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President's Perspective



Bette Addington

It's the start of the 2017-18 Bowling Season!

Just like the first day back to school, that similar feeling with the start of the fall leagues, don't you agree? Here's hoping your teams and leagues are full and your bowling ball is filled with strikes!

CBW is excited that Bob Thomas/National Bowling Stadium has continued their sponsorship! Their support is much appreciated and enables us to grow our organization and help promote bowling events.

And a big CBW welcome to Storm for joining as our new sponsor! The company with the best-selling bowling balls and the sponsor for the annual Storm "Festival of Bowling" National Mixed Tournament that takes place each year at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno.

BVL is 75 Years Old - *What's in your Wallet?*

California has proudly led all states in donations that support our service men and women. As we turn 75 we reflect on the early beginnings lead by then president Elva Stevens from Stockton who spearheaded the effort here in California in the 1940's charting a course for the nation.

Founded in 1942, BVL is a national 501 (c) (3) charity which is consistently acknowledged for efficient and effective programming delivered with extremely low overhead. BVL has been recognized as one of "America's Best Charities," acknowledged as a "Top Rated" Nonprofit, earned a Gold Participant GuideStar distinction for a commitment to transparency, and accepted into the Combined Federal Campaign.

Donations received in 2016 sent directly to National: Greater Sacramento \$8,000.00, Rock N Bowl Lg. (LaQuinta), \$100.00, Mother Lode USBC \$941.40 and our California State USBC \$103,333.17. California has continuously dominated the top spot for state donations for many years, and three or four of our Local Association are in the top ten in the nation each year. It is preferable that donations be sent to our state BVL effort. The CUSBC BVL Committee designates the recognized facilities who receive our gifts each year.

BVL does not charge an administrative fee. In addition to the needs of VA Healthcare Hospitals, Outreach/Vet Centers and Homes like Yountville for retired Vets, BVL supports national programs like Re-Creation, the BVL/VA Bowling tournament and the 6 National VA events.

It is well known that no one does more than bowlers in a volunteer "non-paid" capacity for our various endeavors – BVL among them. BVL is our passion and there will *always* be a need for support for our armed forces who protect America.



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What are you doing this weekend?

By Tina Martin

What are you doing this weekend? ...and the next, and next, and next? Bowling? Working? Volunteering?

The bidding process to host this tournament is done at least 2 years prior to the event. We had heard almost two years ago that our center had been selected to host the 2017 Open, Women's and Youth Championship tournaments. Center owner Charlie Kinstler had just taken over the management in February of 2014, after purchasing the center in 2013. He is very supportive of tournament bowling in his Southern California centers and was eager to have the tournament at his new Northern California center, Country Club Bowl, San Rafael and to have it hosted by Marin County USBC and all the center bowlers.

Being a one house association in the city where the CUSBC State Office is located was very helpful for all. Basically, four board members and the center staff were there each weekend to meet, greet, work and even bowl when needed for a last-minute sub.

It had been 30 years since Marin hosted the California ABC Championship tournament. In 1987, Doubles event was at Country Club Bowl and team event at Nave Lanes, Novato. That was my first experience in volunteering to help with the the bag checking room. As of just last year, all the State tournament is located at the same center for Team, Doubles and Singles event for the Adult and Youth.

*Let the tournament begin...*It all started on April 7, 2017, squad number one of the 2017 California USBC Open and Women's Bowling Championships. Most bowlers were at the center by 5pm on Friday night for the 7pm squad time. Novato High School ROTC presented the colors for the opening squad the first Saturday.

The 8am squads were the hardest for all the workers and bowlers. Bowlers were arriving at 6-6:30 ready to eat breakfast and to get their lane assignments. We opened to doors at 6:15 every Saturday and Sunday morning, having already stopped by the donut shop to pick up the fresh donuts and have coffee available to purchase as our fundraiser for the CCB Youth bowlers. Our restaurant was ready with a morning special.

As it got closer to the ending weekend, emotions started showing more for Tournament Director Kathy Bruegeman, this being her last time as Tournament Director. She made the tournament FUN as her enthusiasm was contagious. She was there each weekend with the help of one other State Director or Assn. Manager and Office Asst. Vern Coleman. Vern is also MCUSBC President. The final squad of the Adult Championship was on June 18.

It takes a lot of dedication to host this annual event. While I was not involved in the bid process to get the tournament to our center, I was there every squad for tournament. By the first day, everyone knew their job and what was needed done to make the tournament a success. As a board director and as CCB League Director, I was responsible for getting all the score keepers and subs. As a California Bowling Writers member, I wrote the weekly press releases for the newspapers. Center Manager Stacy Aldred and Asst. Manager Tahnee Martin were busy each week setting up the squads and inputting all the names in the computer as well as managing the Brackets for each squad. Carolyn Sabaca and other board members sold merchandise for the CUSBC as well as Tournament towels. State 500 Club ran their annual tournament during each team event. The Pro Shop also had awesome shirts and other merchandise for sale for bowlers. *Cont. on page 4*

It's All in the Release

By Steve Kloempken, VP - Marketing,
Storm Bowling Products



Hello to all and thanks to the California Bowling Writers for allowing me to contribute some technical advice to this publication. I am Steve Kloempken of Storm Products, Inc., and I would like to discuss one of the most crucial components of a bowler's game, the release.

It is critical that you arrive at the foul line with the ball in a leveraged position in your approach. This way, you will be able to apply lift and impart a good roll on the ball.

This technique will allow you a more powerful strike ball and thus much better pin carry. Without proper leverage, a clean release is virtually impossible.

The release is the point of each player's game where all the action happens; it is the point where everything comes together. We are going to break the release down to two separate components:

- The influences of the release
- The release action

What part of your game influences your release and the type of roll you have? If you have ever tried to move your ball track you probably found that it is a difficult thing to do. Most players can bring their ball track a little closer or further away from the grip. But very few can change their tilt, the relative closeness of the tracking from the thumb to the fingers. What is the reason for this? The answer is that your type of roll is dependent upon many things you do throughout your approach. The direction of your last step in relation to your power step, for example, determines your arm swing shape. The more your arm 'wraps' around your hips, the lower your ball track will be. This is because the wrap-effect of your arm forces your thumb to fall towards the floor at your release point.

This is just one of many determining factors in your release point. Let's now look at the actual hand action of most top professionals in the world.

Observing some of the world's best for many years now, I have noticed one big difference between professionals and amateurs. While many amateurs tend to 'loft' and 'throw' the ball at release, the world's best have a release that is smooth as silk! Why is this? It is because the top pros start their release much sooner than the amateurs.

FOR YOU SO. CAL GALS

The **So. California Friendship Tournament** will be held SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017 hosted by Orange County 600 Club at Forest Lanes in Lake Forest. This is open to any active 600 Club member South of San Luis Obispo, California. Get Entry forms from: Orange County 600 Club, c/o Ladine Jones, PO Bix 10009, Anaheim, CA 92801 or 714-225-2409 or email: orangecounty600@att.net. **Deadline is September 28, 2017.**

The National 600 Club tournament will be in Reno, NV again. Information about National 600 Club is on the website: www.national600.com.

USBC's E.D. on the 'Open' Pattern Controversy

Over the years, the release of the lane patterns for the USBC Open Championships had become a highly anticipated aspect of the buildup to the tournament. This year, the USBC decided to withhold that information until after the tournament had concluded. In a video featuring 18-time PBA Tour champion Chris Barnes, USBC released those details.

USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy acknowledges that the move provoked "strong opinions about whether this is actually going backwards," but he expressed to Bowlers Journal International in an interview conducted with BJI Editor Gianmarc Manzione that, "It's moving us forward in a lot of ways."

Comment:

This was covered at National and State Conventions, but it will be interesting to see how it goes when Fall leagues start. This mostly affects leagues. An interesting tidbit is USBC is not requiring documentation or taping of the patterns once they are selected for a league. I just watch things like this closely as I know how the Sport leagues went. I was eager to try the Sport league and joining it but then when USBC started dictating how our averages should be from their point of view compared to how we average on house shots that did it for me. There are so many variables that go into how people average in their leagues and I don't feel USBC takes it all into consideration. Like, for example, a bowler can average way higher in a doubles or trios league compared to a five-person team. And, because of that, many bowlers will not bowl summer leagues because they tend to be doubles or trio leagues and bowlers don't want to bowl State or Nationals with that higher average looming over them when State and Nationals are four or five-person teams on patterns that are way more difficult to adjust or score on compared to the house shots they are used to bowling on. So we will see how all this plays out with this new lane condition added to the mix. BA



What are you doing this weekend? *Cont. from page 2*

After a few weeks off the youth bowlers came into Marin for their Tournament in July. We hosted the youth team event in 2013, so we were familiar with how tournament Director Lynn Matusbara runs the event. Wow can those kids bowl! Thanks to all the youth coaches that volunteer their time to see that youth love our sport and they are our future. Several coaches organized their youth program to attend and traveled together on buses, a fun memory for all the youth and parents.

From the bowlers and staff at Country Club Bowl, we thank all those that attended both the Adult Open and Women's Championships as well as the Youth Championships held at Country Club Bowl, San Rafael from April 7 through July 16. You are all awesome and we had fun hosting your Championship tournament! Sign up now for 2018 at Keystone Lanes, Norwalk! The best bowlers do come from California!

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Storm Open Festival of Bowling Featuring The National Mixed Tournament

By Jackie Wyckoff



We have all heard the saying “You can’t please all the people, all the time”, right? Well I am here to debunk that myth. The biggest little tournament in Reno has something for everyone. It’s the Storm National Mixed Tournament and the Festival of Bowling, two tournaments running concurrently at the National Bowling Stadium. The 2017 event runs for four weekends from October 5 through November 5.

I have been bowling the Storm National Mixed Tournament since the NBS took it over way back in 2003. They added the Festival of Bowling events and the Youth Division. As most of the regulars know, it really is a “Bowling Weekend” at the tournament. You could bowl every squad, every day. Or, pick one, have fun and spend the rest of the weekend in the casino. With a total of eleven different events and 36 separate prize funds, there is something for everyone. If you happen to be as old as me (or a decade younger at 50+), you can bowl in almost all of them! And, of course, there is always brackets and side-pots.

I live in the San Francisco Bay Area so it’s just a hop skip and jump for me to travel to the Biggest Little City, either by car or plane. If you’re almost anywhere in the west, Southwest has lots of direct flights with the added perk that (Bowling) Bags Fly Free. Since I live fairly close, a four-hour drive on a good day, I am a Reno Regular.

I love the National Bowling Stadium, and not just because it is the Taj Mahal of Tenpins. The attitudes of the long-time stadium staff make you feel like Norm in an episode of “Cheers”. From the minute you walk in, it’s Hi! How are ya? Great to see ya! And Hugs time. From the big boss, Bob Thomas, to the scorekeepers, like the loveable Billy, everyone makes you feel important, appreciated and welcomed. Before shoeing up I need to say hi to my “friends” Russ, Gloria, Ginger, Rich and the rest (ala the Professor and Maryann).

Getting back to my original point about pleasing all the people, all the time, what event do you want to bowl? Team? Doubles? Singles? All Men? All Women? Scratch? Handicap? Youth/Adult? Senior Events? It is all there, and more. There is a reason why the event has hundreds of returning teams. Squads run on time. Lane conditions are fair. Folks are friendly. Bowl with your friends or meet new people. Scores are posted shortly at the completion of each squad and prize checks are mailed out in a timely manner.

What more could you ask for? Well, mention this article or my name, Jackie Wyckoff, and be entered into a raffle for a FREE Storm Bowling ball. Check out the full details, squad dates & times, lane patterns, past champions, rules and entry forms at nationalmixed.com.

Remembering...



Bea Hoffmann - 7/6/37 - 8/6/17

Past CWBA Director and CBW Charter member Bea Hoffmann passed away on August 6th at home surrounded by her husband Al Hoffmann and family on Sunday, August 6th at home after a four day hospital stay. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Marin Country Club on Sept. 16, from 11am–3 pm, 500 Country Club Dr., Novato. Donations in her memory may be sent to CAUSBC BVL, 45 Mitchell Blvd. #7, San Rafael, CA 94903.

MIKE MCGRATH, USBC AND PBA HALLS OF FAME MEMBER, DIES AT AGE 71

ARLINGTON, Texas – Mike McGrath, a member of United States Bowling Congress and Professional Bowlers Association Halls of Fame, died July 30 in California at age 71. Born May 13, 1946, in Berkeley, California, McGrath stormed onto the bowling scene at the age of 19 when he won the 1965 PBA Portland Open in his professional debut. The left-hander would win 10 PBA Tour titles and was ranked 39th on the 2009 list of the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History.

ROYCE FOGLEMAN

Husband of longtime CBW member Darlene from Chico. Both Royce and Darlene have been supporters of CBW and bowling. CWBA Director Joan Scharsch worked for Royce for many years. Royce was the owner of the ABDick Store in Chico where both of his sons will now take over.

Australia's Jason Belmonte receives his third consecutive Best Bowler ESPY Award during the 2017 ESPY Awards ceremony at the Microsoft Theater

Belmonte, who now owns four ESPY awards, became the second player to earn three consecutive ESPYs joining PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who won three consecutively in 2007, '08 and '09. Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year, was among winners in a variety of sports and special moment categories that were determined by fan voting on espn.com with the winners announced during ABC-TV's live ESPY Awards telecast. In 2017, Belmonte won the USBC Masters for a record fourth time and brought his PBA major win total to eight by winning the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

Since last summer he also has compiled eight other top-10 finishes including seventh in the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and fourth in the 2016 PBA World Championship. Most recently, he finished second in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals and third in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

HISTORY OF BEST BOWLER ESPY AWARD WINNERS

2017 – Jason Belmonte
2016 – Jason Belmonte
2015 – Jason Belmonte
2014 - Pete Weber
2013 – Pete Weber
2012 – Sean Rash
2011 – Jason Belmonte
2010 – Walter Ray Williams Jr
2009 – Norm Duke
2008 – Norm Duke
2007 – Norm Duke

2006 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
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2004 – Pete Weber
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2001 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
2000 – Parker Bohn III
1999 – Walter Ray Williams Jr
1998 – Walter Ray Williams Jr.
1997 – Bob Learn Jr.
1996 – Mike Aulby
1995 – Norm Duke

Pezzano Scholarship Winner



James (Jimmy) Sullivan

ARLINGTON, Texas - The International Bowling Media Association (IBMA) has selected a winner for the \$5,000.00 Chuck Pezzano Scholarship, presented by the Billiards and Bowling Institute of America. The award goes to James (Jimmy) Sullivan, who was chosen from among thirty-seven applicants, the most in the seventeen year history of the award. The winner was announced at the BPAA Industry Awards Luncheon on June 20, 2017 during International Bowl Expo.

Sullivan, a high school senior who hails from Dumont, New Jersey, will be attending Fordham University in the fall. In his essay, he noted the aspects of bowling that drew him to the sport and kept him competing throughout high school. He joined the bowling team at the start of his freshman year. "I was struggling to make new friends, and I was very unsure about life in general as high school began. After meeting the coach and previously knowing some of the members of the bowling team, I decided to become involved," Sullivan said. "I had bowled competitively since the fifth grade but my reasons for joining the Bergen Catholic High School bowling team were less about competition and more about making friends. Bowling afforded that, and I keep in touch with many of the same people I bowled with when I started high school."

Bowling Calendar September - October

September 1-3: PBA Tony Reyes Memorial, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose

September 1-3: Xframe Tourn. Club Labor Day Special, West Covina Lanes, West Covina

September 3-6: – PWBA Tour Championship Season Finale, Richmond Int. Raceway, VA

September 15-17: PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West, Ukiah

September 16: Xframe Tourn. Club, 4pm & 6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood

September 17: Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161

September 23-24: Earl Anthony's Memorial Jr. Fall Classic Scholarship Tourn., Dbls.-Sat.; Singles-Sun., Dublin Bowl, earlanthonysdublinbowl.com

September 24: – GameTime Bowlers Battle 9 Finals, 10am, Deer Creek Lanes, Rancho Cucamonga

September 30 - October 1 – 10: Don Glover Scratch Masters, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield

October 1-2: West Coast Bowling Conv., Coconut Bowl, Sparks, NV, wcbowling.com

October 4-15: CUSBC CA State Singles, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com

October 5 – November 5: Storm Festival of Bowling Mxd. Tourn., NBS, Reno, 800/304-2695

October 6-8: PBA Battle at Black Oak, Tuolumne, CA

October 9-12: Senior High Roller, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV

October 13-15: Pam Buckner Open Tourn, NBS, Reno

October 14–26: Stockton USBC's Open Reno Mxd. Dbls./Singles, Grand Sierra Resort

October 17-22: 40th ABT Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com

October 21-22: 48th CSSBA Open Champs., Modesto, (five weekends), 925/757-2695

October 29: HammerPins Scratch Doubles 8-Gamer, 10am, AMF Rocklin Lanes

News Notes

PBA STARS TACKETT, RASH, MALOTT VISIT WHITE HOUSE LANES

Thanks to more than a little help from a PBA member with government insider connections, PBA stars **EJ Tackett**, **Sean Rash** and **Wes Malott** got a chance to bowl on the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley in the White House complex recently. **THE ROMEO'S ARE AT IT AGAIN!**

Congratulations to Robin and mom Joan Romeo who were honored at Bowl Expo. Joan for the Hennessey Award of Merit and Robin for Senior Bowler of the Year *for the fourth time!*

CBW HAS GOOD THINGS COMING!

At the annual meeting of The California Bowling Writers the decision was made to open up the membership to writers outside of California!

You will be able to participate in our writing contest, fundraising for the Troops, be a voting member at our meetings and even serve on our board of directors! This took a lot of soul searching but we feel like writers organizations are becoming few and far between and we value keeping in touch with our/your members. More news soon.

We maintain an "Email Connection" that sends out only meaningful messages and if you would like to be included – please send your email to: lynlymary@surewest.net.

Say Hi to Phyllis Bourque!

Phyllis Bourque has moved to Maryland! As happens to all of us, the time came when Phyl felt the need to be closer to family. Phyl gave 50 years to bowling in California and bowling in general, especially to the youth. I am sure she would welcome a note: Phyllis Bourque, 5430 Hilltop Rd., La Plata, MD 20646.

Outlets for Story & Article Publication

The *InfoLink* encourages and will accept stories of 200-500 words, relating to bowling. Articles should be focused on individual accomplishments, special events, community involvement, prose, etc. Because we are focusing on special articles by our writers, reporting of scores or association related events will not be accepted. Send your stories to: CBW Website, c/o Kathy Watson at kwatson@royalancestry.com or to the InfoLink, c/o Mary Lynly, lynlymary@surewest.net.

Also, included for your convenience, other California bowling publications who will accept stories and articles for publication:

- **BOWLING WORLD NEWSPAPER** ~ Donna Hazel, Editor ~ Website: www.bowlingworld.com
P.O. Box 111178, Campbell CA 95011-1178 ~ E-mail: readit@bowlingworld.com
Office: 408-821-7332 ~ Fax: 408-366-0847 or 925-215-2242
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