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PURVIS GRANGER IS THE WBW OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL COACH



WE are pleased to announce that American Purvis Granger has been elected as 2010 WBW Tom Kouros Outstanding International Coach.

Purvis was kindly presented with his award on our behalf by Vivien Lau, president of the Hong Kong Tenpin Bowling Congress and honorary life president of the Asian Bowling Federation during the ABF Tour Tournament of Champions in Kuwait last month.

Purvis has been a prestigious coach in Asia for the past 13 years, spending his first four years in Hong Kong, then moving to the Philippines for seven years. He is now back working in Hong Kong. He has been on the Storm staff for 17 years and is now the company's technical adviser for Asia.

Prior to his international coaching, Purvis was a professional bowler on the PBA Tour. "I feel very honored to receive such a prestigious award and to know that for the 13 years of being in Asia that my hard work and dedication to the Sport of Bowling has

been recognized," he stated after his award was announced.

"There are so many people to thank and I could not have done it without the help from all these people. Thanks a million to Vivien Lau for giving me the opportunity and a great job in 1998 where it all started in Hong Kong and she has supported me and been like a mother to me. Thanks to Terry Larsen and Ron Hoppe who took me in in 1993 in Seattle and groomed me to be a better coach and Pro Shop manager, from which I learned so much.

"My good friend Johnson Cheng, who I worked with in the Philippines and has taught me so much about the cultures in Asia and how to be a better person overall in my family life and coaching.

"Thanks to Storm's CEO Bill Chrisman who has always supported me and given me good advice along the way and who has been a father figure in my life and always been there for me.

"But most of all I like to thank the Bowlers and Players from all over the world who have allowed me to help make them better players and also who worked hard to be better bowlers."

Photo courtesy of Terence Yaw

Keith Hale

CANADA: Adult Bowlers of the Year for 2009 are Caroline Lagrange and George Lambert.

Caroline won the 45th Quibica/AMF Bowling World Cup in Melaka, Malaysia and the women's gold medal at the 2009 National Championships.



George also won gold at the 2009 National Championships and finished in second place at the PBA qualifying event which earned him a spot on the 2009/10 PBA tour.

Both Caroline and George broke several records in their national championships wins.

This is the fourth Bowler of the Year award for Caroline. She previously won in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

The Senior Women Bowler of the Year is Lauraine Fast, Calgary, Alberta. She finished first in senior All Events at the National Mixed Championships and earned a silver medal in Senior Doubles at the Tournament of the Americas.

Alexandre Thivierge, St. Zotique, Quebec and Kodee Pilling, Lethbridge, Alberta are the youth Bowlers of the Year.

Alexandre earned gold in doubles and all events and bronze in team at the National Youth Championships and a silver team medal at the Tournament of the Americas.

Kodee earned gold in all events and singles at the National Youth Championships. Bowling for Canada, she won silver in team and bronze in doubles and masters at the Pan American Youth Championships and bronze in doubles and team at the Tournament of the Americas. Kodee earned Youth Bowler of the Year in 2007.

Hazel McLeary

ENGLAND: Matchroom Sport can announce that the 11th annual PartyCasino.com Weber Cup will be taking place at the Barnsley Metrodome in November as ten of the best bowlers representing the USA and Europe return to do battle.

Team Europe will enter proceedings as defending champions following a superb 17-11 win over the USA at the same venue last year. That moved the overall score to 6-4 in favour of the USA with everything to play for.

The PartyCasino.com Weber Cup is tenpin bowling's version of golf's Ryder Cup as two five-man teams from Europe and the USA do battle over three days in a series of singles, doubles and baker format matches.

The Metrodome in Barnsley, South Yorkshire, has successfully hosted this competition and the World Tenpin Masters since 2005 and has established itself as a hugely successful venue for major league televised bowling.

The Weber Cup will be staged from Friday, November 12 to Sunday, November 14 over five sessions – Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday afternoon and



evening. Tickets will be available from Matchroom Sport nearer the time.

All the action will be produced by Matchroom Sport television and subsequently broadcast on Sky Sports as 18 x one hour programmes as well as various stations around the world.

In other tenpin news, regrettably the World Tenpin Masters will not be taking place in 2010, following twelve years of the event. This is due to the world-wide economic downturn but Matchroom Sport will be looking to stage the event once again should circumstances alter.

Luke Riches

FRANCE: The 2010 European Youth Championships were hosted by the Plaza Bowling Centre in St. Maximin, just north of Paris, March 28 – April 4. This is the same center that hosts the annual Brunswick European Challenge.



A total of 30 nations competed with individual entries of 110 boys and 68 girls. Disciplines were Doubles, 5-person Team, Singles and Masters. Play-offs for the top four in each discipline after six games resulted in gold, silver and two bronze medals.

DOUBLES – Boys: Gold: Carsten Hansen/Mik Stampe, Denmark; Silver: Antonios Zafra/Vasileios Stofopoulos, Greece; Bronze: Daniels Vezis/Artus Levikins, Latvia & Mikhail Belenkiy/Roman

Starchenkov, Russia.

Girls: Gold: Jenny Wegner/Elin Adolffsson, Sweden; Silver: Autum Chamberlain/Kirsten MacGregor, England; Bronze: Kristina Ushakova/Alena Korobkova, Russia & Shahaf Antin/Danit Bachar, Israel.

TEAM (4-person) – Boys: Gold: Sweden; Silver: Greece; Bronze: Finland & England. **Girls:** Gold: Sweden; Silver: England; Bronze: Germany & Russia.

SINGLES – Boys: Gold: Jesse Kallio, Finland; Silver: Daniels Vezis, Latvia; Bronze: Lars Wouters, Belgium & Mik Stampe, Denmark.

Girls: Gold: Jenny Wegner, Sweden; Silver: Kirsten MacGregor, England; Bronze: Nadine Motzer, Germany & Marija Tkatchenko, Latvia.

ALL EVENTS – Boys: Gold: Jesse Kallio, Finland; Silver: Lars Wouters, Belgium; Bronze: Niko Kurppa, Finland.

Girls: Gold: Jenny Wegner, Sweden; Silver: Roosa Lunden, Finland; Bronze: Marija Tkatchenko, Latvia.

MASTERS – Boys: Gold: Kert Truus, Estonia; Silver: Carsten W. Hansen, Denmark; Bronze: Arturs Levikins, Latvia & Marcus Henriksson, Sweden.

Girls: Gold: Shahaf Antin, Israel; Silver: Marija Tkatchenko, Latvia; Bronze: Ida Andersson, Sweden & Nadine Matzer, Germany.

www.eyc2010.fr

GERMANY: Entries are now flooding in for the inaugural Track Dream Bowl Palace Open, the tenth stage of the 2010 European Bowling Tour, hosted in Munich at the 52-lane Dream Bowl Palace, the site of the 2010 World Men's Championships in August.



It is anticipated that many international teams competing in the world championships will use this event to familiarise their competitors with the tournament conditions.

The Track Dream Bowl Palace Open runs June 27 – July 4. Full information and entry form on:

www.dreambowlpalaceopen.de.

Keith Hale

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The second and final bulletin for the upcoming World Men's Championships in Munich is now available. It can be downloaded in its entirety from www.bowling-wm.de.

Keith Hale

ITALY: The 2010 Italy Senior Open will be part of the International Seniors Bowling Tour (ISBT).

The tournament will be conducted in a new 24-lane Bowling Center at Reno Bowling in Bologna, Italy.

See: <http://www.renobowling.it/wordpress/>.

Tournament dates are June 1st – 6th, 2010.

Tournament format will be 2 x 6-games qualifying round, Re-entry and Turbo.

The tournament organization offers a free buffet on Saturday evening for all participants at the bowl.

Gabriele Benvenuti and Loris Massetti are the hosts and are looking forward to seeing all competitors in Bologna..

For further information please check following link:

<http://www.renobowling.it/wordpress/tornei/tornei-bowling-internazionali/italy-senior-open-2010-english>

or @-mail to the ISBT-office.

Charley Blom, ISBT Tour Manager

KUWAIT: Indonesia celebrated a fabulous double after Ryan Lalisang and Sharon Limansantoso emerged as the

Men's and Women's champion of the ABF Tour Tournament of Champions at Cozmo Bowling Centre on Friday, March 26.

Twice Kuwait Open and ABF Tour Kuwait leg champion Ryan Lalisang certainly relished on his favourite lanes as he claimed his fifth victory at Cozmo Bowling Centre. The Indonesian went on a strikefest as his challenger Hussain Al-Suwaidi suffered a split in the fourth frame.

There was simply no stopping the Indonesian as he continued to knock down strike after strike and appeared on course for a perfect ending. Lalisang struck in the tenth frame but left a solid 10-pin after a seemingly

perfect pocket shot in the 11th frame.

Lalisang ended the match with 289 as the Emirati struck out from frame eight to end on a respectable 199. The champion had reached the finals after another comfortable victory over Bahrain's Yousif Falah, 266-215, in the second semi-final.

The Indonesian edged Kuwait's Khaled Al-Dubyyan, 237-228, in the quarterfinal.

Hussain ousted the sole Thai survivor Somjed Kusonpithak 220-171, in the first semi to advance to the final.

Hussain also had an easy passage in the quarterfinal, eliminating another Thai and top seed Yannaphon Larpapharat, 220-188.



Meanwhile, Indonesia became the second country to win both the men's and women's Tournament of Champions titles following Malaysia's victory in 2006. Sharon Limansantoso claimed her first major title after defeating top seed Kim Eun Jung of Korea, 204-178.

Limansantoso had a normal start sparing the first two frames and knocking down a double strike as the Korean suffered two splits in the third and fourth frames. As the Indonesian lass struck again in the fifth, Kim had another awful split.

Despite getting a split herself in the sixth frame, Limansantoso was more or less cruising for victory while Kim Eun Jung failed to find her line for strikes. Limansantoso claimed the women's crown, 204-178, to give Indonesia the fabulous double.

The champion sailed through to the finals after another convincing victory over Hong Kong's Chan Shuk Han, 225-172, while the runner-up edged defending champion Tang Joh Six of Malaysia, 197-181, to advance to the final.

"Kuwait is my lucky hunting ground and every time I come here, I'm always very confident," said 29-year-old Ryan Lalisang. "And lanes 3 and 4 are also my favourite pair of lanes.

"It's fantastic for me and Sharon to win both the titles. The finals had been held in Jakarta for the past five years and we have never won it. But to win both is even more fabulous."

Lalisang won the top prize of US\$20,000 as Hussain settled for US\$8,000. Both Yousif Falah and Somjed Kusonpithak took home US\$4,000 each as losing semi-finalists.

"I came to the finals not expecting to become the champion. My target was to make the top eight and hope for the best," said the elated 25-year-old Sharon Limansantoso, who has not previously won an ABF Tour title.

"But to emerge as the champion is simply out of this world. I'm so happy I'm really lost for words. I was quite nervous in the quarterfinal but after the semis, I was totally relaxed and just made sure I remained calm for each match."

Limansantoso won US\$10,000 as the champion as Kim Eun Jung, who was the first runner-up in 2006, settled for US\$5,000. Chan Shuk Han and Tang Joh Six went home with US\$3,000 each.

A total of seven legs were held in 2009 in which participants earned ranking points from each leg contested. The top 16 men and top 16 women, based on their rankings, qualified for the Tournament of Champions held on March 24-26. There will be an additional leg for the 2010 season, making a total of eight legs and a grand final. Kuwait will host the first leg, staged on April 1, 2010 following the 7th Kuwait International Open. The other 7 legs will be held in Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Egypt, Bahrain, Macau, Indonesia and Hong Kong.

For more information, please visit www.abftour.com.

Photo and text by Terence Yaw

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The 7th Kuwait International Open Bowling Championship ended at the Cozmo Bowl on March 31 with one of the closest-ever stepladder finals in which top seed, Osku Palermaa of Finland won the men's title in a ninth and tenth frame tie breaker.

Top seed, Osku Palermaa went into the title match against challenger and number 3 seed Zulmazran Zulkifli of Malaysia failing to get any double strikes right to the fifth frame as his opponent downed a double in the third and fourth frame for a slim lead.



Zulmazran got another double in the sixth and seventh frames and looked in total control, but Palermaa got into his usual stride to respond with a double in the sixth and seventh frames as well. Whilst the Malaysian failed to capitalise in his next two frames with just spares, the Finn knocked down another double strike in frames eight and nine, leaving the match going down to the final frame. Zulmazran downed a double and nine pins to end the match with 225 and another strike in the tenth

frame by Palermaa would seal the victory but he hit 7 just pins to spare, then struck in the bonus frame to tie the



Osku Palermaa

match, forcing a ninth and tenth frame tie breaker.

Zulmazran had a spare in the ninth frame and Palermaa struck home for 60 pins which gave the Finn the title without going into the deciding match. Zulmazran ended with 48 pins to settle for second spot.

"It has been a great week and I finally been able to capture this title after finishing second twice," said the 32-year-old three-time European Tour champion Palermaa. "I felt good today and because I had a good gap from the first block, I was just enjoying my game." Palermaa, who shot the tournament's third perfect game to lead in the first block of eight

games, was equally impressive by winning another six matches in the second block of the last 16 round-robin matchplay finals earlier.

The Finn won with 235, 245, 288, 225, 233 and 207 while losing the other two matches with respectable scores of 211 and 227 to romp home in pole position with a comfortable margin of 256 pins.

Palermaa amassed a 16-game total of 4040 ahead of Norway's Tore Torgersen, who shot the second perfect game in the 15th match. Torgersen lost to Zulmazran, 212-218 in the third stepladder match.



Vanessa Fung

Zulmazran, who finished third in the second block, edged fellow compatriot and the only female in the finals, Shalin Zulkifli, 192-187, in the second match. Shalin had earlier outted number four seed Yousif Falah of Bahrain, 205-190, to set up her match with her team-mate.

Chester King of the Philippines, who was fourth before the position round match, lost to Zulmaran, 148-238, to miss the stepladder finals in sixth position.

Palermaa won the top prize of US\$25,000 and a trophy with Zulmazran settling for US\$12,000. The Norwegian took home US\$8,000 for dropping to third while Shalin

won US\$6,000 and Yousif US\$5,000.

Shalin, who was the top seed for the women's stepladder finals, had a chance to pick up another US\$2,750 but had to settle for US\$1,900 after losing the title match to challenger and number three seed Vanessa Fung of Hong Kong, 224-234, in another closely fought final.

Fung, who won US\$2,750 as the women's champion, had earlier ousted number two seed and newly-crowned ABF Tour TOC women's champion Sharon Limasantoso of Indonesia, 218-194, in the second match.

Fung also edged Bahrain's Nadia Aqeel, 226-224, in the first stepladder match, before going all the way to the title. Limasantoso and Nadia took home US\$1,500 and US\$1,000 respectively for finishing third and fourth.

Final Standings: 1. \$25,000 Osku Palermaa, Finland; 2. \$12,000 Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia; 3. \$8,000 Tore Torgersen, Norway; 4. \$6,000 Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia; 5. \$5,000 Yousif Falah, Bahrain; 6. \$3,500 Chester King, Philippines; 7. \$3,250 Paul Moor, England; 8. \$3,000 Robert Andersson, Sweden.

Women's Stepladder: 1. \$2,750 Vanessa Fung, Hong Kong; 2. \$1,900 Shalin Zulkifli, Malaysia; 3. \$1,500 Sharon Limasantoso, Indonesia; 4. \$1,000 Nadia Aqeel, Bahrain.

Text & photos by Terence Yaw, abf-online.org

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Hussain Al-Suwaidi of UAE turned on his wizardry to win the opening leg of the ABF Tour Kuwait 2010 with an easy victory over challenger Chester King of the Philippines in the title match, 236-191, to claim the Kuwait title for the second consecutive time at Cozmo Bowl on April 1.



Hussain Al-Suwaidi immediately settled into a blistering pace with four consecutive strikes from frame two onwards which put Filipino Chester King on his back foot and trailing by 23 pins despite rolling a double in frames four and five. Just when there could be a slim chance that King could mount a fight back, a poor split in the eighth frame more or less settled the tie in favour of the Emirati. Al-Suwaidi cruised to an easy victory over the Filipino, 236-191, to claim the opening leg.

The victory was Al-Suwaidi's second victory. The two-time Asia Ranked No. 1 won the same opening leg last year after finishing third in the preceding Kuwait Open.

"I used a wrong bowling ball in the ABF Tour TOC and in the Kuwait Open which I regretted very much," said



Hussain Al-Suwaidi after the victory. "I changed to a different ball during the warm up and realised that I should have used it before.

"But it's a good start for this year. I finished seventh in the Dubai Open and fifth in the Malaysian Open but I missed the last 16 cut. This win made up for my disappointment slightly."

Al-Suwaidi had earlier edged Kuwait Open first runner-up Zulmazran Zulkifli of Malaysia, 205-195, in the first semi-final to advance to the final, while King ousted local hopeful Khaled Al-Dubyyan, 245-212, in the other semi.

The champion also rolled the highest game of the tour in the opening round when he thrashed tour debutant, Tomokatsu Yamashita of Japan, 258-196, and posted another

big game when he beat Kuwait's Mohammed Kamel, 248-190 in Round 2. The runnerup edged Thailand's Yannaphon Larpapharat, 197-190, in his first round and humbled UAE's Naif Oqab, 217-162, in the second round.

The ABF Tour Kuwait leg was broadcast over live over Kuwait TV and the highlights will be telecast over the eight countries where the tour will be held this year.

The next stop will be the Saudi leg, which will be held on April 9. For further information and details, please contact ABF Tour Committee at Tel: +852 2893 6039, Fax: +852 2893 6290; Email: info@abftour.com.

Photo: Al-Suwaidi receives his trophy from ABF President Sheikh Talal

Photo and text by Terence Yaw

MALTA: On March 20, 2010, the European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF), signed an agreement with Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia (SO EE).



The agreement was signed in Valetta, Malta by the Managing Director of SO EE, Mrs. Mary Davis and the President of ETBF, Mr. Addie Ophelders (photo).

The ETBF proclaimed their unanimous support and affinity for Special Olympics Europe/Eurasia and all its bowling players, whose extraordinary courage, on and off the lanes, represent the true spirit of sportsmanship.

SO EE obtains the unanimous support of ETBF and conveys this to all their athletes and supporters, with the purpose of enhancing the sport of Bowling.

Through this partnership, we will endeavor to ensure that more and more people, with intellectual disabilities, have the opportunity to enjoy and benefits of bowling.

Bowling is one of the 31 sports of which SO EE offers year round training and competitions. SO EE works with 500,000 athletes in 58 countries across Europe and Central Asia. Worldwide there are more than 3.2 million athletes with intellectual disabilities across 175 countries.

I am advising our 49 member federations in Europe to contact the SO organization in their respective countries and see how they can cooperate and help each other.

Addie Ophelders. President ETBF

NETHERLANDS: From October 20 - 24 Dolfijn Bowling, Tilburg will organize for the first time the Columbia 300 Senior Open. This tournament is a tour stop from ISBT and sanctioned by the ETBF.

For further information please visit our website: www.dolfijnsenioropen.nl .

For registrations, just apply on: www.entriesonline.nl .

In August, 2010 the Kegel Training Center Europe will be opened. In this center it will be possible – on all levels - to improve bowling skills. We will be using CATS and Video analysis to show players' strong and weak points.

For more information: www.kegeltrainingcenter.nl

Ronald Dol



SAUDI ARABIA: In the 4th Kingdom Saudi International Open, which ran April 3-8 in Riyadh, Singaporean Remy Ong had a dream debut by winning in convincing fashion and was undefeated throughout the final stages on the final day.

Ong made the double elimination knockout finals in ninth position in the semi-finals, then won the first game against challenger, Patrick Healey of USA, 229-196, for a 35 pin margin in the two-game

total pinfall title match.



Both the title contenders were struggling in the early stage of the first match, especially on the fresh lanes. While Ong hit the pocket most of the time but could not get the carry, Healey was struggling to find the pocket.

Ong sailed through the second game with 235-187 for a 464-383 victory to take title along with the top prize of US\$25,000. The Singaporean also made history by becoming the first champion to win undefeated in all the stages.

"Starting on the fresh lanes for the title match was not easy," said the delighted 32-year-old champion. "I had to make a lot of adjustments and was only able to find the proper line to bowl so that I can get the carry. Both of us were struggling in the early stages.

"This victory has definitely made up for the disappointment in the Dubai Open and Emir Cup, which I had a good opportunity to win. But I'm happy to come away with the win especially this championship being my first."

Ong beat Norwegian Mads Sandbaekken in the all-lefty Stage 6 encounter, 463-396, after edging Kuwait Open champion Osku Palermaa of Finland, 384-37,5 in Stage 4. Ong first ousted Malaysia's Zulmazran Zulkifli, 400-355, in Stage 2 then beat Ryan Lalisang of Indonesia, 435, 407, in Stage 3.

Healey beat Kuwait's Mohammed Kamel, 462-409 in Stage 6 finals before thrashing Sandbaekken, 424-296 in Stage 7 to advance to the Stage 8 title match against Ong. The 41-year-old former PBA settled for US\$13,000.

Final standings: 1. Remy Ong, Singapore US\$25,000; 2. Patrick Healey, Jr., United States \$13,000; 3. Mads Sandbaekken, Norway \$8,000; 4. Mohammad Kamel, Kuwait \$5,000; 5. Dominic Barrett, England \$3,500; 6. Osku Palermaa, Finland \$3,500; 7. Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia \$2,750; 8. HRH Abdul Hakim, Saudi Arabia \$2,750.

Text and photo: Terence Yaw

SINGAPORE: The 43rd Singapore Open will this year be hosted by the 36-lane Orchid Bowl at the Orchid Country Club in Singapore, May 25 – June 5.

A first place prize is S\$25,000 (US\$17,900) with prize money paid down to 16th place. The top women's prize is S\$5,000 with prize money down to tenth place.

Full details on www.singaporebowling.org.sg

Keith Hale

SLOVENIA: The 4th QubicaAMF Open will be the next stage of the 2010 European Bowling Tour (EBT). This



prestigious event will be hosted by the well-known 28-lane Gladiator Arena bowling center in Ljubljana, the host center of the World Cup back in 2005. Dates of competition are April 13 through 18.

A first place prize of €6,000 awaits the champion and prizes are paid down to 44th place. The negative is that 25% tax is deducted from all prizes.

One well-known PBA champion already on the entry list is Steve Jaros. He will be up against Europe's top players and will not have an easy ride through to the final rounds on the Sunday.

Full details and entry form on: www.arena.si/qubicaamfopen2010/en/.

Keith Hale

SWEDEN: Martin Larsen (pictured) is back in the winner's circle after defeating Team Pergamon team mate Tomas Leandersson in the title match of the second Super Six stop 2010.



The final match at the brand new 18 lane center at Arena Skövde was a one-sided story. Leandersson opened in both the first and fifth frames while Larsen started with a spare and a four-bagger to run away with the victory, 247-180.

"I have narrowly missed to many cuts recently. Although my low level has been high, I have not been able to play well enough in the final steps of the tournaments. That's why this win is huge for me," said Martin. Larsen seemed comfortable on the WTBA long oil pattern 'Tokyo' which was used in this tournament.

"The Super Six organizers have decided to use the WTBA lane patterns this year and we are very happy with that. It gives us national team players an important opportunity to have a better preparation for the World Championship in Munich later this year," Martin Larsen added. Four players qualified for the stepladder. In the first match 21-year old Mattias Wetterberg defeated Malin Glendert, the tournament's best

female player, 198-172. In the second match Larsen was in total control as he opened with seven strikes to put away Wetterberg, 232-155.

"I had two good games in the step ladder, including a couple of lucky strikes," said Martin.

For Tomas Leandersson, also the coach of the Swedish men's national team, Larsen's showing was a positive sign.

"More important than the win was that Martin played very good bowling all weekend. We have a seven month preparation period for our team before the World Championship and we are right on schedule," Tomas said.

Final results at O'Learys Tournament Skövde 2010: 1/ Martin Larsen 40 000 SEK (US\$5,500); 2/ Tomas Leandersson 25 000 SEK; 3/ Mattias Wetterberg 15 000 SEK; 4/ Malin Glendert 10 000 SEK; 5/ Tobias Karlsson 8 000 SEK; 6/ Martin Paulsson 8 000 SEK; 7/ Kristoffer Hagelberg 8 000 SEK; 8/ Per Jansson 8 000 SEK.

Step ladder: Wetterberg def. Glendert 198-172; Larsen def. Wetterberg 232-155; Larsen def. Leandersson 247-180.

All results are available at <http://supersix2010.skovdebowlngcenter.se/dynamic/start.asp>

Hans Karlsson, Press Officer, Swedish Bowling Federation

UNITED STATES: El Paso, Texas - The 2010 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships in El Paso, Texas, kicked off its 100-day run Saturday afternoon, March 27 as the first of nearly 6,000 teams took to the tournament lanes at the recently-transformed El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center.



As the USBC Women's Championships entered a convention-center setting for the first time in its 91-year history, bowlers and spectators were treated to the opening ceremonies, which helped usher the tournament into a new era.

Festivities included the traditional mass ball shot, a ribbon cutting featuring El Paso mayor John Cook and USBC Executive Director Stu Upson and the ceremonial first ball thrown out by former El Paso major Suzie Azar. Entertainment was provided by Mariachi Flores Mexicana and VIVA! El Paso.

"I want to bowl opening day every year," said Cyndi Hollinger of Wildomar, Calif., who competed in her ninth Women's Championships. "The performance was great, and this venue is a lot different than we are used to. I wasn't sure how it would turn out, but it's wonderful."

USBC crews began to transform the El Paso Convention and Performing Arts Center into a state-of-the-art 48-lane bowling facility on Jan. 25. Many of the bowlers on the opening squad appreciated the efforts taken to build a one-of-a-kind setting for women bowlers.

"Most of us work in a bowling center, so we know what kind of work happens behind the scenes," said Ellie Fears of Lake Elsinore, Calif., who bowled in her 10th Women's Championships and works at Trevi Lanes in Lake Elsinore.

"We really appreciate what they did for us."

Also new to the Women's Championships this year is the introduction of three average-based divisions, instead of five, which will be contested using 100-percent handicap. The divisions are named Diamond, Ruby and Sapphire.

Presenting sponsors for the 2010 USBC Women's Championships are Nationwide Insurance; Kegel, official lane maintenance provider; US Steltronic, official scoring system; Brunswick; Storm Bowling Products Inc.; and the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau.

For more information on the USBC Women's Championships, visit www.USBCwomenschampionships.com.

Lucas Wiseman, USBC Communications

Arlington, Texas – William “Bill” Beach, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame member, died March 22 in Hermitage, Pa., after a brief illness. He was 80.

Beach was inducted into the American Bowling Congress (now USBC) Hall of Fame in 1991. He won five ABC titles, including the 1972 ABC Masters.

Following his service in the U.S. Air Force, Beach worked as a barber in Sharon, Pa., before joining the Professional Bowlers Association Tour in 1966. In 1972, he provided one of the most exciting moments in Masters' history when he came through the losers' bracket of the double-elimination tournament to defeat defending Masters' champion Jim Godman. Beach rolled clutch shots in the finals frames of each match, winning the first match, 889-876, before edging Godman, 919-914, for the title.

Also in 1972, Beach won the PBA Don Carter Ebonite Open in Arcadia, Calif., for his only PBA Tour title, and picked up his third and fourth ABC (now USBC Open) titles by winning Classic singles and all-events titles. He was selected to the Bowlers Journal All-American Team that year.

He had numerous top-five finishes on the PBA Tour, including the Detroit Open, the Syracuse Open, the Houston Open, and the Winston-Salem Classic. When the PBA started its senior tour in 1981, Beach captured the first championship of the new tour in New Orleans.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Dolores Olshavsky, son William “Bill” Beach Jr., daughters Lorraine McGlone and Elaine Haskins, brother Ray Beach, sister Louise Beach, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2010, at St. Joseph Church in Sharon.

Entombment will be at St. Rose Cemetery Mausoleum in Hermitage, with military honors rendered by the Sharon Honor Guard.

Terry Bigham, USBC Communications

Seattle, Wash. (March 24, 2010) – Expanding upon its preview of the 2010-11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season unveiled a week earlier, the Professional Bowlers Association announced Wednesday it will integrate its 2010 World Series of Bowling into a five-stage PBA World Championship, creating a multi-faceted showcase of bowling to launch the PBA Tour's 52nd season.

The road to the World Championship will begin at the PBA Regional Players Championship which returns to Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich., May 28-31.

The RPC will be the first step in providing aspiring professional bowlers with unique opportunities to participate in the revamped PBA World Series of Bowling and PBA World Championship, plus earn a shot at the \$250,000 first prize in the \$1 million PBA Tournament of Champions.

For Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour exempt players, the season will tentatively begin Oct. 25-Nov. 7 in Las Vegas with a redesigned PBA World Series of Bowling and PBA World Championship which will be similar in concept to the Tour de France bicycling championship. The World Series will consist of daily “stages” in a bigger race because overall performance in five one-day “animal pattern” tournaments (Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark lane conditions) will lead to the overall grand prize – the PBA World Championship.

The World Series of Bowling will consist of daily fields of 96 players and each event will pay a \$10,000 first prize, with \$1,000 for 32nd place (last-to-cash). Each “stage” also will produce its own television final which will be taped at the conclusion of the series.

While the format for the animal pattern stages has not been finalized, the fields will include players who have earned exemptions for the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour through 2009-10 points and titles won during the 2009-10 season or before (for major championships), the top seven finishers in the 2009 PBA Regional Players Invitational and 20 players who qualify in an optional "World Series Trials" portion of the Regional Players Championship.

Another 15 players will qualify in a second World Series Trials event which will be conducted in Las Vegas. There will be daily "Tour Qualifying Rounds" prior to each daily event for a minimum of five spots and a handful of players will receive Commissioner's Exemptions to complete the fields of 96.

Overall performance is critical because total pinfall for all five events will determine the standings for the 2010 PBA World Championship. The top 32 in overall pinfall will cash, but the top eight will remain in contention for the \$50,000 first prize, a major title and a multi-year PBA Tour exemption by advancing to a unique three-day PBA World Championship stepladder final that will air live on ESPN's family of stations at a time to be announced.

For hundreds of bowlers chasing the same dream that PBA World Champion Tom Smallwood and PBA Tournament of Champions winner Kelly Kulick realized during the 2009-10 season, it all gets started in suburban Detroit at the same center where the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling took place last August. The initial World Series drew more than 700 bowlers from 14 nations into an unprecedented showcase for the sport.

The winner of the 2010 Regional Players Championship – which is open exclusively to non-exempt PBA members – will win a projected \$8,000. As one of the PBA's two Regional major titles, the winner also will receive a paid entry into the richest PBA Tournament of Champions in history, a \$1 million event with a record \$250,000 first prize. The RPC entry fee is \$295.

RPC competitors who elect to pay an additional \$500 entry fee will bowl for 20 exemptions into the World Series of Bowling. There will be no PBA Tour Trials this season. Instead, the new PBA World Series Trials will be based on total pinfall for the 16 qualifying games in the RPC. The top 20 World Series Trials players will be exempt for all PBA World Series events with no additional entry fees.

Additional details involving dates, tournament and television formats, and additional PBA Tour events for 2010-11 will be announced as soon they are finalized.

Bill Vint, pba.com

Muskegon, Mich., – Brunswick Bowling, the worldwide leader in bowling, has launched a new Web site to serve people who bowl – more than 100 million participants each year – as well as upgraded its Web site for bowling center proprietors in North America, Europe and Asia.

For bowlers, the new Brunswick Web site at www.bowlwithbrunswick.com, explodes with dramatic photos of pro bowlers and hot new products. The site features more than 70 Brunswick bowling balls, including newly released bowling balls as well as old favorites, professional-grade bowling bags and accessories. Also, visitors will find bowling shoes, jackets, hats and shirts. At the new Brunswick Web site, fans can follow quick links to news on the PBA Tour, Japan Cup and Brunswick Euro Challenge. Track the latest high-scoring news with an RSS feed and "Meet the Pros" like Brad Angelo, Diandra Asbaty, Stefanie Nation, Sean Rash and more – complete with titles, awards, personal stats, number of 300 games and other information. The Brunswick Web site also includes a list of top Brunswick U.S. regional and international bowling pros.

Pro Shops can log in for downloadable images and video as well as promotional materials. Interactive features include a Brunswick pro shop locator, photo galleries, videos and tips from the pros.

The new Brunswick Web site is one element of a new branding initiative that the company developed in 2009 for the International Bowl Expo Convention in Las Vegas, and continues to roll out in 2010. Award-winning Brunswick ads that skillfully capture the emotions of people of all ages while they are bowling – such as the bonding between father and son, and the feeling of being your best while focusing to get that strike – appear on the new Web site.

For bowling center proprietors, managers, mechanics and those interested in new center development, the Brunswick Web site, at www.brunswickbowling.com, has been redesigned to complement the look of the consumer Web site.

However, its content focuses on the business of bowling: innovative bowling technology and equipment, owner testimonials and industry news. Upgrade options feature PBA-endorsed Pro Lane™, pin deck lighting, sophisticated scoring systems, video screen masking units, contemporary furniture and customized décor support from Brunswick. With Brunswick Build-to-Bowl®, proprietors can use site selection, design, engineering, construction and financing services from Brunswick to integrate bowling into popular new family entertainment centers and corporate meeting locations. For new entrepreneurs, Brunswick offers an Investment section for evaluating business models to create different packages of bowling products and services.

"One goal of the Brunswick Web sites is to help people find what they need quickly when they are searching for news about our products and business innovations," said Brent Perrier, president of Brunswick Bowling Products. "But it's also to create an exciting, high-energy presence that supports our brand. Our Web sites are the fundamental place to go for bowling information, whether you're a serious bowler, a bowling enthusiast or you're in the business of bowling."

Kristin Filz

Arlington, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has released an extensive list of free live streaming events that will be broadcast on BOWL.com over the next three months.

Bowling fans around the world will be able to tune in and watch events they have never been able to see before or enhanced coverage of events that have only had TV finals coverage in the past.

"USBC is committed to bringing bowling fans live streaming coverage of its events," USBC Managing Director of Media Pete Tredwell said. "In all, there's nearly 30 days over the next few months of live streaming, and we hope this is just the beginning of much more to come."

The upcoming schedule kicked off with the PBA Experience Showdown qualifying round on Tuesday, April 6 as six amateurs vied for a spot on the PBA Experience Showdown telecast.

That was followed the next day by a special challenge match between NASCAR Sprint Cup Series star Matt Kenseth and USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke.

Among the events that will be featured over the next few months are the USBC Queens, U.S. Women's Open, USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships, USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships, USBC Open Championships, USBC Women's Championships and the USBC Convention. Events are subject to change.

USBC LIVE STREAMING SCHEDULE (All times Eastern; schedule subject to change)

April 8: 2:40 p.m. – John Janawicz at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

April 15: 10 a.m. – Intercollegiate Team Championships qualifying, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 16: 10 a.m. - Intercollegiate Team Championships match play, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

11:30 p.m. – Steve Fehr and his Browning Pontiac team at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

April 17: 10 a.m. - Intercollegiate Team Championships semifinals, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 21: 8:30 p.m. – Defending all-events champion Ron Vokes at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

April 22: TBD – USBC Women's Championships coverage, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 23: TBD – USBC Women's Championships coverage, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 24: 11 a.m. – USBC Queens qualifying, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 25: 11 a.m. – USBC Queens qualifying, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 26: 11 a.m. – USBC Queens qualifying, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

3 p.m. – USBC Queens match play, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 27: 9 a.m. – USBC Queens match play, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 28: Noon – USBC Senior Queens championship, El Paso Convention Center, El Paso, Texas

April 30: 5 p.m. – Annual Meeting from USBC Convention, Reno, Nev.

May 1: Noon – Annual Meeting from USBC Convention, Reno, Nev.

May 6: 8:30 p.m. – Defending singles champion Bo Goergen at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

May 7: 8:45 a.m. - U.S. Women's Open qualifying, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, Texas

May 8: 8:45 a.m. - U.S. Women's Open qualifying, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, Texas

May 9: 8:45 a.m. - U.S. Women's Open qualifying, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, Texas

May 10: 9:45 a.m. - U.S. Women's Open match play, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, Texas

May 11: 9:45 a.m. - U.S. Women's Open match play, Cityview Lanes, Fort Worth, Texas

May 12: 2:30 p.m. – USBC Hall of Fame induction ceremonies, International Bowling Campus, Arlington, Texas

May 13: 11:30 p.m. – Nelson Silverstrim (60 years) and Theodore Haefner (50 years) honored for participation at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

May 17: 10:30 a.m. – USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships qualifying, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas

May 18: 8:30 a.m. – USBC Intercollegiate Singles Championships match play, AMF Eules Lanes, Eules, Texas

May 29: 12:20 p.m. – Clara Guerrero at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

June 13: 8:30 p.m. – Kelly Kulick at USBC Open Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

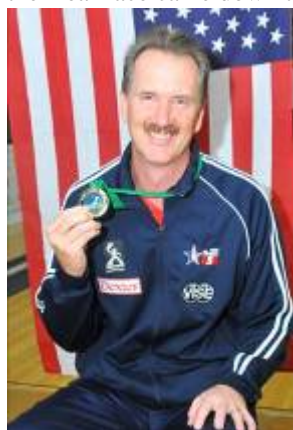
June 27: 2:40 p.m. – Defending doubles champions Brenda Edwards and Stephen Padilla at USBC Open

Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

Lucas Wiseman, USBC Communications

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Seattle, Wash. – For the second consecutive year, the Professional Bowlers Association's Chris Schenkel Player of the Year race came down to the final game and the eventual winner had to watch from the sidelines to await his fate.



When it was over, Walter Ray Williams Jr. won a record seventh Player of the Year honor at the conclusion of the season-ending Lumber Liquidators Marathon Open in Baltimore April 4, after going into the event tied in the points race with Bill O'Neill. Mike Scroggins was third, a longshot, but still in the mix until he lost in the title match to Pete Weber.

Williams thus became the first to win the PBA Player of the Year title seven times, breaking a tie with the late Earl Anthony. And at age 50, Williams also became the oldest to win the crown breaking the previous record of 45 held by Anthony.

He also is thought to be the oldest player in any major sport to win his sport's season-long points or "most valuable" title.

"I could never have imagined winning Player of the Year seven times and at my age I didn't think it was even a possibility," Williams said. "But after I won the first tournament of the season I thought if I could win one more, or a

major, that I could be in contention at the end."

During the 2009-10 season Williams won two titles – the season-opening Motor City Open and the United States Bowling Congress Masters for his eighth major – to improve his all-time career titles record to 47. He had five championship round appearances and his titles in 2009-10 extended his record run of consecutive seasons with at least one title to 17.

As it turned out Scroggins almost achieved the biggest upset of his career, advancing to the ESPN final as the top qualifier which put him into a tie with Williams and O'Neill in Player of the Year points. Because Williams barely missed the TV final, winning the Marathon Open would have given Scroggins his first Player of the Year title. But Scroggins, who played a decisive role in last season's Player of the Year race with his win in the U.S. Open, suffered the same fate himself this time when Weber denied him the honor handing the Player of the Year crown to Williams. The tie between the three players was broken by virtue of Williams having earned his eighth Harry Smith Point Leader Award, also a record. In the overall competition points race for the season, Williams held a comfortable lead over O'Neill and Scroggins.

"It was a season where a lot of guys had very good years but no one really dominated, which probably played in my favor," Williams added. "I just had a little better year. I would have liked to have won it by making the finals (of

the Marathon Open), but there were five other guys who had a better tournament than me.”

Williams, who began his full-time Tour career in 1983 and has competed in 723 Tour events, earned his Player of the Year crowns over a 24-year span. His previous Player of the Year honors came in the 1986, '93, '96, '97, '98 and 2002-03 seasons.

Even with all he has accomplished, Williams lists a Tournament of Champions victory and a 300 game on television as two goals he would still like to accomplish. Next season's Tournament of Champions will feature a record \$1 million prize fund and \$250,000 first prize.

“As long as I'm still competitive and feel good I'll keep going,” Williams said. “I'm really looking forward to next year's Tournament of Champions - that will be so big.”

Williams' plans for the near future include competing in his 25th Japan Cup (April 22-25) (he is the only player who has competed in every Japan Cup in its modern configuration) and making his Senior Tour debut sometime this season.

“I plan to bowl Senior Tour events this season but it's a pretty busy schedule the next few months with some possible schedule conflicts with Teams USA and other events, so I'm not quite sure how many I'll be able to bowl,” Williams said. “I hope to be able to bowl at least three, but I'll have to see how the schedule works out.” *Jerry Schneider, PBA*

Photo: Walter Ray Williams with his Masters' gold medal at the 2008 World Men's Championships (Terence Yaw)

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Plans are now in place for the 3rd annual August Military Handicap Team/Singles/Doubles tournament at Sam's Town in Las Vegas.

Brochures can be viewed and printed now from www.high-roller.com or www.militarybowlingchampionships.com.

Roto Grip is the presenting sponsor and will add money to the purse to make this the largest year ever. With each year, the field has grown and more are expected this year. This year's dates are August 23rd - 26th.

The event features 4-person team, singles and doubles.

Each team must contain at least two members with a military background: Veterans, Retired or Active Duty. Each team can also contain up to two spouses, dependants or guests.

Each team bowls Team, Doubles and Singles events as part of the \$160 per player entry fee. There are re-entry squads available for each event.

There are special prizes for mixed and senior teams and also some scratch prizes. There is also an optional All Events purse and Optional Mixed Doubles and Sweepers. Each entrant gets a free clinic from Storm. *Brad Edelman*

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