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## US Women's Open Bowling Back on ESPN

ARLINGTON, Texas – Women's bowling made a highly-anticipated return to national television on Sept. 13 as the best women bowlers in the world battle for the title at the 2009 U.S. Women's Open, a USBC event.

The five-part series airs on ESPN on Sundays at 11am PDT, concluding on Oct. 18. The field includes Team USA members, former professional stars, international standouts, collegiate champions, top amateurs and perhaps the comeback story of the year. The show features an exciting new format.

More than 170 competitors battled through 24 grueling games of qualifying Aug. 4-6 at

Strike Zone Bowling Center inside the Sunset Station Hotel and Casino in Henderson, Nev., before the field was cut to the top 48 competitors for 16 additional games. After 40 games, the top 12 advanced to a single-elimination TV bracket.

The 12 players were divided into four sub-brackets, and on each of the first four telecasts, three players will face off for a spot on the final show, which airs on Oct. 11. Any competitor who rolls a 300 game on one of the first four TV shows will receive a \$25,000 bonus, while a perfect game in the semifinals or championship match (the fifth show), will earn \$100,000. The TV schedule is subject to change.

## What Keeps Bowling Together

By Mary Lynly

"The love and expertise of many women have gone into our book," says San Diego 600 Club Past President Pat Helwig. The Membership Handbook has been published each year since the 1970's. It was expanded in the 1990's to include current pictures and running history of the club.

The club was formed in 1952 at the request of San Diego WBA President JoAnne Stokes. Dot Hughes began the task of gathering and organizing the San Diego women who had bowled a sanctioned 600 series. Among those first memories is Frances Zwiener, herself not eligible for membership, who offered the hospitality of her store for future club meetings. For several years "yole meeting house" meant "Zweiner's rumpus room."

The two 600 Clubs in San Diego used to be one but like many groups, in 1990 there was a disagreement and part of the members broke away to form their own club. Damaged, but not deterred, the club struggled but little by little grew



L-R: Pat Helwig, Champion Nancy Henderson, Louise Barr

back into the club they once were through the efforts of Pat Helwig and other dedicated members. The club now numbers 105 and although many members no longer bowl the 600's they once did they still enjoy and support the club's "Fun" tournaments: The club also sponsors one team for the closing squad of the annual city championship tournament. Selection for the sponsored team is by placing names of eligible members in a hat and drawing out eight names – four team members and four alternates.

Charter member Lillian Flanders won the first annual tournament in 1953 and continued to win it five more times! When she won it the second time she returned the beautiful trophy to the club requesting that it

be used as a perpetual trophy and it still serves that purpose today – the most prestigious of the club's awards.

In the 1950's and '60's bowling tournaments of any size were held in Los Angeles or North and San Diego 600 Club president Mary Nickason posed the question, "Why

can't our 600 Club hold a tournament and invite other 600 clubs to come here?" Two prerequisites were 1) payoff the same day (which most tournaments did not do in those days) and 2) Make the first place payoff interesting enough to draw bowlers but low enough to pay down many places.

The first tournament drew 111 entries and while the prize fund was being reconciled the ladies enjoyed entertainment. The seed had been planted and The Friendship Tournament was born.

Early on it was decided that the winner's home club would host the next tournament. On October 4, 2009 they will celebrate their 47th tournament with the San Diego club as the tournament host.

## This—N—That

The United States Bowling Congress has entered into a partnership with Alamo Rent A Car, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and National Car Rental. This partnership is designed to provide USBC members savings and benefits on their future car rental needs. The new car rental program benefits include: up to 20 percent off standard rental rates, promotional coupons for additional savings, free upgrades and other offers. Alamo, Enterprise and National each offer unique and varied discounts and savings for USBC members. To learn more, members should visit [BOWL.com/memberrewards](http://BOWL.com/memberrewards).

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It does not take 20/20 vision to see that, unless corrective measures are taken, the end of certified youth bowling is within sight... in fact, by 2023. That's the inescapable conclusion that struck Teen Masters promoter Gary Beck, who charted the decline of USBC Youth membership numbers for the past 3.4 decades, and printed the results in an appropriately-named brochure, "20/23 Vision." Beck follows the data to its logical conclusion, sounds the alarm in an easily understandable brochure, and also recommends some actions that can be taken. Downloaded the info at [teenmastersbowling.com/2023vision.pdf](http://teenmastersbowling.com/2023vision.pdf). Beck also outlined his other visions for the sport in a feature story that will appear in the October issue of Bowlers Journal International.

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The International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame (IBM/HF) has hired Bill Supper to become its executive director. A long-time industry executive, Supper has had stints with Ebonite International, Storm Bowling Products and Columbia 300, and currently is the deputy executive director of the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. He also serves as the executive director of the International Bowling Pro Shop and Instructors Association (IBPSIA), as well as the Billiard and Bowling Institute of America (BBIA).

"I am honored, humbled and thrilled to be named the executive director of our crown jewel," Supper said. "The idea of coming to the office during this time in building a new museum and hall of fame is quite an opportunity."

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Lindsay Bonifacini of San Diego left her mark on the leaderboard and the record books at the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships. The 27-year-old right-hander became the ninth woman in the 90-year history of the event, and first this year, to roll a 300 game on the tournament lanes.

## President's Follow Through

Hello CBW Members,

Welcome to Winter Bowling League 2009-10 Season!! Hope all of you joined at least one league. If you haven't yet, there is still time to find a league that needs a bowler. USBC cards did not go up and many of the centers know bowlers are feeling the crunch of the economy and are trying to keep lineage rates reasonable so that's two encouraging factors. If you help support the bowling centers, they know it and try to do what they can to provide a good bowling environment for the league bowlers. And, most importantly, you want to be part of a league to help give you something to write about to enter our 2010 Golden Quill writing contest.

Speaking of writing, hopefully you know that we voted at the Annual Meeting in June to continue offering both the Golden Quill and Profile contests each year for you to enter. Since we are a writing organization, we felt it was very important to keep our writing contests in the forefront and offer both. The Golden Quill offers a different topic each year but the Profile is for writing about an individual or individuals involved in the sport of bowling. It could be about their accomplishment, a family tradition, about a proprietor, coach, junior or senior bowler. So get those thinking caps on and recognize someone who has inspired you. For more information on the writing awards, go to our website [www.calbowlingwriters.org](http://www.calbowlingwriters.org).



**CBW President  
Bette Addington**

**Interim Board Meeting:** Our Interim Board Meeting will take place on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3 in Bakersfield, CA. Since we meet only twice a year, we will have a full agenda of items to cover including what we are going to do for the 2010 CUSBC State Convention. We have several things in the works and with a board as talented as we have, I am sure you will not be disappointed with what we finally decide to provide for you. I understand tentative plans are to have the 2010 State Convention in Fremont in June. We will get information out to you as soon as we know.

**2009-10 Phone Card Drive:** Mary Lynly and Eloise Cottrell have been busy getting the word out and the donations are coming in keeping Treasurer Tina Martin busy running to the bank to make deposits! That's a good thing!! Again, check out our website from time to time to see the thermometer for total collected at any given time. Don't forget to get your donations in by December 31, 2009 to Tina! Also, if any of you have relatives or close friends serving overseas, please contact Mary or Eloise and let them know as we would like to recognize CBW members and their extended families who have loved ones currently serving.

**Membership:** If you have not renewed your membership, it is not too late. Please do so today! Send your dues to Secretary Donna Dillard. And, if any of you need an updated membership listing, contact Donna and she would be more than happy to get one out to you.

**Your Accomplishments:** If any of you bowled well in State or Nationals or had a recent game or series worthy of an award, please let me know! This is your organization and newsletter and we would love to publish your accomplishments.

In closing, please check our CBW website regularly for updates and notices. Also, our CBW Committee Assignments for 2009-10 is now posted. If any of you would like to get on one of our committees, just notify the Chairperson of that committee and they would be thrilled to have your help.

Bette Addington, CBW President

## Phone Cards Make a Difference

The California Bowling Writers are starting their 6<sup>th</sup> year of plugging their Phone Cards for the Troops charity. We're off to a great start with numerous donations in memory of loved ones. What better way to honor them and provide something that links families to loved ones in the armed services and away from home?

If your mail box or email inbox is like mine – there are tons of organizations that want donations. I hope you keep yours close to home. A phone card means a lot to that fellow or gal in the war zone fighting to keep our nation free.

We were blessed with the remainder of a 900 minute phone card from the Bowling Writer's Association of America board of directors. There is 790 minutes remaining which we hope to trade for smaller cards.

Letters from families told us that the little phone card was among their loved one's most prized possessions and offered a taste of home when they were in 110 degree heat and having sand for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

We are so lucky to live in America and this phone card effort means a lot to our deployed troops. Donations since inception total \$29,825.40. Help us exceed last year's donation of \$6215 and get those cards off for Valentine's Day in 2010.

Log on to [www.calbowlingwriters.org](http://www.calbowlingwriters.org) and click on "Tribute to the Troops" on the home page for an inspirational clip.

Send donations to: Tina Martin, Treasurer, California Bowling Writers, 57 Shields Lane, Novato, CA 94947-3877. Please make checks payable to CBW.

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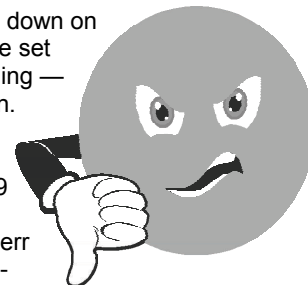
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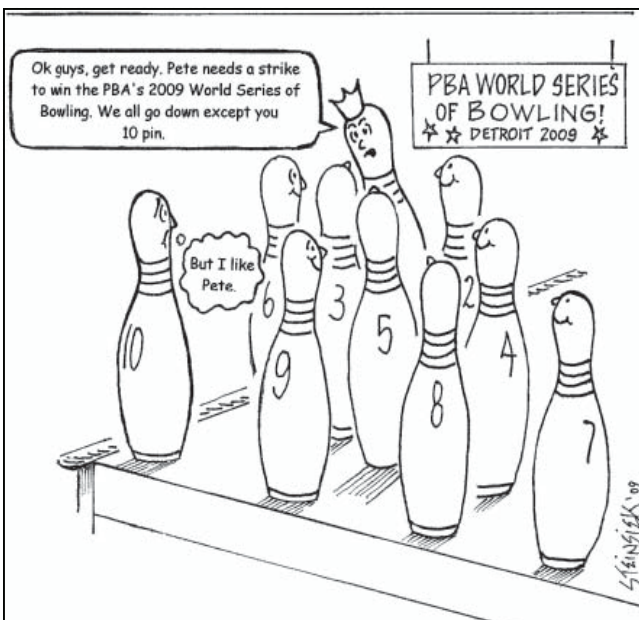
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## USBC Turns Thumbs Down on Sport Award Scores

The USBC has turned thumbs down on a pair of series that would have set scoring records for Sport Bowling – both rolled by the same person. Kurt Scherr of Racine, Wis., claimed to have rolled games of 279, 300 and 290 for an 869 series on June 12 at Classic Lanes in Oak Creek, Wis. Scherr then claimed to have shot 300-300-279 for an 879 series on July 24 at the same center.



After the scores had been submitted to USBC, allegations were made that both sets had been falsified. That information was reported to USBC by center management, and USBC subsequently denied recognition. Scherr was contacted by the Racine Journal Times and said that he denies the allegations, but does not plan to appeal the USBC ruling. So, the Sport Bowling three-game series record remains 862, rolled by Bo Goergen in this year's USBC Open Championships in Las Vegas.



## Outlets for Story & Article Publication

The *InfoLink* encourages and will accept stories of 200-500 words, relating to bowling. Articles should be focused on individual accomplishments, special events, community involvement, prose, etc. Because we are focusing on special articles by our writers, reporting of scores or association related events will not be accepted. Send your stories to: Jackie Wyckoff, PO Box 50213, Palo Alto, CA 94303 or email (preferred) to: [JWyckoff@BowlingWriters.com](mailto:JWyckoff@BowlingWriters.com)

We have also included for your convenience, a list of other California bowling publications who would accept stories and articles for publication which were previously submitted for publication in the California Golden Nugget:

- **BOWLING WORLD NEWSPAPER** ~ Donna Hazel, Editor ~ Website: [www.bowlingworld.com](http://www.bowlingworld.com)  
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**CALIFORNIA USBC "UPDATES"**  
By Phyl Knoll

Our Annual State Queens Tournament held August 15-16 at Yorba Linda Bowl in Orange County was exciting to say the least. Andrea Snyder a left-hander from Pomona took control and kept it for the entire weekend. She was the high qualifier in the Last Chance squad shooting 190-236-247-290-206-290 (1461). Andrea earned the high game bonus award for that squad for her two 290 games. Since past two champions, Tennelle Milligan (2008) and Dede Davidson (2007) were not able to attend, two extra spots were filled from the Last Chance Squad, to complete the finals field of 30.

Andrea remained undefeated all through the double-elimination finals and after 20 rounds of bowling was crowned our 2009 Queen, with Christy Asher from Costa Mesa as the runner up. Andrea was presented her crown by Jean Worthy, 1975 CWBA Queens Champion. Andrea also earns an entry into the 2010 USBC National Queens event in El Paso, Texas and an entry into our 2010 California State Queens which will be held at Tyme To Bowl Lanes in Oroville

Caycee Landers earned the high game bonus award with 253 and there was a tie for the high two-game series bonus award of 462 between Roberta Vann and Chrystelle Gallo. Much appreciation to Jim Horning and his wonderful staff at Yorba Linda Bowl who helped our event run so smoothly.

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The California State Masters Scratch Tournament, open to ALL California certified USBC members, is a premiere event where the high average bowlers both amateur and professional compete for a state title.

This year's Finals were held at Pacific Avenue Bowl, Stockton on September 12-13 and after competing against a field of 117 finalists, Scott Vanderlick from Sacramento managed to

win the title of our 2009 Masters Champion. Scott was one of those who faced a match play double elimination format with each match a 3-game set, total pins determining the winner. Along with his title engraved on a beautiful plaque, Scott will receive an entry to the 2010 National Masters Tournament (\$450) and a berth into the 2010 California State Masters Tournament Finals.

Merline Ng and Larry Dickens, Jr. both recorded the overall highest series (707) and Larry Dickens, Jr. bowled the overall highest game (288).



***Pictured at Left  
Masters Tournament  
Skip Pavone,  
Runner Up (left)  
and Champion  
Scott Vanderlick***

***Pictured at Right  
Queens Tournament  
Christy Asher,  
Runner Up (left)  
Champion  
Andrea Snyder  
(center) and  
Jean Worthy***



Much appreciation to the staff and management of Pacific Avenue Bowl for hosting this year's event.

Watch for entries for the 2010 Queens and Masters Tournaments on our wonderful Award Winning Website at CalUSBC.com.

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To accommodate those who might have missed the September 15th deadline for the Prince and Princess tournaments, scheduled for October 23-25 at Bowlum Lanes in Montclair, the committee has announced they have extended the deadline entry date to **OCTOBER 15TH**.

Both tournaments are open to ALL California USBC members with a 175 and under average. There will be separate divisions for each of these events. The entry fee is \$40 per bowler and will consist of a six (6) game Singles Event (two 3-game blocks), changing lanes each block. Tournaments are handicapped, using a basis of 100% of 200. There are still spots available on Friday at 2:30pm, Saturday at 9:30am 1:00pm and 5:00pm and on Sunday at 9:30am and 1:00pm.

Entries are available at your local USBC Association office OR you can print one off our California USBC Website at CalUSBC.com. Be sure to send with the entry, your tournament average verification signed by your local USBC Association Manager. If you need assistance you may contact Tournament Chairman, Rosie Parker at 626)482-0624 or email her at rap24682@verizon.net.

## 3 1/2 Foot Dynamo—Meet Justin Miller

By Marianne Evans

I received an email from Mary Lynly asking me to interview a very special youth bowler out of Buena Lanes in Ventura. So, I got in my car and enjoyed my drive up the coast on a beautiful Southern California day, all the while thinking about the questions I would ask during my interview. After all, the youth bowler I was about to interview has only been on this earth for five years which would leave out the career and lifetime achievement questions.

As I walked into the center, I spotted a little boy about 3 1/2 feet tall with blond hair and dimples. He was bowling with his Dad; ball after ball after ball. I was amazed at his outstanding bowling form. The bowling center manager, Dina Fink, approached me to say that is the youth bowler I am to interview.

Little Justin Patten walked up to me sporting a big dimpled grin and shook my hand. By the way he conducted himself during our chat it was evident that he is a very bright young boy. Justin bowls two leagues at Buena Lanes; one on Thursday in an Adult Junior League with his grandmother, Roz Speisman and one on Saturday, the Pin Jammers with his teammate, Marco. Justin not only bowls two leagues but he practices every single

day! When I asked how many games he had been bowling before I got there, his Mom said that he just finished his 10th game and bowled the highest game he has ever bowled...167! For heavens sake, he just turned five in January.

Justin told me has been bowling since he was three. He rolls a nine pound ball and has a personal coach; scratch bowler, Jeff Gordon. Justin's Dad is a bowler too, his Mom is the cheerleader, his great grandma is, in Justin's words a "spectacular" bowler and his 15 year old sister Natalie is strictly a recreational bowler. Justin's favorite past times, aside from bowling of course, are video games (X-Box), watching wrestling on television and Transformers. His favorite foods are brussels sprouts and macaroni and cheese. Yes, brussels sprouts. When Justin grows up he said he wants to be a professional bowler and a scientist. I asked him why he likes bowling so much and he told me "because it is good exercise." Mom says if she did not make him stop bowling to eat he just would not eat.

I asked Justin if there was one thing he wanted everyone to know about him and he said yes, he wants them to know how much he loves to bowl. He also likes to watch the Yankees and the Angels play baseball. I asked him if he drives yet and he giggled a "no".

Justin was very proud of the bowling shirt

he was sporting and said that he saves it for his Saturday league. Buena Lanes generously provides all of their junior bowlers with shirts and Justin was very proud of his.

Mom said she is thrilled that Justin has taken to bowling because it has brought him out of his shell. She said that Justin is beginning to open up more as he has always been very shy. He is also beginning to show that he has a competitive side because his scores are very important to him.

Dina says that Justin is a very loving little boy. He is always happy and has a warmness about him. He has come a long way in two years; from bowling with bumpers to bowling without them like the big kids. Mom and Dad are grateful to Jeff Gordon and Buena Lanes for their support. Buena's Junior Director, Diane Leesberg, Center Manager Dina Fink and General Manager, Dan Mueller define the epitome of what bowling is all about. They are supportive of their junior bowlers, their league bowlers, their local Associations and their community. Thanks to all of them for understanding that youth bowlers are the future of our sport.

I am excited at the thought of following Justin's future in bowling, his potential career and his tenacious desire to be a professional bowler.

## The Stars Shine Bright Deep in the Heart of Reno

By Jackie Wyckoff

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Nor Cal Bowling Centers Youth Bowling Association All Star Banquet was held at the Reno Events Ballroom on Saturday, August 22, 2009. The event celebrated the achievements of one hundred of Northern California's brightest and most talented youth bowlers with over five hundred of their family, friends, teammates and coaches in attendance to honor them. Willie King, NCBC President, presided over the evening's events and Mike Hillman was an excellent Master of Ceremonies.

The evening started with eleven-year-old All Star Shelby Throntveit of Harvest Park Bowl singing the National Anthem. Shelby was obviously quite nervous but she has a lovely voice and a talent for singing. Not many of us would attempt to sing that song. We were then touched by a lovely photo tribute to California Bowlers serving our country in the U.S. armed forces, set to the music of Toby Keith's "Courtesy of the Red, White and Blue," produced



**Kim Terrell Kearney and Ric Hamlin presenting Awards**

by Stacy Aldred who also created the photo montage for the All Stars.

First on the agenda was the presentation of the youth scholarships. Lauren Orgeron received two scholarships for a total of \$700; Christopher Davidson, Brian Lim, Robert Villasenor and Jennifer Yates received \$500 each; Michael Fujita, Jr. received \$400; Jesse Anzelc, Josh Ciochon and Ashley Jones received \$250 each; Samantha Chong and Robert Tuck were awarded \$100 each. Including tournament and honor awards NCBC awarded \$45,985 in youth scholarship money for the 2008-09 season.

Ric Hamlin of Steve Cook's Bowling Supply was presented the Pete Lusich Memorial Award. This award is presented annually to the person whose dedication and contributions maintain the highest standards of Youth Bowling in Northern California.

A highlight of the evening was the inaugural NCBC YBA Hall of Fame inductions. The freshman class

(cont. on P6)

## Bowling's Olympic Dreams

With news of Chicago's bid to host the 2016 Olympic Games comes renewed focus on bowling's effort to be recognized as an official Olympic sport. Chicago, a city with a rich bowling tradition that includes the headquarters of *Bowlers Journal International* as well as legends such as Carmen Salvino and the "King Louie" bowling team of ABC Tournament fame, would seem an appropriate setting for bowling's Olympic debut. While officials caution that bowling will not be ready for Olympic recognition as soon as 2016, Chicago's current prominence in the Olympic spotlight also draws attention to bowling's past, present and future efforts to someday find its place in the Olympic Games.

The effort to earn Olympic recognition for the sport of bowling extends back over 20 years to the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul where bowling was featured as an exhibition sport, beginning a string of three consecutive Olympics in which bowling was either an exhibition or International Olympics Committee-authorized sport. In 1992 Brunswick funded an unofficial bowling center on the IOC Olympic Village premises where IOC members themselves participated in the sport.

Similarly, in 1996, a recreation center on the grounds of the Olympic Village in Atlanta once again welcomed bowlers and IOC members to take part in the sport. More recently, the International Bowling Federation (IBF) hosted a reception at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City to promote the sport before IOC members. World Tenpin Bowling Association President, Kevin Dornberger advises these sporadic efforts must culminate now in a more unified and sustained campaign if bowling is ever going to earn the Olympic recognition that it seeks.

## The Stars Shine in Reno (cont. from p5)

roster was a veritable who's-who of Nor Cal bowling. Don Hillman, Pete Lusich and Lois Shumake were inducted in the Leadership category and Leanne Barrette-Hulsenberg, Kim Terrell-Kearney, and Tish Johnson in the Performance category. The families of Lusich and Shumake accepted posthumously in their honor. Kim and Leanne stayed on stage after they were inducted, to help present the All Stars with their awards. Certainly this was a thrill for our young bowlers. Tish Johnson was unable to attend.

Honoring the All Stars was the next item on the agenda. This was the "main event" and the reason why most of the five hundred plus attendees were there. We were not disappointed. A photo montage of the All Stars was presented on the big screens.

Anyone who thinks that kids today are on the wrong path needs to attend a NCBC YBA All Star Banquet. The youngest honorees were just six years old and the oldest, twenty-two. Each of these youth bowlers stepped up on stage and accepted a plaque and medal with honor and (mostly) humility. Some of the older bowlers were "roasted" by Mike Hillman, all in good fun, and there was a lot of mutual respect and admiration going around that huge banquet room.

It was definitely a bittersweet moment for those senior youth bowlers who were being "aged out" of the USBC programs, due to a recent rule change. It is unfortunate that our governing body could not find a way to grandfather those affected into the age change ruling, rather than just cutting them loose with little advance warning. These bowlers are mostly college students who were counting on another year of scholarship eligibility to make it through these tough economic times. NCBC YBA has allowed them one more year of eligibility – even as adult bowlers. Nonetheless, several accepted their last-ever youth scholarships at this event.

The event catering was done by the Eldorado Hotel and Casino and there is none better in all of Reno to feed a large group for a special event. I was delighted to have been treated to "Mama Carano's" incredible mushroom ravioli signature

dish along with the tasty tri tip, the yum-o chicken and all of the many side dishes. Oh, and don't get me started on the dessert table! No one else could have fed that many, in such style, in that short period of time.

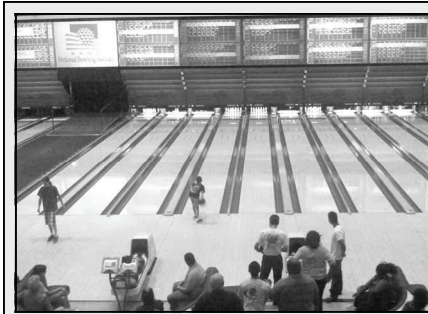
This year the kids had a few added bonuses. On Friday evening a hospitality welcome reception was held and approximately sixty of the one hundred All Stars attended with their families. A huge spread was provided by NCBA Youth Committee chairman, Dennis Ganduglia of Double Decker Lanes.

On Saturday afternoon the National Bowling Stadium hosted an adult-youth bowling tournament. This was the first time ancillary events surrounded the banquet and the

response was overwhelming. A second squad was added, and both squads were filled to capacity. Bob Thomas, Operations Manager of the National Bowling Stadium told us "It was such a great joy to see all of the support for the NCBC Youth All Stars here in Reno. It shows just how important it is for families and friends to come together and share in the experience of youth bowling. The National Bowling Stadium is proud that we were able to be a part of it."

Steve Cook's Bowling Supply, Storm, Brunswick and Dexter Shoes sponsored a youth bowlers' clinic on Saturday morning. Lee Upp, Western Region Sales Manager for Storm Bowling said "The clinic was great and well-received by both the youth bowlers and their parents. There is a wealth of talent out there in Northern California. Our coaching staff was impressed by many of the bowlers who came through the clinic and we hope to be associated with the event next year." Upp noted that the clinicians were a bit overwhelmed in the beginning due to the sheer number of kids who wanted to participate, but once they scheduled a second session on Sunday things settled down. He estimates they had 70-80 youth bowlers attend the clinic over the weekend.

NCBC President Willie King credited Mike Hillman of Cloverleaf Family Bowl for his vision and dedication in bringing all the components of the weekend to fruition. "Without Mike, none of this would be happening," he stated.



**First Tournament Squad at NBS**

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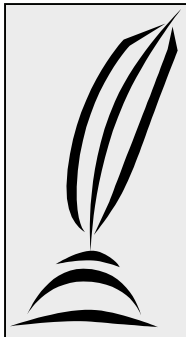
## Golden Quill Topic Announced

We know you have all been holding your collective breath in anticipation of the announcement of our new "topic" for the 2010 CBW Golden Quill Award. Well folks, you can breathe now. President Addington has chosen "A Special League Experience" from among the dozens of suggestions submitted by the board of directors.

How about the time you beat your arch-nemesis for the first time? Maybe it was the first time you bowled an honor score or actually saw someone do it. Perhaps it is about the special friendships you have with the teammates you have bowled with over the years. Any more ideas? Well, get writing!

While you are deciding on which

special league experience you want to write about, don't forget to submit your Profile Award story. Your article should include the subject's connection to the sport of bowling. Example: may be about an accomplishment, family tradition, proprietor, coach, senior, youth bowler, league member, etc.



The Golden Quill story must be published in a California Publication sometime between now and February 15, 2010 and pertain to the topic. The Profile Story publication dates are February 16, 2009 through February 15, 2010. Both stories must be at least 300 words and not more than 1500. Application forms for both awards may be found on the CBW website at [CalBowlingWriters.org](http://CalBowlingWriters.org).

*Getting a strike is like lining up a great date, you need a smooth approach and terrific follow through. --unknown*

## BWAA Chuck Pezzano Scholarship Fund 2010

With the goal to find young, talented, intelligent writers from our youth bowlers the Bowling Writers Association of America annually awards the Chuck Pezzano Scholarship to worthy recipients. The scholarship is named in honor of world renowned journalist Chuck Pezzano of Clifton, N.J. whose many tributes include being a member of both the United States Bowling Congress (ABC) and Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Fames.

Are you currently enrolled in college or are you a youth bowler attending college in the near future or? Do you know someone who bowls in your center that fits the bill? Is he or she involved in the field of communications? Have you nominated him or her for the BWAA Chuck Pezzano Scholarship? Why not?

Qualities which are considered include academic achievement (2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent) civic involvement and bowling participation. The applicants must have a min. 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent, perform community service and participate in the sport of bowling, although bowling *skills* are not a requisite. The application must also include at least one reference letter, a school transcript and a short essay. The award winner(s) may receive up to a \$1,500 scholarship each year.

So, start thinking about your application or about who YOU would like to nominate for our 2010 awards. Deadline for applications is May 15. To apply download the application at [www.bowlingwriters.com/images/pezzano\\_app.pdf](http://www.bowlingwriters.com/images/pezzano_app.pdf), complete the form and return it with the supporting documents. For more information contact Chairman Joan Romeo at [jromeo@socal.rr.com](mailto:jromeo@socal.rr.com) or call the BWAA office at 800.343.1329. The 2010 Scholarship is sponsored by [www.VirtualTournaments.com](http://www.VirtualTournaments.com) and the Eldorado Hotel and Casino in Reno.

## 2010 USBC Hall of Fame Ceremony Set for International Bowling Campus Prior to US Women's Open Finals

ARLINGTON, Texas - When members of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class of 2010 are enshrined, they will do so in a setting befitting the country's major sports. That's because the 2010 induction ceremony will be held outdoors May 12 at the International Bowling Campus.

Inductions will take place in the afternoon before the live step-ladder finals for the U.S. Women's Open that evening on the lanes of the International Training and Research Center. That event will be broadcast on ESPN2.

"Our goals in moving the inductions to Arlington are to spotlight the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and International Bowling Campus while possibly growing the event into something big every year," said USBC Vice President-Media Pete Tredwell. "The inspiration for this idea comes from the annual baseball and pro football ceremonies. Those venues

allow for large crowds and major media coverage. Plus having it the same day as the U.S. Women's Open brings more focus to both events."

The 2010 event also will include a formal dinner in downtown Fort Worth on May 11. Fans will be able to purchase tickets to be with the new and past hall of famers and other dignitaries with the proceeds going to the IBM/HF.

The Veterans and Meritorious Service part of the class of 2010 will be announced in November with the Superior Performance inductees to follow in December or January.

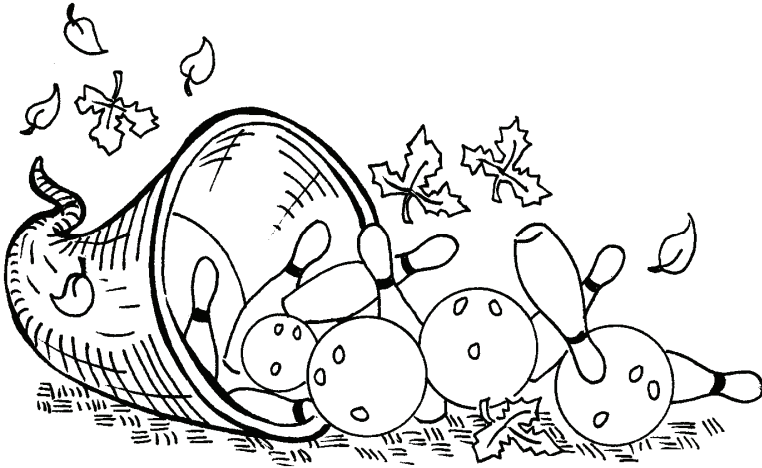
The United States Bowling Congress, as the national governing body, ensures the integrity and protects the future of the sport, provides programs and services to more than two million adult and youth members and enhances the bowling experience.



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