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## CLEMMER MAKES HISTORY LEADS 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN

by Emil Williams

SEMINOLE, Fla. - Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, averaged more than 238 for 12 games Friday to take the lead at the 2022 Professional Women's Bowling Association St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and made history in the process at Seminole Lanes.

The 24-year-old righthander fired games of 237, 190, 289, 300, 300 and 279 for a 1,595 six-game total during Round 2, which nearly broke the PWBA record for highest six-game block. Jackie Mitskavich set the record in Van Wert, Ohio, in 1997 with 1,630.

Clemmer had a chance to become the first woman to roll a 900 series but settled for 879 in her final three games, which was enough to set the PWBA record for highest three-game set. Mitskavich also held the three-game series record of 877 as part of her six-game record.

The United States Bowling Congress national record for highest three-game series by a woman is 890, which is held by two-time PWBA Tour champion Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York.

Clemmer began the second game of the evening with three consecutive splits, followed by a gutter and spare in the fourth frame. Despite not being

comfortable, she managed to roll 190 after a helpful tip from her ball rep, Mike Wolfe, who simply encouraged her to "get the ball to two," which meant the second board on the right side of the lane.

"Honestly, I was just trying to get nine and make my spares because I was throwing it so bad," said Clemmer, who finished third at the season-opening PWBA Rockford Open. "I was not comfortable. It was very evident. When Mike said just throw it to two and settle in, I did just that and was able to get 190 out of it."

Following the 190, Clemmer took every spectator inside Seminole Lanes, including her grandparents who were in attendance, on a ride they may never forget. The rest is history, as they say.

"I just felt so comfortable," said Clemmer, who is a four-time member of Team USA. "When I'm able to just be Bre, and just do what I am known to do, everything else fades away and nothing else matters. And, that happened today. It's like I had blinders on. Nothing else mattered, but me in that moment, and I was allowed to be selfish on the lanes in that moment. It was amazing. Everything just faded away, and I was able to just settle in and be myself."

## BELMONTE CONCLUDES HISTORIC SEASON WITH TOUR FINALS VICTORY

by Nolan Hughes

When Jason Belmonte declared "I'm back!" after his January PBA Players Championship victory, he meant it. He racked up four more titles in 2022, culminating his historic campaign with a PBA Tour Finals victory at Strikerz Bowling at Angel of the Winds Casino in Arlington, Wash.

The 38-year-old Australian capped off one of his finest seasons in style, rolling the second televised 300 game of his career in the championship match. Belmonte defeated Dom Barrett 2-0, earning \$30,000 and a \$10,000 perfect game bonus. This



win marks his 30th career title, making him the eighth player in PBA history to eclipse that threshold.

"To have 30 titles, 14 majors, maybe seven Player of the Years," Belmonte

said to Randy Pederson, "Mate, there's no way as a kid you ever thought this was gonna happen. There's no way!"

With five titles in 2022, Belmonte will almost as-

surely earn his seventh PBA Player of the Year award. That would tie the all-time record set by Walter Ray Williams Jr., whose seven honors spanned from continued on page 6

## BREANNA CLEMMER WINS 2022 PWBA ST. PETERSBURG-CLEARWATER OPEN

by Emil Williams

SEMINOLE, Fla. - Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, capped off a historic weekend in Florida by capturing her first career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title at the 2022 St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open.

Clemmer defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 226-181, in the title match at Seminole Lanes to claim the victory and collect the \$20,000 top prize. The stepladder was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Clemmer, the No. 1 seed, opened the title match by missing a single-pin spare, but just as she did throughout the weekend,



she didn't allow the miscue to affect her mentally. She quickly refocused her energy and proceeded to fire six consecutive strikes to take control of the match.

Coté, who was in the midst of potentially climbing the ladder for her third career PWBA Tour title, began to lose her look on the lanes near the end of

her semifinal match, and her run ultimately ended after she missed the 2-4-5 combination in the fifth. Coté was unable to put two continued on page 3



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The California USBC is proud to announce the newest inductees into the Hall of Fame and Youth Award winners! **John Gould** will be inducted for Superior Performance, **Larry Peppers** for Meritorious Service, **Mabel Sheasley** for Meritorious Service, and **Mike Lucas** for Meritorious Service.

**The Youth winners are:**

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**Mr. Gould** has been active in bowling for over 35 years and resides in Yuba City. He lists 5 years with over a 230 average! He won the California State Masters in 2009 and also the California State Scratch Singles held in San Jose. He has 3 PCCB titles and has won numerous PBA regionals. He is a strong competitor and enjoys the challenge!

**Mr. Peppers** has been active in bowling since 1991-92. He was elected to the California Men's Bowling Association in 1994 and was involved in the transition group when the Womens and Mens boards merged to become the California USBC(2005). He has a history as a CPA and has shared his knowledge with the State board and many bowlers and association officials. He is deserving of this award!

**Mrs. Sheasley** served as the local Men's association secretary from August 2005 until April 2014. She served on both associations as a director and served as chairman of the merged committee in 2015 until they finally merged in 2016. Mabel was elected as 1st V.P. and in 2018 she was appointed Association Manager which she currently holds. Mabel was also elected to serve on the new CUSBC board. She was involved in running the Senior Singles tournament and under her guidance the tournament has thrived! She served on the BVL/Helen Duval Veterans Tournament and became Co-Chair from 2012 to 2021! She is an inspiration to all who have met her!

**Mr. Lucas** started as a director of the Palomar Bowling Association in 1974 and has served as chairman of all Association committees and held all league board positions. He is a certified youth instructor. He held all line officer positions and was President from 1982 to 1986 and also President of the newly merged North County USBC from 2005 to 2009. Mike was elected to the California State board when it merged in 2005/2006 as a director and has served on many committees for the State Board and is currently Co-Chair for the Awards Committee. Mike has participated in 33 State /Open tournaments and is looking forward to bowling his 35th so he can receive his plaque!

The above mentioned Award winners will receive their recognition on July 9th at a special luncheon being held at the Doubletree by Hilton Ontario Airport. Our Special California USBC Award winners from 2020-2022 will also be honored at this luncheon since we were not able to host our normal awards banquet due to the pandemic.

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# MISSY PARKIN Leads California Women at PWBA Twin Cities Open

by Frank Weiler

EAGAN, MN. – Missy Parkin was California's TOP BOWLER at last weeks PWBA Twin Cities Open. She finished in second place after leading the field for most of the week and entering the stepladder finals as Top Seed. For the third consecutive tournament the Top Seed on the PWBA Tour lost the championship match game..

Missy averaged a huge 230 for 24 games of qualifying for a Plus 741 score. She finished in 1st place after four qualifying rounds rolling games of 289, 276, 258 and 250. Twenty-two of her twenty-four qualifying games were above 200.



CALIFORNIA had three bowlers competing in the tournament and they finished in the following order:

Place	Name	City	High	Qualifying Average
2	Missy Parkin	San Clemente	289	230
76	Jill Creamer	Redding	196	173
77	Stephanie Zavala	Downey	225	171

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strikes together during the game.

This weekend will forever be in the memory of Clemmer, who on Friday night, blistered the pins for a 1,595 six-game total, which included a four-game run of 289, 300, 300 and 279. The final three games of the block broke the PWBA Tour record for highest three-game set at 879.

Now, the 24-year-old right-hander adds her name to the history book yet again, this time as a PWBA champion.

“It just feels amazing,” Clemmer said. “I feel pretty great. It’s been a long time coming. Obviously, I don’t think it has fully sunk in yet, but I think it will tonight when I go home or go back to the hotel. It feels great just to do it with my grandparents here. That means the world to me. I just have so much love for them.”

Her grandparents, Jimmy and Barbara Clemmer, better known as Poppy and Maw-Maw, have been in attendance all weekend, since this is the last event they will be able to see in person for the foreseeable future. Jimmy will be preparing to undergo surgery in a couple of weeks to replace both of his hips and be unable to travel. He’s still working his way back from a 2020 battle with COVID-19, which had him on a ventilator for 11 days, while he was unable to move.

Their support truly means everything for Clemmer.

“It means a lot for them to be here,” Clemmer said. “It was not looking good during those 11 days, and by the grace of God, he started breathing on his own. Since then, he’s been battling back and hip issues from lying in bed for so long, but now we’re getting back to where he needs to be. Having their support along with the support from everyone else truly means a lot.”

Clemmer starred at McKendree, helping the program win two national championships. She was a four-time National Tenpin Coaches Association Division II/III Player of the Year (2017-2020). A heap of expectations would be placed on any player with the collegiate career she produced, but many of those expectations came from others and not herself.

As Clemmer’s professional journey evolves in her second season, she continues to learn about herself as a player, and she’s also learned to only focus on the voices that really matter the most in her life, which puts less pressure on her overall. As far as setting records and winning titles goes, she knew she could win, but having a night like Friday, even she could not have imagined that.

“I knew I was capable of winning a title, but to do what I did on Friday, I never thought I was capable of that,” Clemmer said. “I always knew I was great and that I was going to be good, but I never dreamt of this. I used to put so much pressure on myself to be perfect because before I came out on tour, I had won everything.

“But, not winning a title last year and not winning rookie of the year really took a toll on me. Last year, I felt like I disappointed a lot of people, when the only person I was disappointing was myself. I know the only thing that matters is what I think, what my grandparents think and what my family thinks. That’s all that matters to me, and those are the only opinions that I really truly care about.”

Coté bowled great throughout the stepladder and recognized sometimes it’s just not your day.

“I’m 100% happy with my performance,” said Coté, the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year. “Obviously winning would have been the icing on the cake, but I executed, filled frames and had one open in four games. I just tried to make shots, and if my score was the highest one at the end, then so be it. Bre bowled amazing, and I will never take that away from her. She deserved that win. She dominated all week, and it was a pleasure to watch. So, I’m super happy for her. But again, I’m not sad about my performance. I did all I could. And at the end of the day, if I do all I can and I keep coming in second, that’s pretty good.”

She advanced to the title match after defeating Latvia’s Diana Zavjalova, 218-203. Coté stayed clean throughout the match, with the difference being a missed 10 pin in the eighth frame by Zavjalova, who was looking to defend her title from the 2018 event and pick up her first victory since that time.

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# PBA REGIONAL RECAP: AJ JOHNSON TOPS BUTTURFF, EARNS TITLE NO. 10

by Chase Kaufman

With eyes on a \$16,000 and \$10,000 prize, bowlers again traveled to the nearest regional event for some more action as they attempted to get into their respective top eights. Currently playing host to the Open Championships, South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas will also hold the Regional Players Invitational at the beginning of 2023.

## PBA Ohio Lottery/Bowler X/Baldo Campana Memorial Central Open

After qualifying fifth the weekend prior in Peru, Illinois, Mike Eaton Jr. changed it up this time and qualified first in Lorain, Ohio. In Illinois, Eaton couldn't get anything going in the round-robin format, but it was a different story in Ohio. After snagging the one-seed for bracket play at +183, Eaton bent, but never broke. In a best-of-three format, Eaton lost the first game but came back and won the next two games in both the first and second rounds. In the single-game semi and final matches, Eaton delivered once again. The West Michigan native defeated Kyle Cook 216-206 in the semifinals and moved on to face Chandler Stevens. In a tight match, it came down to the end where Eaton threw all three in the tenth frame edging out Chandler Stevens 213-210 to claim his first-ever PBA Regional title.

## PBA Ohio Lottery/Bowler X/Baldo Campana Memorial Central Open Final Standings

Mike Eaton Jr. 2,500 points, \$2,200  
Chandler Stevens, 1,500, \$1,375  
Michael Davidson, 1,150, \$1,000  
Kyle Cook, 950, \$1,000



## PBA50 Ohio Lottery/Bowler X/Baldo Campana Memorial Central Open

Fifty-one seniors also hit the same lanes, but they took the match-play route rather than the bracket-play route. Larry Verble led the group at +264, the only bowler to average above 230, while Bill Watson snuck into the cut at +102. Watson snuck into the cut and made good use of it: he came back the next day and worked his way up the leaderboard to land in the top spot with just the position round to go. Watson led by over 100 pins before the last game, so his 228 in the final match would be plenty to leave him in first. Watson earned \$1,700 and a banner for his efforts.

## PBA50 Ohio Lottery/Bowler X/Baldo Campana Memorial Central Open Final Standings

Bill Watson, 2,500 points, \$1,700  
John Kertis, 1,500, \$1,100  
Brian Kretzer, 1,150, \$875  
Dean Billings, 950, \$775  
You can view the Central Points leaders [here](#).



## PBA Waxahachie Southwest Open

Plenty of big names filed into the members-only tourney at Hilltop Lanes in the Lone Star State, and plenty of big names filled the leaderboard after round one. Even after the advancers round, familiar faces continued filling in the top 16 spots. On top just before match play included Quintero, Holliman, and Simonsen, with guys like Lavoie, Maldonado and Barnes waiting in the wings. Anthony Simonsen found himself with the lead with a 61-pin lead and just one game left. He'd face Arturo Quintero for the title, but in the end, it wasn't close. Simonsen started with a four-bagger while Quintero guttered on a spare twice in the first four frames, ultimately ending it then and there. Simonsen ran away with his sixth regional title, which bumped him up to fourth in the Southwest Region standings.

## PBA Waxahachie Southwest Open Final Standings

Anthony Simonsen, 2,500 points, \$3,100  
Arturo Quintero, 1,500, \$2,180  
Francois Lavoie, 1,150, \$1,560  
Mykel Holliman, 950, \$1,350  
You can view the Southwest Points leaders [here](#).



## PBA Greater Buffalo Open

Nobody ran away with qualifying at the 2022 Greater Buffalo Open on the 40-foot Don Johnson pattern, but plenty of contestants went plus. Chad Mee led at +148, but 16th place and the final spot to qualify for match play went to Jordan Klassen at +54. Even though less than 100 pins separated first and 16th place, Mee wouldn't have any of it, maintaining his first-place position with just one game remaining. With a considerable lead in hand, it was essentially over before it started. Even with a 211-181 loss, Mee still took home the win and \$2,800.

## PBA Greater Buffalo Open Final Standings

Chad Mee, 0, \$2,800  
Paul Smith, 1,500 points, \$1,500  
Ryan Galli, 1,150, \$1,200  
Michael Ruben, 950, \$1,100  
You can view the East Points leaders [here](#).

## PBA Drake Mechanical Open

For the third time in a row in a region out west, a PBA50 event and a women's event simultaneously transpired with the standard event, this time in Garden City, Idaho. Taming the notorious Bear pattern, fifteen bowlers moved on to the first advancers round to bowl four more games, and eight moved on from there. A few advancers rounds later, and Giorgio Clinaz Jr. stood tall for a spot in the championship match. Zack Stone narrowly slid past Payden Stumpf by one pin for the opportunity to duke it out with Clinaz in a one-game winner-take-all. Clinaz had led all tournament long, and that headline wouldn't change in the end either, as he defeated Stone 210-175 for title number two.

## PBA Drake Mechanical Open Final Standings

Giorgio Clinaz Jr., 2,500 points, \$2,200  
Zack Stone, 1,500, \$1,400  
Payden Stumpf, 1,150, \$1,200  
Craig Tuholski, 950, \$1,000



## PBA Women's Drake Mechanical Open

Westy's Garden Lanes also played host to nine women attempting to make a run at the title, the most notable being Valentina Cruz of Colombia. This season, Cruz put two titles in her back pocket and tried for the three-peat in Idaho. After the first round, Cruz sat nicely in second place, but Catherine Rawsthorne had built a 93-pin lead. Three games later, Rawsthorne still led, followed by another two games where she still held the lead. However, Cruz managed to grab the second spot in the final match and even with all previous games thrown out the window, Rawsthorne still finished on top, taking down the most recent champion, 174-158.

## PBA Women's Drake Mechanical Open Final Standings

Catherine Rawsthorne, \$800  
Valentina Cruz, \$550  
Katelyn Simpson, \$450  
Sabrina Groves, \$350



## PBA50 Drake Mechanical Open

Meanwhile, reigning PBA50 West Player of the Year Ron Mohr cruised through qualifying. Mohr averaged higher than anyone else in the building for his first eight games averaging 226, and continued at that pace to the final match. The battle for the second spot in the finals became the only thing to watch for as Mohr locked up the one-seed with ease. Sticking in second for most of the day, David Leverage became Mohr's opponent after knocking off Greg Thomas by just 14 pins. In the final match, Mohr came out on top 214-191 to claim his 24th regional title and second this year. Clinaz Jr, Rawsthorne, and Mohr all won their respective tournaments in wire-to-wire performances, giving any spectators a show of dominance.

## PBA50 Drake Mechanical Open Final Standings

Ron Mohr, 2,500 points, \$1,800  
David Leverage, 1,500, \$1,000  
Greg Thomas, 1,150, \$850  
Michael Kennedy, 950, \$750  
You can view the Southwest Points leaders [here](#).



## PBA Colony Park Lanes Challenge

Colony Park Lanes North held a one-day event over the weekend where players needed to quickly figure things out if they wanted a shot at their first title. Bowlers who happened to hop into the top 16 were back at full strength as bracket play immediately began right after. Brian Hall was the top qualifier and showed why during match play as he cruised to the finals without dropping a game. His opponent in the finals appeared strong as Ryan Galli hadn't shot below a 233 in his last five games. Galli's run continued in the final match as he delivered a 288 to Hall's 215 for his first regional title.

## PBA Colony Park Lanes Challenge Final Standings

Ryan Galli, \$1,600, Brian Hall, \$900, Paul Smith, \$800, Brian Elder, \$800

## PBA Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open

As usual, an event in the Midwest gained traction as 87 bowlers showed up for their chance at adding a regional title to their résumé. Approximately one in five moved onto match play with a pair of big names in AJ Johnson and Jakob Butturff sitting at the top. After seven match play games, that pair still barely hung onto the one-two spots, while three and four were still left for the taking to become the first match of the stepladder. When the position round was all said and done, Johnson snagged the one seed, Butturff grabbed the two, Kevin McCune won with a 208 to take the three seed, while Zach Wilkins stayed in the top four to capture the final spot.

In the opening match, both players struggled to get much going, but the turning point in the contest came when McCune doubled in the 8th frame while Wilkins chopped the 3-6-9-10 for an open. McCune eventually struck on his first ball in the tenth to close out the win 183-179. Butturff stepped up next as the two seed, and this one seemingly ended within the first four frames. Butturff started with the first three strikes, followed by a spare, while McCune spared in the first frame and opened the next three. Butturff later had a four-bagger and would win 246-179. In the Butturff-Johnson matchup, Johnson began with an early double while Butturff left the 3-6-7-9 split in the first frame. The lefty played catch-up from there, but by the time he finally doubled in the 10th frame, time had run out. Johnson already had built a multi-mark lead and delivered a 209-173 victory to claim his tenth regional title.

## PBA Celeste Walker Midwest/Central Open

AJ Johnson, 2,500 points, \$2,500  
Jakob Butturff, 1,500, \$1,800  
Kevin McCune, 1,150, \$1,300  
Zach Wilkins, 950, \$1,100  
Eric Jones, 850, \$1,000

You can view the Central Points leaders [here](#).  
As always, the remainder of the regional schedule leading up to the RPI can be found [here](#).



# When Does A Bowling T-Shirt Become A Collectible?

by Dave Williams

Over the years I've been watching with interest the website of a company that originally specialized in vintage bowling t-shirts. They've now branched out and offer funny t-shirts, movie and retro television tees, vintage Las Vegas casinos, roller rinks, restaurants, baseball, golf, and a variety of holiday-themed tees. But it doesn't stop there, as I noticed this week that their website also includes hoodies, hats, swimming trunks, pants and accessories.

The company operates out of San Francisco, on Market Street. Many of the bowling t-shirts that are offered represent locations that have been a part of my life. I have written to the company on occasion, and asked to be a part of their email list for discounts and special offers, but no one has ever reached out to me regarding the company, their discounts, or special offers, which is the primary reason that I'm refraining from using their name in this article.

About the only thing that has changed over the years is an increase in their prices, and the number of different offerings. The logos on the shirts appear to be original, and I can only assume that because most of the centers listed have closed, there must be some sort of exclusion from trademark registrations. According to information that I researched on line, it would appear that parodies of an existing logo can be used without infringement. The same article states that you can seek permission from the trademark holder for a fee. That would explain the relatively high price for the shirts.

I'm going to take the plunge and purchase the **L & L Castle Lanes** t-shirt that is being offered on their website. For those of you that aren't aware, Castle Lanes in San Francisco is perhaps the most famous bowling center in history for youth bowling. I was proud to be a member of the Castle King Pins for a few years. Proprietor Pete Lusich took a shine to me, perhaps because I was crazy enough to bowl three times a week at Castle Lanes in the summer that I first received my driver's license. Those 3 visits amounted to 420 miles per week!

The list of bowling center t-shirts is dominated by California with a total of 48 locations, which also sheds light on the high number of closings in the Golden State. Next in line is Illinois, with a total of 9 bowling centers, followed by Ohio (6), New York (5), New Jersey (4), Missouri (3), two each for Washington, D.C., Michigan, Nevada, and Texas, and one each for Oklahoma, Kentucky, Wyoming, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Hawaii.

Another of the closed locations in California that has been a part of my life journey is **ARC Westlake Bowl** in Daly City. Although it was not one of my favorite locations during my youth bowling days (it was home to the junior world record holder at the time, lefty Wayne "847" Chester), my scores were always above average at the 52 lane center. It was also home to one of the future mentors in my life, Primo Liberatore, who was the general manager there before purchasing L & L Lanes, a 12 lane establishment in my hometown of Sebastopol.

Next up on my personal list of California closings commemorated by the t-shirt company would be **AMF Rocket Bowl** in Chatsworth. For the better part of three years I used Rocket Bowl as my base of operations, traveling up and down the coastal region of the western United States as AMF's first Promotion Specialist. Dan Rochin, another mentor in my life, let me share his office at Rocket since we were both on the road most of the time. (The Rocket Bowl t-shirt provides an artist's rendition of the "rocket" sign that also appears on the matchbook cover that J.R. Schmidt provided for this article).

The next location among the closed bowling center t-shirt memorabilia that's a part of my personal voyage in life is **AMF All Star Lanes**, in the Chicago suburb of Skokie. Just like Rocket Bowl on the west coast, I used All Star as my base of operations in the midwest for a few years. To say that the weather in the midwest is severe would be an understatement. For someone originally from California, it is hard to put into words what it's like to awaken on a beautiful clear day in

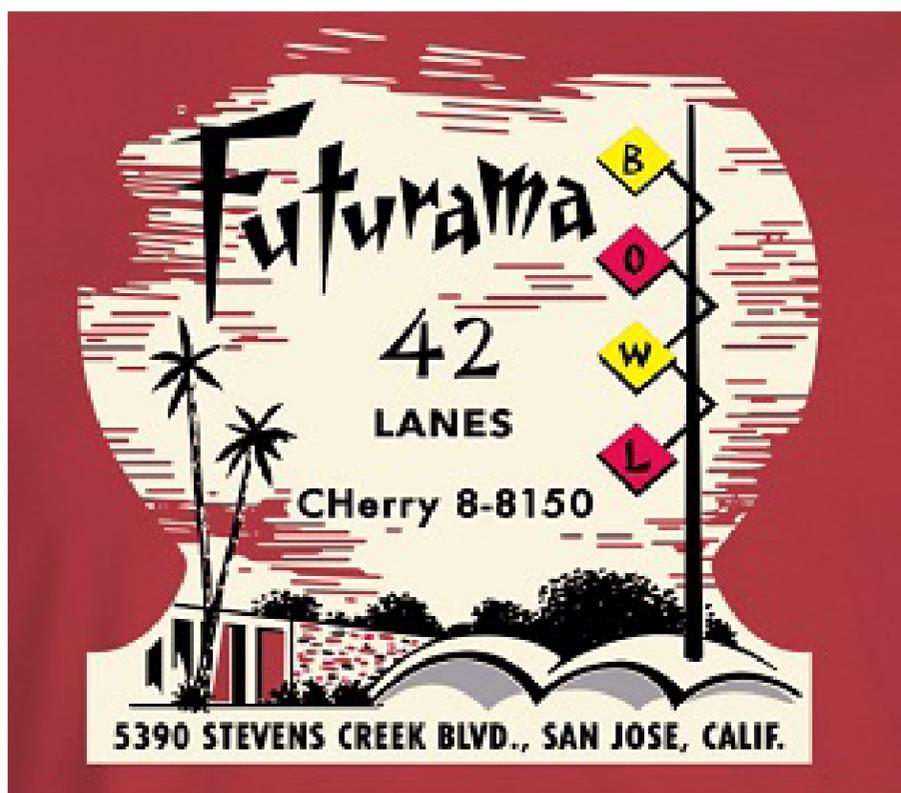


January, and the temperature does not climb above 10 degrees! (The All Star t-shirt features the unusual 3-story high roof canopy that was once featured in Life Magazine).

**AMF Main Lanes** in Columbus, Ohio, is another former AMF location that has been memorialized by the t-shirt company. What I recall most about the 56 lane center would have to be the number of league bowlers... a total of more than 5,200 adult, youth and senior members. There were more league bowlers at Main Lanes than people in the entire town of Sebastopol! Everything that I tried there seemed to work, most likely because of the excellent staff anchored by general manager Dick Braun and his incredible assistant Melba Krzeczowski. I remember a promotion that we did once over the Labor Day weekend to stimulate last minute league sign-ups. It was called Penny Days (every other game just one cent), and it brought in over 20,000 paid games for the four day weekend! Wow, those were the days.

Finally, we have another closed center from California, **ARC Futurama Bowl** in San Jose. This unique location had two giant domes at the entrance resembling flying saucers. They provided protection for drivers to unload their passengers during rainy days, of which there are many in northern California. Unfortunately, the domes had to be demolished after the Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989, but the giant "googie" sign remains, repurposed for the current occupant, a Safeway Supermarket. One of the unique promotions that I remember coordinating there was with a rock band called "Exit." Their lead guitarist was a part-time cook at the Persian-themed restaurant inside the bowling center, and we featured the band under the domes in the parking lot one August evening for last minute league signups. So many memories! It's amazing how much information can be stored in our personal "brain" computer. Sometimes it only takes something as simple as a t-shirt to once again indulge in those special recollections of past events.

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1986 to 2010. Belmonte needed just 10 years to match Deadeye's career mark.

Walter Ray, the man is a living legend and someone who I see as the best player that I've ever seen," Belmonte said. "To equal him is a huge accomplishment and something I'm very, very proud of. But it also motivates me to get just one more, just one more and have that title all to myself."

Belmonte stands among those names as one of the greatest athletes in recent memory. His dominance rivals that of Tiger Woods and Serena Williams. While Belmonte doesn't compare himself to anyone else, he understands the work ethic required to be successful at the highest level.

Of the preeminent American professional sports, only Wayne Gretzky, Barry Bonds, Novak Djokovic, Woods, Williams and Williams Jr. have won at least seven equivalent honors in the respective sports.

However, the Player of the Year race was far from over entering the Tour Finals. With two majors and five championship round appearances, Anthony Simonsen needed one more title to put the cherry on top of a potential first career Player of the Year campaign. Barrett, who had two titles to his name, could have snuck into the conversation himself with a win.

In the Group 2 stepladder finals, Barrett emerged victorious over Simonsen. Both players struck a ton in their two-game match, but the rabbit's foot in Barrett's backpack appeared to be the difference. He tripped roughly a half dozen 4-pins en route to a sweep of the 25-year-old two-hander.

After Barrett fired 279 in Game 1, he opened the door for Simonsen in Game 2. Simonsen squandered his early lead by missing a 7-pin in the 7th frame, then could only watch as Barrett snow-plowed a match-clinching strike in the 9th frame.

Barrett's brilliant decision to start with reactive on the 46' Johnny Petraglia, learning from his ill-fated use of urethane during qualifying, paid off handsomely as he defeated Jakob Butturff and EJ Tackett to set up a match between the two Player of the Year hopefuls.

Earlier in the afternoon, top-seeded Belmonte took on the Group 1 stepladder finalists. In the first match, Kris Prather overcame a last-minute impairment to his urethane ball to defeat Tom Daughtery. Prather's craftiness proved futile in the next match, as Kyle Troup mounted strike after strike after strike.

In fact, Troup struck on all 12 of his shots to achieve the 33rd televised perfect game in PBA history. Belmonte's 300 in the championship match later made this the first televised event in PBA history with two perfect games.

Though Troup earned a \$10,000 bonus in return for perfection, he may have traded a few hits against Prather for a couple against Belmonte in the Group 1 final match. A flurry of 9-pins cost Troup in the opening game of the Race to Two.

Belmonte said he knew defeating Troup would not be easy, considering his tremendous ball motion and familiarity with the event's format. He refused to allow Troup any breathing room, completing the sweep to advance to the Tour Finals championship match.

After watching Barrett stampede through Group 2, Belmonte knew the championship match wouldn't be any easier.

"Watching Dom play against Anthony, I actually really liked Dom's ball motion,"

Belmonte said. "I thought this could be a pretty high scoring match, too, if we both like what we see."

After shooting 300 in the first game, Belmonte didn't allow himself to celebrate the moment too much. He wanted to keep his focus sharp and avoid the roll-off at all costs. The lanes transitioned quicker for Barrett than Belmonte, and the Australian's strike in the 10th frame locked up his 30th career title, and fifth of the season.

While he appreciates the privilege of competing on tour, Belmonte doesn't allow contentment to drift into his consciousness, even as the accolades continue to mount.

"I've never been complacent with where I am in the game," he said. "I'm always pushing to get more to learn more, to practice more. Plus, my just absolute hunger to be one of the greatest to ever throw a ball down the lane. It definitely motivates and pushes me to wake up early, or to stay up late and get those extra games in." As Belmonte chases the ghosts of PBA lore on the career titles list, he must stave off the game's rising stars. He wants to raise the bar to new heights, and leave behind an indelible legacy as one of the game's greatest athletes.

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In Match 2, Coté moved past No. 3 Jordan Richard of Maumee, Ohio, 224-172. Coté opened the match with a double, followed by two consecutive spares and another double. Richard struggled to get anything going early, and two open frames in the middle of the match sealed her fate.

In the opening match, Coté defeated No. 5 Verity Crawley of England, 222-221. Coté struck in six of the first seven frames, but a split in the ninth frame provided Crawley some hope. Crawley, who opened the match with a split of her own, tossed two strikes in frames eight and nine to force Coté to fill 20 pins to shut out Crawley. After leaving a 10 pin on first shot, Coté made the spare and followed with a strike to secure the win.

The 93-player field in Seminole bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 31 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2022 PWBA Tour season now will head to Maple Lanes in Rockville Centre, New York, for the PWBA Classic Series - Long Island. The week features three national tour stops and will run from June 6-12.

The national tournaments on the schedule for the Classic Series - Long Island include the PWBA Long Island Classic (June 6-8), PWBA BowlTV Classic (June 9-10) and PWBA BVL Classic (June 11-12).

The finals for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic will be streamed live at BowlTV.com at 7 p.m. Eastern on June 8 and 10, respectively. The finals of the BVL Classic will be broadcast live June 12 at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network.

The same format will be used for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic. Competitors will bowl 12 games of qualifying, before the top 12 players advance to round-robin match play. After 12 games of match play, the top five bowlers will advance to the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory in match play.

The BVL Classic will feature the top 24 players from the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic, based on their 24-game qualifying totals. Total pinfall will drop at the start of the BVL Classic, and the 24 advancers will bowl 24 games of round-robin match play to determine the five bowlers for the stepladder finals, based on total pinfall and bonus pins.



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SUNDAY, JULY 17 2022	1:30PM EDT	PBA League All Star Clash .....	FS1



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With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

- June 6-8 PWBA Long Island Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 9-10 PWBA BowITV Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowITV
- June 11-12 PWBA BVL Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- June 14-21 U.S. Women's Open, Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
- July 28-31 PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, TBD
- Aug. 2-4 PWBA DFW Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 5-6 PWBA Pepsi Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowITV
- Aug. 7-9 PWBA Tour Championship, USA Bowl, Dallas, CBS Sports Network



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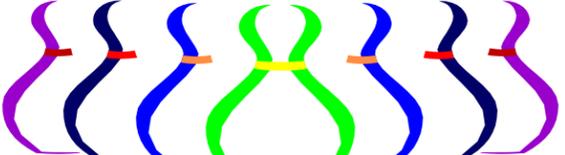
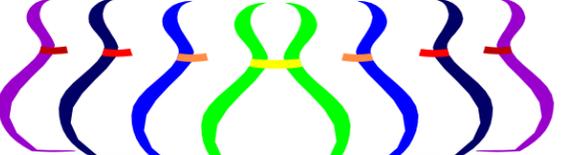
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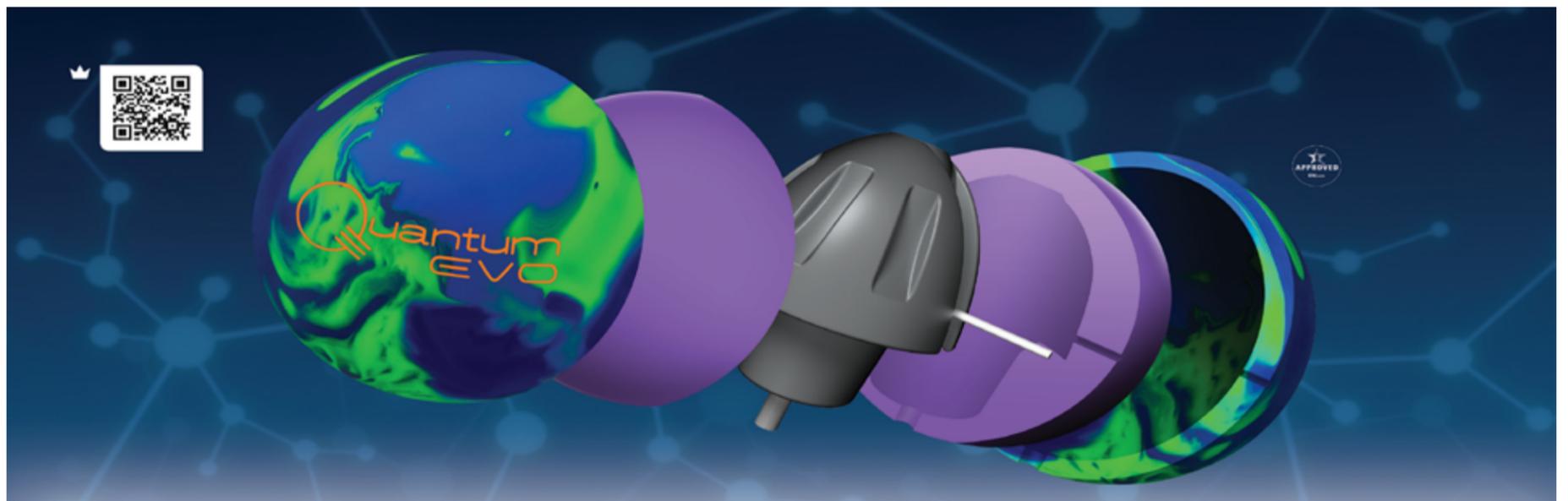
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