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PBA MODIFIES AMATEUR CASH RULE FOR ACTIVE COLLEGIATE BOWLERS

Rule change to allow active collegiate players the ability to compete and cash in PBA events

by Jill Laufer

NEW YORK, NY – Effective immediately, the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) has modified the amateur cash rule to allow active collegiate players the ability to compete and cash in PBA events. The rule change meets the requirements set forth by USBC Collegiate Bowling.

The modifications to 13.2.4 Amateur Cash Rule will allow the non-member maximum two-cash rule to be waived for current collegiate bowlers who are able to provide proof of status as a current member of a USBC Collegiate bowling team. Approved collegiate players may cash and compete as often as they'd like.

"The talent on the collegiate level is at an all-time high," said PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark. "While current collegiate rules prohibit active players from joining the PBA, this new rule offers more opportunities for them to compete at the highest level of the game. PBA fans,

players and tournament hosts will benefit, and it will help collegiate players make a smoother transition to PBA membership once their college careers are over."

Collegiate players may compete in PBA-member-only events if entries are available after PBA member registration.

Players must still pay non-member entry fees for all events and will not earn Official titles, Champions banners, competition points or seasonal awards while competing as a non-PBA member.

It is the collegiate players' responsibility to determine whether or not participation in a PBA event as a non-member violates his college or athletic association rules, or if participation will affect his or her amateur status.

For more information on the PBA's official rules and regulations, please visit [PBA.com/player-resources/pba-rulebook](https://pba.com/player-resources/pba-rulebook)

Company to list on NYSE...

Bowlero Corporation Just Keeps Growing!

by Dave Williams

A few days ago I received an email from Bowl America, a bowling chain that still operates 17 bowling centers from Maryland to Florida. The headline of the email made me cringe, as I hate to see the catch phrases "New and Improved," and "Now Under New Management." In view of the fact that the email mentioned Bowlero, I decided to read on, because they have in all honesty been a refreshing change for bowling in the past decade.

The news release stated that Bowlero Corporation had completed the acquisition of Bowl America (NYSE: BWL-A) for approximately \$44 million. "It's another exciting chap-

ter for Bowlero," said Tom Shannon, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bowlero Corporation.

The release also stated that the Bowl America acquisition was the latest strategic growth initiative following the recent announcement of plans to list Bowlero on the New York Stock Exchange, expected in October, and that Bowlero Corporation will trade on the NYSE under the symbol "BOWL."

As a former employee of AMF (purchased by Bowlmor in 2013, to form Bowlmor AMF, and eventually renamed Bowlero), I remember fondly the many opportunities provided via the publicly held company.



(l-r) A "starry-eyed" Dave Williams with AMF Bowling Centers President Bruce Gobbi, and Thomas York (1986 photo)

In addition to a pension, AMF also provided a stock purchasing plan, where up to 10% of an individual's paycheck could be divert-

ed to a stock purchasing plan. In return, AMF would match the dollar amount for the first 6% invested!

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CHRIS BARNES WINS IN WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

WAXAHACHIE, Texas – PBA Hall of Famer, Chris Barnes, of Denton, Texas, won his first PBA50 Southwest Region title at Hilltop Lanes in the PBA50 Waxahachie Southwest Open Sunday.

Barnes averaged over 253 for the eight games of qualifying, including a 300

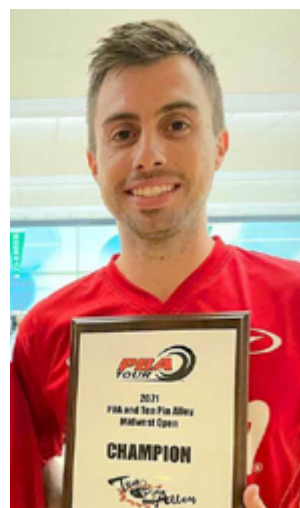
game, to grab the top spot, then maintained the top position throughout the rest of the tournament to claim the \$2,500 first-place prize.

Though Barnes led throughout, he was challenged throughout the event. Tony Lanning, from Yukon, Okla., started the

KYLE SHERMAN WINS TEN PIN ALLEY MIDWEST OPEN

FITCHBURG, Wis. – Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Mo. defeated Tim Gruendler of St. Louis, Mo.. An all Missouri championship match was close, until an error by Gruendler in the ninth frame, opened the Gateway Arch for Sherman to close with a 196-165 victory on Saturday.

Sherman, who qualified in seventh place, posted a perfect 6-0 match play record. In the Semifinal Round, he defeated Ryan Lakota of Shorewood, Ill. with a clutch double in the tenth frame for the 219-215 victory. Gruendler was the second qualifier and had a



5-3-0 record. In the Semifinal Round, he defeated Russ Oviatt of Sioux Falls, S.D. with a 237-169 win.

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WE ALL CASHED AT THE “LAUGHLIN BLAST” TOURNAMENT

by Frank Weiler

LAUGHLIN, NV. – The Laughlin Blast Tournament means “MOOLA” (\$\$\$\$\$). That’s dollars, dollars and more dollars. My buddies and I all cashed at the recent Laughlin Blast Tournament. We just received our checks in the mail.

My buddy **KEN DEMAIO** scored big, rolling a natural 300 game (12 real strikes), and cashed big. While none of my buddies won a million bucks (\$1,000,000) we did receive checks for hundreds of dollars.

Another buddy, **TERRY LANKSTER**, just received his check for over \$300. Andy, Bill, Chris, Dave and a dozen more of my friends cashed at the Laughlin Blast and we received our checks in the mail this week.

WOW, my friends Ken and Terry won hundreds of dollars in the tournament and they won hundreds more in brackets. My check wasn’t as big as their checks but I did cash for the tenth consecutive Laughlin Blast Tournament. I will get more of the “MOOLA” next January (**January 16-19, 2022**).

Every bowler has a good chance to cash because the Laughlin Blast is more than one tournament. It’s actually four tournaments in four days. That means every bowler starts with a clean slate every day with a new tournament and new money up for grabs. What can be better than that. A review of the winner’s lists shows that the cash ratio is nearly two to one (2 to 1)!

With a new tournament every day and three average divisions it’s nearly impossible not to cash.

There are more reasons why the Laughlin Blast is a great opportunity for making some money. The tournament is for senior bowlers only, bowlers 50 years of age and over. Second and third the tournament is a No-Tap and Handicap tournament. I repeat the Laughlin Blast is a Senior, No-Tap, Handicap affair. Nine pins down and you strike! How can you not score and cash?

Anyway, if you’re 50 years old, you should come next January to Laughlin, Nevada and compete with me for thousands of dollars at Laughlin’s Riverside Lanes. **“I CHALLENGE YOU TO COME AND TRY TO BEAT ME”!**

Ladies come and join my wife and compete for “MOOLA”. She has cashed every year she’s competed at the Laughlin Blast.



My “Buddy” Ken DeMaio cashed big at Laughlin Blast Tournament. He is mentioned in article after rolling a real 300 game.

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I took the advice of some of the accounting veterans at AMF, as well as a couple of longtime supervisors and center managers, and went with the maximum 10% investment. Because the stock purchases were listed as a deduction on my paycheck stub, I never really missed the reduction in take home pay. Then every three months, I would receive a certificate showing the amount of shares that I currently owned.

Over time, it really added up. As Albert Einstein once said, “Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who doesn’t, pays it.” I continued to collect those certificates every three months, until one day there were rumors that AMF was going to be sold, and the stock would become worthless. Once again I relied on the advice of a veteran accountant at AMF, and converted a major portion of the shares to cash, without removing the money from my account.

Within a few weeks we had a visit from Thomas York, the Chairman and CEO of AMF in White Plains, New York. He had 26 different companies reporting to him, including AMF Bowling, Tuboscope (the Alaska Pipeline), Harley-Davidson, Hatteras Yachts, Head Tennis, AMF Atomics (nuclear reactors), Roadmaster Bicycles, AMF Bakery Systems, AMF Voit, and Ben Hogan Golf, to name but a few. York assured us that the company was fine and that there was no reason to sell our shares of AMF stock. The next day Thomas York resigned, and took what today is referred to as a “golden parachute.” The stock price plunged.

With the sale of AMF Bowling to a group of investors in Richmond, Virginia, I was faced with the dilemma of securing my pension, and all of those stock certificates and cash. I called upon my Dad, and he put me in touch with Al Barnston, an investor with Sutro & Company in San Francisco. While AMF did continue the pension that was in place, I was also able to rollover my individual account to a self-directed IRA at Sutro & Company. All of this took place in mid-October of 1987, and Barnston suggested that we place 50% of the money in stock, 25% in government bonds, and keep the remainder in cash.

For those of you that are not aware, Monday, October 19, 1987, became known as “Black Monday,” the day that stock markets around the world crashed. My conversations with Mr. Barnston were on Thursday of the previous week. I immediately called on Monday, but because panic had set in, there was no way of getting through to him (this was before email went mainstream). I kept trying. Finally I remembered Barnston saying that Sutro’s main offices were in New York City. I kept trying, but all I could get was an answering machine.

When I finally got through to someone a few days later, I came up with every excuse that I could think of to say that I did not mean to invest any of the rollover into stocks. The patient woman at the other end of the phone line waited for me to complete my dribble, and then calmly indicated that nothing had taken place with my investments. When I was finally able to reach Mr. Barnston, he convinced me that because of my youth and the 20% drop in the stock market, there was no better time to invest... and he was right.

After a few years with the new organization in Richmond, I admittedly missed the “old” AMF that was headquartered in New York, and decided to accept an offer that was made to me by American Recreation Centers (ARC) in Sacramento, California. It was a chance for me to return close to my childhood home of Sebastopol, and to join forces with Robert Feuchter, one of the most innovative minds in the game of bowling.

ARC also had an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP), as well as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP), which was essentially a pension fund. Because of my prior experience with the ESPP program at AMF, I had no problem immediately directing 10% of my paycheck to the initiative. The idea really hit home for me when Fred Foerster, a longtime district manager for ARC, would often open up his manager’s meetings by promoting the program. “There’s no bank in the world that will pay you 50% interest on your savings,” proclaimed Foerster.

For those of you that are employed by a publicly held company (or even some privately held companies), I encourage you to ask about similar programs that might be available to you. The owner/manager of your organization will most likely be impressed by your interest. As someone that has witnessed these programs first hand, I can assure you that you will never miss the 10% investment from your paycheck. It may be tempting to tap into that nest egg at times, but the best thing that you can do is *let it ride!*

Smack Down — *What’s up with Bowlero and the WWE? We’ll take a look in an upcoming issue*

WERE YOU A BOWLER AT AZUSA BOWL?

by Rosie Parker

A few weeks back, I received a message from Shirley Hale to come over and pay her a visit at Chaparral Lanes. She said it’s been a while and she was right. She ended the message with “Hope to see you soon”.

Your challenge was received, and here’s My Answer. I called Linda Johnson-Piliros and she said yes, let’s try. My Answer to Shirley was a phone call and this message on Facebook: I just might surprise you and come over for a visit one day. Yes, it has been a while. Better yet, wouldn’t it be great to invite those we can find who called Azusa Bowl “home” and have a “reunion”. That was one of the best centers in the Valley for many years, a lot of us spent our spare or relax time at the center. There was always something to do, even if you didn’t feel like bowling. Lots of card games, board games and just visiting with each other. The kids and parents loved it when the center “locked” them in for the night and they had a great time until the parents picked them up in the morning.

The idea of a reunion has come up in conversation many times over the years, but nothing has been done to make it happen. Maybe now is the right time. The new committee of “3” will meet, come up with some ideas and see where it goes.

We’ve all been locked in our homes for too long now. I know several who would be interested in a Reunion. My home number is 626-334-8745. Hugs to you, my friend.

We talked and we decided to see how many other Azusa Bowlers we could find from those days.

Did you BOWLED LEAGUE, KEPT SCORE, SHOOT POOL, VISIT FRIENDS OR JUST SPENT TIME IN A FUN SPOT?

Would you like to see some friends from years past who you have lost contact with? Please share this information with your family and friends. If we can find some folks who are interested, we can work on the plans for a fantastic get together.

Please leave your name and phone number with Shirley Hale at Chaparral Lanes, or Linda Johnson-Piliros at the San Gabriel Valley Bowling Association Office 626-337-6270 or Rosie Parker at home 626-334-8745.

HOPE TO HEAR FROM LOTS OF FOLKS.



Carol's Corner

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

After seeing the ole Falstaff team on the front pages of the September 16th and 23rd issues, I was reminded of a special week in 1958!

My husband (a Western Electrician Engineer) and I were stationed in Sasebo, Japan. Of course, I bowled everyday - taught other gals and the Girl Scouts - and formed leagues.

We were notified that the Falstaff team was touring the military bowls. They were great guys, on and off the lanes. Maybe the beer helped!

We got to bowl matches against them. (Never won a game!.) They helped us with our game and shared stories.

They may have been great bowlers but they were lousy dancers.

Strange what you remember 62 years later! The pictures and stories sent in by Dave Willians opened the memory bank - Thanks Dave.

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eight-game match play finals with games of 279, 290, 267, and 256, to vault into contention. Stoney Burke, now living in Wills Point, Texas, also put on a late charge to challenge Barnes. Only 54 pins separated these three heading into the final game position round. Barnes closed out the event defeating Lanning 212-211 to claim the victory.

The PBA Southwest Region's next tournament will be the PBA Oklahoma City Southwest Open at Planet Bowl, October 1-3. The PBA Odessa Super Open at Diamond Lanes follows October 15-17. The Odessa event will offer a projected first-place prize of \$5,000.

PBA50 WAXAHACHIE SOUTHWEST OPEN
Hilltop Bowl, Waxahachie, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings
(after 21 games, including match play bonus pins):

Chris Barnes, Denton, Texas, 6-2, 5,196, \$2,500
Tony Lanning, Yukon, OK, 4-4, 5,116, \$1,600
Stoney Burke, Jr., Wills Point, Texas, 5-3, 5,086, \$950
n-Derek Williams, Groves, Texas, 5-3, 5,074, \$782.50
ss-Pete Thomas, Oklahoma City, 5-2-1, 5,074, \$782.50
John Burkett, Fort Worth, Texas, 5-3, 4,977, \$700
Jeff Atkins, Hot Springs Village, Ark., 2-6, 4,911, \$650
John Austin Jr., League City, Texas, 4-4, 4,880, \$600
Chris Warren, Grants Pass, Ore., 3-4-1, 4,876, \$575
n-Gerry Gentry, Jr., Topeka, Kan., 3-4-1, 4,861, \$550
Keith Lesko, Prosper, Texas, 1-6-1, 4,704, \$525
Stephen Keblish, Arlington, Texas, 3-5, 4,699, \$500
n-denotes non-PBA member
300 Game: Chris Barnes, Pete Thomas

The California Bowling Writers has adopted Operation Freedom Paws! Operation Freedom Paws nonprofit organization was founded by "California Bowler and Veteran" Mary Cortani in 2010 that has provided service dogs and training support to veterans and others who suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome, complex PTSD, traumatic brain injury and other physical, neurological, psychological and mobility needs. According to experts, service dogs help empower people with disabilities to live quality lives. Operation Freedom Paws carefully matches clients with their specially chosen four-legged companions, most of which come from rescue shelters. The partners then begin a 48-week program which trains the clients to train their own dogs. At the end of the program, they're certified together as service dog teams.

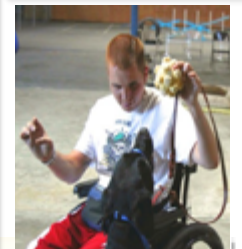
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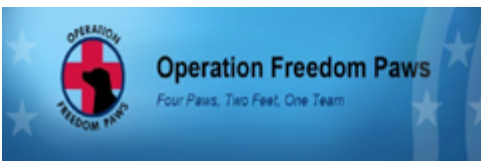


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This is Sherman’s fourth regional title, the first since 2017. That year he won the Southwest Regional event in Oklahoma City, Ok. The other two were in the hometown area of St. Charles, Mo. in 2014 and in Hoffman Estates, Ill. in 2015. The win earned Sherman \$2,000 while Gruendler earned \$1,100 as the runner-up.

PBA TEN PIN ALLEY OPEN
Ten Pin Alley, Fitchburg, WI, Saturday

Championship Round:
Sherman defeated Gruendler, 196-165.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$800):
Sherman defeated Lakota, 219-215.
Gruendler defeated Oviatt, 237-169.

Round 2 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$675 each):
Russ Oviatt, Sioux Falls, S.D., defeated Kevin McCune, 2-1.
Tim Gruendler defeated S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-1.
Ryan Lakota, Shorewood, Ill., defeated Jonathan Schalow, 2-1.
Sherman defeated Nick Kruml, Downers Grove, Ill., 2-0.

Top 4 qualifiers received a Round 1 bye
Round 1 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$575 each): Tim Gruendler, St. Louis, Mo., defeated Chris Hill, Franklin, Wis., 2-1.
Jonathan Schalow, Evansville, Wis., defeated Brad Miller, Lee’s Summit, Mo., 2-0.
Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo. defeated Shaun Taliaferro, Waunakee, Wis., 2-0.

Other Cashier:
13th place – N-William Hibbard, Indianapolis, Ind., 1,449, \$450
15th place – S-Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 1,439, \$275

S-designates senior entry
N-designates non-member entry

Editor’s Note: A photo of the winner has been posted in PBA’s Media Gallery

BRAD MILLER WINS PBA BOWL-A-VARD LANES MIDWEST OPEN

MADISON, Wis. – Brad Miller of Lee’s Summit, Mo. defeated Chris Hill of Franklin, Wis. to win the PBA Bowl-A-Vard Lanes Open. Miller was in control of the final match winning 267-188, and secured a second straight Midwest region Lindenwood alumni victory.

Miller led the seven-game qualifying with a 234 average. He continued his dominance throughout the bracket match play finals with a 4-0 record, dispatching one opponent after another. In the quarterfinal round, Miller threw a 255, 269 at Russ Oviatt’s 202, 235 for a 2-0 win. Miller then increased his 262 two-game match play average with a 275 against Kevin McCune’s 201.

Hill qualified second with a 229 average. He defeated Nick DeCesaro in the quarterfinal round with a 2-0 victory in the best of three games match. Kyle Sherman doubled in the eighth and ninth frames but left the door open when he failed to get a strike in the tenth frame. Hill then snatched the victory with a strike in the tenth and 200-181 score.

This is Miller’s fifth regional title, the first since 2018. He has two Southwest regional titles, both in Junction City, Kan. in back-to-back years of 2018 and 2019. His first Midwest regional title was in St. Charles, Mo. in 2016 and he added Omaha, Neb. in 2018. The win earned Miller \$2,000 while Hill earned \$1,100 as the runner-up.

PBA BOWL-A-VARD LANES MIDWEST OPEN
Bowl-A-Vard Lanes, Madison, Wis., Sunday

Championship Round: Miller defeated Hill, 267-188.

Semifinal Round (losers earned \$775 each):
Miller defeated K. McCune, 275-201.
Hill defeated Sherman, 200-181.

Round 2 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$650 each):



Brad Miller, Lee’s Summit, Mo., defeated Russ Oviatt 2-0. Kevin McCune, Munster, Ind. defeated S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 2-1.
Chris Hill, Franklin, Wis., defeated Nick DeCesaro 2-0.
Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., defeated Timothy Curran 2-1.

Top 4 qualifiers received a Round 1 bye

Round 1 (best of three games, losers eliminated and earned \$550 each): S-Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind. defeated Tim Gruendler, St. Louis, Mo., 2-0.
Nick DeCesaro, Kenosha, Wis., defeated S-Chris Gibbons, Madison, Wis., 2-0.
Timothy Curran, St. Louis, Mo., defeated James Rogers, Waukegan, Ill., 2-1.

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