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5 Years Ago

- Doyle Irons, who leads the Gold Pin award listings with his 846 series, is the subject of "My Stuff," a new feature in *BOWL Magazine*.
- Edrick Bracey wins the Scratch Singles event with his 773 series in the association's Championship Tournament.
- Sheila Jackson, representing Bowl America Gaithersburg, is the B Division winner of Bowl America's Star of the Year Grand Finals.

10 Years Ago

- Hall of Famer Ron Holt (2,152 total) will represent the association in the 2001 ABC Tournament after winning the Scratch All Events category in the Championship Tournament.
- Ken Larkin sponsors 26 teams in the association's Championship Tournament.
- Bruce Merriman owner of the Sports Plus/Carmen Don Pro Shop, is the subject of a five-page *BOWL Magazine* Interview.

15 Years Ago

- Len Ray announces his resignation as NCABA executive secretary effective July 31.
- A 3,508 scratch series by "The Smoothies," consisting of Mark Glover (747), Glen Keffer (654), Howard Hiob (757), Philip Hiob (689), and Keith Painter (661), is tops at the NCABA Championship Tournament.
- Greg Wilhelm tops the Gold Pin awards listing with his 805 series at Bowl America Woodbridge.

20 Years Ago

- Linda Elmore averages 196.19 for 16 games to win the latest Virginia Bowling Queens event in Grafton.
- Christy Peets (133 pins-over-average) of Bowl America Kent tops the Prep Division in Bowl America's Youth of the Year Grand Finals.
- Top seed Derek Poole defeats Tom Dale 244-133 to win the first annual Vir-Mar District 600 Club Tournament of Champions at Bowl America Falls Church.

25 Years Ago

- Itty Neal averages 198.44 for 16 games to win the Virginia Bowling Queens competition in Leesburg.
- ABC's *Pro Bowlers Tour* telecast tops the Masters golf tournament 5.4 to 3.0 in the Nielsen rating in head-to-head competition.

30 Years Ago

- Steve Sipe (197) edges Larry O'Neill and Roger Painter to win the high average race for the second time in three years in the (Bowl America) Falls Church Commercial league.
- William Gambill (+77) of Bowl America Fairfax is the Vir-Mar District JBA Bowler of the Month for April 1980 in the Boys "8 & Under" category.

35 Years Ago

- Bill Hollis leads the Gold Pin awards listing with his 757 series.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gary Harris of Oxon Hill take top honors in Bowl America's 14th annual Mr. and Mrs. Doubles Championships.

40 Years Ago

- Mary Jo Whidden, who has served as WDCAWBA president since 1962, writes her final President's Message.
- Patty Costello of New Carrollton and Springfield's Jim Robinette place 10th and 15th in their respective women's and men's competition at the BPAA All-Star Tournament in Northbrook, Ill.