, Bill DeFrance of General Maintenance Works and, of course, Storm Products. Our next tournament will be held at Wayne Bowl in Wayne on April 19th with a start time of 10 a.m.

• THE FINAL standings at Mayflower Lanes — Aaron Lorincz (Saginaw) \$1,000, Frank Snodgrass (Roseville) \$500, Corey Miller (Grand Blanc) \$250, Mike Chism (Farmington Hills) \$250, Abed Daher (Dearborn) \$180, Todd Sim (Belle River, Canada) \$180, Robert Mireles (Lansing) \$180, Adam Dee (Birmingham) \$180, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$120, Lonnie Jones (Ann Arbor) \$120, Scott Christie (Southgate) \$120, Ryan Nelson (Clinton Twp.) \$120, Kurry Crayton (Pontiac) \$120, Justin O'Hara (Westland) \$120, Terry Dockery (Fraser) \$120, Nick Wissinger (Clinton Twp.) \$120.

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Bowling Was Alive and Well at Least a Century and a Half Ago

• IDLE BOWLING thoughts:

Bowling is one of the most documented of sports, since it became organized. We have almost all the records of what transpired from the time the American Bowling Congress was formed in 1895 and the Women's International Bowling Congress in 1916 and the other bowling groups founded later.

There are voluminous tournament records to tell about the events that followed the first ABC tourney in 1901.

But we only have dribs and drabs of what bowling was like in the earlier years, and every now and then a new tidbit turns up. Stories about the Civil War often reveal bowling notes. For instance, in 1861, an artillery group was shipped from Petersburg, Va., to Norfolk, Va. The report noted, "After they stepped off the train in Norfolk, some of the men camped in tents, while others bunked in an old tenpin alley." Imagine, an "old" tenpin alley way back in 1861.

In 1864 a popular resort in Kittrell's Springs, N.C., was utilized as a hospital.

After the war, and after various uses, it was reopened in 1872 as a vacation haven. The owner announced, "Pleasure seekers may find here a healthy, pleasant, quiet retreat. We have a large ballroom and good music, with Croquet, Billiards, Ten-Pins, Shooting Gallery and Bathing."

So, bowling was alive and well, and an attraction, at least a century and a half ago. * * *

Butch Soper, had one of the best years of his long part-of-a-century pro career in 1994 at age 45, including a 300 game on TV. Soper comes up big for the little guys. At 5-foot-6 and less than 150, he rolled that high, hard one down the lane. When he first started bowling he was so small he had to use both hands to roll the ball. He preceded the two handed stars by more than 20 years. * * *

The nightmare that haunts all top bowlers is that their last big game will be their last big game. * * *

The Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum is a firm fixture in Texas. But before that site was settled upon, a total of 31 cities in 17 states expressed interest in being the home of one the finest of all sports museums. in St. Louis, quarterbacked by Nick Mormando. * * *

Nothing shortens a long bowling story

more quickly than the unexpected arrival of the bowler who unknowingly was the central figure of the former long story. * * *

Joe Hutchinson, one of the most popular bowlers on tour over the years and also one of the most observant and vocal, points out, "Though bowling seems to be the same, there are constant changes in rules, in equipment, both personal and in the bowling center, and in techniques. In fact, if you stayed away from bowling 20 years or so, the only thing you would recognize when you came back would be the excuses." * * *

If you have a bowler in your league who still shines up his or her bowling ball after every shot, don't make a big deal out of it. Just ask them what else they got for their birthday. * * *

An older league bowler won the admiration of all the other bowlers in his league when he went back to school to study languages and math and through great sacrifice in time and money, won advanced degrees. He felt those 10 years of night school



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were well worth it when he was the only team captain able to put his team's lineup down in Latin and keep score in Roman Numerals.

And he continued to feel great about the whole thing until that fateful day when he walked into the bowling center and on one set of lanes was an engineer's league, right next to the doctor's circuit, which was next to the priest's league. * * *

When you mentioned the late Billy Hardwick in the early 1960s, it was usually followed by a laugh. He was so

bad in the beginning that first he was advised, then urged, then begged to quit for his own good. He didn't earn a dime the first year, and the odds seemed to be that he wouldn't earn a dime in the next 50 years. But he stuck to it, earned millions and millions of dimes, and enough titles to be elected to both the ABC and PBA Halls of Fame. He also was voted 12th all-pro.

So never laugh too easily and too hard. Often, today's clown, laughing stock, or unknown is tomorrow's hero. And it's the last laugh that counts most. Hardwick was truly a man for all bowling seasons.

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