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think lived to be over 100."

"His health wasn't real

Smith died at a Cleve-

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## PBA CHARTER MEMBER, HALL OF FAMER HARRY "TIGER" SMITH DIES AT 91

by Johnny Campo



Smith was one of the charter members of the Professional Bowlers Association and was on the inaugural PBA Hall of Fame class in 1975 after winning 10 titles from 1961 to 1965. He also won the 1960 All-Star, a Masters title and four Eagles in the American Bowling Congress Tournament (now the USBC Open Championships).

He was inducted into the ABC (now USBC) Hall of Fame in 1978. In 2009, Smith also was selected at No. 28 among the top 50 greatest PBA players at the PBA 50thAnniversary Gala in Las Vegas.

Smith was a bowling phenom when he was a teenager in the Cleveland area, but moved to Detroit to bowl with the Pfeiffer's team. He moved to St. Louis to join the star-studded Falstaffs (which included Glenn Allison, Billy Welu, Buzz Fazzio, Steve Nagy and Dick Hoover over the years), and then joined the PBA when it started in 1959. He was voted the top bowler in Cleveland in 1954, the top bowler in Detroit in 1956 and 1957 and continued on page 2

## DYLAN TAYLOR WINS NEW MEXICO OPEN

by Dave Williams

Not a lot is known about Dylan Taylor, the young bowler from Scottsdale, Arizona, that drove into Albuquerque during the month of August and came away with a top prize of \$11,000 in the New Mexico Open, held at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho.

All that he did to accomplish that milestone was to defeat one of the hottest bowlers on the planet, two time U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Wichita, Kansas, in a double elimination style format. Lavoie received \$5,620 for his second place finish.

For those of you that may not have heard of Harry Smith, he was one of the unheralded stars of the team bowling era of the 1950's, competing with the famous Falstaff Beer team. He gained a reputation for his unorthodox style, and also for his tenacity on the lanes that led to the nickname "Tiger" by his teammates and foes.

Harry Smith was always one of the favorites among junior bowlers in the 1960's to imitate during practice sessions. Many marveled at his style, drifting more than continued on page 6



Dylan Taylor, winner of this year's New Mexico Open, lines up perpendicular to the pins. Photo by Steve Mackie, Tenpins & More





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#### **Smith** ontinued from page 1

the top bowler in St. Louis in 1960.

As the news of Smith's death spread this week, bowling greats from coast to coast remembered their friend, both as a great champion and as the PBA Assistant Tournament Director on the PBA road staff from 1977 to 1988.

"Harry's death hasn't sunk it yet, so I haven't cried yet. But I've been a little too keyed up with my other responsibilities and haven't really had time to think about it," said long-time PBA Player Services Director Larry Lichstein, like Smith a member of both the PBA and USBC Halls of Fame. "But my feelings are very simple: From 1957, '58, '59 and into the early '60s, it was Carter, Weber and Smith. That was it. They were the three best bowlers in the world on the PBA Tour.

"I was one of the few people in the world that saw Smitty inducted into the Hall of Fame twice – in the PBA in 1975 and in the ABC in St. Louis in 1978. I was with him at the telecast of the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes. He sat with me, Johnny Petraglia and Marshall Holman. They introduced the four of us before the show and during the show. It was remarkable!"

PBA legend Carmen Salvino, 87, remembers coming up the ranks with Smith when the PBA unfolded.

"When I first met Harry, we were like two of the fast guns," Salvino said. "In those days you bowled a lot of match games, heads up, besides the pro tour. I bowled Harry 20 games. He won 10 and I won 10. I told him, 'I'm tired, let's go home. We're wasting our time.' Nobody could beat the other guy.

"Harry was one of the toughest bowlers that I've ever faced. If you went into a brand new bowling center, there was nobody better on brand new conditions than him. The only way that people like Carter and Weber and myself could compete with him is when we stayed at a house for a long period of time. But by the time we found the angles for ourselves, he could be way ahead of us at the tournament."

That statement was substantiated by Lichstein.

"I heard this directly from Harry, but I can't document my words," he said. "But in 1963, Harry told me that he led the qualifying every week of the Winter Tour that year. And I'm not the only one who heard it. I'm sure Salvino, Glenn Allison, Dave Soutar, Jim Stefanich or Wayne Zahn might know of it.

"But at the time, all qualifying pins were dropped for the finals, and that's probably one of the reasons Harry didn't go around Weber and Carter in popularity and titles."

And Smith did it with a style that was tough to describe and tougher for anyone else to duplicate.

"He walked left and turned his body sideways – like Jason Belmonte does today – back in the 50s," Borden said. "He would tuck his swing in and that would give him that big heavy hand at the bottom, and he had all that twitch muscles he was blessed with that were pretty responsive. He was a feel player to the top of the level

"He was the first power player in our sport. You'd think Mark Roth, but Smitty really was. He had a very unique intelligence about him and it wasn't intelligence as we know book smart. It was street smarts. And he knew bowling balls. I think he was the first one to use a plastic ball on tour."

On his approach, Smith would drift several boards to the left, and then hop after releasing the ball.

"What was good about Harry was that he looked like he was chasing a fly going to the foul line," Salvino joked. "But he could repeat that. If somebody would walk in and see him throw a ball, they'd want to challenge him – and they'd go home broke!"

Smith also helped the PBA get off the ground with his unique style and fiery temperament on the lanes that earned him the nickname, "Tiger."

"He was a tremendous talent," said bowling great Johnny Petraglia. "He helped make the PBA. He had that animation and was a wonderful guy. There are all those photos of him when he used to run out his shots, and then always telling funny stories.

"I got to know him pretty well, and it's very sad."

Barry Asher, another PBA Hall of Famer, said he was 9 years old when he first met Smith.

"He was bowling with the Falstaff team at Victory Bowl in Van Nuys (Calif.) when I first saw him," Asher said. "Then he actually roomed with Nelson Burton Jr. and me one winter, and it was an adventure! Harry was like a neat freak. Everything had to be in order, like if it was in a military chest.

"But when you're 91, I just look at it like what a great run he had. When somebody that age passes, hopefully peacefully, I have no bad vibes. It wasn't unexpected."

After his career on the lanes was over, Smith was hired a few years later as the PBA Assistant Tournament Director by close friend Harry "Goose" Golden, who served as PBA National Tournament Director for almost 30 years. The two met while they were in the military together, and became great friends through bowling.

"Goose loved him like a son or a brother, and worried when Smitty would do things wrong," Lichstein said. "We were two characters out there and worshiped Goose, but he was so loyal. He could have fired both of us a lot of times, but never did. He knew we loved bowling, loved traveling and loved the PBA. And we knew what we were doing."

Barb Wilt, the long-time PBA Member Services Manager, remembers working with Smith when he was on the road staff.

"Obviously I worked with him a lot when he was Assistant Tournament Director," she said. "He was quite a character. When the staff was off the road, they had to be in the Akron office, so they became part of the mailroom brigade. They helped me and Al Gates get the Friday membership mailing stuffed. You get to know folks that way. I know some of his life was hard, but he had a good heart."

Former PBA Commissioner Mark Gerberich echoed those sentiments.

"He was always a good guy and well-liked by everybody," he said. "He was one of the true entertainers."

Even into his later years, Smith was a fan favorite, with some great stories to tell to anyone who would listen.

"It's hard to explain the things he did to make us laugh," Borden said. "And some of the things he did we can't talk about!

"There was never a game he bowled that was half tried. He was always trying to do the best he could every shot. If everybody bowled as hard as Smitty, it would be unbelievable. He wore it on his sleeve. And he was fun to watch."



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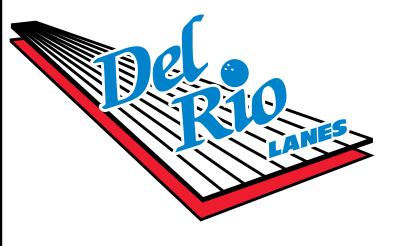
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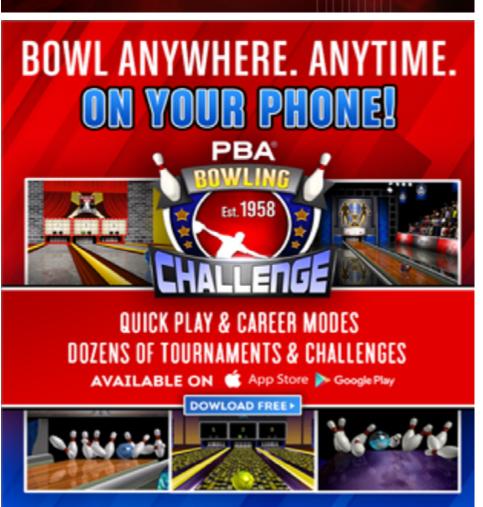


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## Looking Back 2013

Looking Back is a real memory shaker. Remembering friends, foes, stars and has-beens is better than a 1934 black and white movie! So, sit back, adjust your glasses, sip a soda and lets trek through 2013. Twenty Thirteen was a lucky year for the pros. Plenty of events, T.V. coverage, and more prize money for more players. Let's scan the headlines – go – go.

Read all issues from 2005 to present, go online, punch a key, there they are.

by Carol Mancini

- California's Scott Norton started the year winning a PBA title. Parker Bohn won his 33rd title!
- Frank Weiler had to order another dozen pens and a ream of paper. His brain works overtime! Thanks!
- The Cal USBC Championship was contested in Petaluma / Sonoma area.
- **Bowlium Lanes** and **Oak Tree Lanes** hosted California's State Women's Championship. The women lined up for some State Team Action.
- Billie Jean King was the first female owner of a PBA League Team.
- The PBA League had SEVEN teams. See Logos on January 10th isssue.
- How many of the centers listed on the directory page are gone forever?
- Check the pictures of the WHITE HOUSE bowling salon. January 24th.
- Book "The Essentials of Bowling" was selling for \$15.00.
- The weekly "Deaf" column submitted by Connie Marchione for 10 years included news of the wheelchair bowlers also, What a guy! He worked to support his "Bowling Habit"!
- L. A. Clippers star Chris Paul was one of the founders of the PBA League.
- Don't forget to check out the Honor Roll Box for friends and foes!
- Bowling Boot Camp?? What Center?
- Who were Brad Morton and Brad Domes?
- A First! The USBC was accepting "Pay On-Line" Entry Fees.
- Dave Snyder Redlands rolled a 200-triplicate series at Empire Bowl.
- Frank Weiler explained a "Clean Sweep" That's a 3-game series with no opens.
- Paula Vidad took managers job at Temecula Lanes.
- Murray Bowling Supply Co. celebrated 39 years of bowling excellence and fun.
- The Cal Bowl Open Scratch 10 Gamer was bowled on the "Beaten Path" pattern.
- A very young Wesley Low Jr. was pictured with Bobby Hornacek, great Junior competitors.
- Jason Belmonte won his first major The USBC Masters.
- Check ad for "Bowling Buddy" on page 3, February 28, 2013.
- Page 4, February 28 Bigtime Bowling" a fun read.
- There were FIVE ABT Clubs in Southern California scheduled weekly.
- 15-Year-Old Wesley Low Jr. won a PBA Regional Event on March 24<sup>th</sup>. In 2021 he rolls a 900!
- The Chuck Pezzano weekly contributions were head scratchers sometimes. He was an East Coast Old Timer.
- Pete Weber turned 50!
- Local Star Scott Norton shared his "coming out" May 2nd, 2013.
- List of "Bowling Movies" May 2nd, 2013.
- My ad for a pair of "High-top" bowling shoes hit the target. I received four pairs in the mail! They are prized.
- June 24th, AMF Midtown Lanes closed.
- Alhambra Valley Lanes was sold and renamed Golden Mile.
- Thanks to Dean Lopez, readers were gifted each week with a SUDOKU.

Open on your computer to 2013 and read page by page. July thru December will be coming soon! Great pictures, stories, and even good ideas.



### Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini E-mail: CarolMancini83@icloud.com

As much as we all love T.V. – commercials get to be a pain, BUT no ads.... no movies, games, news, etc. Here comes a memory quiz. Put down your phone. Only grandmas are permitted to help!!! I'll give you the slogan, you give the product.

- 1. See the U.S.A. in your \_\_\_\_
- 2. Where's the Beef?
- 3. Good to the Last Drop.
- 4. Wet Teddy Bears, Get Your Wet Teddy Bears.
- 5. Help, I got a flat tire.
- 6. Here's Johnny!
- 7. We Have the Meat.
- 8. Welcome Back. We Saved You a Plate.
- 9. Buy Your Car from the Car Hotel.
- 10. Book Your Hotel With
- 11. Here's Your Free Balloon.
- 12. The Louisiana Kitchen.
- 13. We do it EVERY NIGHT.
- 14. Our Pizza Has 9 Feet of Pepperoni.
- 15. You only pay for what you need.

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14. Little Cesar's

13. Cascade Dish Soap

12. Popeyes

11. Farmers Insurance

10. Trivago

8. Golden Coral 9. Carvana

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#### **Taylor** continued from page 1

twenty boards on the approach and then hopping at the end, when he released all of that energy onto the lane as his ball went curving towards the pocket.

Dylan Taylor might be someone for the youngsters to emulate today. His stance begins completely sideways from the pins, but just like Harry Smith, he straightens everything out upon his release, as he lets loose a powerful high rolling ball towards the 1-3 pocket with pin punishing power.

Many at the Rio Rancho affair commented on Taylor's unconventional approach that earned him the "underdog moniker," according to tournament host Steve Mackie. "But he later turned that phrase around with terms such as Dylan the Destroyer, and Dylan the Dominator," said Mackie.

Taylor's only loss came at the hands of Lavoie, by a score of 387-493 (two games), that moved Dylan into the loser's bracket. There he defeated Keith Dommer of Tucson, Arizona, 235-173 (one game) to earn the right to compete against Matthew Zweig, also of Scottsdale, and Cortez Schenck of Phoenix, before taking on the top seeded Lavoie.

In the stepladder finals, Taylor beat Zweig 216-161, then Schenck 209-205, and finally Lavoie 224-190. Then in the double elimination title match, Taylor defeated superstar Lavoie by the narrowest of margins, 176 to 175. It was up to Taylor to win or lose in the final frame, and he triumphed with a spare and eight pins to win by just a single pin.

Harry Smith went on to star in the PBA, where he was one of the original 33 charter members. He would eventually win 12 tour stops to go with 4 USBC Open Championships and the USBC Masters title in 1963. Smith recorded 12 sanctioned 300 games and a top three game series of 843 throughout his illustrious career.

Young Taylor already has 26 perfect games and fourteen series over 800 for three games (at last count). But comparing numbers from different eras is difficult - it's much easier to compare styles!

After writing this editorial comparing the styles of Dylan Taylor and Harry Smith, I learned of Mr. Smith's passing at the age of 91.

#### NEW MEXICO OPEN

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BOWLER	HOMETOWN	PRIZE
Dylan Taylor	Scottsdale, AZ	\$11,000
François Lavoie	Wichita, KS	\$ 5,620
Cortez Schenck	Phoenix, AZ	\$ 3,120
Matthew Zweig	Scottsdale, AZ	\$.2,000

STEPLADDER RESULTS: Taylor defeated Zweig 216-161; Taylor defeated Schenck 209-205; Taylor defeated Lavoie 224-190; and in the Double Elimination Title Match, Taylor defeated Lavoie 176-175.

#### **OTHER FINISHERS:**

5. Billy Gensch	Denver, CO	\$ 1,860
<ol><li>Keith Dommer</li></ol>	Tucson, AZ	\$ 1,860
7. John McIntyre	Colorado Springs, CO	\$ 1,710
8. Clay Rees	Lehi, UT	\$. 1,620
9. Steve Smith	San Diego, CA	\$ 1,250
10.Kyle Duster	Phoenix, AZ	\$. 1,250
11.Robert Marion	Colorado Springs, CO	\$ 1,250
12.Keith Fung	Phoenix, AZ	\$. 1,250
13.Stu Williams	Pluegerville, TX	\$. 1,100
14.John Johnson	Denver, CO	\$ 1,100
15.Michael Fitzgerald	Phoenix, AZ	\$. 1,100
16.Dale Coffee	Colorado Springs, CO	\$ 1,100

Low to Cash: 1525 (8 games). A total of 49 places were paid.

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(Steve Mackie announced that next year's tournament will be held August 19th-21st, 2022)





## **Current PWBA Tour Leaders** After The U.S. Open

The 2021 PWBA Tour season continues. After the U.S. Open seventeen champions have been crowned. There have been many exciting highlights including Liz Johnson rolling a perfect 300 game during the BOWL-TV step ladder finals at the Lincoln Open. That perfecto earned Liz a \$10,000 bonus and helped place her second on this season's Earnings List.

Dasha Kovalova and Shannon O'Keefe have been the most consistent players on Tour for the first seventeen tournaments this season. Kovalova ranks first in Points, Wins and Championship Round Appearances. She ranks second in Match Play Appearances and third in Cashes. That's in the Top Three on five of the seven PWBA Tour Leader Lists, excluding the Rookie Of The Year Points List. O'Keefe ranks first in Average and Match Play Appearances. Kovalova and O'Keefe together rank first in five of the seven Tour Lists available to veteran players.

Our CALIFORNIA Tour players are doing very well. Missy Parkin and Stephanie Zavala both rank high on most PWBA Tour Leader Lists. Zavala is tied for first on the Wins List with two championships won this season. Parkin ranks third on the Championship Round Appearances List and seventh on the Points List. Zavala ranks sixth and Parkin eleventh on the Earnings List.

The **TOP THREE** bowlers on each PWBA Tour Leader List follows:

#### **EARNINGS**

1.	Josie Barnes	\$106,550
2.	Liz Johnson	50,325
3.	Cherie Tan	50,000
	POINTS	
1.	Dasha Kovalova	110,380
2.	Shannon O'Keefe	108,145
3.	Verity Crawley	106,100
	AVERAGE	į

#### 2. Stefanie Johnson 212.43 212.05

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### 3. Danielle McEwan

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND APPEARANCES**

T1. Dasha Kovalova	6
Verity Crawley	
T3. Missy Parkin	4
Stephanie Zavala	
Four Others	

1. Shannon O'Keefe

#### **MATCH PLAY APPEARANCES**

1.	Shannon O'Keefe	13
2.	Dasha Kovalova	11
3.	Liz Johnson	10
	Verity Crawley	
	Danielle McEwan	10

#### **CASHES**

1.	Liz Johnson	15
	Maria Jose Rodriguez	
3.	Dasha Kovalova	14
	Missy Parkin	

#### **WINS**

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1.	Julia Bond
	Dasha Kovalova
	Danielle McEwan
	Stephanie Zavala

#### **ROOKIE OF THE YEAR POINTS**

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1.	Stephanie Zavala	81,550
2.	Breanna Clemmer	66,500
3.	Maria Bulanova	48,602.5

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