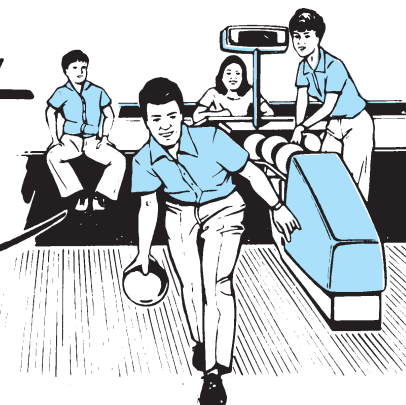


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PBA World Series of Bowling's Ratings Show Sharp Increase

CHICAGO — Television viewership for the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VI's four animal pattern championships showed strong increases over the 2013 telecasts, ESPN and the PBA reported today.

Nielsen Ratings for the Sunday, Jan. 4 telecast of the PBA Scorpion Championship averaged

923,000 viewers. That strong figure continued a strong trend for the PBA on ESPN, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said.

The ratings for the 2014 WSOB's four animal pattern shows (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion Championships) were up 18 percent over the previous year's telecasts.

"We are pleased to be delivering these strong viewership numbers to our sponsors and to ESPN," Clark said. "Our fans are enjoying some incredible bowling. We had some dramatic moments in the new South Point Bowling Plaza, ranging from Anthony Pepe's near-perfect 295 to Ronnie Russell's

300, from Pepe and DJ Archer winning emotional first titles to veteran Mika Koivuniemi holding off young gun Connor Pickford, and concluding the animal pattern events with Michael Haugen's close win over Martin Larsen, capped by his marriage proposal
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IN THE NEWS

Tomkins 877 at Thunderbowl

On Nov. 14 in the Free Enterprise League at Thunderbowl Lanes, Brandon Tomkins put on quite a show. His first game was 299, leaving a 4-pin on the last ball. Not deterred, he posted a 300 in the following game and finished with a 278 for a 877 series. In the last game he left a 10-pin in the ninth frame and an 8-pin on the last ball. This is the sixth highest series posted in Metro Detroit USBC history and only three pins behind the record of 880 set by Mason Brantley in 2010.

Brandon has to his credit 20 300s and approximately 10 800s. He started bowling as a youth at Bronco Lanes and had his first 300 game at Royal Lanes. He was a member of the City Team Champions in 2013.

Brandon would bowl in more tournaments, but he is fortunate to be getting Saturday work at his job with Chrysler Corporation. Congratulations to Brandon on his 877 series.

— Tom Strobl, Bowler's Digest Contributor

Ken Wyatt, Brian McMahon Jr. Win MMBA Year-End Awards

Ken Wyatt of Sterling Heights and Brian McMahon Jr. of Saginaw were named 2014 "Bowler" and "Rookie" of the year, respectively, for the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association.

Awards are decided on a point basis only. Points are earned for position placed in each tournament, plus the top three money and average leaders, tournament high qualifier and all 300, 299, 298 games in MMBA competition.

This is the third Bowler of the Year award for Wyatt. He last won in 1989 and 2009. Wyatt now joins Dick Beattie, Harry Sullins and Dale Hofmeister as the only members to have won the award three times. Wyatt made the finals five times with two titles at Thunderbowl Lanes and Sterling Lanes while cashing in six tournaments. He was the leading qualifier once, second in earnings with \$2,870 and had a 227 average for 91 games.

The top three point leaders were Wyatt 140, Steve Novak 125, and Corey Miller 109. McMahon was head and shoulders above all rookies. He was the only rookie to win a title. McMahon won twice — at Lodge Lanes with doubles partner Steve Novak and at Galaxy Lanes in Grand Blanc. McMahon was high qualifier twice. He was the leader in rookies for earnings (\$2,060) and average (229 for 41 games). The top point leaders were McMahon with 107 and Andrew Anderson with 30.

The top three money winners were — Steve Novak, Bay City (\$3,100), Ken Wyatt (\$2,870) and Aaron Lorincz, Saginaw (\$2,750). The top three average leaders — Steve Novak (233.6), Aaron Lorincz (231.5) and Brian McMahon Jr. (229.1).

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USA's Barnes,
Colombia's
Guerrero Win
World Cup Titles

WROCLAW, Poland — Team USA's Chris Barnes put on a dominant performance in the final round as he claimed the 50th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup men's title.

Entering the finals as the No. 3 seed, Barnes swept the semifinal and the final, 2-0, in the best-of-three format at Sky Bowling Center. Clara Guerrero of Colombia won the women's title.

In the championship match, Barnes took down top seed Tobias Bording of Germany in consecutive games, 269-248 and 231-216. Needing two strikes in the final frame for the shut out, Barnes tossed a perfect first shot and came up light but carried the 8-pin late for the second strike.

On the women's side, Guerrero won a hard-fought match against Malaysia's Li Jane Sing, 2-1, to take the title. Guerrero won the first game, 239-234, dropped the second game, 257-243, and won the deciding game, 265-211.

The World Cup is considered one of the sport's most prestigious singles titles and drew bowlers from 85 countries, making it the largest event in the sport in terms of number of countries competing.

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Doyle, Pluhowsky Claim Team USA Trials Titles

LAS VEGAS — Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tennessee, became the youngest United States Bowling Congress Team USA Trials champion in history Wednesday, while Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, won the women's crown for a record fifth time.

Doyle, who is 16, defeated Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington, 234-206, to claim the men's title, while Pluhowsky defeated two-time champion Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 246-222, at The Orleans Bowling Center.

In addition to earning the titles, Doyle and Pluhowsky will now represent Team USA at the 51st QubicaAMF World Cup at a location and date to be determined later this year.

Doyle built a 31-pin lead midway through the championship match and never looked back in defeating Kent, who held the previous record as youngest champion at 19 in 2012.

"It's pretty cool to be 16 and come out on top against the professional bowlers and other great players in this field," said Doyle, a four-time member of Junior Team USA. "It's going to be a hard record to break, I think."

Down by 21 pins early in the women's title match, Pluhowsky rallied with eight consecutive strikes to close out the victory.

"I'm very excited because it's a big year ahead for Team USA with the World Championships in December, and I just wanted to be a part of it again," said Pluhowsky, who won the Team USA Trials in 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2011. "Last year, I led and lost in the final, and this year I just wanted to come in and make good shots."

In the semifinals, Doyle defeated AJ Chapman of Wichita, Kansas, 236-189, while Pluhowsky took down Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, 234-214.

All of the players who advanced to the step-ladder finals earned automatic spots on Team USA in 2015 by surviving a grueling five-day, 30-game format that awarded points based on the

position in which they finished each day.

The National Selection Committee also announced the remainder of the Team USA roster, which was made up of two men and two women based solely on their performance at the Team USA Trials and five men and five women who met eligibility requirements, submitted resumes for consideration and also based on Trials performance.

The men's selections based on resumes and Trials performance were Bill O'Neill, John Janawicz, Sean Rash, John Szczerbinski and Chris Barnes, while Devin Bidwell and Tommy Jones were selected based on their Trials performance. Joining the women's team as selections from resumes and Trials performance were Brittni Hamilton, Missy Parkin, Josie Earnest, Kelly Kulick and Stefanie Johnson, while Bryanna Caldwell and Erin McCarthy were picked based on Trials performance.

There were also four spots on Junior Team USA awarded Wednesday with the top two age-eligible finishers for the boys and girls earning automatic spots. The selection committee also added two boys and two girls.

Joining Junior Team USA were Matthew Farber, Greg Young, Dallas Leong and Kenneth Ryan on the boys side, while Jadee Scott-Jones, Gazmine Mason, Sydney Brummett and Mary Wells made it on the girls side.

For more information on the Team USA Trials, visit BOWL.com/TeamUSATrials.

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Annual Meeting Set for Jan. 18 at DeCarlo's

METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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board, electing two youth representatives to the board of directors, electing state delegates to the respective state meetings and electing delegates to the USBC Annual Meeting.

Anyone desiring to run for any of the positions should visit www.mdusbc.com to obtain an application to be forwarded to the nominating committee. You can also call the MDUSBC office for an application.

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 us 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 J. Smith's there are in the MDUSBC? 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.

MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

• THE MASTERS will be held at Shore Lanes in St. Clair Shores, located at 31100 Harper Ave. The date for qualifying is Jan. 17-18 with match play on Jan. 24-25.

The entry fee is \$150 with a first prize of \$3,000 and second of \$2,000 based on 140

entries. Ronnie Sparks 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 Airway Lanes in Waterford, located at 4825 Highland Rd. The date for qualifying is Feb. 7 with match play on Feb. 8 and 14.

Harry Sullins of Chesterfield 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 and Open Championship Tournaments with both starting Sat., February 7 through March 1 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights. Squad times are 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

All events, team, doubles and singles, for both tournaments will be contested at the same site. Handicap is based on 90 percent from 230. Squad organizers of 10 or more teams are eligible for \$10 per team organized. Spots can be paid for by check made out to MDUSBC, VISA or MasterCard. The prize ratio will be at least 1 in 10 entries.

For the Women's Championship there are two average divisions (165 and under and 166 average and up). The cost is \$25 per person per event and a \$5 all-events fee. The Women's Championship is open to all female members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2013-14 season in the Metro Detroit USBC Association.

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• THE ANNUAL meeting of the Metro Detroit USBC will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 5 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center in Warren.

All members of the Metro Detroit USBC Association are eligible to attend the meeting. All adults and youth over the age of 14 are eligible to vote.

On the agenda are reports on the progress the MDUSBC has made during the previous year, electing six adult members of the

DECEMBER 31ST SHEETS

• IT IS CRITICAL that league secretaries return the December 31st average sheets for adult leagues and December 1st and 31st average sheets for youth leagues to the MDUSBC office. This information is used when verifying the results of the various MDUSBC tournaments. If you haven't sent it in yet, simply mail or fax the form to us. The fax number is (248) 443-2690.

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George Juszczyk Captures his Thirdrd MMBA Title at Westland Bowl

• THE BUDWEISER Michigan Majors Bowling Association's annual Tournament of Champions was held on Dec. 20 at Westland Bowl in Westland. George Juszczyk of Dearborn Heights, who's previous win came at the 2012 ToC, won all four matches against Michigan's best which culminated in a 213-185 victory over MMBA Hall-of-Famer Dale Hofmeister.

Juszczyk received a check for \$1,000 and a beautiful trophy provided by Pro Am Bowling & Trophy. Hofmeister received \$500 for his second-place finish.

Hofmeister paced the field with an impressive eight-game qualifying round score of 2048. The cut score to make the five-man stepladder finals was 1797. The stepladder finals began with Juszczyk facing fourth seed Kurt Pilon of Warren.

Pilon, a former PBA champion, started



By KEN WYATT

*Executive Director,
Michigan Majors
Bowling Association*

the match with a double, however his third frame started with a gutter ball which put him behind in the match. Juszczyk threw strikes in five out of the first six frames taking a 54-pin lead. But opens in frames seven and nine put Pilon right back in the match.

Pilon struck out to force Juszczyk to spare in the 10th. Juszczyk left the 6-9 spare and converted for a 196-190 win. Pilon received \$250 for his fifth-place finish.

2013 MMBA Bowler of the Year Ronnie Sparks Jr. was next up for Juszczyk. Sparks never got lined up on the championship pair, only throwing two strikes the entire game. Amazingly though Sparks held a two-pin lead after six frames. Juszczyk then took control, throwing the last six strikes for a 234-180 victory.

Sparks received \$325 for his fourth-place finish. Match three wasn't any easier for

Juszczyk as third seed Craig Nidiffer was waiting in the wings.

Nidiffer, already with eight titles in his young career, started strong and took a 26-pin lead after six frames. Nidiffer opened in the seventh frame, however, giving Juszczyk a chance to get back in the match. Nidiffer needed the first strike in the 10th to shut out Juszczyk but left a 7-pin.

Nidiffer spared to force Juszczyk to throw the first two strikes in the 10th. Juszczyk's first shot crossed over for a Brooklyn strike and he took advantage of the break by throwing a great second shot to win the game 211-202. Nidiffer received a check for \$400 for his third-place finish.

Juszczyk then met Hofmeister for the title. Hofmeister, MMBA's all-time title holder (19) and money leader (\$69,405) averaged an impressive 256 during the qualifying round, but on the championship pair never struck on the left lane. Juszczyk doubled in frames four and five taking the lead. Hofmeister took the lead in frame six however as Juszczyk failed to convert the 3-6-7 split.

Hofmeister caught a bad break in frame eight leaving a 6-8 split which he failed to convert, opening the door for Juszczyk. Juszczyk struck out to capture his second ToC title and third career win, 213-185.

A big thank you to new Westland Bowl proprietor Mark Brooks and his staff for their support. Thank you again to West Side Beer Distributing, General Maintenance and Storm for their continued sponsorship of the Michigan Majors. The Tournament of Champions again was co-sponsored by Lew Ansara and Red Robin Restaurants, another one of the MMBA's great supporters.

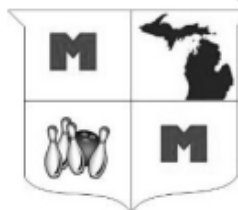
The Budweiser Michigan Majors will begin its 48th year of competition at 300 Bowl in Waterford on January 10, 2015 with a start time of 10 a.m. Happy Holidays from the MMBA Board of Directors. See you in 2015!

• THE FINAL standings George Juszczyk (Dearborn Heights) \$1,000, Dale Hofmeister (Essexville) \$500, Craig Nidiffer (Trenton) \$400, Ronnie Sparks Jr. (Ecorse) \$325, Kurt Pilon (Warren) \$250, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Heights) \$175.

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Kelly Kulick Named PWBA Spokesperson

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Professional Women's Bowling Association has named Kelly Kulick as spokesperson for the organization that will re-launch this summer.

Kulick was a member of the PWBA Tour before it ceased operations in 2003 and she has continued to be a dominant competitor in major women's bowling events as well as on the Professional Bowlers Association Tour. She became the first woman in bowling history to win a PBA Tour title when she took home the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions title.

"I can't wait to be a part of the new PWBA," said Kulick, who recently appeared in a Bridgestone television advertising campaign. "I know there are so many people excited to see women's professional bowling back on the map and I hope to do my part to ensure it stays around for good this time."

PWBA Director of Operations Jason Thomas said Kulick's experience on the PWBA and PBA tours makes her extremely knowledgeable on a variety of operations-related topics.

As the PWBA's representative, Kulick's role will include a wide range of services including acting in an advisory capacity on rules and other operations, as well as serving as an ambassador for the league and the sport of bowling.

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By MDUSBC Director
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• THE CALENDAR says 2015 as we go into a brand new year, but the bowling year is only about half way through. Here in MDUSBC-land, we are really gearing up for more tournaments.

One of our premier events, the MDUSBC Masters is this month, the MDUSBC Open and Women's Championships begin next month, both State tournaments are underway, the Women's Series continues this month, High School bowling is very busy, and many leagues are now beginning the second half of their season.

Our city tournament participation has been pretty stagnant for a few years, so why not put together a squad, or bring a few teams from your league? Squad leaders are rewarded, depending on the number of teams in the squad. Please see the forms on our website for information and let's grow our tournaments this year!

ANNUAL MEETING

• THERE ARE a few events that are NOT tournaments that all members should be aware of and support. The MDUSBC Annual meeting is January 18th, at 5 p.m. at DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren.

While most people do not enjoy meet-

ings, this is your chance to hear how the association is progressing, ask any questions you may have regarding the association or your leagues, or USBC in general.

This is the one meeting of the year MDUSBC is required to conduct for our membership and we need more people attending. The members have the responsibility to elect the directors, as well as elect the delegates to the state and national conventions.

Perhaps you would like to attend the USBC Convention this year in Omaha representing MDUSBC? Come to the meeting to understand the roles and responsibilities of a delegate to the USBC Annual meeting.

BOWL FOR THE CURE

• ANOTHER BIG event is our Bowl for the Cure event. This year, the MDUSBC event will be at Bowl One in Troy on February 28th at noon. Bring a bunch of friends and family for a fun time, while raising money for a very worthy cause.

Last year USBC associations and friends, family and industry partners presented \$1 million to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. More information and the form will be posted on the MDUSBC website very soon.

MDUSBC directors will be selling the \$10 raffle tickets soon, as well as league envelopes will be arriving via our delivery system, and this year we have an incredible Ribbon Chair that will be raffled off! It is AWESOME! Please support this worthy cause in any way that you can because "Everyone deserves a lifetime."

If you have questions regarding any of these events, please contact our office. I hope to see you at ALL of them!

Happy New Year and Happy Bowling!

USBC, RSCVA, Reno Approve Revision of Tournament Hosting Agreement

ARLINGTON, Texas — The United States Bowling Congress (USBC), the Reno Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority (RSCVA) Board of Directors and the Reno City Council have approved revisions to the hosting agreement for USBC Championships tournaments. Key changes include shifting the USBC Open and Women's Championships back to their historical rotation of visiting Reno once every three years, adjusting the site fee and extending the completion date for renovations at the National Bowling Stadium (NBS).

"With this agreement, the RSCVA and the City of Reno are demonstrating a deep and unquestionable commitment to bowling and our USBC membership," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Reno's city and business leaders are true partners for USBC, and we thank everyone involved for supporting these revisions, which will strengthen the future of our sport and bowling's relationship with Reno."

As part of the amendment, the RSCVA will increase the site fee to USBC from \$20 per bowler to \$30 for the duration of the agreement except the 2015 and 2018 events. The agreement also allows a more flexible timeline for the city in renovating the NBS. Stadium seating demolition now is shifted from 2016 to 2020 and exterior renovations from 2018 to 2022.

According to RSCVA President and CEO Christopher Baum, "The Reno tourism community cherishes our longstanding relationship with USBC, and the fact that the City of Reno, the RSCVA and our major resort partners were able to respond to our largest customer's concerns with a new, win-win agreement through 2026 speaks volumes about our friendship and mutual respect for each other."

The schedule change in the new agreement allows the Open and Women's Championships to visit an eastern location more regularly and opens up the 2022 Open Championships and 2024 Women's Championships for new host cities. USBC and Reno leaders expect this will boost excitement and participation in Reno years. To accommodate the new rotation, the amendment changes the length of the USBC contract with Reno to run through 2026 instead of 2030 as previously agreed.

"Members in the eastern half of the country have asked our leadership for USBC Championships to visit near them more frequently," Murphy said. "The reason we approached our partners in Reno for this change is to meet the needs of the customer and build more participation in the tournament."

In order to accommodate the schedule changes in the amendment, an adjustment also was required to previously announced Las Vegas host dates for the 2022 Women's Championships and 2023 Open Championships.

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By CHERYL DANIELS

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I have used video for years to study my game, as well as my students' games, and I feel it is an invaluable tool for training purposes. Seeing what you do on video can be the first step in learning to feel what you are doing.

Bowling requires so much repetition and muscle memory that adding the extra dimension of visually seeing what you are doing can make it easier for you to put it all together.

When video taping yourself it is important to know what to look for — backswings that are too high, late timing, swinging the ball away from your ankle, wrapping the backswing behind your back, no kneebend, etc. Unfortunately, these problems are very hard for most bowlers to feel.

Sometimes the first step to correcting a problem is acknowledging that it exists. In other words seeing is believing. Once you visually see what you are doing wrong you now know that the flaw is real and can begin to correct it.

When video taping yourself, you should get a back view in line with your bowling shoulder and a side view. Make sure the video shows the entire body from head to toe. Preferably, you should use a tripod to get a steady picture.

When studying the release, try to get some close up shots. If possible get a front view of your approach and release. Periodically video tape yourself so you can see where game is at mechanically.

If you want to take your training to the next level, motion analysis software programs will allow you to compare and identify what areas of your game need work. What to look for?

1. Proper stance
2. Ball placement / Pushaway
3. Footwork
4. Armswing

5. Good finish / Balanced kneebend
6. Release/ Follow through

By visually studying these different aspects of your approach, you can begin to work on each aspect of your game and correct some of your flaws. For bowlers who fully understand the fundamentals of bowling and have a trained eye, you can improve many parts of your game.

Ultimately, working with a well-trained coach can help you meet your goals and accelerate your progress and is highly recommended.

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Annual Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 18, 2015 - 5 p.m.
DeCarlo's, Warren

Adult / Youth
Oct. 5, 12, 2014
Astro Lanes, Madison Heights

Queens
Oct. 18-19, 2014
Ford Lanes, Dearborn Heights

Super Senior Masters
Nov. 1, 2, 2014
Shelby Lanes, Utica

Youth Tournament
Nov. 9, 16, 23, 2014
Dec. 7, 14, 2014
Sunnybrook Lanes, Sterling Heights

500 Club
Dec. 7, 2014
Century Bowl, Waterford

Masters
Qualifying - Jan. 17, 18, 2015
Match Play - Jan. 24, 25, 2015
Shore Lanes, St. Clair Shores

Senior Masters
Qualifying - Feb. 7, 2015
Match Play - Feb. 8, 14, 2015
Airway Lanes, Waterford

Women's Championship
Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 2015
March 1, 2015
Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights

Open Championship
Feb. 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 2015
March 1, 2015
Sterling Lanes, Sterling Heights

Senior Team
March 7, 14, 21, 2015
Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

Junior Masters
March 21, 2015
Indian Lanes, Wyandotte

Women's Series
Nov. 9, 2014
Shelby Lanes, Utica

Dec. 14, 2014
Mayflower Lanes, Redford

Jan. 11, 2015
10 Pins of Trenton, Trenton

March 8, 2015
Ford Lanes, Dearborn Heights

April 12, 2015
Shelby Lanes, Utica

May 3, 2015 - Invitational
Woodland Lanes, Livonia

Annual Meeting Jan. 18 at DeCarlo's

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tion 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 \$25 per person per event and a \$10 all-events fee. There is an optional scratch feature in all of the events at a cost of \$10 per person per event. The Open Championship is open to all members of the MDUSBC who bowled at least 21 games in the 2013-14 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 one. In singles a bowler can only cash once.

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

PBA World Series of Bowling's ESPN Ratings Show Sharp Increase

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to long-time girlfriend Phuong Truong."

ESPN Senior Director of Programming and Acquisitions Brian Kweder also was enthusiastic about the PBA's ratings performance.

"Against extremely tough competition on Sundays, audiences continue to tune in to see the best bowlers in the world competing on the PBA Tour," Kweder said. "Whether it be Ronnie Russell bowling a perfect game or Michael Haugen winning a tournament and proposing to his fiancée, this season has had no shortage of excitement."

• ESPN's World Series coverage concludes with the PBA Challenge finals on Sunday, Jan. 18, at 3 p.m. and the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals, presented by the PBA, on ESPN2 on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

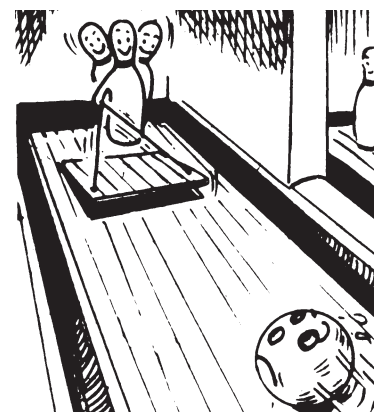


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September 27	January 24
October 25	February 28
November 22	March 28
December 27	April 25



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Bowling Through the Alphabet A Through Z

• THE ALPHABET of bowling, daffynition style.

Alley — A little street on the side of a factory. Was at one time a thing you bowled on, but now that's a lane. Made of hard wood or synthetics that won't break but break bowler's hearts in many ways.

Bowler — Any person who at any time rolled a bowling ball and had a reason why it didn't go where it should have gone.

Cherry — A delicious fruit, but poisonous to bowlers. Also known by alias names of "pick" or "chop," and a number of others rated PG, R and X.

Down — What the pins won't go.

Easy — What you think the other team

or individual is — before the match.

Foul — When the lights go on, usually happens when you finally roll a good ball and register a strike.

Game — This is what bowling is supposed to be, but it often turns into a personal war, bowler against pins, bowler against lanes, bowler against bowler, bowler against himself.

Home — The place you get away from by bowling, and the place you run back to in order to get away from bowling.

Inside — Opposite of outside. An angle you switch to because you heard a pro mention it on TV.

Jerk — What you feel like when you do

it to your bowling ball in a clutch situation.

Kitty — A fat cat from all the money you feed it because of bad shots and low scores.

Leave — Pins left after your first ball. Also what you want to do when you see them.

Match — When a couple of bowlers who didn't want to bowl end up bowling each other because the bowlers who did want to bowl in the first place decided they didn't want to bowl.

Never — When you will finally quit bowling.

Oil — What one bowler gives to another who has trouble because of same on lanes.

Pin — Bowlers almost all agree... That they will sometimes see... That thing that won't let them score free... And should have remained a tree.

Quick — How soon the news about your bad game gets around.



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Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist

Rap — What you want to do to something when you run into one.

Six — When there's that many on a five-person team it means only one thing — trouble. That's six, not to be confused with sex. Also a lousy count on the first ball.

Tenpin — The only thing some women lose an argument against more than once.

Useless — Trying to tell another bowler how many strikes you were robbed of on perfect hits.

Vile — The language you'd like to use at the pins.

Worse — What your bowling seems to be getting with each passing year.

X — A strike or a kiss. "X X X" — A striking kiss, a turkey, a miracle.

Young — Any bowler who hasn't reached 100, in age or score.

Zany — Anyone who had the guts to read this all the way through.

PRO BOWLING SPOTLITE

MIKE FAGAN WINS PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

LAS VEGAS — In a championship match battle between two players from Texas, Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, prevailed to win the Professional Bowlers Association World Championship at the South Point Bowling Plaza for his fifth PBA Tour title.

Fagan, who qualified second for the stepladder finals, defeated top qualifier Wes Malott from the Austin suburb of Pflugerville, 252-212, in the title match to also record his second major title after winning the United States Bowling Congress Masters in 2012.

"The majors are where you can separate yourself from everyone else," said Fagan, who is originally from Long Island, New York. "These opportunities don't come around too often so you always have to consider yourself fortunate to be in a position to win and the take advantage of the opportunity you worked so hard for.

"Making it into the (PBA) Hall of Fame is one of my goals," he continued. "I've thought about my place in the sport and while winning my second major is another step in getting there, it's a big step for sure."

In the title match, Fagan and Malott traded strikes in the first four frames but then a turning point came when Malott, trying for his 10th Tour title, left the 2-10 split in the fifth which he failed to convert. Fagan had a moment of his own when he left an 8-10 split in the eighth frame but was able to finish strong and hold off Malott for the win.

"As much as you try to relax it's still very stressful," Fagan said. "I was concentrating so hard I didn't know what frame I was in or what the score was. I just wanted to make good shots."

Malott, who was also trying for his second major after winning the U.S. Open in 2013, admitted to having problems figuring out the left lane in the second half of the game.

"The left lane transitioned a lot for me and I made a move that I was confident in making but I missed my break point," said Malott, who also finished second in the 2009 World Championship. "Of all the things that could go wrong, that's something I didn't think I would do."

In the semifinal match, Fagan defeated No. 5 qualifier Stuart Williams of England, 219-206, to advance to the championship match.

As the third major and final tournament of the season, the World Championship (formerly called the PBA National Championship from 1960-2001), has distinguished itself as one of the premier showcases for the world's best bowling talent. In addition to the \$50,000 first prize, Fagan took home the Earl Anthony Trophy named after the late PBA Hall of Famer who holds the record for most World Championship wins with six.

Malott earned \$25,000 for second, Williams, \$15,000 for third, Russell, \$12,000 for fourth and Book \$10,000 for fifth.

The five finalists advanced to the finals after preliminary qualifying and match play rounds conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling last October at the South Point. The finalists competed in a total of 52 games on five different lane conditions to reach the finals.



Senior Singles Open

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2015 Schedule

January 3 — Thunderbowl Lanes

**January 24 — 300 Bowl
(MDUSBC Senior Masters oil pattern)**

February 28 — Westland Bowl

March 21 — Regal Lanes

April 25 — Novi Bowl

May 30 — Oak Lanes

June 27 — Country Lanes

July 25 — Wonderland Lanes

August 29 — Wayne Bowl

September 26 — Astro Lanes

October 24 — Cherry Hill Lanes

November 21 — Plaza Lanes

December 5 — 5 Star Lanes (Grand Finals)