One of Bowling’s All-Time Greats
Bowling World Mourns Death of USBC and PBA Hall-of-Famer Don Carter, 85

Arlington, Texas — Don Carter, one of the most prominent and successful players in the sport of bowling, died at his home in Miami. Carter, who had recently been hospitalized with pneumonia complicated by emphysema, was 85. A United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fame member, Carter dominated major bowling tournaments during the 1950s and early 1960s. He won four Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America All-Star (now U.S. Open) titles, five World Invitational titles, the inaugural PBA National Championship and the USBC Masters to become the first bowler to complete the sport’s Grand Slam. “Don Carter was a tremendous competitor, a pioneer for professional bowling and one of the greatest ambassadors of our sport,” USBC Executive Director Stu Upton said. “He was an amazing person and truly will be missed.” Carter was selected as Bowler of the Year six times by the Bowling Writers Association of America, named to the Bowlers Journal All-American team 11 times and was voted Greatest Bowler of All Time by Bowling magazine’s panel of ex-

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Wednesday, January 11, 2012

Association Annual Meeting Jan. 15 in Southfield

Along with the December sheets a list of bowlers registered in their league who had not paid their membership fees in any league according to our records. While many of these have been resolved some are still lingering. There are many reasons why this situation may have occurred. One reason could be a lack of linking two bowlers with similar names together. One card may have been received with a first name of Charles, while the other may be Chuck or some other name the bowler goes by. Remember the Metro Detroit USBC Association database has over 350,000 names in it, so sometimes it is difficult for us to figure it out. It also causes extreme difficulty when the December 31st sheet comes in with added bowlers and no application cards for the bowler. Many times they only come in with a first initial and last name. Do you know how many James Smith’s there are in the USBC? Believe it or not there are 365 of them. League secretaries when you get this letter about the bowlers get the information requested and mail or fax it back to us. We want to make sure everyone is accounted for.

** YOUTH TOURNAMENT KICKS OFF **

THE METRO Detroit USBC Youth Tournament began Jan. 8 at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights. Many previous bowlers are already entered, however there are still several youth programs that have sent bowlers in the past that are not entered as yet.

The event is comprised of four handicap and one scratch division for the team, doubles and singles events. Team and Doubles can be comprised of all female, all male or mixed competing against their own division. Handicap is comprised on 90 percent from 210 in the handicap divisions.

Other dates for the tournament are Jan. 15, 19, 25, Feb. 5, 12 and 26. Squad times are 9 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information on availability contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695, ext. 105.

** MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS **

ENTRY BLANKS for the MDUSBC Masters and MDUSBC Senior Masters tournaments have been mailed to all of last year’s entrants. The entry blanks are now available to the general public. Sponsors of the events are Turbo 2-N-1 Grips and Turbo Tech. Red Robin Restaurants of Michigan and Ansara’s Big Boy Restaurants. Additionally Eastown Printing sponsors the Senior Masters.

The Masters will be held at Century Bowl in Waterford Township, located at 7345 Highland Rd. The date for qualifying is Jan. 21-22 with match play on Jan. 26-29. The entry fee is $150 with a first prize of $4,000 and second of $2,000 based on 140

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entries. Mason Brantley is the defending champion.

The field will be limited to the first 160 entries so it is critical for returning entrants to send their entry fee and blank in as soon as it is received.

The Senior Masters will be held at Rosebowl Lanes in Roseville, located at 28001 Groesbeck Hwy. The date for qualifying is Feb. 11 with match play on Feb. 12 & 18.

Rick Vittone of Canada is the defending champion. The entry fee is $120 with a first prize of $3,000 and a second of $1,500 based on 140 entries.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association will conduct Annual Women’s & Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., Feb. 4 through March 4 at Cherry Hill Lanes in Dearborn Heights. Squad times are 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

For the Women’s Championship there are three average divisions (149 and under, 150-169 average and 170 average and up). The cost is $22 per person per event and a $2 all-events fee. The Women’s Championship is open to all female members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2010-11 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

For the Open Championship the cost is $150 per team for teams with a team average of 1001 or more and $125 for teams with a team average of 1000 or under. Doubles and Singles are $25 per person per event and a $10 all-events fee. The Open Championship is open to all members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2010-11 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association or have 21 games or more in the current season in MDUSBC as of the time of bowling.

In the Open Championship bowlers can bowl as many times as they wish in the team, doubles and singles events. They can even bowl with the same exact lineup twice, but only cash once with that lineup. To bowl other times a team can compete by changing two bowlers. In doubles the same two players can bowl together twice, but only cash once. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

For more information on the MDUSBC tournaments call the MDUSBC office at (888) 753-6350.

Metro Detroit USBC Women’s Series Will Finish in Style

The Metro Detroit USBC Association Women’s Series will finish the season with an invitational tournament and a banquet hosted at the historic Detroit Athletic Club.

The top 16 point getters will be invited to participate in a special bowling event on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at the eight-lane center in Detroit.

At the conclusion of the event a banquet will be held with the presentation of the “cup” and checks to the top 15 point getters.

The banquet is made possible with the assistance from Innes & Lotus.

Further details regarding the event and banquet will be announced at a later date.

The Metro Detroit USBC Association serves over 60,000 adult and youth bowlers in the Metropolitan Detroit market and is the largest local association of the United States Bowling Congress.

Rip 10 Entertainment is headquartered in Utica, Mich. and operates Shelby Lanes in Utica and Van Dyke Bowl in Sterling Heights.

Storm Products Acquires Master Industries

Storm Products, Inc., recently announced the acquisition of Master Industries, “There is a great synergy between Storm Products, Inc. and Master Industries,” commented Bill Chrisman, owner of Storm Products, Inc. “This will be a great fit for our company.”

The acquisition of Master Industries will solidify Storm’s foundation in bowling and make the consumer product line more complete.

“We will continue Bill Norman’s vision of ‘Made in the USA’ by Master craftsmen,” commented Chrisman. The manufacturing plant in Irvine will remain open and operate under the name Master Industries Worldwide; it will continue to produce and grow the current product line.

For more information on the acquisition of Master Products stay tuned to stormbowling.com.
Bowling Has Changed in the Past 10 Years

As we complete a new decade, USBC begins to speed with the industry but alongside BPAA staff members, dedicated staff that not only works hard for the USBC, but also strives to make the game better for all. Stu has brought himself up to speed with the industry incredibly fast, but has shown the passion and care for bowling at nearly the same level as the veterans of the game he is surrounded by. Stu has compiled a very dedicated staff that not only works hard for USBC, but also helps drive the future of the game forward.

So while we say good-bye to 2011, we say hello to new and exciting changes in our sport. I know there are people involved who truly love bowling and are working very hard to make sure that bowling continues to prosper for all of the organizations involved, and that children will embrace bowling so that as the members who have participated during those “golden” years continue to decline, the youth of today will become the bowlers of the future so that our sport continues.

So your New Year’s resolution this year should be to bring someone back to bowling that may have left for various reasons that no longer are an issue, ask someone to bowl who has never bowled, take a child bowling for the first time, or introduce a child to a youth league. Or maybe show your support for one of the many High School Bowling teams, it may be your old alma mater, which now has a bowling program. Donate old equipment to these teams, because they can use your help.

You can also vow to support Metro Detroit USBC fundraising efforts, such as Bowl for the Cure Month in February. Come and bowl at Fairlakes in Madison Heights on February 25th, or if you can’t make it, donate an item to be auctioned off during the event, or buy a raffle ticket when an MDUSBC director asks you to support this cause against breast cancer and Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

On behalf of all of us at Metro Detroit USBC, we wish a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year. May all your hits be good ones!

Missouri Team Breaks USBC Five-Player Record

so I immediately began to calm down,” said Council, who bowled anchor and stepped up in the final frame to secure the record for the Buckets on Deck team. “I took a gazillion deep breaths and probably stayed on the approach for 10 minutes. After the next strike, everybody pretty much tackled me on the approach. I’ve never been that nervous before. Everyone was still telling me to calm down because I had 300 going, but at that point, I didn’t care about that.”

The O.T. Hill’s team included Jim Hankemeyer (278), Mike Goodin (279), 1981 USBC Masters champion and current Lindenwood assistant coach Randy Lightfoot (278), Professional Bowlers Association Tour champion Leroy Hornbom (278) and John Weber (300), the second-oldest of USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Dick Weber’s three sons.

“I trained them well, and I couldn’t have been happier,” Lightfoot said. “I’m not surprised one bit by their performance. I do think it’s cool that there is a connection between us. It’s like a generational passing of the torch.”

Buckets on Deck’s record score came between games of 995 and 1,058 for a 3,487 series. The highest five-player team series in USBC history is 3,937 by Pro Bowl West of Chattanooga, Tenn., in 2009.

Five-Player Team Game

1,434 — Buckets on Deck, St. Peters, Mo., Nov. 30, 2011
1,413 — O.T. Hill’s, St. Charles, Mo., Feb. 15, 2001
1,411 — E.C.N., Wichita, Kan., March 3, 2010
1,410 — Golden Harvest No. 4, Springfield, Ill., May 1, 1993
1,405 — Oregon Ducks, West Palm Beach Fla., April 11, 2011

Five-Player Team Series

3,937 — Pro Bowl West, Chattanooga, Tenn., March 30, 2009
3,934 — Limo Exchange, New Castle, Del., April 1, 2004
3,915 — Hammer/The American Bowler, Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 9, 2010
3,905 — Print Mark Industries, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Feb. 10, 2001
3,903 — Goehalla Auto Body, W Hazleton, Pa., March 4, 2011

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Patience Needed as USBC ‘Smoothes Road’

By CHUCK PEZZANO
Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

• IDLE BOWLING thoughts:

It is amazing that people find it difficult to understand why the merger that created the United States Bowling Congress has run into some sharp pebbles in smoothing the road. You can’t take more than 100 years of habits and experiences, millions of bowlers, hundreds of paid workers, hundreds of thousands of volunteer workers, a changing sport and business, and expect all the pieces to fit together as quickly as a first grader’s puzzle. Patience not only is needed, it is a must from all involved.

Bowling balls are expensive, but they always were. Back in 1897 the newest rubber-bowling balls sold for $1.50. For many, that was more than a week’s pay. And those good looking high top bowling shoes set you back anywhere from two to five bucks, but they lasted for years and years. An old newspaper clipping, dated Oct. 25, 1897, reported that Detroit had four bowling leagues that year. In three of them “palm” balls were used, and in a newly formed six-team circuit the new “finger” balls were used. And here we are, 110 years later, and the rage in some areas is two handed palm bowling.

Watch the great instructors in action. They not only teach, they inspire.

A very little boy told me about the match he had against one of his friends. It was close all the way until he knocked down a pin in the seventh frame to win out, 1-0. Good guys never finish last, not if they are good enough.

A true handicap system works only when those given handicaps are handicapped on their true ability, and not on their often fiction averages. There always should be a minimum unless the bowler is handicapped in some way. If a bowler is not interested enough in the sport to at least attain the average average of all league bowlers then they should accept minimum average requirements or not be allowed to win anything more than praise. Sometimes, in the quest for as many entries as possible, too much consideration in the area of free pins is the easy way out.

Almost every bowler throws away at least one point in average each year by not fully concentrating on the fill ball in the final frame. If another bowler does it you call it an error or a mistake. If you do it, it is called practical experimentation that failed. My nomination for the most articulate person in the world remains the bowling instructor who can give expert advice — without taking his or her hands out of a pocket.

The fact that the USBC team tournaments, formerly ABC and WIBC, draw more than 10,000 five-player teams each year, no matter where they are contested, speaks volumes about the sport, because no sport can match the long history of such dedicated participation. Try them if you haven’t already, and you’ll discover the lure of the tournament lanes.

W.C. Fields once said, “Start every day with a smile and get it over with.” Do the same with every game you bowl.
Choose the Right Equipment; Line Up Properly

Quick Tips:
1) Miss pocket to left, move feet and target right.
2) Miss pocket to right, move feet and target left.
3) Walk straight, if you start on center dot finish on center dot.
4) Keep eight to 10 boards from center of body and target. e.g. stand on center dot aim at second arrow.

Before saying it is the lanes, try to match up your equipment and get in the right area. Remember, bowling is a game and sport and requires some skill, technique and adjustments. That is the challenge.

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Husted, Monacelli, Baker and Davidson Elected to USBC Hall

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Husted said: “I have a lot of respect for the Bill Lilockets and all those greats. So to be able to say that I am in the PBA Hall of Fame and the USBC Hall of Fame is pretty strong and very humbling.”

Husted, who owns 26 PBA regional titles and was the ninth player to reach $1 million in career earnings, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1996. He earned back-to-back Steve Nagy Sportmanship awards in 1988 and 1989, and was a four-time Bowling Magazine first-team All-American. He is a member of the Portland BA and Oregon BA Halls of Fame.

Monacelli, 50, of Venezuela, won 19 PBA Tour titles from 1987-2005. In addition to the Touring Players Championship title in 1989, he won the Japan Cup twice (1987, 1995). He is among the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History (No. 21) and was elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1997.

“Benny definitely is something I wanted to achieve at some point in my career,” Monacelli said. “Now my dream is to win the USBC Masters in the same year as my USBC Hall of Fame induction.”

Monacelli won back-to-back PBA Player of the Year awards in 1989 and 1990, and has totaled more than $2 million in PBA earnings. In 1999, he was ranked fourth among Venezuela’s top athletes of the century.

Baker, 57, of King, N.C., won 10 PBA Tour titles between 1980 and 2004, including the PBA World Championship in 2004. On the PBA Senior Tour, he has won nine titles, including four majors. He won back-to-back Senior U.S. Open titles in 2005 and 2006 and back-to-back USBC Senior Masters titles in 2006 and 2007.

“I’ve done a lot in my career, but this is one thing I was really hoping to get,” Baker said. “I’ve been doing this for so long, so to be recognized by my peers as one of the best just feels great.”

Baker, who was voted the 40th Greatest Player in PBA History in 2008, was the PBA Senior Tour Rookie of the Year in 2005. He won four consecutive PBA Senior Tour Player of the Year awards from 2005-2008. He is a member of the Buffalo (N.Y.) BA Hall of Fame as well as the Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame.

Davidson, 45, of Buellton, Calif., won nine Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour/Professional Women’s Bowling Association titles from 1988-2003, including the 1991 USBC Queens, the 1993 U.S. Women’s Open, and the Sam’s Town Invitational in 2000. Her Sam’s Town Invitational title completed the PWBA’s “Triple Crown” of major victories. She was named PWBA Rookie of the Year in 1985.

“I am really touched by this,” Davidson said. “Throughout my whole career as a pro, this is where I wanted to end up. Knowing you’re in the Hall of Fame for the rest of your life is just amazing. So I am extremely excited and happy.”

Davidson has six top-10 finishes at the USBC Women’s Championships, where she won the 2011 Scratch All-Events title. She is the only woman to shoot both an 800 series and a 300 game at the Women’s Championships. She is a member of the Southern California BA Hall of Fame.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former ABC and WIBC Halls of Fame. With the nine new inductees, there will be 394 members of the USBC Hall of Fame - 262 in Performance, 114 in Meritorious Service and 20 Pioneers.

- FOR MORE information on the USBC Hall of Fame, visit BOWL.com/hof.

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FIRST EVENT AT THUNDERBOWL JAN. 14
Budweiser Michigan Majors Kicks-Off 46th Year

By KEN CHARRETTE

THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association will be starting the 46th year of bowling excellence on Jan 14, 2012. The first tournament will be held at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The starting time is 10 a.m. The defending champion is Rick Schultz.

First we will have a year in review for 2011. Craig Nidiffer gave chase for most titles won in one year. He fell one short, as he became the ninth member to win three titles in one year. Bob Stempien won four titles in 1985. The others winning three titles in one year — Jack Trelor (1968); Dick Beattie (1972, 1979, 1980); Jerry Holt (1982); Dale Strike (1993); Kerry Kreft (1993); Chuck Bork (1998); Harry Stallins (2002); John Nolen (2004).

There were 1939 games in the qualifying round and two in the finals. This brought a grand total of 469 in the qualifying and 148 in the finals.

Dale Hofmeister just keeps rolling along. He won his 17th title at Plaza Lanes to increase the all-time record of titles won in the 45-year history of the MMBA. He also shattered the 10-game qualifying record with a 2630 score in the Tournament of Champions.

The “Triple Crown” winners were — Craig Nidiffer, Match Game Championship; Larry Walker, Championship (third time he won this title and Larry, along with Gene Stus are the only members to win all three legs of the “Triple Crown”); Bob Chamberlain Jr. won the Tournament of Champions.

First time winners — Jeff Edwards, Abed Daher, Doug Mazurco and George Jurczyk. There were no rookies to win a title in 2011.

The 2011 Championship was dedicated to Dick Beattie. The yearly prestigious awards were won by — Craig Nidiffer, Bowler of the Year; Chris Steward, Rookie of the Year; Scott Christie, Bob Garrett Sportsman Award. Jeff Roche received the highest award of all. He became the 62nd member to be inducted into the Michigan Majors Hall of Fame.

It was indeed a good year. The Budweiser Michigan Majors is looking for a bigger and better year in 2012. The Board of Directors voted as an incentive that bowlers joining by the Jan. 14 tournament at Thunderbowl can join at a cost of $40. This is a savings of $20 on the yearly dues.

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I want to extend to everyone a very happy and healthy New Year.

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Belmonte Fires 300, Earns 4th Berth in PBA World Championship

LAS VEGAS — A funny thing happened to Australian two-handed star Jason Belmonte in Sunday’s Mike Aulby Division telecast on ESPN. He recorded the 21st nationally-televised 300 game in Professional Bowlers Association history, but it was a sub-200 game that earned him a trip to the Jan. 15 PBA World Championship final round.

Belmonte, who won his only PBA Tour title in the 2009 Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic, followed his game-two perfect effort with a less-than-perfect 196-179 victory over Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, to capture the final berth in the World Championship finals at South Point Hotel Exhibition Hall.

Each of the divisional elimination contests consist of three one-game rounds, starting with four players. The lowest-scoring player after each game is eliminated.

During the ESPN telecast, Belmonte was fortunate to survive the opening game. Kretzer’s 231 led the opening round. Mike Fagan of Dallas was second with a 194. Belmonte struggled through a pair of open frames for a 188, but PBA rookie Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz., had even more problems in his PBA television debut, posting a 139 game to get eliminated.

Belmonte righted his ship in game two, however, earning a $10,000 bonus for his perfect game. Kretzer’s second consecutive 231 game was enough to eliminate Fagan, who started with five strikes but failed to convert the 3-6-10 in the ninth frame and finished with a 220.

Belmonte maintained his poise into the final game, striking on four of his first five shots. He failed to convert the 5-10 and 6-7-10 splits in the eighth and ninth frames, but by that time, Kretzer’s inability to string strikes proved to be his downfall.

“The struggle was to forget about the 300 because you have one more game to bowl,” Belmonte said. “You kinda want those games as your last game, not second-to-last, but I was so thrilled it was difficult to put it behind me and work on the next game. I actually thought about it in the second frame. It just popped into my head and I threw a really bad shot. But the next three or four frames were OK, so I kind of loosened up.

“Then the lanes started playing tricks with me, but Brian was having troubles as well. I was fortunate he didn’t find the look that would allow him to strike. If that game had gone on another four or five frames, I don’t know what would have happened.”

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• BELMONTE WILL now join Finland’s Osku Palermaa, winner of the Don Carter Division; Ryan Shafer of Horseheads, N.Y., winner of the Billy Hardwick Division, and Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., winner of the Johnny Petraglia Division in the World Championship finals on ESPN on Sunday, Jan. 15, at 1 p.m. At stake will be a $50,000 first prize, the first major title of the 2011-12 PBA Tour season, and a berth in the Round of 36 for the end-of-season PBA Tournament of Champions.

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• THE AULBY finals were conducted on the PBA’s Shark lane condition, selected by Belmonte as the high qualifier in his group.

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• A SPECIAL World Championship pre-game show will be webcast on pba.com’s Xtra Frame and a post-game Xtra Frame interview with the winners will immediately follow the Sunday telecast.

World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship

World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship Carter Division — Osku Palermaa defeated Dom Barret in the championship final, 223-188.

World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship Hardwick Division — Ryan Shafer defeated Andres Gomez of Colombia, 191-177.

World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship Petraglia Division — Dean Rash defeated PBA Hall-of-Famer Pete Weber, 246-222.

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Bowling Mourns Death of USBC and PBA Hall-of-Famer Don Carter

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Don Carter in his nine BPAA All-Star titles. In his nine BPAA All-Star Bowlers Association Tour. With Carter’s support and encouragement, Eddie Elias, a lawyer and sports promoter who eventually would become Carter’s business manager, proposed a pro tour to players at the 1958 Masters in Syracuse. N.Y. Carter served as the PBA Tour’s first president in 1958-59 and would take a second term in 1961-62. He would win just seven PBA titles (not including his four All-Star titles) but would set a tour record with 18 top-five finishes, including four titles, during the 1962 season. He was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1975, and during the PBA Tour’s 50th anniversary celebration, was selected No. 11 on list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History. In 1973 he married Paula Sperber, also an accomplished bowler who was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame. In 1994, Knee problems eventually would force Carter from the sport.

No. 11 on list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History

Born in St. Louis, Mo., on July 29, 1926, Carter was more interested in baseball and football while in high school. After graduation, he served two years in the Navy before signing a baseball contract with the Philadelphia Athletics. He was sent to the minor league team in North Carolina. In a Bowlers Journal interview in 1970, Carter said he hit .304 and did pitch some games, but the team played 128 games in 112 days and he lost 30 pounds from his 180-pound frame. “I got $150 a month plus room and board,” Carter recalled. “Riding that bus all over the country to games was too much. I quit after a season.” That would lead Carter back home to St. Louis and the start of his career in bowling.

THE DON CARTER FILE

AWARDS AND HONORS

• Voted Greatest Bowler of All Time in 1970 poll by Bowling magazine
• Voted Bowler of the Century by Bowlers Journal in 2000
• Six-time Bowling Writers Association of America Bowler of the Year (1953-54, 1957-58, 1960, 1962)
• 11-time Bowlers Journal All-American (1951-54, 1957-63)

PBA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Won PBA National Championship in 1960 and seven PBA titles (not including his four All-Star titles)
• Founding member of the PBA and the organization’s first president (1958-59)
• Set single-season PBA record in 1962 with 18 top-five finishes; tied with Dick Weber with seven consecutive top-five finishes
• Inducted into PBA Hall of Fame in 1975

USBC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• Won the USBC Masters in 1961
• Won four USBC Classic Division titles and was the first to record three All-Events totals of 1,300 or greater (1951-53)
• Inducted into USBC Hall of Fame in 1970

OTHER HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

• Won the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America All-Star, now known as the U.S. Open, four times (1953, 1954, 1957, 1958)
• Won the World Invitational five times (1957, 1959-1962)
• Member of legendary Budweiser bowling team with Ray Bluth, Dick Weber, Tom Hennessey and Pat Patterson set the record for five-man team score of 3,858 on March 12, 1958. Carter contributed a 754 series with scores of 266, 253 and 235 to the record that stood until 1994
• Inducted into Missouri Hall of Fame in 1962
• In 1964, became the first pro athlete to sign a $1 million endorsement deal, a 10-year agreement with Ebonite
• Varsity baseball and football in high school, later signed to a contract with the Philadelphia Athletics as an infieldd pitcher in 1946
• Enlisted in the Navy in 1944 where he spent two years as a radar man in the South Pacific

DON CARTER FIRSTS

• First bowler to win every major tournament
• First athlete in any sport to sign a $1 million endorsement contract
• First bowler to have a PBA tournament named for him
• First bowler selected for the Madison Square Garden Hall of Fame
• First active bowler to be named to the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America’s Hall of Fame
• First 800 series on TV, an 809 on National Bowling Championships
• First to “Make That Spare” on network television (he did it twice)
Marshall Kent, Danielle McEwan Take Team USA Trials Titles

NORTH LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., claimed titles at the United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials, earning the right to compete in the 2012 QubicaAMF World Cup.

Kent and McEwan topped their respective fields in a grueling four-day, 28-game format in which the players in the field earned points based on their finishing position each round to determine the final standings.

With daily finishes of third, 32nd, second and sixth, Kent finished with 43 points, while McEwan had daily finishes of fifth, fifth, second and third to total 15 points at Texas Star Lanes.

The women’s final came down to a single pin as McEwan just barely edged Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y. Johnson finished with 16 points, but had she gotten just one additional pin in Friday’s final round it would have been enough to win the title.

Johnson finished the final game with back-to-back open frames.

“The top three men and top three women in the standings earned automatic spots on Team USA for 2012. Joining McEwan on the women’s team was Josie Earnest of Nashville, Tenn., and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago. Johnson, who finished second overall, was not eligible to occupy one of the automatic spots because she had previously been selected for Team USA 2012.

There are now a total of 20 Junior Team USA members as 12 players got spots at the USBC Junior Gold Championships last July.

The additions to Team USA on Friday bring the total roster to 20. The National Selection Committee added Patrick Allen, Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill, Sean Rash, Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick, Ste-fanie Nation, Shannon O’Keefe and Shan-non Pluhowsky in November.

Junior Team USA spots were also up for grabs at the Team USA Trials with McEwan, Rachel Gittings of Glen Allen, Va., AJ Johnson and Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, earning automatic spots. The National Se-lection Committee added Tyler Cruz of Tacomawash., Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn., Kaitlin Quinn of Livonia, Mich., and Kelsey Muther of Wichita, Kan.

Kent and McEwan have qualified for the 2012 QubicaAMF World Cup, which will be held in London in October.

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