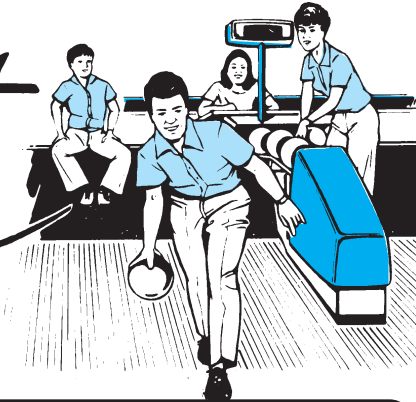


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Mike Lucente Wins 37th Budweiser MMBA 'Match Game' Championship

• MIKE LUCENTE of Warren, picked the right tournament for his first title in the Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association as he won the 37th Match Game Championship at Wayne Bowl. This is the first gem of the Michigan Majors "Triple Crown."

Ryan Mitter of St. Clair Shores rolled a six-game score of 1336 to pace the 62 entries. It took a score of 1177 on a tough course to reach match play. It was a chore to have a clean game much less a string of strikes.

Lucente qualified in the third

position with a 1271 score. He defeated Dave Tulak, 234-214, 245-238; Mitter, 188-148, 166-188, 195-173, and Garrett Nagle, 204-212, 235-166, 190-169, to advance against Ken Wyatt in the championship match.

Wyatt, who qualified in the ninth position with a 1217 score, defeated fellow Hall-of-Fame member Dale Hofmeister, 248-192, 211-172; Hall-of-Famer Larry Walker, 220-181, 225-188, and Bob Chamber-

lain Jr., 200-191, 159-158.

The championship match is a best of five games. Lucente won the first two games, 175-152, 222-208. Wyatt forced another game with a 213-190 win. Lucente closed it out with a 202-178 win for his first title.

Lucente remarked, "This is like a dream come true. I have wanted to win a title for a long time. It is even more rewarding to win on (Continued on Page 12)

IN THE NEWS

Libbi Fletcher Re-Elected as USBC Annual Meeting Concludes

ARLINGTON, Texas — The 2012 United States Bowling Congress Annual Meeting concluded with the election of four board members and the legislative session where 13 proposals were voted on by member delegates, including the rejection of proposals related to membership dues. The USBC Convention and Annual Meeting was held over a three-day period at the Arlington Convention Center and the Sheraton Arlington Hotel.



Libbi Fletcher

Re-elected to the USBC Board of Directors were Libbi Fletcher of Warren, Mich., and Tamoria Adams, Charlotte, N.C. They are joined by newcomers Steven O'Brien of Mount Pleasant, S.C., and Karen Jost of Alexandria, Va. The new board members will begin their three-year terms starting Aug. 1.

All four of the board members elected on Friday were se-

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Robin Orlikowski Wins Women's Series Event at Van Dyke Bowl

Robin Orlikowski of Grand Rapids won the fifth Metro Detroit USBC Association (MDUSBC) Rip 10 Entertainment Women's Series event, sponsored by Blumark, with a 258-199 triumph over Jennifer Bator of Warren at Van Dyke Bowl in Sterling Heights. Orlikowski took home the top prize of \$500 while Bator settled for \$250.

Orlikowski qualified second in the field of 40 with a four-game total of 917. Her qualifying total included a high game of 257. Once in match play she dispatched Christine Wissinger of Clinton Township, 231-198, and LeeAnn Berlin of Clinton Township, 237-197, en route to the championship match.

Bator qualified eighth with 856. Her victories in match play included wins over Sandra Schultz of Macomb, 203-193, top qualifier Lisa Fogel of Westland, 175-270, and Pamela Murdock of Sterling Heights, 183-171, on her way to the final match.

Fogel was the top qualifier with 921, which included the top game of the event with 298.

Lisa Bishop of Belleville leads the Blumark cup standings with 477 points through five of the six events.

Complete results are available at www.mdusbc.com under "Tournaments" and Women's Series page.

◆ The next Women's Series event will be May 6 at Shelby Lanes in Utica.

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Asbaty Wins First Major Title at 2012 Queens

Diandra Asbaty defeated USBC Hall-of-Famer Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of Keller, Texas, 244-227, to win her first career major title at the 2012 USBC Queens presented by Storm.

In 2007, Asbaty also advanced to the Queens final but lost to Kelly Kulick, 192-143. This time she would not be denied. Asbaty needed a strike and seven pins in the final frame and threw three perfect strikes to lock up the win at the International Training and Research Center.

"I'm still in shock and literally feel like I'm in a dream," said Asbaty, a 14-time Team USA member. "It's every girl's dream to step in the 10th against a bowler like Carolyn and throw a strike to win."

Dorin-Ballard, who earned \$10,000 for finishing second, got at least nine pins down on every ball in the title match and struck seven times, but a 7-pin in the ninth and a 10-pin in the final frame opened the door for Asbaty, who tossed the final six strikes.

A total of 131 of the top bowlers competed in the Queens, which featured a prize fund of \$110,000. For more information on the USBC Queens, visit BOWL.com/Queens.

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Annie's Mixed Team Tournament

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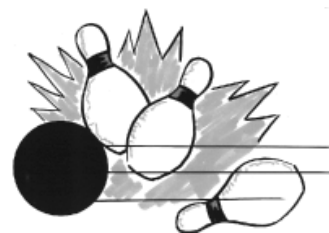
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METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager
Mark A. Martin

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• THE METRO Detroit USBC Board recently met and approved the following actions:

Doug Williams has been named as Volunteer of the Year and Stephanie Murphy has been named as Secretary of the Year.

Four scholarship winners were named. Each will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from MDUSBC. The winners are Michael Uren of Livonia Clarenceville High School and Lauren Krywy of Sterling Heights Stevenson High School.

The 2013-14 tournament sites have been awarded as follows:

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500 Club — Wonderland Lanes

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Open and Women's Championships — Taylor Lanes

Senior Team — Sterling Lanes
Just a reminder on the sites for upcoming 2012-13 season.

Adult/Youth — Universal Lanes

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500 Club — 300 Bowl

Youth City — Cherry Hill Lanes

Masters — Thunderbowl Lanes

Senior Masters — Parkway Lanes

Open and Women's Championships — Bowl One Lanes

Senior Team — Bronco Lanes

APRIL 1 AVERAGES DUE

• AVERAGE REQUEST forms have been sent to league secretaries and at this point over 700 of 973 leagues have turned in their April 1st averages.

These averages were requested to be turned in by April 15th. Notices have been sent to the league secretaries who have not fulfilled this very important duty. Also a list of leagues which have not turned in their averages is listed on www.mdusbc.com.

Your help is needed to complete this task. You can help by sending us the first league sheet after April 1 from your league. This can be faxed to our office at (248) 443-2690 or mailed to MDUSBC, 28200 Southfield Rd., Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

YOUTH AWARDS BANQUET

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Youth Awards banquet will be held on Sunday, May 20 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 (888) 753-6350.

AWARDS RECEPTION

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will conduct their adult awards ceremony at DeCarlo's Banquet Center on Tuesday, June 19.

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 (888) 753-6350.

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 were mailed to the team captains on April 4. The prize list will be posted on www.mdusbc.com.

In the past some of the calls we've gotten are from bowlers who placed high in both the actual and handicap prize lists. According to tournament rules, except for the Division 1 Team event in the Open Championship, if a team or individual quali-

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New York Bowler Becomes 19th Bowler to Roll Perfect 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas — John Martorella Sr. of Greece, N.Y., grew up around bowling and had the opportunity to experience the sport's ultimate achievement when he

rolled 36 consecutive strikes for a 900 series in the Knox Amusement scratch league at Domm's Bowling Center in Rochester, N.Y.

The accomplishment still is pending approval from the United States Bowling Congress, but would make the 28-year-old righthander the 19th bowler in history to achieve the feat. It would be the 20th USBC-approved 900 series.

"Before I threw the last strike, I took a deep breath and told myself if I got the last one, I'd tie the world record, and to be able to do it is absolutely amazing," Martorella said. "This just feels incredible. My phone has been ringing all day with calls from friends, the local news, people I haven't talked to in years and even local bowling legends I grew up watching. We have such a great bowling family here, and it's special to be able to share it with them."

Martorella's family has owned Domm's Bowling Center since 1971, and he co-manages the 16-lane establishment with his father, Joe, a Rochester Bowling Association Hall of Famer, and his brother, Frank.

Because of his responsibilities at the bowling center, Martorella often is pulled in different directions, even when he's bowling league. Thursday was no exception, as he spent part of the first game addressing a lane breakdown and organizing brackets.

Toward the end of the set, his 5-year-old son, John Jr., stopped him during his pre-shot routine and asked if he could bowl, too.

"I was able to shoot 300 the first game, and then things started to settle down, so I was able to stay on my pair," Martorella said. "When my son came up to me during my pre-shot swing in the ninth frame, I couldn't help but laugh. It gave me a chance to step back and start my routine all over, and it really helped. I'm glad that he and my father were able to be there with me. My brother bowls in the league, too."

This year, Martorella cut his league participation back to just one league and is having (Continued on Page 12)

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fies 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.

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USBC CONVENTION

• THE UNITED States Bowling Congress annual convention was held from April 25-28 in Arlington, Texas. During this time delegates elected from their respective local and state associations voted on legislation affecting leagues, tournaments and bylaws in addition to electing four new members of the board of directors. Additionally there were several workshops to inform the delegates about happenings at USBC.

Representing the MDUSBC at the annual convention were Katrina Banks, Richard Banks, Ann Block, George Bresinski, Michael DeRousie, Mark Hurrtingam, Patricia Klix, Anita Maiorana, Diane Maluzhinsky and John Vorpagel.

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lected on the first ballot. Candidates needed a majority of the 798 voting delegates and Fletcher received 631 votes, Adams received 499 votes, O'Brien received 495 and Jost had 449 votes. Anthony Colangelo of Helmetta, N.J., and Ronald Heppner of Seven Hills, Ohio, also were on the ballot.

Also joining the board for 2012-13 will be Dan Patterson of Buffalo, N.Y., who was chosen to be an athlete director. Patterson replaces Vernon Peterson of Lake Wales, Fla.

The 798 voting delegates (767 delegates, seven athletes and 24 board members) voted on seven proposals relating to bylaws, four proposals relating to league rules, and two proposals related to tournament rules during the legislative session. League rules and tournament rules required a majority vote, while bylaws required a two-thirds majority.

Two bylaws, three league rules and one tournament rule were approved. Rejected amendments included Bylaws B2, B3 and B4, which proposed adjusting dues caps for national, state and local associations.

USBC once again generated significant financial support for charity. USBC Bowl For The Cure made a donation of \$733,535.55 to Susan G. Komen For The Cure. Local association leaders from Milwaukee, Wis., were recognized for raising more than \$44,000.

The Bowlers to Veterans Link raised more than \$800,000 for its program, which has been named one of America's Best Charities. BVL showcased its top contributors with California the leading state association with a \$116,952.42 contribution, and Minneapolis leading local associations with a contribution of \$20,000.

The USBC Youth Committee selected Dominick Savage of Missouri City, Texas, to join its committee starting with the 2012-13 season. Savage was eligible to join the committee because of his selection as USBC Male Youth Ambassador of the Year.

• RESULTS OF the 2012 USBC Annual Meeting Legislative Session:

Metro Detroit USBC Director Libbi Fletcher is at the USBC Annual Convention. Her "Metro Detroit USBC Scene" column will return next issue.

League Rules (majority needed)

Amendment No. LR 1 — Rejected (56 approve, 730 reject). Create a new Rule 106g. Requires the bowler on the right lane to make the first delivery when both bowlers have completed the same number of deliveries.

Amendment No. LR 2 — Accepted (518 approve, 271 reject). Rule 113b. Procedures. Rule 113c. Special Contests. Requires games bowled in a playoff or special contest to count toward averages.

Amendment No. LR 3 — Accepted (601 approve, 182 reject). Rule 118b. How Established. Allows the league's board to adjust a player's average upward during the season with a two-thirds vote.

Amendment No. LR 4 — Accepted (725 approve, 58 reject). Rule 120. Position Matches. Defaults total pins plus handicap to be used to break ties for position matches for handicap leagues.

Tournament Rules (majority needed).

Amendment No. TR 1 — Accepted (662 approve, 125 reject). Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply. Requires bowlers to use the highest of either their composite average of all leagues, or the bowler's highest single-league average of 21 games or more.

Amendment No. TR 2 — Rejected (82 approve, 705 reject). Rule 319c. Average Adjustment (Rerating). Does not allow the tournament manager to request a bowler to report an average adjustment which was issued beyond the last 12 months.

USBC National Bylaws (two-thirds vote needed).

Amendment No. B 1 — Rejected (184 approve, 600 reject). Article III, Membership (Continued on Page 9)

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Bowling's Past Features Many 'Strange Things'

◆ PIN POINTS to ponder:
◆ Yes, averages can vary as much as 40 points from bowling center to bowling center.

◆ Never thought I'd see the day when bowling balls came in as many colors as Easter eggs.

◆ Many adults list bowling as their sport — but they only bowl once a month.

◆ Only a few bowlers can stand prosperity on the lanes, particularly when an opponent is having it all.

◆ In most sports the spectator is fulfilled by identifying with the player in action rather than through the action. In bowling most fans are also doers in competition as well as watchers, so they gain from both areas of the sport.

◆ Some people bowl because they want to be with their mates, family or friends. And some people bowl because they want to get away from their mates, family or friends.

◆ Why can't high average and all other bowlers understand that the USBC is not merely an award-giving organization but is deeply involved in all forms of services for a modest membership fee structure — one of the lowest in sports.

◆ A channel ball is one that in error goes into the depression on either side of the lane. Formerly it was known as a gutter ball and before that it was a poodle.

◆ A bowler can usually tell how good his or her reputation is by how difficult it is to live up to it.

◆ We have some great trick shot bowlers but the master was the late, great Andy



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

Varipapa who was still in demand when he was 90. He went through all the various bowling balls from wood on up and he dazzled in person, on TV, in the movies. He had control, confidence and his main aim was to communicate with his audiences, letting them know that he wanted to please them.

◆ It is no knock not to win, but it is a tragedy if you don't give your best effort.

◆ Top pro golfers, and even some that aren't top rated, can win a million dollars and more in a single tournament. Top pro bowlers still

get special praise when they reach the million mark in their careers. That's hardly fair. But remember we didn't even have true professional bowlers in any numbers in their own niche until 1958. Pro bowlers travel the world seeking the many tournaments that are making roll for pay more and more universal.

◆ If more bowlers would read all the rules before they enter tournaments and more tournament directors, individuals or groups would check bowlers before they bowl, there would be a lot less post tourney problems.

◆ If tourney entry fees, travel by any means — car, train, plane — hotels and food costs continue to escalate, nearby tournaments will have their own special appeal, in the head and in the purse. Start out by rolling in your county and state events.

◆ The happy ending to too many nights of bowling is the simple fact that the night has ended.

COLLEGIATE BOWLING SPOTLITE

Webber International Sweeps Titles at Intercollegiate Team Championships

LINCOLN, Neb. — Webber International became the third school in the history of the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships to win both the men's and women's titles in the same year Saturday.

The Warriors men's team took down perennial power and 10-time champion Wichita State, 2-5-0-5, while the Webber International women defeated Midland, 2-0, at Sun Valley Lanes. CBS Sports Network will air the women's championship match May 18 at 10 p.m., while the men's final will be shown May 25 at 10 p.m.

The only other schools to sweep both the men's and women's titles in the same year are Wichita State, which accomplished the feat in 2009 and 1994, and Arizona State in 1981.

"People talk about a dream come true and this is it," Webber International men's coach Del Warren said. "We knew we had the depth and the talent for this to happen, but what are the odds of it actually happening for both teams?"

The Warriors men took the opening game of the championship match, 170-167, before the two teams tied at 203 in Game 2. The third game was decided in the final frame when Gary Faulkner doubled in the 10th to lock up the title for Webber International, 194-184.

"I just got up there, pointed and shot, without thinking about anything," Faulkner said of his match-winning shot. "We worked all year for this, and it shows that hard work really does pay off."

The women's victory gave Webber International its second title in three years, with the first coming in their inaugural season in 2010 against McKendree. In Saturday's final, Webber International took the opening game, 189-173, and then won Game 2 by a score of 229-146.

The Webber women got off to a bit of a shaky start to the championship match, starting with back-to-back open frames before quickly rebounding with consecutive strikes. From that point forward, they didn't have another open.

The tournament's most valuable player honors went to Midland's Erin McCarthy and Wichita State's Erik Gulbrandson.

Joining McCarthy on the women's all tournament team was Diana Zavjalova of Webber International, Nicole Parkhurst of Stephen F. Austin, Brandi Branka of McKendree and Amanda Greene of Lindenwood. Gulbrandson was joined on the men's all-tournament team by Jacob Kent of Robert Morris-Illinois, Kyle Anderson of St. Ambrose, Brad Miller of Lindenwood and Faulker.

The USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships featured the top 16 men's and top 16 women's college bowling teams in the country vying for national titles. All 32 teams competed in best-of-seven, double-elimination match play in the Baker format Friday, after which the field was pared down to the finalists in both the men's and women's divisions.

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Use Your Summer Break to Improve Your Game

TIPS FROM THE PROS



By CHERYL DANIELS
Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association

• FOR THOSE bowlers who want to improve their bowling skills, summer is the best time to work on your game. Certain types of changes are best done in the summer and not during the regular bowling season.

Things to work on this summer:

1. Changing from a backup ball to a throwing a hook.
2. Switching from a full-roller to a semi-roller.
3. Going from a four-step approach to a five-step approach or vice versa.

4. Learning how to increase your hook or reduce your hook.

5. Changing from a conventional to a finger tip grip.

6. Bowling in tournament competition.

7. Working with a bowling coach that will help you identify what areas of your game need work. Remember, a good coach will help you reach your goals and push you to the next level.

8. Increasing your bowling arsenal and learn how and when to use different coverstocks.

9. Learning how to use different hand positions and different axis tilts.

10. Switching from a plastic or urethane to a reactive resin or particle coverstock.

These are just examples of things that require quite a bit of practice to become better at. Depending on your skill level you should set goals that will take you to another level.

When you are bowling during the winter season you may be more hesitant to experiment and make major changes because there is more on the line and you do not want to let your teammates down.

Summertime should be the time that you experiment and not be afraid to try different things.

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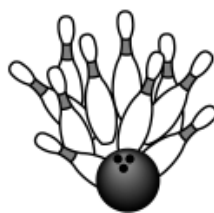
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USBC Annual Meeting Concludes

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Dues. Section B, Dues. Changes the maximum USBC adult state dues from \$1 to \$3.

Amendment No. B 2 (amended) — Rejected (466 approve, 325 reject). Article IV, Board of Directors. Section E, Item 16. Caps the maximum amount the national board can set on national dues to \$15. Note: After initial rejection, amendment was returned to a vote but was rejected (483 approve, 312 reject).

Amendment No. B 3 — Rejected (222 approve, 561 reject). Merged State USBC By-laws. Article V, Board of Directors. Section A, Board Composition, Authority and Duties. Removes the maximum limit on State dues and allows the State Board to set dues for the association.

Amendment No. B 4 — Rejected (166 approve, 621 reject). Merged Local USBC By-laws. Article V, Board of Directors. Section A, Board Composition, Authority and Duties. Removes the maximum limit on Local dues and allows the Local Board to set dues for the association.

Amendment No. B 5 — Rejected (155 approve, 631 reject). Article V, Officers. Section C, Term. Requires the USBC President's term in office to be a single, three-year term.

Amendment No. B 6 — Accepted (659 approve, 128 reject). Article XI, Fiscal Year. Removes the fiscal year from the bylaws.

Amendment No. B 7 — Accepted (550 approve, 242 reject). Article IV, Membership and Dues. Removes the provision that membership purchased in a summer league receives next season's membership.

Lucente Wins MMBA 'Match Game' Event



• FROM LEFT: Michigan Majors Executive Director Ken Charrette, Match Game champion Mike Lucente, tournament runner-up Ken Wyatt.

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such a tough condition." This is his 16th year on the Michigan Majors tour. The next tournament is May 19 at Nortel Lanes in Monroe.

• THE FINAL standings at Wayne Bowl: Mike Lucente (Warren) \$1,500, Ken Wyatt (Sterling Hgts.) \$750, Garrett Nagle (Westland) \$500, Bob Chamberlain Jr. (Holly) \$500, Ryan Mitter (St. Clair Shores) \$475, J.R. Raymond (Saginaw) \$375, Troy Stus (South Lyon) \$350, Larry Walker (Garden City) \$350, Jeff Grego (Fort Wayne) \$150, John Kelley (Sterling Hgts.) \$150, Kyle King (Sterling Hgts.) \$150, Dale Hofmeister (Essexville) \$150, Cody Shoemaker (Hanover) \$150, Pete Brown (Holt) \$150, Dave Tulak (Taylor) \$150, Chris McClintic (Jackson) \$150.

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Mar. 24	Bowl One Lanes	12:30
Apr. 14	Cherry Hill Lanes - Mixed	12:30
Sept. 29	Plaza Lanes	12:30
Oct. 13	Pampa Lanes	12:30
Oct. 27	Westland Bowl	12:30
Nov. 24	5 Star Lanes - (over/under 50)	1:00
Dec. 22	Merri Bowl Lanes (Grand Finals)	12:30

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Northridge Insurance Claims Last 'Third' in Thunderbowl All-Star Classic

• THE INCONCEIVABLE happened. Romulus Auto Supply, who had posted back-to-back 3600-plus series, looked more like the failing Detroit Tigers than the Romulus Auto Supply of old.



By TOM STROBL
Bowler's Digest
Contributor

In the penultimate week of the Ebonite Thunderbowl All-Star League, Romulus Auto Supply lost all five points to Starr 5 Grille as Romulus shot an okay, but not good enough series of 3183. Chuck Weigt led Starr 5 Grille with a 759 series, joined by Chris Szczepaniak's 728 and Trenell Carr's 703.

At the same time Northridge Insurance was winning all five points to set up the final match with both teams exactly tied at 38 points apiece.

Romulus Auto Supply came out of the

gates looking like their old self as Terry Haines had 266 and Richard Wayne 257 for a 1252 series versus Northridge Insurance's 1156. They were at that point 96 pins up on totals. How the worm turns!

In the second game Pete Kaczmarczyk fired a 300 for Northridge, followed by a 279 for Mitch Jabczenski and a 258 for Ed Mintz and a total 1271 series to a lack luster 1121 for Romulus Auto Supply. Northridge picked up 150 pins on that game and now led totals by 54 pins.

Northridge kept on swinging in the last game and was paced by a 268 by Ed Mintz and a 279 by Mark O'Connell to thoroughly whip the bedraggled Romulus Auto Supply who made a valiant effort, but fell to a tie for second place with two other teams as they could only muster an 1141 game.

It reminded all of the Tigers going into the Rangers series at 10 wins, 3 losses and then dropping the next 6 out of 7 games in their most recent home stand.

With the easier shot in the final third of the season, the league averaged 223 in the last night of bowling to bring the league average to 211.08 for the season.

During the season there were 13 300 games posted and three 800 series. There almost was another 800 series in the last

night of bowling as Sara Litteral needed a strike in the first ball of the 10th frame to capture her first 800 series. She threw the ball dead flush and left the dreaded 8-pin. Frustration set in and she missed the 8-pin, but still posted a terrific 780 series to lead the ladies for high scratch series. Novella Daniels posted one of the 300 games.

High average belonged to Jake Monto at 228.5, followed by Jeff Roche at 228.36 and George Juszczuk at 227.86. Sara Litteral had

the high women's average at 213.6, followed by Novella Daniels at 210.6.

• MOST ALL of the teams in the Ebonite Thunderbowl All-Stars will be coming back next year, and early indications are that a few more teams will be joining. If any of the readers would care to consider participating in one of the finest leagues in the country, contact Charlie Cassise at (734) 818-9257.

Diverse Class Inducted Into USBC Hall Of Fame

ARLINGTON, Texas — The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame has inducted one of the most diverse classes in its history, including its first wheelchair bowler, one foreign-born player and a three-time U.S. Open winner.

In all, nine individuals were inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame during ceremonies at the Sheraton Hotel.

The Superior Performance category saw four new inductees: Dave Husted of Milwaukie, Ore.; Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela; Tom Baker of King, N.C.; and Dede Davidson of Buellton, Calif.

Lennie Boesch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., and Gary Daroszewski of Franklin, Wis., were inducted in the Outstanding USBC Performance category.

Joan Feinblum of Santa Rosa, Calif., and the late Kerm Helmer were inducted for Meritorious Service, and wheelchair bowler Al Uttecht of Anaheim, Calif., became the first person inducted in the Pioneer category since 2008.

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May 5	Sunnybrook Lanes	10 am
June 2	300 Bowl	10 am
Aug. 4	Plaza lanes	10 am
Sept. 22	Mayflower Lanes	10 am
Oct. 6	Cherry Hill lanes	10 am
Nov. 3	5 Star Lanes	10 am
Dec. 1	Sunnybrook Lanes	12 pm

(Grand Finals)

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED MAY 16

Hotly-Contested Vote for PBA Player of the Year Set to Begin

SEATTLE — The 2011-12 Professional Bowlers Association Tour season turned into one of the most compelling season-long battles for Chris Schenkel Player of the Year honors in history as a group of stars battled in PBA major championships and events around the world.

The three leading vote-getters in the Player of the Year race will be announced on Wednesday, May 16, followed by the first-ever live announcement of the winner on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel on Monday, May 28, during the PBA Summer Shootout at 10-pin Bowling Lounge in Chicago.

The leading PBA Player of the Year candidates, in alphabetical order are:

JASON BELMONTE (Australia) — Won three titles including the Elite Players Championship, had seven top-five finishes, finished third in average and second in both points and earnings. Belmonte also finished third in the U.S. Open and Tournament of Champions, fourth in the PBA World Championship and ninth in the USBC Masters.

NORM DUKE (Clermont, Fla.) — Won three titles, including the Dick Weber Playoffs, and had five top-five finishes. The Hall of Famer moved into third place in all-time PBA Tour titles with his 37th career victory. He ranked sixth in average, points and earnings.

MIKE FAGAN (Dallas) — Qualified for TV shows in all four PBA Tour majors. He won the USBC Masters, finished second in the U.S. Open, fourth in the Tournament of Champions and 12th in the PBA World Championship. He also won an international PBA Tour title, the Brunswick Euro Challenge in Paris, France. Statistically, he was second in average, and third in points and earnings.

OSKU PALERMAA (Finland) — Became the first two-handed player to win a PBA major (PBA World Championship) and he won the Kuwait International Open, the first international title ever awarded under a new agreement between the PBA and the World Tenpin Bowling Association. He had two other top-five finishes, and finished eighth in the U.S. Open and Tournament of Champions. Palermaa was fifth in points and earnings.

SEAN RASH (Montgomery, Ill.) — Won PBA's signature event, the Tournament of Champions. He led the Tour with eight top-five finishes, including third place in the PBA World Championship, and finished first in average, points and earnings. He also qualified for a record five consecutive TV finals during the World Series of Bowling.

PETE WEBER (St. Ann, Mo.) — Won the U.S. Open, the 36th title of his career,

as he became the first player ever to win that prestigious title five times. The Hall of Famer, who has never won Player of the Year honors, also had two other top-five finishes including fifth in the PBA World Championship while finishing 12th in average and fourth in both points and earnings.

Also on the Player of the Year ballot, based upon a top-10 finish in either competition points or earnings, are Chris Barnes, Ryan Ciminelli, Andres Gomez, Bill O'Neill and Ryan Shafer. A detailed breakdown of the Player of the Year candidates' stats are available here.

The PBA has also announced six players will be considered in voting for PBA Harry Golden Rookie of the Year with Arizona's Josh Blanchard the clear-cut favorite based on his 10 cashes, five match play finals and one television appearance in 13 events. Five players will be considered by their PBA peers for the annual Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award.

Rookie of the Year candidates, in addition to Blanchard, are: Dennis Eklund, Sweden; Antonio Medina, Louisville, Ky.; Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska; Jake Peters, Decatur, Ill.; and Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C.

Nagy candidates are Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y.; Martin Larsen, Sweden;

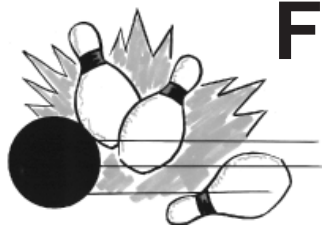
Tom Hess, Urbandale, Iowa; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Scott Norton, Costa Mesa, Calif. Jurek is a two-time Nagy winner. Kulick is the first woman ever nominated for the award.

PBA Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year are selected by the entire PBA membership plus a panel of veteran bowling writers. The Nagy Award is voted on by players who bowled at least half of the PBA Tour events during the past season. Ballots, full statistical data and voting instructions will be available to PBA members on the members-only section of PBA.com beginning April 25. Hard copy ballots will be mailed to media voters. The deadline for voting will be May 15.

Lennie Boresch Jr. Wins PBA Senior Sun Bowl

In his Senior Tour debut, Boresch defeated 2011 Senior Rookie of the Year Ricky Beck of Box Elder, S.D., 278-266, to win the PBA Senior Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Storm Tuesday at Spanish Springs Lanes. Then, it's on to Arlington, Texas, where Boresch will be inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

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New York Bowler Becomes 19th Bowler to Roll Perfect 900 Series

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ing one of his best seasons, which ended Thursday night with a 238 average. He also rolled a pair of 300s and two 800 series earlier in the year. He now owns 15 perfect games and five 800s to go along with his latest achievement.

"I'm here an awful lot, so I decided I didn't want to commit to two leagues this year, which left my Friday nights open to go out and do some other things," said Martorella, who spends about 50 hours each week at the bowling center. "I try to practice every other day, and a lot of my focus is on tournaments on the weekends."

In three weeks, Martorella will head south to Baton Rouge, La., for the 2012 USBC Open Championships, the world's largest participatory sporting event. He will be making his fourth consecutive tournament appearance and looks to improve on the career-best 2,001 all-events total he posted at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev., last year. His father won a Regular Team title at the 1971 event in Detroit.

"I've been throwing the ball really well lately, and I hope some of this carries over," said Martorella, who owns a 204.7 average at the Open Championships. "You just try to use something like this to your advantage, and

it definitely keeps your confidence up."

The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Neb. There has never been a 900 on Sport Bowling lane conditions.

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- USBC-Approved 900 Series (20):
Jeremy Sonnenfeld (R), Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1997
- Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998
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- Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004
- Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004
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- Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006
- Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., April 22, 2006
- P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006

- Rich Jerome Jr. (R), Baltimore, Dec. 22, 2008
- Chris Aker (L), Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 30, 2009
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- Andrew Mank (R), Bellevue Ill., March 18, 2010
- William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010

- Matt Latarski (R), Medina, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010
- Bob Kammer Jr. (R), Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 8, 2011
- John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012 (Pending formal approval by the United States Bowling Congress.)

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