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Wesley Low Wins Back-to-Backs

By Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

Wesley Low, Jr. of Palmdale qualified at +89 posting a 12-4 match play record to defend his title and win the PBA Earl Anthony West/Northwest Memorial at Earl Anthony's Bowl in Dublin.

Low, who turns 19 on April 27 (which coincidentally is the late Earl Anthony's birthday), won his third PBA West Region event with this win. (Since he is a non-member, he does not receive credit for a title and his \$2,500 first prize goes to his SMART scholarship account.) Josh Blanchard of Mesa, AZ, was second. Low's three PBA Regional titles are two from this event and the third is from the PBA West Non-Championship event at South Point in Vegas.

Currently, Wesley is attending Wichita State University majoring in General Business and bowls on the infamous Wichita State bowling team. This season they have won two regular season events and sectionals. He said, "Besides the Hoosiers, I believe our lowest finish was third!"



Wesley Low

A Storm ball staffer, he credits using the Alpha Crux, Haywire, IQ Nano and Hyper Cell to lead him to this victory.

Also awarded at this event at Awards Night at Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl—

--Josh Blanchard – Player of the Year—Northwest Region

--Ted Hoffman – Pat Patterson Award—West Region

Been Fowling Lately?

Courtesy of the Wall Street Journal

On a recent night, footballs soared down 20 lanes to the sound of 1990's rock and crashing pins in a 34,000 square-foot space leased by Mr. Chris Hutt. The building once housed a maker of auto-axle parts. People were "Fowling" (pronounced like bowling.) Patrons bellied up to the bar, Jack Daniel's and Jägermeister logos adorned the arena – the line to get in stretched out the door.

To play, teams square off at opposite ends of a 48-foot "Fowling lane with pins set on platforms near each team's feet. They take turns lobbing a football across at opponents' pins. The first to topple 10 wins.

Easy? "Harder than it looks," said Noah Crowther, 30, who, rather than throwing a spiral, was using his "lob and high arc," hoping to land the ball amid pins. A ball sailing in from another court and toppling pins counts under Mr. Hutt's rules. His company has copyrighted those and submitted them for official protection. The copyright application is pending. "Fowling" was developed, blood, sweat and tears over 15 years says Mr. Hutt. It was conceived with friends at a 2001 Indianapolis 500 tailgate party when a football they were tossing accidentally knocked into a rack of pins set up earlier. Hutt said, "That was our Eureka moment." They named it "Fowling" and hashed out the rules. *(cont. on pg 6)*



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**Congratulations to 100 Years
of Women's Bowling**

(More in our next issue)

From the President's Pen



**CBW President
Joan Romeo**

As I sit here in my office contemplating words for my acceptance speech during the USBC Hall of Fame induction I realized how much I owe to California and in particular to several of the women that I've had the honor of working with on many my projects. In particular I'm referring to Mary Lynly and Elaine Hagin.

Both women have been relentless in promoting my endeavors and me. These women are passionate and knowledgeable about everything bowling. I've learned from the best.

I couldn't have asked for better teachers and so I publicly want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Joan Romeo, CBW President

2016 USBC HALL OF FAME INDUCTIONS

Family and friends were present to witness the induction of six outstanding people. CBW President **Joan Romeo (Meritorious Service)** of Van Nuys, CA, was the lone inductee for Meritorious Service for her support in various roles supporting the International Bowling Media Association, World Bowling, International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, California Bowling Writers and the Team USA Program. **Kim Adler (Superior Performance)** of Melbourne FL, a 16 time PWBA winner and among her other accomplishments she won classic All-Events and has 11 top-10 finishes at the Women's Championships plus a runner-up effort at the 2002 USBC Queens. **Mike Durbin (Superior Performance)** of Hollywood, CA, was a dominant player on the PBA Tour with 14 titles, including PBA Tournament of champions wins in 1972, 1982 and 1984 to become the event's first three-time winner. He was Rookie of the Year in 1967 and elected to the PBA Hall of Fame in 1984. Durbin earned the No. 22 spot among the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History. **Steve Kloempken (Outstanding USBC Performance)** of Pleasant View, UT, claimed International success as a past member of Team USA, a memorable collegiate stint at Wichita State helping to lead the Shockers to three consecutive victories at the Intercollegiate Team Championships from 1993-1995. In 27 years at the Open championships, Kloempken has a 213.5 average, and two victories on the sport's biggest stage at the USBC Championships. **Harry Sullins (Veterans Category)** of Chesterfield Township, MI, won five Professional Bowlers Association national titles and has found continued success at the PBA regional level and on the PBA50 Tour with three national wins. His lone major championship was the 2009 PBA Senior World championship. Sullins is known for his longevity and owns the PBA record for consecutive tournament appearances with 239 from 1986 to 1993.

Frame by Frame

By Mary Lynly

IBM/HF launches effort to save valuable film and video.

When I read this article written by Bill Vint in his *Windy City Bowling News*, it brought back nightmares of the erosion of the California WBA history following the merger. I had been an active member, including president and historian among other things and the display at our 75th Anniversary gala was evidence of how much we cared about CBWA from beginning to end. To have it simply torn apart and disappear was unconscionable. Gone forever.

Bill Vint had been a member of the USBC public relations staff and asked to go to St. Louis to get an idea of what had to be moved from the International Bowling Museum Hall of Fame to its new home in Arlington, Texas. The four man team was stunned with what was found in storage: literally dozens of ancient 16mm B&W film reels including such programming as a women's championship bowling series held in Chicago in the early 1950's plus copies of All-Star Bowling, Jackpot Bowling, Celebrity Bowling, etc. "Why hidden in a closet?" says Vint. Because the IBM/HF had never raised the money needed to convert the film to a modern, permanent medium.

Bill was also involved in purging a huge basement full of everything you can imagine at Bowling Headquarters in Greendale, WI. Unless someone recognized its value, everything in the basement was headed to a dumpster. Included were videotapes of Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour telecasts dating back to the early 1980's including some one-of-a-kind VHS tapes.

Last November, the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame unveiled a new "Frame for Frame Project" that "not only was overdue," says Vint, "but somehow managed to capture the attention of diverse film lovers never reached before." "Frame by Frame" is trying to raise money to digitize and permanently archive an estimated 500,000 feet of bowling-themed film that is slowly but surely decaying in canisters in Arlington, Texas.

This is an initiative spawned by Greg Williams, recently hired by IBM/HF as Director of Development. Vint says, "Williams has proved to be a rare case of an employee with limited bowling background who came into our sport and immediately recognized a treasure chest that those much closer to the subject either failed to comprehend, chose to ignore or concluded wasn't worth the time and effort."

What a breath of fresh air!

From Our Youth Chairman

By Irene Wilson

Congratulations to graduate and CBW Director Irene Wilson!



Juniors from my home center AMF Pinole Valley Lanes were excited to bowl PEPSI tournament. Almost everyone who is eligible in our league qualified. Last year, 4 of our juniors made it to State Finals, and we are hoping for more to qualify this year.

This past December I hosted the second annual "Pinole Valley Lanes Juniors vs. Adults Singles Competition" and raised over \$1,500 for our juniors. The tournament was successful again as all forty lanes were filled.

As a member of the USBC Youth Committee, I attended my second IBC Youth Committee meeting in Arlington, TX in January. The committee plans to attend the USBC Conference in Las Vegas in April as well. I look forward to the coming year and cannot wait to see what tournaments and other events will be planned.

Frame by Frame (cont.)

As a start, the mainstream connection caught the eye of HollywoodReporter.com which encouraged members of the film industry to help raise the \$200,000 needed to do most of the digitizing work. It would be a shame if classic bowling footage of popular stars was lost. Williams noted, "We don't even know what we have. We could be sitting on a treasure trove of stuff."

So, if you need a good reason to make a donation to the IBM/HF, now you have one. Send your contribution to: Frame for Frame/c/o IBM/HF, 621 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011.

TECHNOLOGY...Why?

By Emilie Henry

Here we are in the 21st century able to work miracles at the push of a button, "Enter" to be exact. Is everyone tech savvy, absolutely not?

I am a "mature" woman with an iPhone 6 updated from a perfectly good and moderate iPhone 4, this at the nagging insistence of my tech savvy children. I ask a question and immediately I am told to Google it or informed there's an app for that. Right!! We don't converse, we Emoji.

This wonderfully modern hand held computer that has been thrust on me by rings, I answer and cut myself off from probably what was the most important call of my life. I am texting with authority and see a mistake. I correct it and the whole text disappears. There evidently are different areas with different symbols, the x in the arrow means backspace/correct. The word send means something completely different (I learned that from iPhones for dummies). I have no apps. I couldn't crush candy if you paid me.

Everything is done electronically, bowling being no exception; do your entry on line, find a member, find an association (are they lost?). You receive mass email and text messages from unknown senders, no name, no "hi there, it's George", who aren't in your contacts (I actually have a complete list). Many know nothing of BCC (blind copy) so tons of other peoples emails come with messages.

Since I seem to be technically challenged I proposed to a friend that we form a club of other technically challenged ladies or persons if you will. We'll name ourselves The Slightly Mechanically Challenged Gorgeous Ladies Social Club. We'll meet on odd Tuesdays, start with a glass of wine, discuss our highly technical problems, help each other with app's and become proficient in all things technical/electronic; becoming the masters of our fate and windows 10.

Technology? Why Not.



Where's Tina?

By Mary Lynly

The California Bowling Writers met in Southern California recently for their Interim Meeting. I left Sacramento in pouring rain and CBW Treasurer Tina Martin was to leave Oakland an hour later. No problems and I arrived at Bob Hope Airport in Burbank on time with CBW Secretary Donna Dillard waiting to pick me up – still pouring. Donna suggested we go to a McDonald's she knew where we could park without a fee. We sat there and since we planned to eat when Tina arrived we refrained from food. We soon heard from Tina. They could not land in Burbank because of the torrential rain and were flying on to Ontario.

"How far is Ontario?" I asked Donna. "Oh, about 30 minutes" she said. So....we waited until we heard from Tina again.....getting hungry now. We heard from Tina and she said they flew around for a while and finally landed to refuel. We waited....finally heard from Tina again and they were flying back to Burbank. She said for us to check into the hotel and wait for her call. The airport was about 20 minutes away from the hotel.

We checked into the hotel and awaited Tina's call. The call came, she was on the ground waiting for us to pick her up. The rain had followed her plane to Ontario and things were clearing up a little. We arrived and there was Tina, four hours after she was to have arrived, patiently waiting for us.

All was forgotten and Tina and I found ourselves at the Burbank airport awaiting our flights once again for the journey home. I arrived and was picked up and got home in good time. I didn't check my email because I had had enough telecommunicating and I got a call from Tina. She said, "Did you get my email?" I said, "No." In a droll voice she said, "I went to Sacramento." "Sacramento?" I said, "What happened?" There had been a traffic problem in Oakland and the plane had to divert to Sacramento and refuel eventually getting back to their Oakland destination.

Tina's husband Jim was waiting and again, the 45 minute trip turned into another four hour fiasco. Thank God for patience and thank God for Donna who drove us to our various destinations in Southern California. Others braved the storm to be there as well.

What we do for love.

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This 'N That

Thanks to Phone Card Contributors! The phone cards went out to the troops for Easter this year and thanks go to contributors and to USO International and 29 Palms Marine and Naval base. \$5,000 was raised this year and we were grateful to CUSBC for the BVL contribution to add to our donations. Each phone card is inserted in an envelope with our specially designed card telling the troops who we are and thanking them for their service. Letters of thanks go to all contributors – thanks to our Treasurer Tina Martin.

Storm Spirit Tour (youth welcome)

Monday May 9, 2016 – Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, Dublin
Tuesday May 10, 2016 – Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont
Wednesday May 11, 2016 – Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes – Citrus Heights

Storm & Roto Grip ladies staff – Leanne Hulsenberg, Lindsay Boomershine, Carolyn Dorin-Ballrd, Elysia Current, Wendy Macpherson, Danielle McEwan, T'Nia Falbo, Rocio Restrepo, and Kelly Kulick.

Congratulations to Michelle Carter of National City

Carter handed Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs another heart-breaking loss, throwing a perfect game at the PWBA/USBC Hall of Famer on March 3 to win the 26th

Golden ladies Classic Title at the Orleans in Las Vegas, NV – 300-256. The annual tournament for women ages 50 and older drew a field of 105 bowlers. Carter earned \$2,100 for her win. **Paula Vidad** took the **2nd Chance Tournament title averaging 247!**

Robin Romeo is named Senior Player of the Year

Another honor for Robin Romeo to add to her many titles.

Ed Godbout of San Jose

2015 Tony Reyes Memorial Community Service Award – received in Shawnee, OK.

PWBA/PBA WOMEN'S REGIONAL SCHEDULE SET FOR 2016

In addition to a full schedule of QubicaAMF PBA Regional Tour events that provide competitive opportunities for women bowlers, the PBA will offer a dedicated PWBA/PBA Women's Regional tournament open exclusively to women bowlers as part of its 2016 program. Save the date:

- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 – PWBA/PBA Parkin Bowling Supply West Open, Bowlium Lanes, Montclair, Calif.

Team Masters to get the Billy Hardwick Scholarship Award

In memory of the late Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick, his widow Rebecca Hardwick has announced the Hardwick family will sponsor the Billy Hardwick Scholarships in conjunction with the Annual Team Masters championships.

Biggest Little Veteran's Week Military Tournament

New annual bowling tournament will celebrate the armed forces

RENO, Nev. (April 21, 2016) – A new bowling tournament is headed to **the National Bowling Stadium** aimed at honoring active and retired members of the armed forces. In what's shaping up to be an annual event, the Biggest Little Veteran's Week Military Tournament will take place Nov. 7-10 and is hosted by the Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Circus Circus Reno and Reno Tahoe USA.

Reno is home to a one-of-a-kind, 363,000-square-foot, tenpin bowling stadium which houses national, mainstage bowling tournaments every year. The National Bowling Stadium is located just across the street from the host hotels.

Over \$161,000 total prize money will be awarded with 156 team entries and a \$12,000 first place prize will be awarded in the team event.

Tournament Event Schedule: Monday, Nov. 7 – Team Event; Tuesday, Nov. 8 – Trios Event; Wednesday, Nov. 9 – Doubles Event and Thursday, Nov. 10 – Singles Event

Additional tournament events include a free early bird tournament on Sunday; Free Last Chance tournament for bowlers earning less than \$250 in prize money

Friends and family of registered participants are also encouraged to attend the tournament with three chances to win in separate tournaments held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Uniformed service members including active duty, National Guard and Ready Reserve as well as uniformed service retirees, honorably discharged Veterans and Department of Defense Civilians are eligible to participate. Interested bowlers must produce their Military ID or DOD ID and a USBC sanction card, which can be purchased online or in-person at the tournament.

A package price for the event includes tournament entry and accommodations for five nights at the Eldorado, Silver Legacy or Circus Circus. Packages start at \$277.50 per person. Sweeper only entries can be purchased at \$40 per Sweeper per bowler but do not include hotel accommodations.

All skill levels are welcome. Please visit <http://www.visitrenotahoe.com/militarybowling> or call 1-800-304-2695 to register.

Obits

Lorraine Gibbs, Yuba City – Died in her sleep in February. A talented writer driven to pen beautiful words when an occasion called for it. Coming to mind was her beautiful piece “*The Day the Lady Died*” after the 911 disaster. She was a most in favor of “change” when called for and still respected the past when it worked. A recent return to CBW pleased all – she will be missed.

Helen Jane Bailey, San Mateo – lost her long fought battle with cancer in February. A longtime member of CBW, she was married to Ralph Bailey; a marriage that lasted 62 years and produced three children. As she dedicated herself to her family, she also dedicated herself to her hobbies. An avid bowler of 56 years, Helen was a delegate to the National Bowling Convention for 35 of those years and was inducted into the Peninsula Women's Bowling Hall of Fame. She was a ham radio operator and a world traveler, logging 4,000 miles as a cross country pilot and was a past Noble Grand of the Rochester Rebecca Lodge #174, and also the Past Noble Grand of Monroe County NY. She was past president of Peninsula Women's Bowling Association and a member of 99's Women's Pilot Association. Member and past secretary Golden West 99's.



Seven Wonders

When students were asked to list what they thought the seven wonders of the world were, among the many things that were listed all were dumbfounded when they heard this from one girl:

To See
To Hear
To Feel
To Touch
To Taste
To Laugh
To Love

The most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

Bowling Calender May through August

- May 5-8** – PWBA Sonoma Co. Open, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, CA
May 7-8 – CUSBC Pepsi Youth State Finals, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
May 8 – Mother's Day
May 12-15 – PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes
May 14 – CUSBC 2016 Helen Duval BVL Tournament, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk
May 15 – Entry deadline for CBW Marijane Viat Writing contest, calbowlingwriters.org
May 15 – Deadline for Assoc. Registration for 2016 CUSBC State Conv., calusbc.com
May 20-26 – USBC Queens, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV
May 22 – Deadline for Attendee Registration for 2016 CUSBC St. Conv., calusbc.com
May 29-June 3 – PBA50 Suncoast Senior US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
June 5-8 – PBA50 Fountain Valley Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley
June 11 – CUSBC State Convention, Redding Elks Lodge, Redding, CA
June 12-15 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood
June 19 – Father's Day
June 20 – Summer begins
June 19-25 – PBA50 USBC Sr. Masters, Sam's Town Bowling Center, Las Vegas
June 26-30 – Bowl Expo, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV
July 9-24 – CUSBC 2016 Youth State Championships, Forest Lanes, Lake Forest
August 12-14 – Cal Bowlers Tour 2016 Reno Invitational, National Bowling Stadium

Been Fowling Yet? (cont. from page 1)

Fowling Enterprises was formed in 2014 in Hamtramck, a tiny town surround by Detroit. The Fowling Warehouse was full on the recent Saturday. Players tossed, bounced and rolled the football – all legal under Mr. Hutt's rules. In one lane, someone threw a difficult “Bonk,” toppling the middle pin and leaving nine standing. A Bonk wins the game and gets a salute from a Great Lakes freighter horn by the bar.

Business prospects depend on whether it proves more than a fad but Scott Mitchell, who played for the Detroit Lions, recently tried Fowling and said, “I could probably do this all day long.”

The 2016 Marijane Viat Writing Award



The contest honors the first CBW president, Marijane Viat, who had a love for bowling.

All CBW members are invited to support the writing contest. **Select your best story of bowling or bowlers and enter the contest. The winner will be announced at the 2016 CBW Annual meeting in July.**

Following are the guidelines:

- Story must be written by a member of the California Bowling Writers.
- Length of the article should be not less than 500 and not more than 1500 words.
- News, Editorial, Event Coverage, Profile or Feature Stories will all be judged in the same category.
- Entries are limited to two articles per member.
- Submissions must have been published between March 31, 2015 and April 1, 2016.
- Entries must be original clippings, photocopies or printouts from materials published in a newspaper, newsletter, magazine or on an Internet website. Upon review, applicants will be asked to submit an electronic copy (Word doc or .PDF) of the article, **excluding a byline, to submit for judging.**

Send entries by USPS to:

Kathleen Watson, CBW Writing Contest Chair, 48 Southwind Circle, Richmond CA 94804-7404. All entries received will be acknowledged by the Chairman via USPS or E-mail address provided with your entry.

*Applications must be postmarked to the chairman no later than **May 15, 2016.***

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To all the Bowling Moms**

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