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Kelly Osborn Memorial Fundraiser A Full House at Fountain Bowl



As reported by Julie Anne Ines of the Orange County Register, fans of putters and pins alike found some fun

Saturday, August 30, 2008 during the 13th Annual Ozzie's Awesome Foursomes Golf Tournament and Casino Bowling Event, which benefits the Kelly Osborn Memorial Fund. Around \$33,000 was raised this year.



Dave and Mona Osborn with Gary Soderberg, Sr and Tom Kubla.



Pictured (left to right): Gary Forman, Dave Osborn, Eddie Hloshyk, and Kenneth Chow, scholarship recipient.



Bowlers filled up all 60 lanes.

Kelly is the daughter of Dave Osborn, Fountain Bowl's VP of Operations. She was killed in an automobile accident in July 1996 at the young age of 19. In the past twelve years the Kelly Osborn Memorial Fundraiser has worked with the Fountain Valley School District, Rotary Club, and Fountain Valley Chamber of Commerce, along with other charitable organizations, to provide over \$90,000 in scholarships to local

students. This year's scholarship recipient was Kenneth Chow. pictured above right.

The mixed event began with a golf tournament at the David L. Baker Golf Course in Fountain Valley. The \$80 entry fee for the tournament included 18 holes of golf and cart rental. The "Best Ball Scramble" format was used, with 6 holes being drawn, and a par



A sea of raffle prizes.

score given. The winning team consisted of Joe Pati and his buddies, Larry, John, and Dave.

The golf fee also included admission to the Casino Bowling Event, which took place at Fountain Bowl. Everyone was served a nice BBQ dinner with the bowling starting at 6pm. All 60 lanes were used...a full house! Participants bowled three games with many



Jesse Perez, Frank Gatten, Spike Milligan, and Jay Seiden

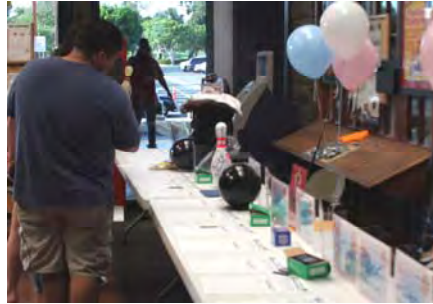
"money shots"...small cash winnings for picking up specific pin combination. Volunteer spotters

handed out the winnings to excited bowlers. Many of them generously donated their cash back to the Kelly Fund.

One of the main attraction of the bowling event was the giving



Tennelle Milligan, Christy Asher, Lorie Campbell, Linda Sladek



Participants consider bidding for silent auction items.

out of raffle prizes. All were donated by individuals and local companies. There was also a silent auction that included an autographed poster and bowling ball by Pete Weber.

Platinum sponsors, supporters and silent auction donors are listed below.

The Fountain Pin and Fountain Bowl are sincerely thankful for another successful event! ■



Donny and Stacie Osborn with Linda and Art Turney



The 2008 Kelly Osborn Fundraiser was again a great success due in large part to the generous donations of the following sponsors and auction winners.

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Golf Swings of the Kelly Osborn Golf Tournament



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Stacie Osborn



Tennelle Milligan



Frank Gatten



Donny Osborn

Dave's Corner

PBA Event Again at Fountain Bowl! Denny's Dick Weber Open



Dave Osborn is Fountain Bowl's VP of Operations. As such, he has been heavily involved in all aspects

of the house's activities. One of Dave's most favorite is the annual Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tournament.

Fountain Pin (FP): So, how about our hosting the upcoming PBA Tournament?

Dave: I think it's going to be really exciting this year! They're trying a whole lot of new formats in an effort to create a whole new level of excitement, and hopefully before they get here, that level of excitement will be well established.

What the PBA is trying to do is take pro bowling to the next level...to work with the base of truly loyal PBA fans, get them more involved...similar to the NASCAR (stock car racing) phenomenon. They want to try to figure out ways to get the fans more involved, to communicate better with the fans, get them more excited.

FP: Give me a couple of examples of one of the formats that looked good to you.

Dave: There will be one tournament where everyone has to use the same type of plastic bowling ball. It's a throwback to the old days, and this will really be a test to see who is more accurate with the same equipment. Who can bowl like it used to be. It's sort of like NASCAR, where everyone is driving a very similar cars. It'll bring it down to pure skill. That format will not be at Fountain, but they will have several different formats this year. One of the formats will be to bowl on a regular house shot, which is unusual for these professionals, because the only time they get to bowl on a house shot is usually when they

participate in a pro-am. It's going to be a challenge for these pros! That will be a controversial tournament. The PBA is going to be doing a lot of different things this year on the regular tour. They will have a particular (oil) pattern during the week, and then at the televised event

they'll have a different pattern entirely. They are even going to split up patterns! One of the tournaments this year on the tour is really interesting: whoever is leading in the event gets to decide what pattern is bowled on TV! That's talking about some things they've never done before, and that's going to create some excitement! If they can communicate it well enough to the general public that doesn't know much about bowling, they will start to create a whole new fan base. I think they will be spending a whole lot of time and money this year trying to educate the people who are watching the televised events. Most folks who haven't bowled yet don't understand that. Just because you can't see the challenges doesn't mean they're not there!

FP: Who do you see as the shaker and mover of these ideas? Who is at the front edge of this radical thinking who will put us back on the map in bowling?

Dave: There is a gentleman named Tom Clark that the PBA hired to be their new PR guy. He was actually working with the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), and I think he used to work with the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA). I'll be honest with you; I didn't know

this guy. I do know he's had a lot of experience being around bowling. He's very eager to shake things up, and the PBA is smart enough to support him and say "Go for it. Get out there and do what you gotta do!"

I'm just excited that our tour-

" There will be one tournament where everyone has to use the same type of plastic bowling ball. It's a throwback to the old days, and this will really be a test to see who is more accurate with the same equipment. "

namment is worth \$35,000 this year for first place, and second place is \$25,000. They upped the first place by \$10,000. We've always had a great turn out. Denny's is actually going to be the sponsor of our tournament here. Lumber Liquidators is the new umbrella sponsor of the over-all PBA tournaments. Our tournament will be called the Denny's Dick Weber Open.

FP: How long has Fountain been hosting an annual PBA event?

Dave: I think we are tied for the longest concurrent sponsoring house of a PBA event. It's a real treat for the professionals to come out to the West Coast during the colder winter months and bowl in our house. It's considered a great venue. I think one of the biggest reasons the PBA likes to hold its tournaments at Fountain is actually our Ambassadors. I've heard so many times that there is nowhere else that treats them better and is more organized in their support of the events. Our administration here and our Ambassadors

sadors build relationships with the bowlers and with the PBA, and they become like a big family.

This year's event will probably be the best event so far, because each year we've gotten a progressively better and better.

FP: Tell us about sign ups.

Dave: We already have sign-ups! We'll have over 500 spots for the two Pro-Am events.



Editor's Note: The Professional Bowlers Association and Lumber Liquidators, the largest independent retailer of hardwood flooring in the United States, start a three-year, multi-million dollar title sponsorship today. The agreement makes Lumber Liquidators the title sponsor of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour through the conclusion of the 2010-11 Tour season.

FP: How many stops are on the tour?

Dave: We're number 12 on the tour. I think this year they have 20 or 22 stops altogether. We're about half way through the tour. They break for the holidays just before they come here. They bowl more games in our formats than they do in most of the other stops. This event is kind of a testimony to how strong they are and what kind of fortitude they have, and not just how well they can bowl.

FP: Do you think the pros appreciate the demands and what it takes to get into that kind of shape?

Dave: Do you know what's funny over the years when I've talked to the bowlers? The better bowlers, the veterans, always seem to want to bowl more games. I think you ask the good bowlers and they'll let you know that they think the talent rises to the top as more games are bowled.

FP: Are you going to have the

golf tournament this year?

Dave: I don't know...every year it's so hard to do anything because their time is so limited. By the time they get here, there's such a schedule of preparation, practice bowling, etc. You know, our tournament starts a day earlier than most events. And then, most of the bowlers just want a day off after arriving here.

FP: What else does the house offer during the event?

Dave: We always have our cookout for them. We have the Tuesday night Fab 5 Pro-Am that the pros love. This is the most popular part for many of the pros. We try to promote a festive atmosphere to help them relax before they begin the event but once the bowling begins, it gets serious!

FP: Does the intensity cause any friction between the pros?

Dave: No, but they kind of live together throughout the tour so there's really a lot of camaraderie amongst them all.

FP: So, when do things kick off?

Dave: February 3 is the first day of the tournament with the first Pro-Am.

FP: And, where do they go after Fountain?

Dave: I think they go to Reno after this tournament. I have great respect for professional bowlers...to be able to bowl the number of games they bowl, day after day, week after week while on the tour. And, then, when the tournaments start, to have that kind of pressure on you to strike time after time! But, you know, this is what actually drives the game; the prize money isn't really high enough to be so attractive compared to the driving passion for the game. The money is just enough, maybe, for them to have a decent lifestyle.

FP: How does Fountain Bowl help get the tournament along here?

Dave: Every year we wind up having plenty of volunteers to help with the event, with our Ambassadors and others who step up to the plate for the weeks leading up to the tournament and then for the week's events.

Dave: And, this year, Jason Couch is back! You know he won the event two years in a row. Then, last year he couldn't bowl in this tournament because of knee surgery. He claims to 'own the house' because of his couple of great wins back to back, and now he wants to win here again, badly! It will be interesting to see how well he's recuperated, how well he bowls and to see if he can win it once again.

FP: Sounds like you and Fountain Bowl are really "up" for this event!

Dave: We're sure looking forward to hosting it again. This is, by the way, a super gift for the holidays! Give someone you care about a ball package or a ticket to one of the Pro-Ams. The value of this gift compared to a lot of gifts is incomparable. ■

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SENIOR CASINO

July 14, 2008: Ingrid Scaife made herself \$5.00 by nailing the 6-7-10 split, and Mike Carpenter was once again a big winner by have two winning tickets in the drawing. He managed to walk away with at least \$19.00. It is nice to see John Colvin back bowling again after going through the rigors of heart surgery. A new bowler, Marge Valdes, bowled a whopping 191 which is a great first for her; she is averaging 110.

July 21, 2008: Today belongs to Joel Quisenberry and Ingrid Scaife. Joel collected for a seven bagger and a 256 game. He also finished up with 646 series. Ingrid had two winning tickets in the drawing and managed to pocket a nice \$19.00.

July 28, 2008: Another big day for Mike Carpenter and Joel Quisenberry. Mike had a winning ticket and hit for \$10.00 and added to it with some nice money shot pickups. Joel managed to walk off with another \$14.00 from a winning ticket and other shots.

August 4, 2008: Another repeat for Mike Carpenter. He had two winning tickets in the drawing and managed to win \$10.00 per ticket. Wow! Chuck Grossman had a good day. He did it the hard way by picking up several \$2.00 shots.

August 11, 2008: Bud Lenahan made a nice spare picking up the 4-10 split for \$5.00. Joan Faircloth had a nice day. She had two winning tickets in the drawing and made herself \$7.00 per ticket. Joel Quisenberry also had two winning tickets and came out with \$10.00 per ticket.

August 18, 2008: Today was Rosalie Brown's day. She was picking up the money shots one after the other. There were no other big winners.

Bowler	Date	Score/Series	League
Pam Riedberger	07/01/2008	300	Ozzie's Mixed Doubles
Joseph Santa Maria	07/11/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Eddie Katz	07/15/2008	300	Ozzie's Mixed Doubles
Tennelle Milligan	07/25/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Ralph Wingert	07/29/2008	300	Ozzie's Mixed Doubles
Kristyn Anderson	08/03/2008	300	O.C. Travel Brunch
Jesse Perez	08/28/2008	300	His N Hers
Craig Cervantes	08/29/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Roger Harrington	08/31/2008	300	Deuces Wild
Larry Pasion	09/03/2008	300	Happy Timers
Christy Asher	09/15/2008	300	Panda Express 820 Scratch
Larry Robbins	09/11/2008	300	His N Hers
Gary Soderberg, Jr.	09/18/2008	300	His N Hers
Travis Hancock	09/23/2008	300	Al's Pals
Darrell Lincke	09/26/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Michael Cassidy	09/26/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Jose Jiminez	10/12/2008	300	Deuces Wild
Jesse Perez	10/13/2008	300	Panda Express 820 Scratch
Rob Lancaster	10/20/2008	300	Panda Express 820 Scratch
Eddie Valenzuela	10/31/2008	300	Orleans Bound
Jaime V. Orozco	11/3/2008	300	Panda Express 820 Scratch
Andy Waltrip	11/6/2008	824 267-279-278	His N Hers
Jim Heflin	11/20/2008	300	His N Hers

August 25, 2008: Donna Tumlin was the big winner today. She had two winning tickets in the drawing and she made herself \$16.00 richer by knocking down eight pins per frame.

September 1, 2008: Chuck Grossman had a nice day. He

rolled a 605 series with a 224 game. Jim Haffke had two winning tickets in the drawing and made \$20.00. He also had 6 strikes in a row. He wound up making a total of over \$26.00 for a very good day.

September 8, 2008: Don Robbins had one of the lucky tickets

and cashed for \$10.00. Our vivacious little Joy Poppeck also had a winning ticket and pocketed \$7.00.

September 15, 2008: Today was husband and wife day. Jerry and Marie Brackley each had lucky tickets and combined made \$18.00. Everett and Anne Reed also were in the mix and together wound up with 16 dollars. Max Essery also had a big day. He nailed the 4-7-10 split for \$5.00. Joan Fairchild also was busy picking 2-2-1 and \$1.00 pickups for at least \$5.00.

September 22, 2008: Today was a big day for Leo Santiago who had two winning tickets on the drawing and he managed to wind up with \$12.00. The neatest shot of the day was by Jim Haffke who nailed the 4-7-9-10 split and made himself \$5.00. Also hammering away at the pins were Silas Robinson and Gene Conley. Each were busy making \$1.00 and \$2.00 pickups.

September 29, 2008: Silas Robinson was the winner of \$5.00 by picking up the 6-7-10 split and Chuck Grossman was at in again, striking with the 1-4-6 setup resulting in another \$5.00 payoff. When it comes to money shots, he's the man. Joan Fairchild was busy making money by striking with the \$1.00 and \$2.00 setups.

October 6, 2008: A good day for Marie Brackley. She made \$5.00 by picking up the 6-7 split and she also had a lucky ticket in the drawing, which she turned into an \$8.00 payoff. Edith Reed also made herself \$10.00 in the drawing roll off. Ron Young strung nine strikes in a row which netted him \$5.00.

October 13, 2008: Today was a big one for John Colvin, He had two lucky tickets in the drawing and made himself a neat \$19.00. Jack Palmer and Millie Lamlein also were picking up the money shots. Jack kept making the two

bit shots. Joan Fairchild had a freak colored pin leave worth \$7.50 and she made the strike. Talk about coming through in the clutch.

October 20, 2008: John Colvin had two winning drawing tickets and managed to win \$9.00 per ticket. Mike Carpenter picked up some nice bucks by rolling a neat 267 game. Anne Reed also did well on several money shots.

October 27, 2008: The big winners today were Edith Reed and once again Mike Carpenter. Weston Dick also made a couple of good money shots.

November 10 2008: On his very first ball, John Colvin nailed a \$5.00 shot. Max Essery had two winning tickets on the drawing and managed to pick up \$8.00 and \$9.00 for a profitable day. A new bowler to the group, Carolyn Cozzi did good for herself by making a few nice money pickups.

November 24, 2008: Marie Brackley, Edith Reed and Dottie Palmer were the money people this week. Each had two winning tickets in our drawing. Marie

wound up making \$15.00 for herself. Edith took home \$17.00 and Dottie pocketed \$16.00. Joel Quisenberry and Chuck Grossman were busy making several money shots. Another person who had a nice day at the payoff window was Anne Reed (no relation to Edith). A good size crowd of 34 bowlers showed up.

Casino bowling is held every Monday at 12 noon. Any senior over 55 years of age is welcome. You are not required to be a league bowler; just a senior who wants to have fun. The cost is \$8.00 and coffee is furnished. Also, on the second Monday of each month, we have a birthday cake to celebrate the birthdays of that month. And every Friday at 1pm, we have the Coffee Club for seniors. Once again, this is open to any seniors 55 or over. The cost is only \$6.00 and, of course, free coffee.

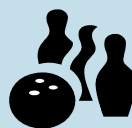
All the Seniors wish to convey their condolences to Ingrid Scaife on the loss of her husband, Roger. We remember Roger as a very kind, thoughtful and considerate

Bowling Pop Quiz

"Quiz Time! Let's see if you regulars can recall the answers to a few of the Fountain Pin's questions from last year. Well, MOST of them were from last year! No scoring on the quiz this time... just enjoy the challenge."

Questions:

1. What is the only generally accepted superstition in bowling? (Hint: Our house even practices it!)
2. What is the name of the governing body for sanctioned bowling



which has now replaced the long-running American Bowling Congress (ABC)?

- 3. What does the term "two lane courtesy" mean?
- 4. Throughout the history of bowling, which frame was considered to be the "beer frame"?
- 5. What does the term "house pattern" refer to?
- 6. Bowling terminology has remained fairly consistent, but recently a "four-bagger" is more often called what?

(Answers on page 12)

Wheelchair Tournament Not for the Weak of Heart

handicap (hăń´dē-kăp´) n. 3.a. A deficiency, especially an anatomical, physiological, or mental deficiency, that prevents or restricts normal achievement. b. Any disadvantage or disability. *The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, New College Edition, 2008.*



Winners: (left to right): Judy Mosher, Bob Goddard, and Gabriel Diaz De Leon

Participants showed no mercy with each other in the intense competition this year at the American Wheelchair Bowling Association's (AWBA) 47th National Championship held again at

2008 A.W.B.A. 47th Annual National Championships	
Scratch Division	1st Bob Goddard, Missouri 2nd Al Uttecht, California 3rd Walt Roy, California 4th Mike Deloach, Colorado 5th Mark Shepard, Colorado
"A" Division Handicap	1st Gabriel Diaz De Leon, Colorado 2nd J.K. Johnston, Texas 3rd Russell Serr, California 4th Paul Cook, Texas 5th Gary Poole, Colorado
"B" Division Handicap	1st Judy Mosher, Virginia 2nd Gary Ryan, Texas 3rd Grant Buehler, Oregon 4th Jim Coffey, Florida 5th Allen Neu, Wisconsin

Fountain Bowl from June 22-28.

It was "take no prisoners" serious play among the 44 men and women, all wheelchair-bound, and this writer observed no lack of competitive spirit or any indication that being confined to wheelchairs was any kind of **handicap**

(see above definition) at all! At the same time, however, there was a natural camaraderie between the bowlers. It was like each was saying, "I love you like a brother, and we may understand and compassionate with each other, but I'm here now on these lanes to kick

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Helen Kendrick and Dick Keenan Ambassadors of the Year

Fountain Bowl and the Ambassador management recently announced that Helen Kendrick and



Gary Forman (back) and Dave Osborn (center) congratulate Helen and Dick on their award.

Dick Keenan are 2008's Ambassadors of the Year.

The honor is bestowed to the Ambassadors who had most consistently contributed their time, interest, and enthusiasm to Fountain Bowl's activities and events during the past year.

Both Helen and Dick can be seen here at Fountain Bowl on Mondays at Senior Casino handing out money shots as well as on Fridays interacting with other seniors at the Coffee Club.

After the presentation other Ambassadors joined them in a nice BBQ dinner provided by



Fellow Ambassadors Oscar Sosa and Amy Stentz enjoy a nice BBQ dinner.

Fountain Bowl.

Congratulations on your award and for your many jobs well done! Please keep up the good work! ■

your butt! ... **handicap?** I got no stinkin' **handicap!**"

All the ingredients were there for one fun and exciting week for



Walt Roy show excellent form.

bowlers and observers alike.

The tournament format consisted of one scratch division and two handicap (the other meaning!) divisions: A- higher average bowlers, B- lower average bowlers. Total cash payout to all winners totaled just under \$23,000, with \$1,400 for first place in each division graduated down to 8th place and \$200.

The winners are listed on the previous page. This was Bob Goddard second championship. His first was in 2006. This was Judy Mosher and Gabriel Diaz De Leon's first national title.

The AWBA was founded in the spring of 1962 by Richard F. Carlson, also its first president. He

bowled from his wheelchair in a tournament in Louisville, KY, when it was highly unusual to have such a bowler on board. Carlson thought that he and his wheelchair buddies could compete with each other and have some real fun in the process, so he and some other local bowling-involved people decided to set up a competitive event. Everyone was pleasantly surprised when 30 bowlers from thirteen states showed up in Louisville ready for battle!

This last May "Mr. Stick", Paul



Fountain Bowl welcomes the AWBA competitors.

J. O'Hora, passed away at the age of 77. He had been a charter member of the AWBA, its chairman in 1971, National Scratch Champion in 1965, and was inducted into the AWBA Hall of Fame in 1976. However, he is per-

haps best known for his belief that wheelchair bowling is all about "Ability Not Disability", which became the motto and guiding principle of the AWBA.

AWBA Secretary/Treasurer Dave Roberts was on hand to affirm that "... the competitive attitude of our bowlers in really intense, as much as you'd ever see in any regular tournament. It's much harder to bowl well from a wheelchair because you can't build up the ball momentum the way a walking bowler can. So, being a good wheelchair bowler depends a lot on physical conditioning."

Also in the tournament was the "Walter Ray" of wheelchair bowling, Al Uttecht, one of our regular house bowlers. This guy is strong as an ox, and he works hard to stay that way. Over the years he's garnered just about every AWBA award there is, and he personifies the AWBA spirit: "All you have to do to get in on the action is to be confined to a wheelchair, even if it's only temporarily necessary. I always try to get the word out to anyone I can how rewarding bowling can be if you have to be in a wheelchair". You have to admire these athletes' dedication to our sport. ■

Newsletter News!

Our own in-house newsletter, *The Fountain Pin*, is making some changes we hope will make it even more interesting and informative.

Effective this issue, *The Fountain Pin* will come out just three times a year, roughly coinciding with the house's annual special events:

- **November**
- **March**
- **September**

It is anticipated that this more timely newsletter will not only inform you of details and results of our important activities, but also provide increased and better in-depth coverage of league news, honor scores, personal interviews, etc., which we have regularly reported on.

As usual, we encourage your input: Suggestions, complaints, and corrections are always wel-

come, even if we do sometimes hate to admit to our shortcomings! Mail for *The Fountain Pin* can be turned in to the front desk, so if you feel the impulse to be heard concerning any aspect of this sport of ours, please let us hear from you. THANKS! Who knows, after your observations show up on our pages for all to see, you may get famous, or something...■

Young at Heart

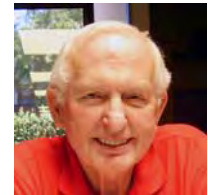
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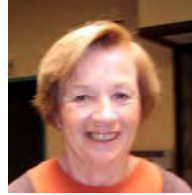
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*Wade Faircloth
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*Joanne Rudes
August 20*



*Jack Creger
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August 29*



*Anne Hood
August 31*



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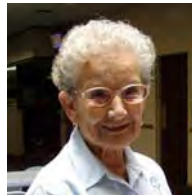
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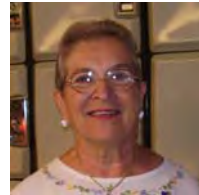
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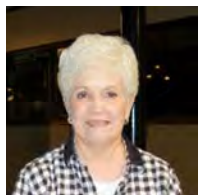
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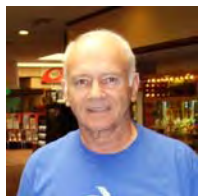
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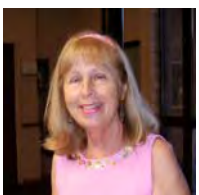
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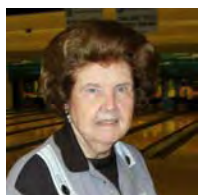
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Upcoming Events

- ▶ **Grand Prix**
January 10-11, 2009
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- ▶ **PBA Dick Weber Open**
February 3-8, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **OCUSBC Men's and Women's Open Tournament**
February 21 - March 1, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **Cal Elwyn Bowl-A-Thon**
March 14, 2009
4:00pm to 9:00pm
- ▶ **A.B.T. Tournament**
March 21-22, 2009
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- ▶ **Grand Prix**
March 28-29, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **Funlovers**
April 24-26, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **O.C. Sansei**
May 2-3, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **A.B.T. Tournament**
May 21-25, 2009
Various Times
- ▶ **A.R.T. Tournament**
June 13-14, 20-21, 2009
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- ▶ **Grand Prix**
July 18-19, 2009
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- ▶ **A.B.T. Tournament**
September 19-20, 2009
Various Times

About the PBA Tournament

By Gary Forman, *Vice President, Fountain Bowl*

The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) tournament will be hosted once again at Fountain Bowl, Tuesday through Sunday, February 3-8, 2009 and is named the Denny's Dick Weber Open. Lumber Liquidators is currently the over-all sponsor of the PBA tour, with each PBA event having its own individual sponsor. The TV show of the Denny's Dick Weber Open will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 8, 2009.

We have new balls this year for the Pro-Am events. We will be offering the Brunswick Max Zone, a top end ball, available in 12 -16 pound weights. That ball will be \$99.00 on top of the package. That's a heck of a price for a top-end bowling ball! And, the lower-end ball will be the Brunswick Avalanche Slide, available in 10-16 pound weights, which will be \$69.00 above the package.

We will contest the Fab Five Pro-Am on Tuesday, February 3. We'll be having a drawing at 5:00 p.m. as we have had in the past for the teams to pick the pro they will be bowling with for the evening. We will be switching lanes, bowling with the same pro throughout. The cost for the Tuesday night Pro-Am is \$75.00, with the opportunity to add on the purchase of a ball. No children can bowl in the Tuesday night event, just adults.

Also, we'll have a Saturday Pro-Am with squads at 9:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The pros change lanes every five frames, so bowlers will have the opportunity to bowl with six pros. The cost for the Saturday Pro-Am is \$79.00 for adults, \$69.00 for seniors (50 years and over), and \$59.00 for juniors, all with the opportunity to purchase a ball.

A Pro-Am package includes one free spectator ticket for that event. Other spectators can join the fun for \$10.00. The PBA offers specta-

tor packages for individual events and whole week participation.

The top professional bowlers will be here! Jason Couch looks to come back here and try to defend his title (he won two years in a row) after missing it last year due to an injury.

Norm Duke is pretty hot right now, too. He's won three majors in a row! He's another one to be looking forward to watching.

This year is the PBA's 50th anniversary. They will be doing a big deal in January at the Tournament of Champions at Red Rock. They're going to have the top 50

pro bowlers up there. They've been changing some things up during the regular tour, trying to spark interest in bowling.

The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) is in the process

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of moving its headquarters to Arlington, Texas, giving up their 105 year old headquarters in Milwaukee. They've been in discussion about this with the Bowling Proprietors for the last couple of years. The Bowling Proprietors' headquarters is in Arlington, right

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there at Six Flags Drive in front of the stadium. They've decided to create an International Bowling Campus in Arlington. The new USBC headquarters down there is up and running. The Bowling Hall of Fame is moving there from St. Louis, Missouri. There will also be a huge training center there.

The USBC is a necessary governing body. There are some similarities with their regulations and prize structure to golf as a sport. Golf has one major association, the USGA. Of course bowling has a much wider audience than golf does. In bowling there are two major associations: the USBC is the membership organization and then we also have the Bowling Proprietors Association, the trade association of bowling center owners. I believe each still needs to exist.

On another topic...around here

at Fountain Bowl you'll be seeing some improvements over the next few months, barring any rain. We've ordered new carpet. We are expecting to work on the parking lot, too. We're embarking on a masking unit project; the big masking units in front of the lanes. We now have the capacity to print and display local scenes on the masking units. In our case the photos will be taken by Fountain Bowl's own Taffy Van Calcar, an outstanding photographer. Taffy works as one of our bartenders.

We'll also have new bowling pins here in January in preparation for the tournament. The PBA requires pins with about 150 games on them. We've been doing on-going maintenance and painting. Next will be the lockers. We constantly try to reinvest and remodel and keep things fresh

around here. We make sure everything is up to date. For example, we bought some upgrades for the lane machine, adding 12 different shots to the oil patterns. The scratch league in the summer bowled four weeks on each pattern. There are four different sport shots, four different easy shots, and four different medium shots. This is all part of refreshing equipment and keeping it upgraded for our bowlers. These are not the PBA shots. The PBA has six shots that they use, including the one that they use for the Dick Weber event. There's the Chameleon, Cheetah, Scorpion, Shark, Viper and Earl Anthony.

So come to Fountain Bowl to see our upgrades. But more importantly, come see and join the pros Tuesday through Sunday, February 3-8, 2009 at the Denny's Dick Weber Open. ■

Bowling Pop Quiz FROM PAGE 7

Answers:

1. The score is not entered in any given frames when there are 3 or more strikes in a row in a single game. - Anyone know why that is? I always thought if you filled in the score you'd get bad luck and stop striking. Notice the next time you have a string going that no scores are filled in on the score screens until you stop striking. Custom or superstition?

2. The United States Bowling Congress (USBC) - The consolidation of youth, men's, and women's separate organizations into a single governing body, the USBC, which will strive toward streamlining all sanctioned bowling activities throughout the US.

3. Deferring to the bowlers on the two lanes to the left and to the right of the lane you're ready to bowl on. - Normally, the 'single lane courtesy' is the rule, allowing the bowler ready on either side of your lane to bowl first. Whenever bowlers on adjacent lanes are both ready to go, the bowler on the right has the right-of-way. This courtesy came about to preclude bowlers on adjacent lanes from colliding with each other. The format of deferring to the bowlers on two lanes on both sides of you has never been popular and is not generally accepted by most leagues or houses, probably because the two lane courtesy take up more time.

4. The 5th frame. - This was traditionally recognized only in the second game of 3-game league play, to

take a break at the half-way point of the bowling. The custom evolved into having all three 5th frames designated "beer frames". Then, probably because beer has always seemed to go so well with bowling, all or any frames in the three games could be designated as "beer frames". However, the idea was always the same: the low bowler in a "beer frame" bought the beer for the rest of his team.

5. The oil pattern laid down on the lanes by the house, whatever they've decided on within the latitudes of the regulations.

6. Hambone. ■

