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## 'USA VS. THE WORLD' MATCH OCT. 25

# High 5 Gear PBA League Challenge Kicks Off PBA World Series in Vegas

A new event, the High 5 Gear PBA League Challenge: USA vs. The World, will kick off PBA World Series of Bowling V on Friday, Oct. 25, at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas as a special pay-per-view event on PBA's online bowling

channel, Xtra Frame.

The special Xtra Frame PBA League Challenge webcast — and additional daily events held as part of the WSOB V — will be available for a special World Series of Bowling Day Pass fee of \$5. There will be no added cost for current

Xtra Frame subscribers, but non-subscribers who would like to watch specific events on specific days will be able to sign up on a daily basis under the new program. Subscribers who sign up for Xtra Frame for the monthly fee of \$7.99 or the full-year fee of \$64.99 will be exempt from the special Day Pass fee(s).

To sign up for the High 5 Gear PBA League Challenge on Oct. 25 or for any of the "Day Pass" sessions Oct. 26-31, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com),

click on the Xtra Frame link and head to the registration page by clicking on the "Sign Up" link underneath the Xtra Frame logo at the top of the page. Apps for mobile devices, allowing for easy access to Xtra Frame, are available for iPhones and Android devices.

The High 5 Gear PBA League Challenge: USA vs. The World will begin at 6 p.m. on Oct. 25. It will feature six United States Franchise Players from the 2013 PBA  
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## IN THE NEWS

### 'Michigan Kingpins' Debuts on Comcast

• MICHIGAN KINGPINS, a monthly series of 30-minute TV shows, made its debut on Comcast Network's Channel 900. The show features interviews, tournament winners, technology reports from bowling manufacturers, top competitors, and upcoming USBC events. This show is hosted by Metro Detroit USBC's Mark Martin.



The first show aired on Friday, Aug. 23, and the second aired on Friday, Sept. 20 on the Comcast Network's Channel 900. Encore broadcasts will be running throughout the month on Comcast Channel 900, at the following times: Tuesdays at 2 p.m. and 9 p.m., Thursdays at 8 p.m., Fridays at 7 p.m., Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., and Sundays at 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m.

You can also catch the shows on YouTube and [mdusbc.com](http://mdusbc.com).

## 'Welcome 2 Bowling' Program Returns for 2013-14 Season

ARLINGTON, Texas — For those new to bowling in a league, and those coming back to the sport after an extended break, USBC is ready to offer instructional help — and a little fun.

The Welcome 2 Bowling program returns for a third season in 2013-14. This time around, the program not only will provide bowling fundamentals to help new bowlers who are competing in a league for the first time, but also will have advanced coaching instruction available for the more accomplished bowlers.

The "new" USBC member does not necessarily refer to someone completely new to the sport of bowling. First-year USBC members have varying degrees of bowling experience. While some actually might be trying the sport for the first time, others might have bowled regularly in leagues years ago or might have been regular open-play bowlers.

"Each season, USBC sees thousands of bowlers join a league for the first time and we want these new USBC members to succeed on the lanes," Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, USBC Director of Coaching Certification and Development, said. "We think the coaching instruction we provide through Welcome 2 Bowling can help bowlers improve their game."

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Cynthia Patterson of Taylor, Angela Wilt of Westland, Eddie Grace of Howell, Carol Schemers of Clarkston, Leonard Cianciolo of Warren and the late Bill Srock Sr. earned their place in the prestigious Hall.

Sharon Schildroth will be honored with the Thomas W. McKay Award for lifetime service, Michael DeRousie will receive the Judge Watts Award for outstanding contributions to the promotion of bowling and Joe Zainea will receive the George Prybyla Industry Award.

Induction ceremonies will take place Sunday, Nov. 10 at DeCarlo's Banquet and Convention Center, 6015 E. Ten Mile Rd. in Warren. Cocktails will be served at 4 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. with ceremonies to follow. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased through the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695, ext. 104.

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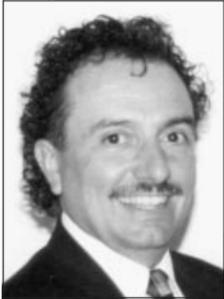
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# Women's Series Returns for Third Season

## METRODETROIT USBC NEWS

By Association Manager  
**Mark A. Martin**

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• THE METRO Detroit USBC Women's Series has returned for the third season. This six-event series is in conjunction with Rip 10 Entertainment (Shelby Lanes). The series will be a scratch event for women only.

Qualifying will be four games and match play will be single-game single elimination to determine a winner. The competition is expected to last less than four hours.

The entry fee is \$40 (\$45 if paid on site) and first place will pay \$500 based on 24 entries.

The first two events have been held. The next one will be Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at Mayflower Lanes in Redford.

In conjunction with the six events will be a season long "cup" competition, where all competitors will receive points for each event they participate in. The top player in points will receive \$1,000 and the top 15 will cash.

Other events are scheduled for Jan. 12; March 9; and April 13.

These events will be held regardless of the number of entries as we try to establish

competitive women's bowling in the Bowling Capital of the World.  
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### TOM MCKAY TOURNAMENT

• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association will once again conduct the annual Tom McKay Invitational Tournament (formerly the Steve Cruchon Memorial Tournament) on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Sterling Lanes in Sterling Heights.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum and the Karmanos Cancer Institute. Over \$250,000 has been raised since 1990.

We are looking for interested individuals who may be interested in competing in the invitational event. The cost is \$20 and entrants are expected to raise at least \$100 for the causes by either soliciting donations for \$100 or selling \$200 of 50/50 tickets or a combination.

The event is always a good time where the top eight teams qualify for match play.

If you are interested please contact the MDUSBC office at (248) 443-2695.

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### MDUSBC TOURNAMENTS

• ON SATURDAY, Oct. 26 the MDUSBC Junior Masters will be contested at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights. This is a scratch event and a Junior Gold qualifier open to MDUSBC youth bowlers.

The event starts at 10 a.m. with a cost of \$45 to enter.

The MDUSBC Super Senior Masters will be contested on Nov. 2-3 at Belmar

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• THE METRO Detroit USBC Association has an app. Yes the MDUSBC app is available for iPhone, Android and other Smart Phones and Devices.

The app has the rule book, map of all MDUSBC bowling centers, video and other items of interest. More is planned as time goes along.

Download it today and get in on the action.



Lanes in Lincoln Park.

Entrants must be 60 years of age as of Nov. 2 for the scratch tournament. The cost is \$100.

The format is five games of qualifying cutting to the top 16 players including defending champion Nazree Browning Jr. for one-game double elimination match play.

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

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### LEAGUE CERTIFICATIONS COMING IN

Has your league certified on time this year? Each year a number of leagues don't attend to this requirement and lose precious benefits as a result. This is the time of year that all leagues should be sure that your certification application, membership applica-

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## High 5 Gear PBA League Challenge Kicks Off PBA World Series in Vegas

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League season along with seven international players (including Franchise Players Jason Belmonte and Osku Palermaa) in a match that will preview PBA League match play competition during the 2014 season.

The special High 5 Gear event will showcase the singles, alternate-ball doubles, Baker trios and Baker team matches that will be part of the 2014 PBA League format. Each winner will earn one point for his team in each event except Baker team, which will award three points.

The U.S. Franchise Players will be Chris Barnes, Norm Duke, Mike Fagan, Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash (team captain) and Pete Weber. The International team will include England's Dom Barrett and Stuart Williams, Australia's Belmonte (team captain), Colombia's Andres Gomez, Finland's Palermaa and Mika Koivuniemi, and Venezuela's Amleto Monacelli. The participating international players are currently on 2014 PBA League rosters and each is a PBA Tour title holder.

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• THE 2014 PBA League season will get underway on Jan. 22 at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. Finals rosters for the eight-team league will be set on Sunday, Nov. 3, when the PBA League team managers will each select the final player during a player draft at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas. The draft will be covered live on Xtra Frame.

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# Women's Series Returns for Third Season

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 tion cards and money has been turned in to the Metro Detroit USBC Association. One of the key points for leagues to be eligible for full bonding and award protection is to file your certification application within 30 days of the league start date. If you have a question about whether your league application has been filed please call the Association office at (248) 443-2695.  
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## PRIZE LISTS, OFFICER SALARIES, ETC.

With the season already several weeks in it's time to attend to some items such as the prize list.

USBC Rule 117a specifies that the league prize committee shall submit one or more prize lists for consideration within five weeks after the start of the season. While there is not penalty to non-compliance the

longer a league waits to resolve this issue potentially the worse it can get. Many leagues specify in their league bylaws that prize money is paid on a per point basis and in this case this rule has already been addressed. For those leagues that have no such protocol for prize lists in their bylaws this needs to get done.

Speaking of prize lists, when developing a prize list make sure it's not too top heavy. Making a prize list too top heavy isn't necessarily in the best interest of the league. Just because your team finishes on top doesn't necessarily mean that your prize money should cover all of your expenses for the entire year. Bowlers need to remember that part of the weekly fee you pay goes for lineage to the center. Much like when you bowl in a tournament only a portion of your entry fee goes towards a prize list, same in a league. Ideally a well constructed prize list will return the prize fee portion of your

weekly fees to teams that finish in the top one-third or top one-half of the league.

League officer salaries should be specified in the league bylaws. If they are not it is something that needs to be addressed for next year. League officer salaries should be based on either the number of teams or the number of bowlers. This way the officers get compensated for increased number of teams and the league gets protected if there are less teams than expected.

Generally league secretaries and treasurers should be paid in the neighborhood of \$20 to \$30 per team or \$3 to \$5 per bowler for the season. This amount may change also if the bowling center is doing the league sheets. If the bowling center is doing the league sheets, league secretaries should receive less.

The bottom line is that leagues should

try to keep their expenses to a minimum in order to maximize the return to the bowlers.  
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## MICHIGAN KINGPINS

Did you catch the latest episode of Michigan Kingpins? Michigan Kingpins is a monthly video news magazine of the latest bowling news from the Bowling Capital of the World.

Hosted by Mark Martin, the show airs on Comcast Channel 900. If you don't have Comcast Channel 900 you can watch it on Youtube or mdusbc.com.

On Comcast the show airs the following days and times: Friday @ 7 p.m. Saturday @ 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Sunday @ 9 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday @ 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thursday @ 8 p.m.

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By MDUSBC Director  
**Libbi Fletcher**

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• BELOW IS an article that ran a couple of months ago. Since then, there has been much discussion in the centers, leagues, and on social media about the elimination of awards and paying "more" for certification. Since that time, the Metro Detroit USBC has sent out surveys to those members who have provided an e-mail address to ask our bowlers their opinions on awards for both milestones and honor scores and the results are varied. The MDUSBC Awards and Recognition Committee will review the results of that survey, as well as the comments posted at the end of the survey and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors as to the direction we will go as a Local Association for the 2014-15 season.

Thanks to those of you who took the time to respond. Although some responses had nothing to do with awards or the survey, your input is always appreciated.

Following the repeated article, I have provided a response by a league bowler from California who has been challenged with answering this same question.

I have been involved at the association level since 1985. Back then, the WIBC dues were probably \$6, not sure. But the question that we as leaders have always been asked is, "What do we get for our money?"

Why should leagues "sanction."

It has always been a challenge. And at that time, the associations and the proprietors were not on the same page; therefore, some proprietors did not support sanctioning of leagues, and even went as far as to provide their own awards to those unsanctioned leagues.

Well, as the saying goes, we've come a long way, baby! I do believe that the relationship between USBC and BPAA is the best it has ever been. This is evident by

the joint efforts going on at the International Bowling Campus, and most strongly by the IBC Youth department and committee. This is of the utmost importance, since the youth are the future of this sport, if it is to have a future. And I believe it does. But that future cannot look as it has in the past.

We do not pay \$6 anymore to a women's organization. We now pay \$10 to an organization that services women, men and youth and is the national governing body for the sport of bowling. While many do not see value in being the NGB, but being recognized by the USOC as the governing body of our sport is extremely important. Supporting the NGB of any sport is invaluable. Many belong to USGA as golfers, which I believe is about \$35 and you receiving a bag tag for your golf bag. That is about it. But that money supports so much for the game of golf.

So what do we get for that \$10?

Rules of the game, equipment specifications and certifications of pins, bowling balls, lanes, lane conditioner, certified averages, bonding of our leagues, national tournaments, member rewards, bowl.com, youth development and the SMART Fund which administers scholarships, BOWLTV, the Bowler's Journal interactive magazine.

Also, we support Team USA, provide an annual convention to association delegates,

Registered Volunteer Program that keeps our kids safe from predators, field staff, webinars, group tax exemption for associations, IT support for Winlabs for processing membership, and supporting charities such as BVL (Brightening Veteran's Lives), Bowl for the Cure, Special Olympics, etc.

The biggest change of all, of course, has been the announcement of the elimination of special achievement awards. The "one size fits all" approach was not working. What works here in Detroit, may not work in Wyoming or Florida. Awards are perceived to have a low value. These awards will now be administered by the local associations. No one knows OUR bowlers better than we do.

So in the fall, a survey will be sent out to the MDUSBC bowlers asking for feedback with regard to awards as we prepare for the 2014-15 season. When you receive this survey in your e-mail box, please take the time to respond so we know what you expect from your local association.

Change is never easy, but it is certain. Bowling has been at a steady decline of around 6% each year for about 20-25 years. We can no longer keep trying to do business as we did in the 1980s when bowling was at its heyday. We need to move forward and be a strong national governing body of the sport.

We have a responsibility to the youth who enjoy this sport and are better trained and equipped as athletes than some of us ever were! That was evident when the Junior Gold athletes were here last month.

I believe in supporting USBC and I cannot imagine what this sport would be like if we had no rules governing the sport, equipment, lanes, etc. It would not be a sport at

all.

We lose 6% of our membership each year, but statistics show that we get 20-25% new bowlers each year. We need to keep those new bowlers. We need to welcome them, teach them, and get them into leagues that fit their demographic and ability. If everyone brought in ONE new bowler who didn't bowl last year, we would double our membership.

Metro Detroit USBC will continue to serve our members to the best of our ability. We will listen to your suggestions with regard to all of the changes coming in the next year. As the Awards chairman, I welcome any and all suggestions and ideas that we can review on your behalf.

Please e-mail me at [libbi.fletcher@mdusbc.com](mailto:libbi.fletcher@mdusbc.com)

Thanks for being a member of Metro Detroit USBC and USBC.

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### USBC MEMBERSHIP: TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN

Why should USBC subsidize our use of their rules? Do we want to come up and maintain a complete set of rules on our own? What in-depth rules would you abide by? If USBC rules are used by leagues that don't sanction, what will happen in the future if USBC folds due to lack of members? That's more a possibility than we realize.

Each year the local association visits each center to make sure each lane bed conforms to a level playing field. The flat gutters are deep enough, the lane level is correct from side to side, from foul line to head pin; all bowling establishments have the same

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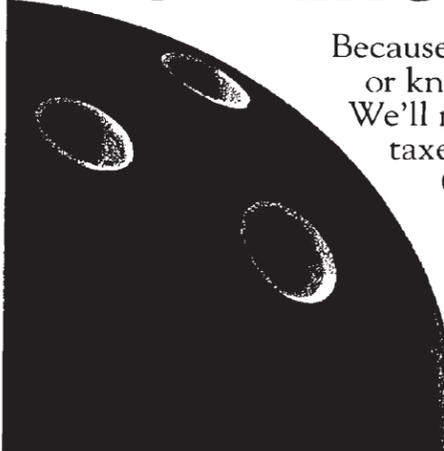
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# Too Much Muscle Can Ruin Bowling Consistency

**TIPS FROM THE PROS**



**By CHERYL DANIELS**

*Member of the Professional Women's Bowling Association*

• ALL BOWLERS should strive for a game that incorporates a natural armswing and clean release. A bowler who builds their game around a lot of muscle will find it difficult to be consistent across a variety of lane

conditions and will require a lot of practice to repeat their mechanics. The less muscle that is used the easier it is to repeat a motion.

Some of the common factors that lead to a muscled game are (1) a badly fitted ball, (2) wrong weight (ball too light or too heavy), (3) mismatched equipment (too weak a ball or too strong), (4) bad ball placement (pushaway), (5) wrong concept (fast is better).

There are other factors that contribute to muscling, but we will just cover these five in this article.

First, a bowling ball that fits poorly is one of the worst culprits contributing to muscling. Thumb holes that are too large, spans that are too long and an excessive amount of reverse in the thumb will force the bowler to squeeze the ball during the swing.

A ball that is drilled properly will hug the hand and allow the bowler to not use excessive grip pressure to hold onto the ball. When you squeeze the ball too hard it makes it much more difficult to repeat a clean release.

Second, using a bowling ball that is too light is a common problem with women bowlers. I see many women use 10-pound and 11-pound balls and try to throw them harder thinking that will increase their power when the reverse is true.

A bowler should select a weight that offers some resistance in order to feel the weight of the ball swing like a pendulum from the shoulder and allow the weight of the ball to do more of the work. Likewise if a ball is too heavy you will feel like you are dragging an anchor to the line. Most senior bowlers should consider down sizing in weight as they get older.

Third, mismatched equipment can get you in a world of trouble. A bowling ball that is too weak for the amount of oil on the lanes can be a disaster. Many bowlers will try to force the ball to do what it does not want to do and develop some very bad habits.

Excessive cupping of the wrist or overturning the hand at release is common when trying to force the ball to hook. On the other hand, trying to use a ball that is too strong for the condition will encourage many bowlers to throw the ball too hard or cover too many boards to get to the pocket. Remember, you never want to fight your equipment.

Fourth, bad ball placement (or the pushaway) will make it almost impossible to achieve a natural armswing. No pushaway or an excessive over extended pushaway will cause lots of tension in the shoulders

and arm. Try to support the majority of the ball weight in your stance in the opposite hand (left hand for right-handers). This will allow you to decrease tension in your pushaway arm making it easier to move the ball and get it into the swing freely.

Fifth, wrong concept of bowling. There are many bowlers who equate throwing the ball hard with power. These bowlers are out of control and do not realize that finesse is required to be consistent and there should be a balance between speed and rolling the ball.

Another misconception is cupping, squeezing and lifting the ball really hard is the way you create your hook. This causes a forced and unnatural armswing. Learn to just roll the ball and let the ball leave the hand. Concentrate on allowing the weight of the ball to naturally swing the arm and lifting through the ball and not on the upswing.

Work with these ideas and I am sure you can eliminate some of that muscle that gets you in so much trouble.

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## What Do We Get for Our Sanction Money?

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weight pins. What about the correct amount of oil so that all bowlers are playing on the same field? USBC inspects pins and balls. What if manufacturers came up with some wildly unbalanced ball, new coverstock, etc., if USBC didn't keep them in check?

Businesses go bankrupt every day and bowling centers are no different. Line up with the other creditors and try to get your league funds back. USBC guarantees our league funds regardless of theft or bankruptcy.

Some of us pay to belong to other organizations, USGA for example. What do they give us for our yearly dues?

We have become such a "what is in it for me" society and seldom look at what is good for the whole bowling community.

Don't we need an independent organization that looks after the good of the game and has no vested interest in the day-to-day operation?

There will be changes coming. Any organization goes through them. USBC has done a great job revamping the youth programs and promotion of high school and college bowling. These are the fastest growing sports or among the fastest on both levels. They also have a good program for certifying coaches for our youth and require background checks on those that coach our youth. For the first time in years, youth membership actually went up this past season.

The cost of membership is extremely small when you think about it. It's less than \$1 per week for our short season. Also, most members don't take advantage of the Member Rewards program which provides discounts on many items and services just for being a member. If you took advantage of just one of the Member Rewards partners, you would save more than the cost of your membership. Go to [bowl.com](http://bowl.com) to learn more about this program.

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- MANY THANKS to Elaine Bellis, League Secretary in California for letting me share her letter and Maureen Nelson, Greater Salt Lake USBC for sharing her sister's letter.

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- METRO Detroit USBC will continue to serve our members to the best of our ability. We will listen to your suggestions with regard to all of the changes coming in the next year. As the Awards chairman, I welcome any and all suggestions and ideas that we can review on your behalf.

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As we approach Veterans Day 2013, Re-Creation is visiting with American heroes in TX, NM, AZ, CA, NV, UT and CO...honoring veteran patients in facilities who've waited more than 2 years for the group's return!

Just before setting out, we discovered that we would need to replace our 7-year old diesel truck...a substantial expense! But I simply did not feel comfortable...safe...sending our young missionaries out in equipment that was becoming more and more unreliable.

The veterans can't come to us, we must go to them. And with a decisive step-of-faith, gone we have!

The 2011 Ford-250 we found will keep the 'show on the road.' Literally!

But even with a positive trade-in, we paid more than \$25,000.00 out of the general fund...\$12,000.00 down and \$13,000.00 financed. We would like to alleviate this prohibitive debt by Veterans Day.

Some wonderful friends already 'have the ball rolling' by sending in gifts specified for vehicle debt. The need was urgent and these wonderful friends responded promptly...

Every one of you knows a veteran. He or she may be a family member or a neighbor...one of your teachers a member of your church. Most of these people have served proudly, but quietly, in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, or Coast Guard, doing their part to preserve our freedom and protect our security. What a service!

**This Veterans' Day, consider a special 'thank you' to a special veteran in your life...and to the thousands more whom you may never meet personally!**

**How Can You Help?**  
 Please consider making a special donation to Re-Creation to help us pay off our truck. We encourage you to make the donation in the name of that special veteran you want to honor or to honor all those who have made so many sacrifices in order that we might live in peace and security. No donation is too small. Thank you for your civic, spiritual and genuine consideration...

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**Re-Creation USA, Inc.**

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# Don't Look Now: Next Season Is Already Here

• **IDLE BOWLING** thoughts:  
That next year you're always talking about? Don't look, but it's here.  
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Golf can be an aggravating sport, but most pro bowlers play golf to relax from bowling, which also can be an aggravating game.  
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Do Bahrain, Brunei, Cyprus, Jersey, Kuwait, Malta, Mauritius, Myanmar, Yemen and Wales ring a bell? They are among the more than 120 country bowling-federations that regularly bowl in FIQ and other international bowling competitions.  
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Never thought I'd see the day when bowling balls came in more different colors than Easter eggs.  
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The charter members of the ABC Hall

of Fame were Joe Bodis, Adolph Carlson, Charley Daw, Peter Howley, John Koster, Herb Lange, Mort Lindsey, Hank Marino, Jimmy Smith, Harry Steers and Gil Zunker.  
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Missing from the bowling scene in regular league play is the once large number of artistic and zany bowling shirts. These days many leagues have more teams without bowling shirts than with and sadly, some leagues have more bowlers wearing hats than wearing bowling shirts.  
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In too many cases the instructor is the person who had bowled once or twice before.  
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We should always heed the long ago words of former American Junior Bowling Congress manager Chuck Hall, who said,

"We need to renew our enthusiasm for introducing youngsters to bowling and project the attitude that bowling is the greatest game in the world." Amen.  
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Want to learn some interesting and revealing facts? Just read the rule book — or the fine print on a bowling tournament entry blank.  
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The average American has a vocabulary of about 10,000 words. Doctors, lawyers and journalists range from 15,000 to 20,000 words. Bowlers, in their careers, use 25,000 words just to describe how they missed an easy spare.  
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If you see a bowler still cleaning his bowling ball after every shot, don't ask why, just ask what else he got for his birthday.  
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If another bowler does it, you call it a mistake or an error. If you do it, it is called



**By CHUCK PEZZANO**

*Bowling Hall-of-Famer and Nationally Syndicated Columnist*

practical experimentation that failed.  
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My nomination for the best communicator in the world is the bowling instructor who can give bowling advice and lessons without taking his hands out of his pocket.  
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Youngsters in a junior bowling league held an election and the adults were amazed when a four-year-old was elected president. An older member of the group explained, "He couldn't be secretary because he can't write, or treasurer because he can't count that well, and he would never do as sergeant at arms because he's too little. But if we didn't pick him for something, he'd feel bad and cry, so we made him president."  
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W.C. Fields once said, "Start every day off with a smile and get it over with." Do the same with every game you bowl.

## Mika Koivuniemi Wins Columbia 300 Vienna Open for Third 2012-13 PBA Title

VIENNA, Austria — The 2012-13 Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year race got even more interesting Sunday when Mika Koivuniemi, a Finnish native now living in Hartland, Mich., won his third PBA International Tour title of the season, defeating fellow Finn Pasi Uotila, 258-237, in the title match of the Columbia 300 Vienna Open at Plus Bowling Center.

With his win, Koivuniemi became the first PBA Tour player to win three titles — all on foreign soil — during the 2012-13 season. He previously won the Round1 Japan Cup followed by the Qatar Open in back-to-back World Tenpin Bowling Association/PBA International Tour events in December 2012. Jason Belmonte, Australia (Bear Open and USBC Masters) and Scott Norton, Mission Viejo, Calif. (Chameleon Open and Earl Anthony PBA Players Championship), are the only other multiple title winners this season with two each.

Koivuniemi, who owns 12 PBA Tour titles, also moved into second place in the WTBA's World Bowling Tour men's points standings and won a 7,000 Euro first prize (est. \$9,500 U.S.) to take the 2012-13 PBA Tour earnings lead with \$172,312 (roughly \$3,500 ahead of Belmonte).

The Vienna Open was the next-to-last World Bowling Tour qualifying event heading into the PBA World Series of Bowling. With his victory, Koivuniemi earned 50 WBT points and now ranks second with 534 points, trailing leader Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., who has 563 points after picking up 23 points for his seventh-place finish in Vienna. Trailing Koivuniemi and Rash on the men's points list are Mike Fagan of Fort Worth, Texas (506); Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C. (494); Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas (491), and Belmonte (477).

The top three men and top three women on the WBT's rolling two-year competition points list will earn berths in the WBT Finals presented by the PBA, which will be held on Nov. 3 as the final event on the PBA World Series of Bowling V program. The top three WBT women have clinched berths. Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., is the leader with 647 points followed by Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y. (555) and Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif. (539).

The final WTBA/PBA International Tour tournament and final WBT qualifying event leading into the PBA World Series of Bowling V will be the WBT Thailand which will be held Oct. 14-21 at Bul-O Paragon in Bangkok, Thailand. WBT points at stake begin at 50, 40, 35, 30 and 25 for the top five players, respectively.

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