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## 2 Popular San Diego Bowling Cemerrs Closing

SAN DIEGO Two Humble popular San Diego bowl- pins for bowlers to keep ing centers will be closing as a souvenir. They stood permanently, the manager of both locations told ABC 10News.

Johnny Humble came to Kearny Mesa Bowl on Tuesday and was greeted by some of his devoted league bowlers who came to say goodbye. Kearny Mesa Bowl and Mira Mesa Lanes had been "surviving on vapors" this past year due to the coronavirus pandemic, only able to open for about two weeks in 2020.

Humble was visibly upset, thinking of his employees. For many, he said, this was their only job, and they had loyally been with him for decades in some cases. Neal Methvin is one of the longtime bowlers who said he'd been coming to Kearny Mesa Bowl since 1984, two nights per week, as part of a large recreational league. Methvin said he misses the sport, and the exercise, but also the camaraderie of time spent with good friends.

# Jillian Martin, Spencer Roharge Win Inaugural PBA Jt. National Championship titles 

 Kyle Troup and Nate Purches Win Pro/Jr: Doubles GhampionshipJUPITER, Fla. - Jillian Martin and Spencer Robarge became the first PBA Jr. National Champions, each earning $\$ 7,500$ in SMART Scholarships along with their titles. Martin won the girls division with a victory over Victoria Varano and Robarge defeated Nate Purches to win the boys division.
After 16-year-old Varano finished with a 246 game, Martin, also 16, needed two strikes in the 10th frame to win the girls division. Martin rolled all three strikes, giving her six in a row to finish with a 257 game and the title

(L-R) Nate Purches, Kyle Troup, Spencer Robarge \& Jillian Martin
Martin, who finished defeated Alyssa Ballard to match, No. 1 seed Robarge, second in the 2021 PWBA earn a spot in the televised 18, posted a 227 game that ITRC Classic in January, finals against top-seeded held up when 17 -year-old was the No. 2 seed after 10 Varano. Purches, needing to fill 21 games of match play, then In the boys division title $\quad$ continued on page 7

## Francois Lavoie, The Face-Masteel Crusadeer OFBowing

If you met Francois Lavoie in person at your local bowling center, you would probably be reminded of a resigned, shy character reminiscent of Bruce Wayne, the alter ego of Batman, rather than the famous Caped Crusader of comic book and motion picture fame.
The quiet, unassuming professional bowler from Quebec City, QC, weighs in at a mere 128 pounds distributed on a chiseled $5^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}$ frame (for those of you in Canada - that's 58 kg in weight and 170 cm in height). But what Lavoie
acks in stature, he more than makes up for with his intense concentration.
I sometimes wonder if the face-mask mandate has made Lavoie a better, or more confident bowler, similar to the reserved character of Bruce Wayne, who becomes the Dark Knight whenever he dons the cowl of Batman. Lavoie was already off to one of the best starts of any professional kegler in history, with two U.S. Open titles (2016 and 2019) and a Rookie of the Year accolade in 2016.

However, what he has Francois Lavoie, Alias "The Face-Masked Crusader of continued on page 7 Bowling" Photo courtesy of PBA, LLC

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# "What Might Have Been"- LII JOHNSON As The All-Time Winningest Professional Female Bowler <br> by Frank Weiler 



LISA WAGNER is universally recognized as being the ALL-Time winningest female professional bowler. She accumulated her record total of 32 Professional Titles during a two decade career in the 1980s and 1990s. Nicknamed the "Rocket" she was a power player known for the velocity of her bowling ball. While Lisa's record of 32 Titles may stand forever, I believe that Liz Johnson and Leanne (Barrette) Hulsenberg would have surpassed her on the Titles List if the PWBA/LPBT Tours had not suspended operations for eleven years from 2004 until 2014.

My believe is based on calculations using an algebraic equation which factors in the age of the bowlers studied, the number of titles won per year prior to the LPBT shutdown and the number years these bowlers would be expected to compete beyond 2004. This projected number of Titles would then be added to the number of tiles won prior to 2004 and after 2014. The equation looks like this: ([A] The average number of tournaments won per year prior to 2004 muliplied by [B] the number of years expected to compete after 2003 plus [C] the actual number of titles won before 2004 and after 2014 equals [D] The projected total of titles that might have been won). In algebraic terms the equation would read: $A \times B+C=D$.

Since Lisa Wagner retired at age 39 and runner-up Titleist Aleta Rzepecki-Sill retired at age 40 I used the age 40 as my cut-off age for the bowlers studied. I made exceptions for Hulsenberg, Kulick and Johnson because they have continued to successfully compete to this day while being in their mid 40 's (Kulick and Johnson) to their early 50 's (Hulsenberg is 53).

Liz Johnson was Bowler of The Year for 2017 at the age of 43! Hulsenberg won the Women's US OPEN in Dallas in 2011 at the age of 44 and continues to compete on Tour. Kulick won her latest title during the 2018 WPBA season at age 41.

The table below reflects my findings and is my rationale for declaring that Liz Johnson would have surpassed Lisa Wagner and become the winningest female professional bowler of All-Time:


An examination of my theoretical calculations show that if a Professional Tour (PWBA or LPBT) was active from 2004 through 2014 Liz Johnson would today be the winningest female professional bowler of All-Time. The All-Time winners list would look like this:

|  | Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| 1. | Liz Johnson |
| 2. | Leanne Hulsenberg |
| 3. | Lisa Wagner |
| 4. | Aleta Rzepecki-Sill |
| 5. | Michelle Feldman |
| 6. | Wendy MacPherson |
| 7/8. | Tish Johnson |
|  | Patty Costello |
| 9. | Cathy Dorin-Ballard |
| 10. | Cara Honeychurch |

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10. Cara Honeychurch


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While Liz Johnson sits at the top of my "Virtual" Titleist List there is still a possibility that she could end up at the top of Bowling's Actual List of Titleists when she retires. She is still active and may easily add to her actual total of 24 PWBA Titles and 3 PBA Titles (One National and two Women's Series Titles).

Old timers might wonder how many Titles MARION LADEWIG might have won had there been a full blown Women's Tour during her hey day. Remember, Marion won eight (8) Women's US Open Tournaments from 1949 to 1963. She also won five (5) World Invitational tournaments during that period. That's 13 Championships in 14 years (there was no US Open in 1954) with only one or two tournaments a year. Her winning percentage (about $50 \%$ ) during those years when applied to a season of 14 to 20 tournaments a year would translate into 7 to 10 wins a year during those 14 seasons. That would translate into 98 to 140 lifetime Titles! Those numbers would be "RUTHIAN" and unapproachable.

Okay, you have heard the evidence and now you can judge for yourself who should be Bowling's All-Time winningest female professional bowler.
*For purposes of my projections, Kelly Kulick's average number of Titles won per year takes into account her wins before 2004 and after 2014 because she only competed for two years prior to 2004.
${ }^{* *}$ For purposes of my projections, Kelly Kulick's actual number of Tournament victories include her wins between 2004 and 2014

The sun is playing hide and seek. The mountains are covered with snow and over 6000 people are still homeless here in Southern Oregon.

My daughter surprised me yesterday with a treat that brought back a dozen sweet memories. A box of CrackerJacks!!

The summer that I was 10 years old, my aunt in Independence Missouri invited me to visit her family for a couple of weeks. I lived in Chanute Kansas. Population 10,198 . So, I was put on the Streamliner and headed North

We went to the zoo, a movie, Swope Park, rode the trolley cars and ate in a Café, all in Kansas City. Chanute didn't have a café!

One rainy day we stayed home. She brought out a beat up cigar box, shook it and carefully opened the lid.

It was filled with prizes from boxes of Cracker Jacks! All kinds of plastic doodads, rings, tiny books puzzles, etc. etc. etc. We spent hours checking each treasure. She could spin a good tale and had a laugh that could be heard for blocks. A day l'll never forget. Thanks to a box of caramel popcorn.

The 2021 CrackerJacks still have peanuts and prizes. Treat your family and friends. Maybe they have a story to share.
P.S. My aunt played the organ every Sunday at the Christian church that the Harry S. Truman family attended. I got to visit the Truman Memorial years later


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## I'Il be highlighting headlines and scores for January thru June this time.

- Fountain Bowl hosted the PBA open in January.
- Team number 8 in Forest Lanes Trios was named "Kicks Butt!"
- Michael Summers - Eagle Lanes rolled his 300 game in the senior league.
- The TAT at The Orleans offered $\$ 600,000$ in prize money.
- Spectator tickets for PBA at Fountain Bowl was $\$ 10$ a day.
- 43 centers and 5 associations were listed on directory page.
- Dean added a weekly Bowling News Sudoku.
- Dick Sanders was in charge of the Western California Senior Tour.
- Del Rosa Lanes in San Bernardino was still open and "home" base for a lot of regulars.
- Gary Kowarsch, former manager at Cal Bowl took over at La Habra "300" Bowl.
- Cal Bowl "King" in January was Emerson Wafer. Started off the year with 300, 299, 238/837. (He thought the 300 was number 68 not sure.)
- J.T. "Action" Jackson rolled his first 300 of the year at Del Rio Lanes.
- David Yamauchi provided plenty of action for teens every weekend. He's still at it in 2021! Way to go!
- Wes Mallot won the Medford, Oregon PBA Open, he beat Rhino Page.
- Budweiser was named the official beer of the BPAA.
- E.J. Rogers was perfect in the "neighborhood" of Anaheim.
- Regal Lanes closed January 31, 2008, all 72 lanes.
- Yorba Linda Bowl had auto scoring installed.
- Forest Lanes - Four fellows shot 300 in "Football League", James Maloney, Jason Woody, Kevin Trambley and John Millison.
- Canoga Park Bowl Biggie in February, Mike Johnson 300.
- Southwest Bowl saluted Deborah Sanders for her first 300 game. Kelly Gold racked up 12 for 300 at Corbin Bowl.
- Dave Piazza was (and is in 2021) the top gun at Keystone Lanes.
- Writer Joe Lyou died of a stroke at 88 .
- Texas paid the USBC $\$ 693,000$ to move from Greendale to Arlington.
- Cal Bowl announced a hiring of the new general manager Vincent Rachel.
- Corbin Bowl perfecto's for Gary Gurney, Ron Riffert and Dericio Atkins.
- Some guy named Dave Wodka chalked up 235, 300, 268/803. Yup that's a "Lotta Wodka."
- Bowling News scribe Frank Kietz joined Joe Lyou on God's team. He was 91. He was responsible for the ABC rule change "Whites Only Could Be Members" At last - all men would be treated equal.
- Junior bowler Brittlan Halperm rolls his first 300 at Pinz.
- Wendell Rainwater won the NABI using his STORM ball.
- Southwest Bowl closed. It opened in 1958 in L.A. - Ken DelConte was owner/manager.
- Robbie Robinson designer of the Robbie Glove passed away April 24, 2008. He must've donated 5000 gloves to any organization who asked. Five ladies sewed the gloves five days a week. He invented many items from shoe covers to positioners.
- Pat on the back for two Orange County gals. 300's for Tennelle Milligan and Stacy Rider.
- Number one ball driller in Southern California Mike Fessler passed away in his sleep on May 8. Dozens wrote stories about their friendships.
- The first night of the Big Bear League at Cal Bowl will always be remembered by employee Eric Snow, he piled up the wood for 279, 259, 265/803. Remember???

These were the highlights of the first six months of 2008. For a complete news, you can read all issues online at CaliforniaBowlingNews.com. Enjoy.


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The Wichita State women and Calumet men made their runs through match play to win their respective brackets last weekend at the Lions Classic in St. Charles, Missouri.

The 2021 edition of the Lions Classic welcomed 11 varsity women's teams and 15 men's programs.
The women's division featured three traditional games and 16 Baker games to determine seeding for bracket play. All teams advanced to the bracket, with teams being divided into three four-team brackets. The winner of each best-of-three Baker sub-bracket advanced to the stepladder finals.

Seeding in the stepladder finals was determined by match-play average and featured a best-of-five Baker format to determine the champion.

In qualifying, Wichita State paced the women's division with a 5,573 total, while Oklahoma Christian was second with 5,233 . Lindenwood was third with 5,174 . Each of these schools advanced from their respective sub-brackets in match play to earn spots in the stepladder finals.

Wichita State earned the top seed after averaging 202.5 in match play, setting up an opening match of Oklahoma Christian against Lindenwood.

Oklahoma Christian defeated Lindenwood, 3-1, to advance to the championship match and found the early momentum against Wichita State, taking a 2-1 lead into Game 4. Wichita State found the right look down the stretch, however, posting wins of 233-160 and 254-168 to claim the victory, 3-2.

In the women's individual standings, Barton Community College's Angelina Leeper was the only player to average over 200 for the three-game set, posting a 607 total to lead the way. Lincoln's Jaylyn Linder (595), Wichita State's Madison Janack (582), Oklahoma Christian's Morgan Pelkie (570) and Wichita State's Sierra Ciesiolka (545) also finished in the top five.

The men's qualifying portion included six traditional games to determine the seeding for the bracket. The men's bracket featured four four-team subbrackets. The winner of each sub-bracket advanced to the bracket semifinals, with the winners meeting in the championship round.

The sub-bracket format featured best-of-three Baker matches, while the semifinals and finals expanded to a best-of-five Baker format.

The top three teams from qualifying in the men's division were Calumet $(6,159)$, Wichita State $(6,136)$ and Oklahoma Christian $(6,025)$. Lindenwood qualified fourth with 5,945, and each of the top four teams emerged from their sub-brackets to reach the semifinals.

Both Calumet and Wichita State rallied in their respective matches against Lindenwood and Oklahoma Christian, coming back from 2-1 deficits to win the deciding game and advance to the title match with 3-2 victories.

Wichita State claimed the opening game, 194184, but Calumet collected the next two games to take a 2-1 advantage. The Crimson Wave left no doubt in Game 4, cruising to a $253-158$ win to secure the title, 3-1.

Oklahoma Christian's Joshua Imhoff rolled a 300 game and captured the top spot in the men's individual standings, posting a 1,421 six-game total, a 236.8 average. Lincoln Memorial's Michael Rachal finished second with 1,382 and was followed by Lindenwood's Andrew Sacks ( 1,372 ), Oklahoma Christian's Larry Butler $(1,352)$ and Calumet's Dylan Dobran $(1,330)$.

In other collegiate action:

- At the East Coast Conference Championships in Mineola, New York, the Chestnut Hill women claimed the victory by 24 pins.
- At the Ohio Bowling Conference III in Columbus, Ohio, the Notre Dame-Ohio men and women swept the top spots.
- At the Kohawk Invite in Cedar Rapids, lowa, the Mount Mercy women and St. Ambrose men put together impressive wins.


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At the Spring Hill Fall Tournament I and II in Mobile, Alabama, the Emmanuel men and Webber International women finished at the top of the standings in the traditional block, while the Baker standings were topped by the Webber International men and Emmanuel women.

- At the American Heartland Bowling Association II in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Alma women and Bowling Green State men emerged victorious.
- At the Lynne Jordan Memorial in Louisville, Kentucky, the Marian-Indiana men and Martin Methodist women rolled to big wins.
- At the Thomas N. Burris Memorial in Louisville, Kentucky, the Pikeville women and University of the Cumberlands men finished the weekend with wins.

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## PBA Playofif Return to Fox April 24th

by JLaufer
The PBA Tour's top 16 bowlers to compete for first place prize of $\$ 100,000$

NEW YORK, NY - The Professional Bowlers Association has released more of the 2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour season, with the highly anticipated return of the PBA Playoffs on FOX Sports starting April 24th.

The PBA Tour's high-stakes event is back for a third-year in a row with Bill O'Neill and Kris Prather as champions in 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Playoffs will once again feature a $\$ 100,000$ first place prize and a title on the line as the Tour's top 16 players compete head-to-head in a bracket style, race-to-two-games elimination tournament. Ties will be determined by a 9 th/10th frame roll-off.
The top 16 players will earn their spots in the Playoffs based on 2021 points accumulated at the PBA Players Championship, Tournament of Champions, World Series of Bowling (inclusive of all five events), U.S. Open, and the USBC Masters.

The PBA Playoffs will take place from April 24 May 16, location to be announced at a later date. The TV schedule is as follows:
PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 - Saturday, April 24, 11 a.m. ET on FS1
No. 1 vs. No. 16
No. 8 vs No. 9
PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 - Sunday, April 25, 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1
No. 4 vs. No. 13
No. 5 vs. No. 12
PBA Playoffs Round of 16 - Saturday, May 1,
11:30 a.m. ET on FS1
No. 2 vs. No. 15
No. 7 vs. No. 10
PBA Playoffs: Round of 16 - Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m. ET on FS1

No. 3 vs. No. 14
No. 6 vs. No. 11
PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals - Sunday, May 9, 12 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16
PBA Playoffs: Quarterfinals - Monday, May 10, 8 p.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Round of 16
PBA Playoffs: Semifinals - Saturday, May 15, 11 a.m. ET on FS1

Matches TBD after Quarterfinals
PBA Playoffs: Finals - Sunday, May 16, 2 p.m. ET on FS1
Matches TBD after Semifinals
Fans can catch all the action of the 2021 PBA Tour on FOX and Fox Sports' FS1, and live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX NOW apps or at FOXSports.com. Select highlights will be available on @FOXSports social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

Additional details on PBA Tour events, tournament formats, host bowling centers, and more post-May will be announced at a later date.

During this uncertain time, the PBA's main priority continues to be the health and safety of its players and staff. The PBA is taking all necessary precautions and following local and federal COVID-19 guidelines to reduce risks and modify procedures as needed. For a complete list of the PBA's COVID-19 related standards and procedures, please visit PBA com.

# Five Titles Up For Grabs At 2021 PBA World Series Of Bowling 

by Lucas Wiseman

One of the most important stretches of the PBA Tour season is taking place starting March 7th when the 2021 PBA World Series of Bowling gets underway.

## JOIN NOW to watch the 2021 World Series of Bowling.

With five PBA Tour titles on the line, including the season's third major, there will be action from AMF University Lanes in Tampa, Florida, every day from Sunday through March 17.

FloBowling will provide live, exclusive coverage of every qualifying and match play round of every event. The finals will be broadcast by FOX Sports (U.S.) and FloBowling (international).

The 96 players in the field will compete for titles in the PBA World Championship (a major), the PBA Cheetah Championship, PBA Chameleon Championship, PBA Scorpion Championship and the Mark RothMarshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship.

In all, the World Series of Bowling will offer a total prize fund of $\$ 650,000$. The animal pattern events and the doubles event will pay $\$ 30,000$ for first place, while the PBA World Championship features a $\$ 100,000$ payday for the winner.

The field will feature all of the players in FloBowling's PBA Power Rankings, including Francois Lavoie, Kyle Troup, Anthony Simonsen, Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Bill O'Neill, Tom Smallwood, Sean Rash, Dick Allen and EJ Tackett.

## HERE'S THE COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WITH ALL TIMES EASTERN:

## Sunday, March 7

12 p.m. - Cheetah Qualifying Round 1 (five games)
6 p.m. - Cheetah Qualifying Round 2 (five games)
Top 16 advance to Best of 5, Single Elimination Match Play on March 15
Note: All qualifying games carry over to the PBA World Championship \& PBA Roth/Holman Doubles

## Monday, March 8

12 p.m. - Chameleon Qualifying Round 1 (five games)
6 p.m. - Chameleon Qualifying Round 2 (five games)
Top 16 advance to Best of 5, Single Elimination Match Play on March 16
Note: All qualifying games carry over to the PBA World Championship \& PBA Roth/Holman Doubles

## Tuesday, March 9

12 p.m. - Scorpion Qualifying Round 1 (five games)
6 p.m. - Scorpion Qualifying Round 2 (five games)
Top 16 advance to Best of 5, Single Elimination Match Play on March 17
Note: All qualifying games carry over to the PBA World Championship \& PBA Roth Holman Doubles Top 30 players advance to the PBA World Championship Cashers Rounds based on cumulative qualifying pin-fall of the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon \& Scorpion Championships.
Top 16 teams advance to the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Baker Match Play Rounds on Friday, March 12.

## Wednesday, March 10

12 p.m. - World Championship Cashers Qualifying Round 1 (five games)
6 p.m. - World Championship Cashers Qualifying Round 2 (five games)
Top 16 advance to PBA World Championship Match Play
Thursday, March 11
Noon - World Championship Match Play Round 1 (eight games)
6 p.m. - World Championship Match Play Round 2 (eight games)
Top 5 advance to the Stepladder Finals on March 13
Friday, March 12
Noon - Roth/Holman Doubles Match Play Round 1 (eight games)
6 p.m. - Roth/Holman Doubles Match Play Round 2 (eight games)
Top 5 teams advance to the Stepladder Finals on March 14

## Saturday, March 13

2 p.m. - PBA World Championship Stepladder Finals*
Sunday, March 14
3 p.m. - PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Stepladder Finals*
Monday, March 15
Noon - Cheetah Round of 16 (best of five)
3 p.m. - Cheetah Round of 8 (best of five)
8 p.m. - Cheetah Championship Round*

## Tuesday, March 16

Noon - Chameleon Round of 16 (best of five) 3 p.m. - Chameleon Round of 8 (best of five 8 p.m. - Chameleon Championship Round*

## Wednesday, March 17

Noon - Scorpion Round of 16 (best of five)
3 p.m. - Scorpion Round of 8 (best of five)
8 p.m. - Scorpion Championship Round*

*     - FloBowling broadcast only for international subscribers. U.S. fans can watch on FOX Sports.


## Kuhlkinin earns USBC High Average Award ior 2019-2020 season

ARLINGTON, TX Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour champion and Team USA member Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, again finds herself in the spotlight, this time earning the United States Bowling Congress National High Average Award for recording the highest women's average during the 2019-2020
 season.

Kuhlkin, a 27 -year-old right-hander, averaged 240 for 69 games during the Reis Group Kim Brown Memorial league at Schenectady's Towne Bowling Academy.
The 2018 U.S. Women's Open champion won the USBC National High Series Award during the 2016-2017 season. Kuhlkin set the national record for the highest three-game series by a woman when she rolled games of 300,300 and 290 for an 890 series.

The men's high average winner for the 2019-2020 season is Charles Easton of Sylvania, Ohio, who posted a 256.5 average for 84 games at the Oakie Schroyer III Memorial league at Jug's Bowling Center in Toledo, Ohio.
Easton's average ranks as fourth on the all-time average list, with Jeff Carter of Springfield, Illinois, holding the record with a 261.7 average during the 2000-2001 season.
To go along with his 256 average, Easton, 29, averaged 252 in 2017-2018 and 249 in 2018-2019 at the Oakie Schroyer III Memorial league.
Both youth USBC National High Average Awards are headed to Pennsylvania, as Zachary Trimmer of Lebanon and Alyssa Breidegam of Sinking Spring collected the 2019-2020 awards in the Youth Male and Youth Female divisions, respectively

Trimmer, 19, averaged 235.5 for 84 games in the Dutch Majors league at 222 Dutch Lanes in Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

Breidegam, 18, finished the season with a 227.5 average for 75 games at the Tuesday Jr. Scholarship league at Sinking Spring's Berks Lanes.

Former Team USA member Wesley Low Jr. of Palmdale, California, earns the men's USBC National High Series Award for rolling a 900 series during the 44th Annual Ponderosa Singles Classic at Glenfair Lanes in Glendale, Arizona.

Low, a 23 -year-old left-hander who uses a two-handed approach, became the 36th bowler to roll a 900 series, and his performance on July 19, 2020 was the 37th USBCapproved 900 overall.

Angi Whitley of Platte City, Missouri, earned the women's USBC National High Series Award after throwing games of 279, 299 and 300 for an 878 series on Jan. 24, 2020 at Gladstone Bowl in Gladstone, Missouri.

Whitley, 48 , put together her series during the GL 11 - Northland Mixer league.
The youth USBC National High Series Awards were earned by Madelyn Lathrop of Sycamore, Illinois, and Cody Brunner of Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Lathrop, 18, won the youth female award after posting her first USBC-certified 800 series with games of 299, 249 and 278 for an 826 set at the Pepsi Zone 1 Tournament at The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Illinois. Lathrop's performance took place Feb. 29, 2020.
Brunner, 19 , rolled games of 300,297 and 269 for an 866 series to win the youth male award. His award-winning series was Feb. 15, 2020, at the North Scratch 2019-2020 league at ABC North Lanes in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

For the list of USBC National High Series and High Average Awards, click here.
The team awards for National High Game and National High Series also have been determined. To see the top team scores for men, women, mixed and youth teams, click here.


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pins in the 10th frame, left the 4-7 on his first shot.
Following the PBA Jr. National Championship victories by Martin and Robarge Purches teamed with Kyle Troup to win the Pro/Jr. Doubles Championship, combining to roll the first eight strikes in the title match before Purches left a 10 pin in the ninth frame.
Troup and Purches defeated Clara Guerrero and Martin in the championship match In a five-frame semifinal match, Troup and Purches beat Jesper Svensson and Robarge by two pins, $98-96$. Guerrero and Martin were one shot away from five-frame perfection, rolling 148 to eliminate Danielle McEwan and Varano.

The PBA Jr. National Championship began in September of 2020 with youth bowlers competing in five regions around the United States. The top 20 bowlers (two boys and two girls from each region) advanced to match play, held Feb. 20 in Jupiter, Fla. After 10 games of match play, the top seeds from each division (Robarge and Varano) advanced to the televised finals. Their opponents, Purches and Martin, advanced to the finals through a modified stepladder following match play.

## PBA JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH SCORES

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Girls Division - No. 2 Martin def. No. 1 Varano, 257-246 Boys Division - No. 1 Robarge def. No. 2 Purches, 227-214 PRO/JR. DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH SCORES
Semifinal 1 - Guerrero/Martin def. McEwan/Varano, 148 -87 (five-frame match) Semifinal 2 - Troup/Purches def. Svensson/Robarge, 98-96 (five-frame match) Championship - Troup/Purches def. Guerrero/Martin, 268-197

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done since the face-mask mandate has made him destined for PBA royalty. In addition to his recent win at the PBA Tournament of Champions, he also rolled his second televised 300 game in the 2020 PBA Tour Playoffs and has more than doubled his lifetime earnings that are now slightly above $\$ 350,000$.

Many people do not realize how popular bowling is in Canada. That's because there's more than one bowling game! In addition to the recognizable ten pin bowling, there's also duckpins (or petite quills), candlepins, and the extremely difficult five pin bowling that originated in Canada in 1909.

My only exposure with bowling in Canada was in the province of Ontario, where I was involved in a few remodels and grand openings of new facilities for AMF in the 1980's. The one that I remember most was the Grand Reopening of O'Connor Bowl West in suburban Toronto, the precursor to all of the remodels that took place (and continue to take place) in the United States, thanks to the efforts of the Bowlero Corporation and others.

But my fondest memories are at the Grand Opening of Southland Bowl, where the general manager (and professional bowler), Conn Casey, specified that he wanted me to be a part of the festivities; and to roll against my childhood hero, Dick Weber, in an exhibition match. As I reported in a previous article for this publication, Weber "allowed" me to win the match by a few pins (658-647), something that I'm sure he did for me on more than one occasion... including a couple of ties! (Yes, he was that good!).

In addition to the face-mask mandate that could be providing Francois with an enormous amount of encouragement, I also wonder if the Canadian government might be a source of his attentiveness. You see, in Canada, the government income tax is exorbitant when compared to the United States - and especially in Lavoie's home province of Quebec.

While no one likes paying taxes, just take a look at these statistics provided by a computer search of taxes in Quebec, Ontario, and Wichita, Kansas, where Mr. Lavoie now resides. Quebec's rates are the highest, with $16 \%$ of income up to $\$ 41,000$ going to the local provincial government; and if you're lucky enough to make more, the next $\$ 40,000$ is taxed at $20 \%$, with anything over $\$ 81,000$ taxed at $25 \%$.

Ontario chimes in with much lower numbers, but still higher than Kansas. Their numbers are $5 \%$ (up to $\$ 41,000$ ); $9 \%$ for the next $\$ 40,000$, and $12 \%$ for anything over $\$ 81,000$. Compare that to Kansas ( $6.5 \%$ ), and you can see that Lavoie just might be applying for U.S. citizenship, if he hasn't already!

Holy tax season, Batman!


Dave Williams (left) and Dick Weber (right) took on a mother-daughter team at the Grand Opening of AMF Southland Bowl in London Ontario in 1985. In typical Weber fashion, Dick struck out in the final frame and we tied the ladies from London.

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