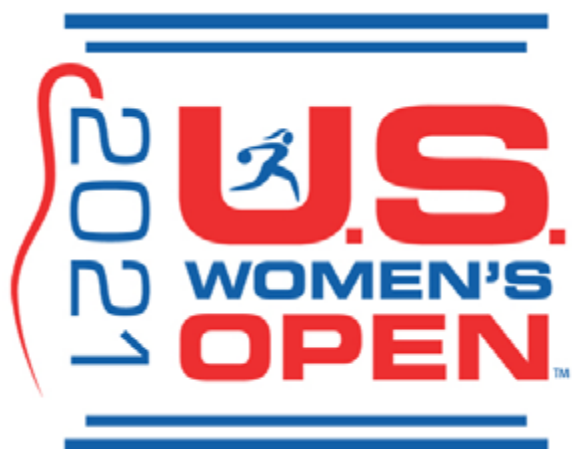


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2021 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TO FEATURE \$100,000 TOP PRIZE FINALS COVERAGE ON CBS SPORTS NETWORK

ARLINGTON, Texas - The 2021 U.S. Women's Open will feature a record-setting top prize of \$100,000, and the finals will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

The 2021 U.S. Women's Open, which is taking place Aug. 24-31 at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert

Park, California, will mark the first professional women's bowling event to award its champion a six-figure first-place prize, with the stepladder finals airing Aug. 31 at 4 p.m..

The second major championship on the 2021 Professional Women's Bowl- continued on page 4

DANIELLE MCEWAN WINS SECOND TITLE OF SEASON AT 2021 PWBA SPOKANE OPEN

SPOKANE, Wash. - Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, locked up her second title of the 2021 Professional Womens Bowling Association Tour season with a strike in her final frame Saturday at the PWBA Spokane Open.

The 29-year-old right-hander recorded her seventh career PWBA Tour title with a 203-192 victory over Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, at Lilac Lanes & Casino.

She claimed \$10,000 for the victory, and the championship round was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

McEwan needed a mark in the 10th frame to secure the win in the back-and-forth title match, and she



delivered one of her best shots of the week.

The 10-time Team USA member started the month with a win at the

body do what it knows how to do. Thankfully, the pins fell."

McEwan, who entered the stepladder as the top seed, started the match against Johnson with a double and recorded spares in the third and fourth frames to build a slight advantage, but she missed a 10 pin in the fifth frame to hand over the lead to the 25-time PWBA Tour titlist and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer.

Johnson wasn't able to capitalize on the miscue, however, allowing McEwan to showcase her resilience and recapture the lead with strikes in the seventh and eighth frames.

"I was really frustrated after missing that," McEwan said. "I actually missed a couple of them today and handed Liz an open on a stupid mistake. After that, I really had to buckle down continued on page 5

SEAN RASH WINS PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN FOR 17TH PBA TOUR TITLE

Defeats top seed Tom Daugherty in championship match

by Jef Goodger

CHESAPEAKE, Va.— On his 39th birthday, Sean Rash claimed his 17th Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title by winning the PBA Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes. Rash, the No. 2 seed, eliminated 20-time PBA Tour champion Tommy Jones in the semifinal match, then defeated top seed Tom Daugherty, who won two of his four career titles earlier this season, in the championship match.

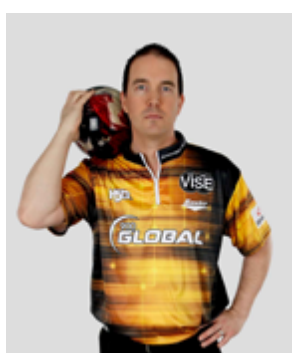
Daugherty finished with a 212 game, forcing Rash

to strike on his first shot in the 10th frame to have a chance. After a re-rack, Rash rolled the strike he needed, then fired his next shot down the middle to get enough count to make it official. Rash finished with a score of 228 to win his first title since the 2020 PBA Cheetah Championship.

The victory moves Rash out of a tie with Hall of Famer Jason Couch and into a tie with Hall of Famer Carmen Salvino in all-time titles. It also jumps Rash into seventh in the

PBA Summer Tour points race, which will net him a share of the \$40,000 bonus prize fund. With his second-place finish, Daugherty also moved inside the top 10, finishing one spot behind Rash in eighth.

Darren Tang, who won his first PBA Tour title last weekend in the PBA Bowlerstore.com Classic presented by Moxy's Xtra Pair, finished seventh in Chesapeake to clinch the \$20,000 bonus for leading the PBA Summer Tour points race. Tang finished



Sean Rash

in the top 12 in four of the five Summer Tour events to build a 35-point margin over runner-up Anthony Simonsen.

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MOHR COLLECTS 12TH SENIOR TITLE AT PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC

by Jill Winters

JACKSON, Michigan – Ron Mohr is one of the most prolific senior bowlers and he just added another title to his impressive career.

The PBA Hall of Famer had a pretty perfect Thursday, which included a 300 game in match play, at the 2021 PBA60 Dick Weber Classic. He earned the top spot in the stepladder finals and just waited for his opportunity to get back in the winner’s circle. It just so happens this was the same building where he won his first senior title.

Mohr met John Kirker Jr. who was coming off of three-straight wins against Todd Kjell, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Robert P. Brown. Kirker seemed to have the championship lanes figured out after rolling clean games of 225, 258 and 258, but the transition got the best of him. Mohr defeated Kirker 207-162 to pick up his third PBA60 title and his 12th PBA/Senior Tour title overall.

The 65-year-old admits he rarely gets emotional, but he did have to fight back some tears after the victory because “you never know when it might be your last.”

“Anytime you win anything with Dick Weber’s name on it, how could you get a greater honor than that,” Mohr said. “He was the Parker Bohn of that era. The perfect ambassador like Parker is right now.”

The former air traffic controller credits his former profession with helping him focus on what is important and staying in the moment. That has benefited him on tour as he has transferred those skills to making rapid decisions as lanes transition. Mohr had bowled several games on the championship pair this week, so he was familiar with their characteristics.

“The key on that pair was to stay deep enough on the right lane and to stay ahead on the left lane,” he said. “That was one of the lowest scores I had bowled all week, but I made eight or nine quality shots and that is generally enough to win.”

He chose to use his Roto Grip RST X-1, which he calls his good news, bad news ball. The ball goes where he throws it and fortunately it all worked out in his favor.

“Who knows how much longer we can be full-time out here and be competitive, so this would be a pretty awesome bookend if that is the way it works out,” the Las Vegas resident said.

2021 PBA60 DICK WEBER CLASSIC FINAL STANDINGS:

Ron Mohr	\$7,500
John Kirker Jr.	\$4,000
Robert P. Brown	\$3,000
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$2,500
Todd Kjell	\$2,000

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 –Kirker Jr. def. Kjell 225-166
Match 2 – Kirker Jr. def. Williams Jr. 258-225
Match 3 – Kirker Jr. def. Brown 258-215
Championship match – Mohr def. Kirker Jr. 207-162



NORM DUKE WINS ALL FOUR STEPLADDER MATCHES TO CAPTURE PBA50 DAVID SMALL’S JAX 60 OPEN TITLE

by Jerry Schneider

JACKSON, Mich. – Hall of Famer Norm Duke won all four stepladder matches while battling through an on-going wrist injury Sunday to win the PBA50 David Small’s JAX 60 Open for his first PBA50 Tour title of the season.

Duke, the No. 4 seed for the finals, defeated top seed Brad Angelo 238-227 in the championship match for his sixth career title on the tour for players 50 and over.

“You pray every shot because you never know when it’s going to be your last,” said the 57-year-old Duke. “It’s also added incentive to throw strikes because that’s less shots you have to make.”

In the opening match Duke def. local favorite No. 5 seed Larry Verble 197-171 but the injury didn’t become readily apparent until the second match when he struggled through the pain to beat No. 3 seed Ryan Shafer 268-171.

“When you bowl as many games as we do every day, all day, you just hope you don’t do irreparable damage,” said Duke, whose forearm was heavily taped for the finals.

It was in the second match against Shafer that Duke had to pull up on the approach during his delivery midway through the match but was able to hang on to the ball as he crossed the foul line to avoid a foul. “It (the pain) really wasn’t an issue until that shot but I was able to hang in and manage it,” Duke said of the injury.

In the semifinal match Duke beat Eugene McCune 248-235 to advance to the title match. McCune earned the No. 2 seed thanks to an 11-1 record and 237 average in match play earlier Sunday to make a surge from 20th in qualifying to make the finals.

Duke’s sixth career title ties him with Steve Neff, Dick Weber and Parker Bohn III on the all-time list. His last title on the PBA50 Tour came in the 2018 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship.

“You don’t want to go a year without winning whether it’s a tournament or a league,” said the 40-time winner on the PBA Tour. “Winning something is the important thing.” Trying for a third consecutive PBA50 Tour win this season, Bohn failed to make the finals finishing the tournament in eighth.

PBA50 DAVID SMALL’S JAX 60 OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla.,	\$7,500
Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y.,	\$4,000
Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind.,	\$2,500
Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y.,	\$2,000
Larry Verble, Mason, Mich.,	\$1,825

STEPLADDER RESULTS

Match 1 –
No. 4 Norm Duke def. No. 5 Larry Verble, 197-171

Match 2 –
Duke def. No. 3 Ryan Shafer, 268-171

Semifinal match –
Duke def. No. 2 Eugene McCune, 248-235

Championship match –
Duke def. No. 1 Brad Angelo, 238-227

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ing Association Tour schedule will feature an increased overall prize fund of \$275,000.

“The U.S. Women’s Open has a long and storied history, and we’re excited to be able to add to its legacy in 2021 with a record top prize and national exposure on CBS Sports Network,” USBC President Melissa McDaniel said. “Looking ahead to 2022 and 2023, we’re proud to be able to commit to \$100,000 top prizes at our major championships, while continuing to recognize champions and build a future for the sport.”

The Tour Championship, with a new format, will replace the PWBA Bowl for the Cure Classic on the schedule as the final event of the Fall Classic Series on Oct. 29-31 and feature a projected prize fund of \$200,000. The CBS Sports Network broadcast will be Oct. 31 at 2 p.m.

“The PWBA Tour Championship has provided our athletes and fans with some incredible moments over the past five seasons, and it’s fitting that it will help us wrap up another amazing year on national television, along with an increased prize fund,” PWBA Director of Operations Tennelle Milligan said. “We’re excited to conclude our season live on CBS Sports Network, while crowning our final champion of the year.”

The 2021 U.S. Women's Open will feature three eight-game qualifying rounds to determine the bowlers advancing to the Cashers' Round at the recently renovated Double Decker Lanes, which installed new lanes leading up to the major championship. The eight-game Cashers' Round will determine the 24 athletes advancing to round-robin match play.

Match play will consist of three eight-game rounds, with total pinfall and bonus pins for each victory during match play determining the top five for the stepladder finals. Advancers to the championship round will have bowled 56 games to earn their spots on CBS Sports Network.

“We’re excited to welcome back the top athletes on the PWBA Tour to Double Decker Lanes for the U.S. Women’s Open,” said Jim Decker, BPAA President and proprietor of Double Decker Lanes. “To be able to showcase this event on CBS Sports Network and help support a record-setting top prize means a great deal to our center, staff and the BPAA and its membership.”

The Fall Classic Series will run from Oct. 24-31 in Reno and feature three national tour stops. The PWBA Reno Classic will kick things off Oct. 24-26, and the PWBA Pepsi Classic will take place Oct. 27-28.

A total of 24 bowlers will qualify for the Tour Championship, based on their 24-game qualifying totals from the Reno Classic and Pepsi Classic (12 games each).

All pinfall will drop heading into the Tour Championship, with total pinfall, plus bonus pins for each win or tie during the tournament's 24 games of match play, determining the five players advancing to the stepladder finals.

All qualifying and match-play rounds of the 2021 U.S. Women's Open and Tour Championship will be broadcast on BowlTV.com. BowlTV will provide wire-to-wire coverage of the Reno Classic and Pepsi Classic, including the stepladder finals.

Information on dates and locations for USBC's major championships in 2022 and 2023 will be released at a later date.

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BVL DONATES \$100,000 TO LAUNCH BVL GRANTS FOR VET CENTERS PROGRAM

FAIRFAX, Va. – BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Vet Center, a national community-based counseling center program that helps veterans transition from military to civilian life.

BVL Chairman John LaSpina made the announcement during a BVL segment on the national Fox & Friends morning show as part of the National Bowling Day celebration on August 14. LaSpina presented the \$100,000 check to Vet Center Chief Officer Mike Fisher (pictured above from left to right with Fox and Friends hosts Lawrence Jones and veteran Joey Jones, BVL Chairman John LaSpina and Vet Center Chief Officer Mike Fisher).

Under the BVL Grants for Vet Centers program, the \$100,000 grant will fund multiple Vet Centers that align with BVL’s recreation therapy mission. Grant applications would be sent out to all Vet Centers to apply for BVL grants, up to \$10,000 per program.

“Returning home from a deployment is often a challenging experience for many veterans and programs like the Vet Center plays an important role by offering therapeutic services that will make that transition an easier one,” said BVL Chairman John LaSpina. “We can provide this support to the Vet Center because the amazing bowling community continues to step up for veterans and raise funds for BVL, even during the most challenging times.”

Vet Centers, which are located in all 50 states and US territories a provide a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, service members – including National Guard and Reserve components – and their families. The funding would support counseling, community engagement, and referral service programs to help reach more veterans, including those who are homeless, and provide an entry point to recreation therapy services at the Vet Centers that would be free of charge to the participating veterans.

Vet Center counselors and outreach staff, many of whom are veterans themselves, are experienced and prepared to discuss the tragedies of war, loss, grief, and transition after trauma. To learn more about Vet Center programs, visit <https://www.vetcenter.va.gov/> or find the nearest Vet Center at https://www.va.gov/find-locations/?facilityType=vet_center. Teams are also available 24/7 by phone at 1-877-927-8387.

In May 2020, BVL also made a \$100,000 donation to the Department of Veteran Affairs to fund tele-therapy programs for veterans to help them keep a virtual personal connection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

BVL was founded in 1942 when bowlers across America raised funds to purchase planes to bring wounded servicemen and women home from World War II. BVL is a highly-ranked 501c3 charity that funds recreation therapy programs to address the emotional and physical needs of veterans and active-duty military, including sports, music, crafts, technology, and adaptive equipment for rehabilitation activities.

For more information on BVL, visit www.BVL.org.

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Tang entered the final event of the PBA Summer Tour with a 65-point lead over Simonsen, who finished sixth in Chesapeake, which was not enough to catch Tang. Simonsen will receive \$7,000 for placing second.

PBA CHESAPEAKE OPEN FINAL STANDINGS

AMF Western Branch Lanes – Chesapeake, Va.

Sean Rash
Tom Daugherty
Tommy Jones
Ryan Ciminelli

MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 4 Jones def. No. 3 Ciminelli, 250-202
Match 2 – No. 2 Rash def. No. 4 Jones, 248-216
Match 3 – No. 2 Rash def. No. 1 Daugherty, 228-212

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to make sure it didn’t cost me.” Johnson stayed clean during the title match, but she was unable to pair any strikes together, recording just three of them in the final.

Finishing the match first, Johnson could have doubled to force McEwan to throw two strikes of her own. Instead, Johnson left the 3-10 split on her first delivery.

McEwan felt her best look on this week’s 45-foot oil pattern was on the fresh, and she parlayed her success early in blocks at Lilac Lanes & Casino to get to the top spot after 24 games of qualifying with a 5,204 total, a 216.83 average.

She was happy to take advantage of her qualifying position, too, as the opening match of Saturday’s stepladder resulted in low scores and 10 open frames between Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, and Ukraine’s Dasha Kovalova. Kulick advanced to the semifinal, 178-115.

“I actually was very concerned after our initial practice on that pair,” McEwan said. “My best look had been on the fresh, and it kind of went away later in the block, but they were playing different, and I didn’t have a good look. I was happy I wasn’t bowling in the first match. I was able to sit back and watch what everyone else was doing and come up with a different game plan if needed.

“By the time we got to my match, it was definitely much better. It had blended out a little more. The lanes were still a little bit different from lane to lane, so that was tricky to figure out on the fly, but I just tried to make some really good shots to get a feel for what they were doing.”

Johnson was awaiting Kulick as the No. 2 seed, and she advanced to the title match with a 238-192 victory over her fellow USBC Hall of Famer.

Johnson, who was looking for her second win in 2021 after defeating Kulick in the title match at the PWBA Lincoln Open in May, put together a string of five consecutive strikes in the middle of the game to roll to the final. Kulick and Kovalova also were looking to add onto their win totals for the 2021 season.

Kulick, a seven-time PWBA Tour champion, won the PWBA Albany Open in June, while Kovalova captured wins at the PWBA Twin Cities Open in April and PWBA Louisville Open in June, bringing her number of career titles to four.

The 66-player field in Spokane bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 32 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the four bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2021 PWBA Tour season now will head to Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, California, for the U.S. Women’s Open, the second major championship of the year.

The U.S. Women’s Open will take place Aug. 24-31 and feature a record-setting top prize for this year’s champion. The winner will take home \$100,000, along with the coveted green jacket.

The stepladder finals of the U.S. Women’s Open will be broadcast live on CBS Sports Network on Aug. 31 at 4 p.m. All rounds leading up to the finals will be broadcast on BowlTV.

McEwan will enter the event as the defending champion after claiming the win in 2019 in North Las Vegas, Nevada. She captured her second major title with two strikes in her final frame to defeat Indonesia’s Tannya Roumimper, 201-199.

PBA 50/Senior All-Time Titles List (2nd TEN)

by Frank Weiler

The PBA 50 (Senior) Tour has been around for about four decades now and some of the greatest bowlers of all time have competed as seniors on the Tour, including Earl Anthony, Johnny Petraglia and Dick Weber.

A couple of decades ago the Senior Tour was regularly broadcast on national television. Bowlers named Bob Glass, John Handegard, John Hricsina, and Gene Stus dominated the Tour in the 1990s. Not far behind those fellas were television regulars Tommy Evans, Frankie May and Ron Winger.

RON WINGER is a California product and many consider him one of the best bowlers ever produced by the Golden State. When I watched him compete as a PBA senior two decades ago I would describe him as bowling’s version of an “Intimidator”. Bowling’s version of Dale Earnhardt. Ron could stare down a rattle snake and had nerves of steel. He never seemed to be affected by pressure. Ron won 5 PBA 50 (Senior) National Titles.

During the most recent decade stars named Tommy Baker, Norm Duke, Ron Mohr, Amletto Monacelli, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber have starred. Over the past four decades there have been several hundred Tour champions. So, who has won the most PBA 50 (Senior) National Tour Titles?

The PBA 50 (Senior) Tour has a rich history. The last time I reported on the Senior Tour titlists I listed the TOP TEN Titlists of All-Time.

Today I am listing the SECOND TEN PBA Senior Tour Titlists of All-Time:

1. Walter Ray Williams Jr. 15 Titles

10.	Pete Couture	9 Titles		Steve Neff	6 Titles
	Bob Glass	9 Titles	19.	Dave Davis	5 Titles
12.	John Petraglia	8 Titles		Norm Duke	5 Titles
	Teata Semiz	8 Titles		Tommy Evans	5 Titles
14.	Earl Anthony	7 Titles		Larry Laub	5 Titles
	John Hricsina	7 Titles		Brian LeClair	5 Titles
	Dave Soutar	7 Titles		Wayne Webb	5 Titles
17.	Dick Weber	6 Titles		RON WINGER	5 Titles

Could Bowling At Walmart Be In Our Future?

by Dave Williams

An interesting and lengthy article by David Garrick caught my eye in a July issue of the San Diego Union-Tribune, and I began to wonder if perhaps the integers of bowling should focus more on the individual aspects of bowling, rather than team play. The article focused on the obvious: league bowling continues to “dry up,” as land values soar.

Numerous tired and cliché comments regarding “bowling alleys” were mentioned in the article, including many that you will immediately recognize:

1. Bowling centers can’t generate the same tax revenue as Walmart or Home Depot
2. Ditto with apartments or condos, which provide more revenue to local government
3. League bowling has been in decline for more than 45 years (peaked in 1975)
4. Young bowlers do not want to join leagues (at least in the form currently offered)
5. There has been a national switch from league bowling to recreational bowling

However, what the article fails to convey is that a lifestyle change is at the heart of league bowling loss of membership. In 1975, league bowling was a part of everyone’s life. Popular shows on television, such as Laverne & Shirley, wove many episodes around bowling (remember the Pizza Bowl?). The question was not if you were going to bowl, but what night you and your friends planned upon participating in a league.

“It seems like young people don’t want to be committed to anything,” said Jim Decker, president of the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA), and owner of Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, California. Decker goes on to say that he sees more people bowling than ever, but they just don’t want to join a league. “People are bowling less regularly than the league bowler of the past, and those less predictable patterns create staffing and other issues for proprietors.”

It was at about this point in reviewing the article that I suddenly realized that perhaps the bowling industry should embrace the individual aspect of the game. When I was young, the opportunity to bowl without a team was a plus. I remember as a child spending hours at our local bowling facility during the summer months, just practicing on my own without the need for a team of players.

Robert Putnam, in his now famous book, Bowling Alone, summarizes that all forms of social interaction upon which the public used to educate and enrich the fabric of their lives have been reduced. This really hit home for me today, as I was standing in line at a Starbuck’s in a local shopping mall, and everyone (including me) had their eyes fixated upon their cell phone while waiting for the opportunity to place an order for a \$5 coffee concoction! The bowling industry, in my opinion, needs to embrace this new phenomenon of the individual, in addition to a team or league structure.

Tony Cerrato, one of the most innovative proprietors that I have ever known, used his background in teaching high school to launch a very successful “second career” in bowling. One of his most unique promotions involved individual bowlers. Because the bowling center was located in a densely populated area of New



Pro 300 Lanes in Portland, Oregon, closed in 2017, and is now occupied by Target Stores. The storied building was saved, and features underground parking -- a definite plus in this “waterlogged” city.

Jersey, he did not discourage individuals from bowling, but made it clear that when the center was full, and no lanes were available for open bowling, he had the right to add bowlers to their lane, up to a maximum of 6 players.

While this might sound like a nightmare scenario to many of you, it was actually an opportunity for individual players and couples to “strike” up new relationships and formulate teams of players for future bowling visits! “Bowling Alone,” in the case of Cerrato’s promotion, became “Bowling With Many,” and Putnam’s declining social capital was reversed. In fact, the Cerrato idea could easily be used to address less formal recreational bowling, with an eye on developing more teams.

The San Diego Union -Tribune article goes on to describe the square footage required to operate a bowling center, which ultimately leads to a takeover involving a more profitable big box retailer like Walmart, Target or Home Depot. “The industry has started to meet the demand in new ways,” states Garrick. “Several smaller bowling venues have located inside of restaurants or other businesses, including Break Point in Pacific Beach, Urge Gastropub in San Marcos, and two venues in downtown San Diego: East Village Tavern & Bowl, and Punchbowl Social.”

I wonder if anyone has ever talked to Walmart, Target or Home Depot about constructing bowling lanes beneath, within or above their big box store? Individuals, spouses and children could enjoy a ten pin foray while their significant others contribute to the city tax revenues — the best of both worlds! Doug McMillon, Brian Cornell or Bernie Marcus... are you listening?



Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini
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I love old movies and famous quotes are always fun. Time to make a few withdrawals from your memory bank. (Turn your phone off!) Which movies had these quotes?

1. “You Sho’ Is Ugly”
2. “I’ll think about that tomorrow”
3. “Dad, you want to have a catch?”
4. “I don’t think we’re in Kansas anymore”
5. “You cook terrible sand dabs”
6. “Fire, I have created fire!”
7. “Play it one time for me Sam”
8. “I’m your Huckleberry”

This is family fun time you can all play.

- Answers:
1. The Color Purple
 2. Gone with the Wind
 3. Field of Dreams
 4. Wizard of Oz
 5. Spirit of St. Louis
 6. Cast Away
 7. Casablanca
 8. Val Kilmer quote in Tombstone



The 84 lane Satellite Bowl in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, was demolished to make room for a new Home Depot in 1994

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