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BOWL Magazine headed to the Web

Organizations across the country and around the world are changing their operational ways these days, and NCAUSBCA is no different. In recent years, several of its services, including final averages forms and updated final averages throughout the season, along with various award forms, have been made available online to the delight of many members.

Now, in its most significant move, *BOWL Magazine*, in its 45th season of serving as the association's official publication, will in November begin offering its issue on the Internet in place of the printed version. The one exception this season will be a February/March edition prior to association's championship tournaments.

A link to the current and past online versions will be displayed on what is expected to be a revised ncausbca.org. Every effort will be made to make this same link available to members whose E-mail addresses are on file at the association office; therefore, the publication will have the opportunity to be viewed by bowlers, for instance, who rarely, if ever, go by the control counter during their league sessions or who were simply unaware of the magazine.

With an online publication, bowlers can be assured of viewing the latest issue of *BOWL Magazine*, and it will eliminate the problem of centers running out of copies.

Of course, by being online, *BOWL Magazine* will have a potential audience of bowlers and other Web surfers from all corners of the globe. Nevertheless, *BOWL Magazine* will continue to be a local association publication, with its primary focus the members of NCAUSBCA and its related events.

To members without Internet access at their homes, a visit to nearly any public library will permit them to view the online publication. Members who still wish to receive standard black-and-white printed pages of this season's online publications can have them mailed to their residence by sending a check for \$7.50 payable to "NCAUSBCA" to *BOWL Magazine*, 9315 Largo Drive West, Suite 110, Largo, MD 20774-4762.

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Suzy Wilson

SUZY WILSON PROVES YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD TO BOWL— AND BOWL WELL

Just days before her 90th birthday, Suzy Wilson of Falls Church rolled a 175 all-spares game in the Owls Club summer league at Bowl America Shirley. Wilson, a former duckpinner who has bowled tenpins for four years, last season averaged 140 in the Owls Club league and had a 158 average for 15 games in the Go Getters league. She scored a 501 series less than two years ago and earned a "200" award pin during her second season for her 208 game in the Westwood Country Club league at Bowl America Fairfax. The right-hander uses two bowling balls -- a 10-pound reactive for her first ball that she "hopes goes in the pocket," and, if necessary, her original eight-pound "straight ball" for her spares, especially those on the left side of the lane. "I think bowling is good for you, and it gives me some exercise that I enjoy doing," she said.

MEMBERSHIP DEPT.

The following individuals recently were suspended from membership and office in USBC: Darrell Angles, Carl J. Garneau, and Steve A. Melvin of Manassas, Brittany Gorham of Woodbridge, Stephanie H. Gugino of Haymarket, Va., and Charles E. Thompson II of Bowie. ... Meanwhile, Willie Beverly of Bowie, Ronald A. Clements of Woodbridge, and Scott Seabolt of Lorton have been fully reinstated to membership.

FOR THE RECORD

What follows are updates, where applicable, to the *NCAUSBCA 2009-2010 Annual Averages* book and/or *bowl.com*: Charles Durant III: 157 average for 96 games in the Royal Rollers Mixed league at Parkland. ... In the Wednesday Nite Mixed league at Esperanza Lanes, Delbert J. Nusbaum Jr. averaged 200 for 93 games, and Delbert J. Nusbaum III averaged 180 for 18 games. ... Scott Wallace: 174 for 88 games in the Goddard Wednesday Men's at The Lanes Fort Meade. ... Kaci Spearman: 121 for 87 games in the Saturday Night Mixers at Bowl America Shirley. ... Additions: Antonio Harris averaged 196 for 48 games in the Settles Socialites league at Riverdale Bowl.



Renée "Creepster" Graham of Seat Pleasant (left, 656 series) and Felicia "Star★ ★" Thorpe of Temple Hills (630) won the \$1,700 top prize of the Diamond Doubles division of the 2010 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships that was conducted in El Paso, Texas. The pair's 1,484 total topped by one pin another area duo, Jacqueline Wilson of Oxon Hill and Clinton's Amber (Casey) Bell. Meanwhile, the team of Marina Akers-Epps of Waldorf and Julie Blair of Upper Marlboro tied for eighth place.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE • ROBERT ASHLEY III

Verify the integrity of your league account, not just the balance

The new season is upon us, which means it is time for all of us to plan and prepare for our winter leagues. Hopefully, that has included a review of last season of what went well, what didn't go so well, and how to improve upon those things.

As an active league secretary going into my 21st consecutive season, I have always commiserated with my fellow secretary-treasurers on the things that have to be done throughout the course of the year. This past season also marked my second consecutive as league president that became an eye-opening experience when performing my duties as outlined in USBC Rule 102c. So my first column as your association president

will be directed primarily towards league presidents and how vital their role is.

USBC Rule 102c(6) states that you, as president, must personally verify the league's bank balance monthly. My experiences last season told me it is not enough to just verify the balance; the *integrity* of the league account also needs to be verified.

You are probably asking what it means to verify the *integrity* of your account. There are any number of metrics that can be used. To give you an idea, I put forth the following questions based on my own experiences:

➤ Are you, as president, receiving statements and other financial correspon-

dence directly from your financial institution? Rule 102c(3), which requires you to arrange to have an account set up in a recognized banking institution, was amended at this year's convention to further stipulate that the statements be sent directly to the president.

➤ Is correspondence from your financial institution received in a timely manner? Do statements arrive in the mail within seven days of the date published on the statement itself? Are you receiving returned checks within 10 days of the date of deposit? Does your financial institution offer statements via electronic mail, or "e-statements," which allow you to verify the account even sooner? It is vital that you review that statement in a timely manner *each and every month* to ensure all transactions are listed and immediately investigate when an expected deposit is missing.

➤ Does your financial institution provide the opportunity to earn interest on funds in your account? Most leagues

See ASHLEY, page 17

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1st Place Division C
Rochester, NY | AMF Empire Lanes



MANAGER'S MEMO • RAY BROTHERS

Tournament schedule is somewhat different this season

We are trying something different this year with the Women's Championship Tournament and the Open Championship Tournament: They will be conducted during the same time period at the same centers. Our current plans are to alternate each group on each weekend. The team event will be held at AMF Anandale, and the singles and doubles will be held at AMF Capital Plaza the last weekend of March and the first three weekends of April. This is an experiment to better serve the bowlers.

Meanwhile, the Youth Championship Tournament will be held at Bowl America Woodbridge the first two weeks in March.

Instead of a BVL Kickoff this year, we will conduct a mixed tournament with some funds going to BVL. The tournament will be held at Bowl America Fairfax the first two weekends of November and will consist of a team event of two men and two women and a mixed doubles event in the first year. If the first year is successful, we will expand it in the future.

League applications are being received

at a pretty good pace. Those we receive first will be processed first.

As a reminder, the dues for the current season have not changed:

> Adult dues are \$20. "Local dues" are \$9 for those certified through local associations in Virginia, and \$10 for those certified through local associations outside Virginia.

> Youth dues are \$17 for a regular membership and \$5 for those who bowl in a 12-week league.

If I have confused you, call me at the office, and together we will figure out the problems.

With the new schedule of only publishing two copies of the magazine this season, you can still read my column online at ncausbca.org.

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer vacation and are now ready to put some hurtin' on the bowling pins. Most centers put in new pins for winter, and they have a flat bottom that makes them harder to knock down, so bear down.

E-mail Ray Brothers at execdir@ncausbca.org.



NCAUSBCA Hall of Famer Walt Steinsiek, who was profiled by Jim Goodwin in the April/May 2010 issue and whose cartoons and illustrations appeared in this publication for over 35 years, died June 27 at age 83, just hours before he was to fly to International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, where he was to be the surprise recipient of the John Davis Award for his contributions to bowling. Area bowler Ralph Grubb, whose "DEADWOOD" cartoons also have appeared on these pages, offered the illustration at left "purely as a tribute to Mr. Steinsiek," whose work he enjoyed over the years. Steinsiek liked nothing more than to see bowlers enjoying his cartoons, so as our tribute, a few of them appear on page 19.

THE QUESTION:

What is your top bowling goal for this season?

Four 800s and four 300s. Last season, I had three 800s and three 300s.



Terrell Alston
College Park

To shoot another 800.



George Michael Brown Sr.
Hyattsville

To be consistent.



Liz Hollis
Gaithersburg

To return to Las Vegas and again compete in the finals of AMF's \$600,000 National In-League Tournament.



Jason Parham
College Park

To maintain ... and get rid of the inconsistencies.



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To Be Inducted:

Susan M. Ryan

Saturday, October 2, 2010

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NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame to welcome Susan M. Ryan

*Induction & Dinner Celebration to occur October 2
at Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center in Alexandria*



Susan M. "Susie" Ryan was born October 22, 1963 in Arlington to Ray and Maxine Brothers. Little did she know that her life would revolve so much around this wonderful game of bowling. It wasn't long until Susie and her sister, Shari Brothers, found themselves spending their toddler years watching mom and dad bowl, anxious to join in the fun.

The little saying, "a family that bowls together never splits," is so true to her family: She met her husband, Mike, 30 years ago while bowling in the Junior

600 Club Tournament, and all three of their children, Nick (age 24), David (18), and Missy (20), enjoy the game as well.

Susie finally got to start bowling at age 10 in a Saturday morning youth league at Bowl America Duke. On the weekends, there was only life in the bowling center. She was secretary for the "Juniors" league on Saturday morning at the age of 12. Everything was done by hand back then—no computer help.

By the age of 14, life after school included bowling in two leagues a week and practicing. After the Saturday morning youth league, it was on to the Vir-Mar District Scratch Travel league, for which she was secretary. This job included scheduling the bowling centers for the league and negotiating prices. Sunday only left the Junior Virginia Masters League at Seminary Lanes.

Between ages 10 and 15, summertime found her competing for gold, silver, and bronze medals in the U.S. Youth Games in Boston; New Haven, Conn.; Detroit; and Springfield, Mass. Her love for bowling became evident during these young years.

Becoming a great bowler was her greatest desire, but it wasn't long until convincing adults to respect the youth bowlers became one of her goals. Learning rules and helping other youth bowlers led to her becoming a Certified Youth Bowling Coach of the American Junior Bowling Congress (AJBC).

Some of her other accomplishments include:

- Served as a youth director on the AJBC board of directors and was on several committees that enabled youth to become recognized and grow in their bowling accomplishments.

- Served as president and secretary of the Junior 600 Club. In this capacity, she managed its tournaments—everything from reserving the bowling center to sanctioning the tournament to handing out the awards. Adults only supervised back then.

- Volunteered her time as a youth to help with the Vir-Mar District Championship Tournament and was one of the original members of the Junior Leaders in the area.

- Held Bowl America Duke's Girl's Youth record of 715 series bowled at age 16 in an after-school league.

- Won the B Division of 1983 Vir-Mar District Scratch Invitational. This was done during a time when girls were just starting to compete in scratch events against the boys.

- Appeared in WDCAWBA's Top 10 Ranking in the 1993-1994 and 1994-1995 seasons.

- Captured the all-events and scratch (758 series) and handicap singles titles in the 1994 WDCAWBA City Tournament.

- Competed with the women pro bowlers in Baltimore.

- Won Virginia State Queens Tournament at Fort Belvoir in June 2005.

- Served as a director on the NCAUSBCA board.

- High game / series / average: 300 / 782 / 216.

To help her children get the same exposure to the game that she had, Susie coached the pee wees at General Bowl's Annandale Bowling Center for a year and then became the youth director for the whole program for three years. Susie had and still has a great rapport with youth of all ages and is responsible for giving them, as well as their parents, a great learning experience.

It was during this time that her own children grew to love the game, too, along with many others. She continues to let everyone in the bowling community know that the youth bowlers are their stars of tomorrow, and they should get the same respect from centers as adults.

Susie continued her efforts in promoting youth bowling by putting together Junior Gold qualifying leagues. Youth from all over the area come to Bowl America Shirley to bowl for scholarships and Junior Gold spots in the Junior Gold league. She was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of outstanding dedication as a USBC Junior Gold Qualifying Event Coordinator for the 2009 USBC Junior Gold Championships held in Indianapolis.

As league coordinator and youth director at Bowl America Shirley, Susie is responsible for over 2,000 bowlers a year. She continues to help adults as well as youth in any way she can and always with a smile.

Susan M. Ryan's continued dedication to the sport of bowling and her overwhelming desire to serve the area's bowlers make her an outstanding addition to the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame.



Hall of Fame

1963

MATTHEW BENNIE *
HARRY KRAUSS *
BILLY RAPP *
ROD THOMAS *

1964

CHARLES MINKER *
JAMES MOORE *
BILLY ZEH *

1965

GEORGE SEELEY *

1967

CHESTER NESS *
ARTHUR STELLMACHER *

1968

JACK LABONTE *

1969

PAUL MOHN *

1970

LOU COLBERT *
WILLIAM ZIER *

1971

CARL ZOST *

1972

HENRY FORD *

1973

FRANK DUNHAM *
C. EDWARD GOLDBERG *
JOSEPH MISELI *
ALBERT SNYDER *

1974

JOHN RODOCK *
VLADIMIR WAPENSKY *

1975

RICHARD BUTTERY *
JAMES ROBINETTE
MILTON SILVER *

1976

VERNON ASHBACHER *
PETER SANTORA

1977

MALTON EVANS *
ROBERT HENNESSY *
JOHN TASKER *

1978

ROBERT DISBENNETT *
JAMES STEWARD *

1979

VERNON BURKE *
JACK HORNER *

1980

BEA BENNIE *
ELMER BREEDEN *
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JOE ZINICOLA *

1981

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1982

LARRY O'NEILL
AL ZARRELLA *

1983

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JOE TAYLOR *
MARGARETTE UNCLES *
MARY JO WHIDDEN *

1984

CHARLES HAGAMAN *
RALPH HAYWARD
RAY SHACKELFORD

1985

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C.L. "PAT" O'BRIEN *
JOSEPH ZOK *

1986

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NELL HORNE

1987

PATTY COSTELLO *
HENRY FANKHAUSER
ELMER SNYDER *
PEGGY TINNEY
EDWARD WOODBURY *

1988

JOAN BURNETT
MICHAEL LADD
DORIS SHEPHERD

1989

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CORNELL JACKSON
T. BOYCE JOHNSTON *
FRANCES LEE

1990

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1991

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1994

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1995

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MARY KEARNS
LISA RAND
JIM WRIGHT *

1996

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MAGIC GRAY
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MARILYN J. HATCH
ALBERT O. ZEH

1997

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HERB ZOST

1998

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2003

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2004

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VINCE JOZWIAK

2005

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2006

THOMAS M. ALLEN
BILL GROVER
STERLING M. RAGSDALE

2007

TIFFANY BELL
FRED L. TRACE
RICHARD A. WOLFE

2009

TERRI A. FRANKLIN
RICK KETCHIE
RALPH "RED" NELSON

* = DECEASED

20 QUESTIONS

Zo Isaac

Zo Isaac, a 38-year-old right-hander from Landover, established a new NCAUSBCA series record when he tallied 898 on games of 299-299-300 August 5 in the Top Dollar Trios summer league at AMF Capital Plaza. His 34-strike performance with his 15-pound, five-ounce Ebonite Game Plan topped the association's previous high mark of 887 by Erv Raines III at Bowl America Bull Run on February 9, 2009.

Nearly a month after his special evening, Isaac, a sales associate for Goodyear who started his bowling career in 1990 with his mother in a commercial league at Capital Plaza, spoke about his accomplishment and other topics with editor Bob Cosgrove.

What had been your previous bowling highlight?

Using a bowling ball that was 20 years old [during] the last winter league to shoot two 300s and two 299s with it. It was a Sun Storm.

How many 300s and 800s had you earlier rolled?

I think this was [perfect game] number seven. This was my fifth or sixth 800.

Have you ever participated in a Sport Bowling league or in PBA regional competition?

No. I do a lot of scratch tournaments, and I've done some Sport shot tournaments before.

Did you sense anything during practice that August 5 could be a special evening?

Actually, leading up to that evening, we were coming in fighting for second place because the first-place team had locked up the league. In practice, every ball I threw was [in the] pocket and struck.

What were your thoughts after the first 299 game?

I was happy because I won the pot, of course! But I was frustrated because

Capital Plaza has always been a house that I've struggled in; I've always wanted to shoot 300 in there. I left a 7-pin—a solid 7-pin. What made me push harder was that the anchorman on the other team and I both had the front eight. He tapped and went [2]79, and my team only wins by five pins by me striking out. It was close, but they were fighting for second place, too.

So the second game, I look up, and it's the big game pot, and I'm looking around, and I see a couple of people had already posted [2]60-something, and one guy had posted [2]69. I look up and I didn't even realize what I was doing, I was that much locked in. And before you know it, I'm on the front eight again. And when I get up there [for the final shot], I leave a

Honestly, shooting 898 really hit me like a few weeks ago when they presented me the banner at Capital Plaza. It really hit me then.

10-pin with a messenger, and now I was kinda like going off, I'm like, *Who shoots [2]99 back-to-back?*

So people were like, "Hey man, great game again, man." I had one guy, I don't even recall who it was, "You shoot anything over 200, you have 800." I'm like, *I already had 800, I just want to shoot 300 at [Capital Plaza].*

So my teammate, Warren Wiggins, told me to stay focused and that I was throwing the ball very well. And I told him, "If I get a start like this, I'm gonna finish."

And I finished! And when I finished, I yelled, "I finally shot 300!"

Stefanie Dyson had been giving play-by-play on Facebook: *He's got the front three, front four, front five....* I didn't know at the time, but when I said, "I finally

shot 300!" she said, "Zo, you just shot 898!" And it hadn't even really clicked what I had done.

And to this day, to be honest, every time I walk in [Capital Plaza] and see the [898 banner] and think about it, it's phenomenal. I've had people tell me, "I thank you for letting me be allowed to witness that." Now that's not something you're going to see everyday.

Did you feel pressure during the final game?

I did ... I did a little bit. But I tried to maintain my composure. I sat down and didn't talk to nobody. I did the same routine: I got up, threw my ball, shook hands, and sat down. That was it. I just took deep breaths and tried to stay focused.

Did everyone around you stop bowling?

I kind of realized it, but Poo [Taylor], who worked in the [World Class] pro shop, just kept coming down every frame, and by the sixth frame, he just so happened to tell me he was on a 290 pace, and I recall telling him to keep it going. And at this time, that's when I really realized that half the league was behind my lanes watching, along with Gary Parsons.

He was commenting to someone else—I don't recall the guy's name—but he was talking, and you could hear every comment—"Great shot!" "Smash the hole!" He was giving me good confidence on the shots, so at that point, that's when I could really realize what I was doing. And it really kicked in in the tenth frame, my first ball.

When I got up there, I was like, *Okay, I've got to finish this time because already I've shot two 299s.* It was a crazy feeling—crazy feeling.

I really felt it because this time I had people saying things to me, but I can't remember what they were saying—people were just talking. But I'm so locked in to what I'm doing.

Honestly, shooting 898 really hit me like a few weeks ago when they pre-

sented me the banner at Capital Plaza. It really hit me then. I was bowling Summer Tour finals, and I throw the first two balls and I look up, and everybody's behind my lanes watching.

It's a good feeling when people come up to you and take a picture with me and get an autograph. It feels good that you've got that type of support because, like I said, you might see somebody shoot 300 or 800, but to shoot that type of number...

A guy called me because I left off my ring size on my award [application] form, and he said, "What impressed you most?" And I said, "Thinking that I shot the 300 the last game. Looks like I never gave up!"

Has anything interesting happened to you as a result of the series?

Ebonite has contacted me, and they're supposed to send me some equipment. Gary Parsons has really been supportive, petitioning Ebonite for me. AMF gave me a couple of gift cards and free game passes.

I think just putting that banner on the wall, just seeing my name up there, means a lot to me, knowing that I'm going to bowl in that [Bottomliners] league for 36 weeks, and every Thursday I'm going to look up and see my name—just knowing that's history.

How has this performance changed your own view of yourself as a bowler?

My confidence level is back totally. I was at the point where I felt like I just didn't have it no more—I was just bowling just to bowl. Right now, every ball I throw, I have that killer instinct in me, like I refuse to go down.

What is the strongest part of your game?

Bowling on dry lanes because my ball speed is anywhere from 19 to 21 miles per hour.

What do you need to work on the most?

Bowling on challenging conditions, especially heavy oil because my ball speed kills me sometimes.

Has anyone helped you with your game?

Warren Wiggins. This year, I bowled with

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ASK BOB • BOB KORTH

Getting polish without polish; getting equipment on the cheap, and more

Q. Can I get a polish on a ball without using polish?

A. Yes, it is possible to polish the ball without using polish. First, you need a ball spinner, then you can use 2000 wet/dry sandpaper or a 2000 abralon pad and then take it up to 4000. This will put a finish on the ball that will look like you used polish and will make the ball go longer because of the very smooth finish.

Q. I have bowled now for about three years and have always used only one ball. My bowling buddies are telling me I need more than one ball to be competitive. I can't afford to spend too much, so how can I get more equipment on the cheap?

A. You can build an arsenal for most league conditions with three bowling balls:
➤ One reactive urethane solid with a low rg will be for medium to heavy oil.

- One reactive pearl ball with a higher rg for drier lanes.
- One polyester ball for spares.

These three balls will cover most conditions you will encounter during a league season. You can save some money by asking your pro shop operator for balls that came out last season. He might have some old stock for a good price. You can also ask if there are any used balls that have been plugged. Plugged balls work fine for the short term—a season or two.

Q. I have been having problems with sticky approaches, so I put some baby powder on the sole of my shoes, and this works well. My problem is everyone else was upset with me, saying I was making the approaches too slippery, and I want to keep my friends. What can I do?

A. Do me a favor and never use powder or any other product that you have to apply to the sole of the shoe to slide;

this makes the approach dangerous for everyone else. It makes the approach abnormally slippery, and I have seen people get hurt because of the use of powders.

Instead, invest in a pair of bowling shoes that have either interchangeable slide soles or slide cleats. You can get information on them from your pro shop. If you need a temporary solution, ask the pro shop for a slide sock. This goes over the slide sole of the shoe and works well without bothering the other bowlers.

Q. I've looked everywhere for an answer to this question without any luck: Does one's Positive Axis Point (PAP) change over time, style, and experience?

A. I asked my friend, Alex Romanowsky, renowned ball driller and owner of *blockbusterbowling.com*, and his answer is yes. If you change the way you throw the ball, and your axis of rotation or axis tilt changes, your PAP will change. So if you have gone through any changes in your game, you might want to recheck your PAP just to be sure.

Q. I am looking for another ball. I have a couple of solid reactive bowling balls, a particle, and one entry level pearl. I think I need a pearl with more reaction to fill out my arsenal. What, if any, would you suggest?

A. I don't do this in my column very often, but it answers your question. I just received a ball from Roto Grip called the Mutant Cell Pearl. It came out just after the winter season ended, so many of you have not seen it or heard of it, but you will.

I think this is the best pearl I have ever had. This ball goes longer through the heads but reads the mid-lane like a solid. The reaction in the back is very strong but not as angular as pearls can sometimes be. I have not had a ball in a very long time that carries as well as this ball.

I bowled this summer in a house that leaves me 10-pins sometimes by the dozen in a night. With the Mutant Cell Pearl in four outings, I had sets of 692,

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him for the first time, and Warren gave me a great tip, telling me about getting to the line: *If I could stay down, get down lower, and throw the ball hard at the line, I could project my shot better.* And doing that, my game has really improved. So that's one tip I've taken and used to my advantage.

My confidence level is back totally. I was at the point where I felt like I just didn't have it no more—I was just bowling just to bowl. Right now, every ball I throw, I have that killer instinct in me, like I refuse to go down.

How do you rate yourself among bowlers in the area?
I put myself up there with the elite.

What do you say to those who might question your putting yourself among the elite players when you say you struggle with oily lane conditions?
I put myself with the elite for the reason that I'm never completely out of a tournament. I might in the beginning struggle slowly, but by the first game I catch on.

Now when I say struggle on oil with my ball speed, a lot of times, the conditions that we play on, they're not really heavily oiled. So I make a quick adjustment, but I don't completely lock myself out.

Now I may fail at a tournament because of bad spare shooting, but my ball speed ... that's my game. I can never take that away from my game because my ball speed has been with me for 20 years, and I don't think that's ever gonna change.

So I've been successful with it, just as well as I've been unsuccessful with it. But I've been more successful than unsuccessful.

What area players do you admire the most?
Greg Turner. Of course, Bobby Hall [II]; I'm really proud of what he did, making the PBA [Exempt] Tour.

Greg Turner, to me, I say, I exclude Bobby because of what he has done, I put Greg Turner ... I think Greg Turner is like, to me, one of the best bowlers in the area—that's to me, personally.

Also, Ricky Henderson, a new up-and-comer, a strong bowler, and Howard Ball [Jr.], for one of the young kids.

How important would you say bowling is in your overall life?
[I'd rate it a] "7"—next to my kids, a daughter, soon to turn 17, and a son, 11.

What gives you pleasure in bowling?
Being competitive to myself, knowing

that I gave it my all, and I'm looking forward to the next night of league—to go in there and do better than what I did before.

Do you set goals every time?
I set my standards very high; I'm very hard on myself. Like when I shot the second 299, I was really hard on myself because I left a 10-pin and a 7-pin [before]. Everybody else was trying to keep me calm, but I was hard on myself because of that. But I was in control.

What do you do besides bowl?
I love working on cars. I have a 19-month-old Cane Corso; I put a lot of time in with him—that's my dog. Other than that, there's my kids.

What is your next bowling goal?
Shoot 900! But I really am satisfied.

Zo Isaac answers some additional questions on ncausbca.org.



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Check Your Knowledge

1. The term "bed posts" refers to which split?
2. Which center will host NCAUSBCA's Senior Tournament in October 2010?
3. The NCAUSBCA office is located just outside which Capital Beltway exit?
4. Bowl America's newest pro shop is located in which of its centers?
5. Which two pins remained standing in Zo Isaac's 898 series?
6. Who is the current president of NCAUSBCA?
7. What is the height of a tenpin?
8. Are USBC-approved pins made of pine or maple?
9. What is the term used for the 2-7-10 or 3-7-10 splits?
10. True or False: There is no minimum weight requirement for a bowling ball.

ANSWERS: 1. 7-10; 2. Bowl America Gaithersburg; 3. Exit 15A (Central Avenue); 4. Fairfax; 5. 7 and 10-pins; 6. Robert Ashley III; 7. 15 inches + 1/32; 8. maple; 9. Christmas Tree; 10. True.

Our Back Pages

5 Years Ago

- Paul L. Rumbaugh II of Stafford establishes NCABA and Virginia State series records with his 879 series on games of 300-279-300 at Liberty Lanes Stafford.
- Stacy Gonzales (648 series) of Alexandria and Hall of Famer Mark Glover (626) of Woodbridge total 1,274 to win the \$700 top prize in the NCABA/WDCAWBA Scratch Mixed Doubles Tournament at AMF Alexandria.
- Bowl America Woodbridge has the highest 2004-2005 composite average for men (185.082) and women (152.902).

10 Years Ago

- Russell W. Rose composites the highest NCABA average for the 1999-2000 season—224.815 (.208 pin ahead of Mark Glover).
- In separate letters, NCABA members Calvin Maddox and Jim Ward express hope that Northern Virginia should host the Virginia State Tournament.
- Ryan Shipp records consecutive perfect games en route to an 818 series in the Marty Mows league at AMF Bowie.

15 Years Ago

- YABA announces that members, volunteers, and other Web surfers can now contact the organization via E-mail.
- Kendra Cameron's 217 average for 99 games in the Metro Invitational league at Annandale tops all WDCAWBA members in 1994-1995.
- AMF Annandale (177) and Parkland (151) top the 1994-1995 center averages for NCABA and WDCAWBA, respectively.

20 Years Ago

- Debbie Myers and Colby Emery win gold medals in the 24th annual U.S. Youth Games in Philadelphia.
- The following women lead WDCAWBA in 1989-1990: A. Jane Timmons, 203 average; Beth Hawley, 759 series; and Margaret Black, Patricia Ross, and Frances Sims, 290 game.
- Gary "Guru" Parsons reviews the book, *Weber On Bowling*: "If you buy one work on bowling, the book is the one."

25 Years Ago

- Edward Woodbury is the National Bowling Association's "King" for 1985-1986.
- June Miller averages 197 to win the Virginia Bowling Queens in Portsmouth.

30 Years Ago

- Bobby Michaelson and Tena Boone are the Metropolitan Washington Bowling Proprietors' Scratch Invitational champions.
- In their first "In the Pocket" column, Chuck Gannon and Larry O'Neill discuss the legalities of plugging a bowling ball.

35 Years Ago

- Mike Warboy sets a Vir-Mar District Junior Bowling Association record with his 726 series (217-276-233) at Fair Lanes Bowie.
- Buddy Engleman, Fred Lancaster, and Bruce Merriman are divisional champions in the Nation's Capital Singles Classic.
- Wally Fry rolls 289-265-222/776 at Fair Lanes Springfield—three pins short of tying Larry Roberts's NCABA series record.

40 Years Ago

- Steve Harter and Jeff Douglas tally 1,205 to win the "Boys—Senior Division Scratch" category in the 5th annual Virginia State Junior Bowling Assn. Tourney.
- Washington City Tenpin Bowling Association Vice President Milt Silver reports only three bowlers averaged over 200 during the 1969-1970 season—Jim Robinette (207), Carl Blosser (205), and Larry O'Neill (203).

NCAUSBCA 2009-2010 center averages

BA Woodbridge.....	173.639
BA Dranesville.....	171.428
BA Gaithersburg.....	170.186
BA Chantilly.....	169.484
AMF Marlow Heights.....	168.751
BA Shirley.....	168.523
BA Bull Run.....	167.833
AMF Capital Plaza.....	167.477
Riverdale.....	166.427
AMF 300 Shady Grove ...	164.941
BA Manassas.....	164.786
Parkland.....	164.348
Andrews AFB.....	164.243
AMF Waldorf.....	163.634
Patuxent River.....	163.457
BA Falls Church.....	163.251
Lord Calvert.....	162.969
Crofton.....	162.959
AMF Laurel.....	161.569
AMF Annandale.....	159.614
The Lanes Fort Meade....	159.095
AMF Alexandria.....	158.633
Potomac.....	157.859
AMF Centreville.....	156.713
Village Lanes.....	156.316
BA Fairfax.....	156.267
Indian Head.....	156.144
Esperanza.....	155.114
Naval Medical Center.....	153.433
BA Burke.....	153.257
AMF Dale City.....	152.992
Fort Myer.....	152.332
Fort Belvoir.....	151.504
Quantico.....	147.255
U.S. Bowling.....	144.096

Go Figure

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Total pinfall by NCAUSBCA adult members during the 2009-2010 season.

164.641

Average score by NCAUSBCA adult members during the 2009-2010 season.

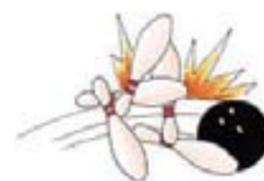
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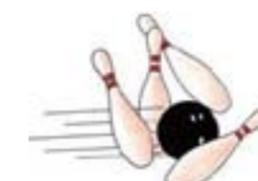
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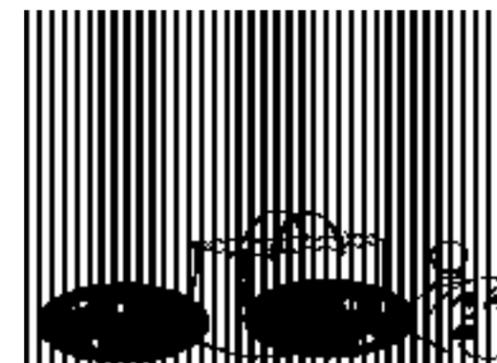
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Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010	1:00 PM	4:00 PM
Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010	1:00 PM	4:00 PM

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NCAUSBCA 2009-2010 leagues with the highest composite averages:

NW V Scratch Trios	AMF Laurel	206.322
G-Burg Invitational ReMax Pro	BA Gaithersburg	205.982
Sunday AM Commercial	BA Manassas	203.843
Boys Night Out	BA Dranesville	199.580
Automotive Men	BA Woodbridge	198.257
DCMMCL	BA Woodbridge	198.113
Jimmy Jones Tuesday Trios	AMF Waldorf	197.743
TCBA	AMF Waldorf	197.640
Stan Soaper Men's Commercial	BA Shirley	197.291
Falls Church Commercial	BA Falls Church	196.885
Potomac Area Men	BA Shirley	196.397
Monday Night Classic	BA Bull Run	195.973
Woodbridge Hdcp Trios	BA Woodbridge	194.321
Tuesday Nite Mens Hdcp	Lord Calvert Bowl	193.713
Polish Open	Crofton Bowling Centre	191.608
Friday Nite Mixed Madness	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	190.653
Tuesday Night Commercial	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	189.700

Fun Inc. Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	188.991
Thursday Men & Women	BA Dranesville	188.807
Competitive Doubles	AMF Annandale	188.411
Wednesday Morning ABC	AMF Marlow Heights	188.006
Sunday Morning Mixed	AMF Marlow Heights	187.787
Bottom Liners	AMF Capital Plaza	186.763
Merchants Mixed	BA Woodbridge	186.069
Lost & Found	BA Shirley	185.460
3 Brothers/Renegades	Rinaldi's Riverdale Bowl	185.087
Monday Nite Power Rollers	AMF Marlow Heights	183.576
Wednesday Fun Mixed	BA Chantilly	183.381
Thursday Nite Owls	Village Lanes	183.180
Monday Mixed Fives	BA Gaithersburg	183.027
Monday Night Mixed	BA Manassas	182.536
Tuesday Night Men's	The Lanes Fort Meade	182.501
Open Doubles	AMF Annandale	182.208
Pinbusters Mixed	Parkland Bowl	181.540
Fil-Am Mixed	BA Shirley	181.159
Tri-Nitely	Crofton Bowling Centre	180.536
First Niters Mixed	BA Falls Church	180.218

ASSOCIATION HONOR SCORES

800 Series

- 835 Purnell, Bruce A - CRS01
- 823 Merson, Richard W - GBS02
- 816 George, Jay L - GBS01
- 814 Taylor, Adonas L - RDS03
- 806 Buckles, Michael S - WBS06
- 803 Brown, Kevin R - GBS02

300 Game

- Anders, Paul N - WBS06
- Bolster, Kevin M - CYS10
- Bressler, Brandon A - CRS10
- Brightwell, Lori S - LCS04
- Brooke, Frank E Jr - WAS06
- Brooks, George M Jr - RDS03
- Brown, Kevin R - GBS02
- Buckles, Michael S - WBS06
- Burt, James C - CYS03

- Campbell, Charles A - WBS06
- Cowart, Shawn C - GBS03
- George, Jay L - GBS01
- Kent, Ian J - DRS05
- Kinney, Alonso J Jr - WAS04
- Lord, Bruce A - CYS03
- Marlin, Carl B - CYS03
- Martin, Paige R - CAS01
- Mason, Craig S - WBS06
- Meikle, Douglas R - CYS03
- Nelson, Marcus D - CAS01
- Price, J Michael (2) - CYS05
- Rankin, York C Jr - RDS01
- Reinhart, Thomas W - GBS09
- Simmons, Jay C - RDS02
- Smallwood, Terry - GBS05
- Taylor, Robert L III - CAS01
- Williams, Harry P - GBS03

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

25-26, October 2-3, 9-10, 16-17 – Virginia State USBC Senior Tournament in Williamsburg.

OCTOBER

2 – NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame Induction & Dinner Celebration at Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, Alexandria.
23-24, 30-31 – NCAUSBCA Senior Tournament at Bowl America Gaithersburg. (Entry deadline: October 15)

NOVEMBER

6-7, 13-14 – 1st annual NCAUSBCA Mixed Tournament at Bowl America Fairfax. (Entry deadline: October 25)
12-14 – PBA East Region Ebonite Fort Meade Open.

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require prepayment of the final two or three weeks of the schedule, and there are always people who pay far in advance, some the entire season. The funds will sit in the account for several months, so make that work in the league's favor.

➤ Do you have immediate access to disburse your funds, through a checking account or getting a bank draft upon visiting your local branch, when it comes time to submit USBC certification fees and added membership cards throughout the year? Fees for initial certification and added cards must come from the *league account*, not an officer's personal bank account, and in a timely manner—30 days from the league start date or when a new member bowls his/her first series. Furthermore, depositing league funds into a personal account is a violation of USBC Rule 17b(4), regardless of the reason.

Were you able to answer "Yes" to all the questions? If you could not, then reviewing the integrity of your vehicle for banking may be in order. Take the time now to review your account parameters and explore all possible options to ensure it is working in your league's favor.

As president, you are charged with ensuring that the best interests of the league are met. *Be proactive*. Get those required committees appointed quickly, and make sure they understand their responsibilities so they can hit the ground running. Talk with your secretary-treasurer on a regular basis to ensure his/her duties are understood, especially when it comes to the finances for which you are ultimately responsible. This is especially important for new secretary-treasurers who may feel overwhelmed. Get in touch with your NCAUSBCA lane representative if you have any questions; we are here to help.

Feel free to contact me at president@ncausbca.org with any questions or comments. In closing, I wish you all a prosperous 2010-2011 bowling season. May you strike out often and be spared of any splits.

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John Roderus, a member of the Goddard Wednesday Men's league at The Lanes Fort Meade, reads BOWL Magazine. That's who!

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Tournament Roundup



Andy Anderson

PBA East Region Howell (N.J.) Lanes Senior Open (Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., \$1,500) – 2, David Kneas, Annapolis, \$825; 25, Andy Anderson (Super Senior), Falls Church, \$250.

PBA South Region Mooresville, N.C., Open (Kip Roberts, Glenallen, Va., \$3,000) – 25, Bobby Hall II, Landover, \$400.

PBA East Region Strike Zone Senior Open, Pottsville, Pa. (Sam Maccarone, Glassboro, N.J., \$1,500) – 2, David Kneas, \$775.

PBA East Region Mil-Ray Foods Open, Turnersville, N.J. (Adam Baer, Gettysburg, Pa., \$2,500) – 16, Terry Wiley, Vienna, \$600; 19, Bobby Hall II, \$425.



David Kneas

PBA East Region Colony Park Lanes Senior Open, York, Pa. (Gary Shultis, Levittown, N.Y., \$1,500) – 3, David Kneas, \$725; 9, Mark Glover, Woodbridge, \$525; 16, Greg R. Wilhelm, Stafford, Va., \$525.

PBA South Region Columbia, S.C., Open (Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., \$2,200) – 22, Bobby Hall II, \$400.

PBA East Region Bowlers Supply/Storm Products Open, York, Pa. (Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Tex., \$2,800) – 9, David Kneas, \$700; 30, Chip Hamilton, Bowie, \$400; 31, Bobby Hall II, \$400; 35, Michael Marsico, Chesapeake Beach, \$400; 42, Terry Wiley, \$400.

PBA East Region Mid-County Lanes Open, Middletown, Del. (Danny Wiseman, Baltimore, \$2,500) – 10, Bobby Hall II, \$600; 39, David Kneas (SS), \$250.

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760 (with a string of 17 in a row), 736, and 771 with a 300 game at the end.

The ball goes through the heads with ease, reads the lanes great, holds on the oil, and finishes hard in the dry. I have made this my benchmark ball and never have had a pearl in my bag I could do that with.

I recommend you give this one a try; you will be amazed.

Q. I am trying to start a collection of bowling memorabilia. Do you know where I might find some things to start my collection?

A. I have a small collection myself; old bowling materials and equipment is a fun hobby. I have a wooden ball that had leather thumb and finger inserts in it. I have old wood pins, old games, clocks, instruction books, and high-top shoes.

I used to find some items on eBay, but that source is drying up; I have not had much luck on there lately. Still, it is a place

PBA East Region Cap Card Open, Lebanon, Pa. (Terry Miller, York, Pa., \$2,500) – 7, Bobby Hall II, \$800; 40, David Kneas (SS), \$250.

PBA East Region Mil-Ray Foods Senior Open, Turnersville, N.J. (Gary Shultis, \$1,500) – 2, Mark Glover, \$800.

PBA South Region Franklin, VA Senior Open – 1, David Kneas, \$1,500; 2, Mark Glover, \$800. ... 300 Games: David Kneas (2), Mark Glover (1).



Bobby Hall II

PBA South Region Gastonia, N.C., Open – 1, Bobby Hall II, \$2,500; 9, Michael Marsico, \$600.

PBA East Region Forest Hill Lanes Open, Forest Hill, Md. (Danny Wiseman, \$5,000) – 18, David Kneas, \$425; 32, Terry Wiley, \$400; 39, William Asbury (guest), Odenton, Md., \$400.



Terri Franklin

Scratch Mixed Doubles at Bowl America Shirley – 1, Terri Franklin, Clinton (731) & Anthony Whitehead, Upper Marlboro (710), 1,441, \$1,000; 2, Terri Franklin (700) & Mark Glover, Woodbridge (737), 1,437, \$500; 3, Courtney Barksdale, Lanham (665) & Chris Johnson, Upper Marlboro (751), 1,416, \$300; 4, Tiffany Bell, Fredericksburg (669) & Mark Glover (745), 1,414, \$200. ... **Optional Women's Singles** – 1, Joy Esterson, Annapolis (743), \$110; 2, Terri Franklin (731), \$35; 3, Kelly Zapf, Bethesda (717), \$25. ... **Optional Men's Singles** – 1, Howard Ball Jr., Largo (801), \$105; 2, Paul Rumbaugh II, Stafford (793), \$30; 3, Mike Warner, Alexandria (758), \$20. ... Joy Esterson rolled a 300 game.

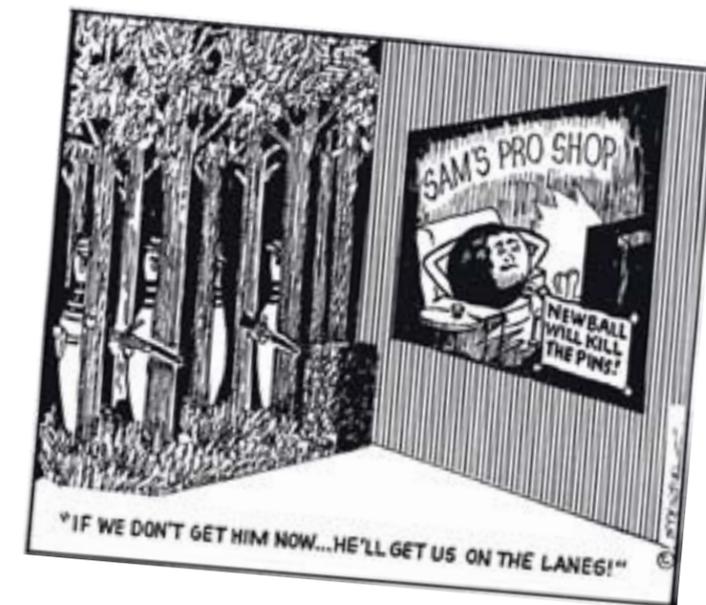
to look because you may still find things there from time to time.

Here is another idea: We could do this right here in my column. If you have any old bowling-related items you would like to sell, send me an E-mail. If you are looking for items to buy, E-mail me and I will try to put you together.

We can start this on a small scale to see if there is any interest. If there is a lot of interest, I could start a memorabilia Web site for bowling items only.

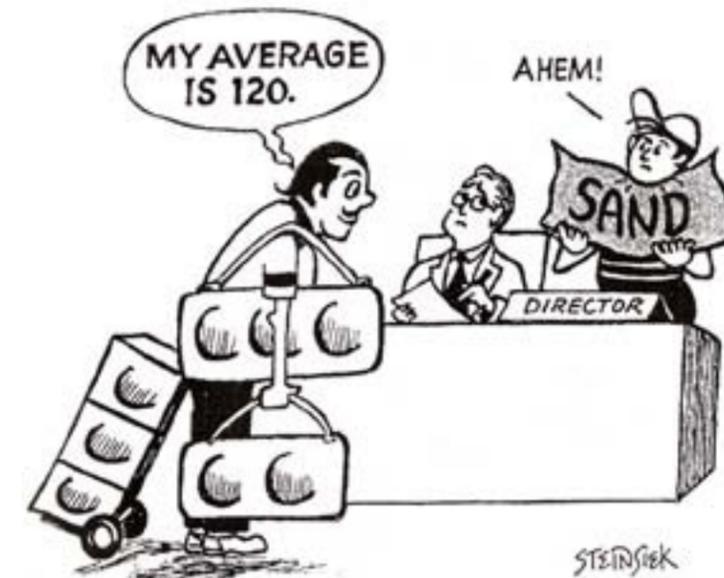
I will start this right now: I have an extra pair of men's size 8 high-top bowling shoes in great shape, circa 1930s or 40s. I would be interested in selling them for someone's collection.

Send me an E-mail and we can get together. This could be fun for all of us collectors. My address is askbob@clearwire.net.



Walt Steinsiek (1926-2010)

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See area bowler and fellow cartoonist Ralph Grubb's graphic tribute to Walt Steinsiek on page 6.

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