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From the Media and Communications Department of the Fédération Internationale des Quilleurs we are glad to inform you that we have uploaded new videos in the Sports Hub Multi Sport Video Platform: videos of the recent Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships in Abu Dhabi and an excellent video report of the Australian Masters Tenpin Bowling. You may access the FIQ SportAccord channel by clicking on the corresponding icon on the FIQ webpage, [www.fiq.org](http://www.fiq.org), by clicking on the corresponding icon on the SportAccord website, [www.sportaccord.com](http://www.sportaccord.com), or by clicking on the following link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/fiqchannel>

We urge you to collaborate with this media and communications project for the promotion of our sport by sending us your videos so that we may help you in the diffusion and promotion process.

*Joan Ricart, FIQ 1st Vice President, FIQ Resource and Development Centre*

**ASIAN RANKINGS:** Kuwait and Indonesia share the Asian Ranking honors after the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Open and the ABF Tour – Saudi leg. Terence Yaw’s full reports below.

Rank	MEN			WOMEN		
	Bowler Name	Ctry	Points	Bowler Name	Ctry	Points
1	KHALED AL DUBBYAN	KUW	167.0	TANNYA ROUMIMPER	INA	50.0
2	SAYED IBRAHIM AL HASHEMI	UAE	162.0	LIZA CLUTARIO	PHI	40.0
3	SHAKER ALI AL HASSAN	UAE	160.0	VANESSA FUNG	HKG	40.0
4	JASON BELMONTE	AUS	120.0	NADIA AL AWADHI	BRN	30.0
5	HUSSAIN AL-SUWAIDI	UAE	114.0	PUTTY ARMEIN	INA	30.0
6	WU SIU HONG	HKG	111.0	SHAYNA NG LIN ZHI	SIN	26.0
7	MOHAMMED JANAHI	BRN	96.0	GERALDINE NG SU YI	SIN	24.0
8	YANNAPHON LARPAPHARAT	THA	95.0	CHAN SHUK HAN	HKG	22.0
9	MOHAMMED AL-RAGEEBAH	KUW	93.0	UELLA MARCIAL	PHI	20.0
10	BASEL AL-ANZI	KUW	91.0	LAI KIN NGOH	MAS	20.0
11	RYAN LALISANG	INA	84.0	KHOLOUD AKRAM	UAE	18.0
12	MAHMOOD AL ATTAR	UAE	79.0	LIZA DEL ROSARIO	PHI	18.0
13	REMY ONG	SIN	77.0	SARAH AL MULLA	UAE	16.0
14	MUBARAK ALI AL-MURAIKHI	QAT	75.0	FILOMENA CHOI	MAC	16.0
15	JASSEM DARWISH	KUW	72.0	TINA TABON	PHI	15.0
16	KHALED AL-HAMDAN	KSA	70.0	RAHMA MUBARAK	UAE	14.0

Rankings after: 2nd Dubai Open, ABF Tour UAE 2011 and H.H. Emir Cup 2011, 8th Kuwait Open, ABF Tour Kuwait 2011, 5th Saudi Open and ABF Tour Saudi 2011.

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**CATALONIA:** The 14<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Challenge Cup, staged at the 14-lane Bowling Pedralbes in Barcelona, exceeded all expectations for talent, enjoyment and great organization, although the schedule did go a little awry on the final day. This year, tournament organizers Promedia, a large sport promotion company, working with the outstanding crew of the Catalan Bowling Federation, attracted a record 13 nations, bringing in newcomers Croatia, Slovenia and Tunisia. Competition was programmed over five days with Singles, Doubles, Mixed Team and Masters events, the All Events medals being awarded over 18 games.



**Men's Masters medalists**

Bowling Pedralbes, the small center with the big heart, pulls out all the stops with annual events like the Catalonia Open, Barcelona Open and the bi-annual Federation Cup, so comes as a favorite international center on the bio sheets of many international players, and it will certainly rate highly when the players get quizzed by their federation chiefs on arrival back home.



**Women's Masters medalists**

So attractive is this annual event that there were very unusually many federation presidents along with their teams and the events was also honored to have European Tenpin Bowling Federation President Addie Ophelders, a very popular figure when able to attend tournaments.

“The popularity of this event grows year by year, tournament director Roni Ashkenzi told us. “It is wonderful to have the three new countries joining us this year and I am very pleased to announce that the 2012 MCC will be held at the Rose ‘n Bowl, in Serravalle, San Marino. I hope we can increase to 18 teams, maybe more.”

Currently, 23 nations compete in the multi-sport quadrennial Mediterranean Games and as most of those have tenpin bowling it is an aim to be a part of that event.

One more discipline will be added to next year’s schedule as Mixed Doubles has been requested. Also, the Masters finals will be changed from best of three games to total pinfall over two games so as to be able schedule the finals easier for TV and web streaming.

Competition called for six games in each discipline in the men’s and women’s divisions.

A surprise as the Singles gold went to Georgios Stefanidis for Greece and the women’s to Sue Abela of Malta. The surprise not being that the two talented athletes took first place, but that Abela’s score of 1328 was 47 pins higher than Stefanidis’ 1281 and the women’s silver was 147 pins behind.

As Sue Abela has competed in all 14 Mediterranean Cups and has medals from all but one, she has been nicknamed ‘Queen of the Mediterranean’ and in Barcelona certainly lived up to that regal reputation by adding to her golden moments the doubles, with Tiziana Carannante, then All Events, plus a bronze in the Masters.

Malta topped the medals table with three gold, plus one bronze. Greece followed up with two gold, three silver and two bronze. France did well with one gold, two silver and two bronze. Turkey, Italy and Cyprus also came away with gold.

Media coverage of the event has been high and there is much to view on: [www.fiq.org/mcc](http://www.fiq.org/mcc) and video coverage on: [www.fiqtv.com](http://www.fiqtv.com).

**MEDITERRANEAN CHALLENGE CUP**, Barcelona, Catalonia

**Men – Singles**, Gold: Georgios Stefanidis, Greece 1231; Silver: Habib Dogan, Turkey 1267; Bronze: Marco Reviglio, Italy 1244.

**Doubles** - Gold: Georgios Stefanidis/Evangelos Krizinis, Greece 2551; Silver: Habib Dogan/Taygun Erkeskin, Turkey 2502; Bronze: Ron Berlov/Lior Koren, Israel 2473.

**All Events (18 games)** – Gold: Habib Dogan, Turkey 3896; Silver: Georgios Stefanidis, Greece 3841; Bronze: Evangelos Krizinis, Greece 3829.

**Masters** – Gold: Marco Reviglio, Italy; Silver: Marcial Ovide, Catalonia; Bronze: Habib Dogan, Turkey & Georgios Stefanidis, Greece.

**Women – Singles**, Gold: Sue Abela, Malta 1328; Silver: Solene Goron, France 1181; Bronze: Rhona Gill, Israel 1180.

**Doubles** – Gold: Sue Abela/Tiziana Carannante, Malta 2340; Silver: Georgia Sagona/Martha Karatzoula, Greece 2306; Bronze: Lauriane Celie/Solene Goron, France 2284.

**All Events** – Gold: Sue Abela, Malta 3771; Silver: Solene Goron, France 3469; Bronze: Helga Biagia di Benedetto, Italy 3442.

**Masters** – Gold: Niki Chiza, Cyprus; Silver: Sandra Torrents, Catalonia; Bronze: Sue Abela, Malta & Lauriane Celie, France.

**Mixed Team** (4 players, 6 games) – Gold: France 4877; Silver: Greece 4865; Bronze: Catalonia 4727.

*Keith Hale*

**EUROPEAN RANKINGS:** Finland’s ace Osku Palermaa has fought his way back to the top of the 2011 European Bowling Tour Rankings, thanks to his outstanding performance and victory in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Track Dream Bowl Palace Open in Munich, Germany, ousting Johan Helldon of Sweden in the title match.

But no change in the women’s division as Carolyn Dorin-Ballard of the United States still tops the table with 320 points.

**Current standings after 6 events** – Men: 1. Osku Palermaa, Finland 334 points; 2. Thomas Larsen, Denmark 308; 3. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium 262; 4. Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia 250; 5. Paul Moor, England 245; 6. Dennis eklund, Sweden 201; 7. Mika Koivuniemi, Finland 198; 8. Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland 190; 9. Dominic Barrett, England 187; 10. Jesper Agerbo, Denmark 176; 11. Oliver Blase, Germany 165; 12. Sean Rash, United States 160; 13. Marco Baade, Germany 150; 14. Tore Torgersen, Norway 133; 15. Jouni Helminen, Finland 127; 16. Eike Kabowski, Germany.

**Women:** 1. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, United States 320; 2. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark 287; 3. Clara Guerrero, Colombia 278; 4. Krista Pollanen, Finland 275; 5. Nina Flack, Sweden 205; 6. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden 186; 7. Nadine Geissler, Germany 178; 8. Wendy Kok, Netherlands 171; 9. Patricia Luoto, Germany 155; 10. Jacqueline Sijore, Malaysia; 11. Nicole Sanders, Netherlands 147; 12. Nicki Ainge, England 146; 13. Isabelle Sacco, France 145; 14. Marilyn Planchard, France 144; 15. Janin Ribguth, Germany 140; 16. Anja Ginge Jensen, Denmark 130.

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During the IX Catalonia Open - Trofeu Galasa in Barcelona, Nicki Ainge from England was injured, which unfortunately later have forced her not to bowl for a period.



As a consequence, Nicki Ainge is unable to participate in the EBT Masters 2011, where she will be replaced by Birgit Pöppler from Germany.

The EBT Masters 2011 will be held on 11-12 April 2011 in Bowling Centre Gladiator Arena in Ljubljana - Slovenia, just after the conclusion of the Qubica/AMF Open 2011, which will be conducted in the same centre on 5-10 April 2011.

After the change in the women's division; the lists of attending players looks as follows:

**EBT Masters 2011 Women's Division:** Nina Flack, Sweden (1); Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden (2); Krista Pöllänen, Finland (3); Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark (5); Rebecka Larsen Jr., Sweden (6); Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark (7); Wendy Kok, The Netherlands (8); Nicole Sanders, The Netherlands (9); Ghislaine van der Tol, The Netherlands (10); Lisanne Breeschoten, The Netherlands (12); Rikke Holm Agerbo, Denmark (13); Tina Hulsch, Germany (14); Nina Manninen, Finland (15); Helén Johnsson, Sweden (16); Cherie Tan, Singapore (19); Birgit Pöppler, Germany (21).

**EBT Masters 2011 Men's Division:** Mika Koivuniemi, Finland (2); Osku Palermaa, Finland (3); Gery Verbruggen, Belgium (5); Thomas Larsen, Denmark (6); Paul Moor, England (7); Peter Ljung, Sweden (8); Mike Fagan, USA (9); Tore Torgersen, Norway (10); Mathias Aarup, Sweden (11); Dennis Eklund, Sweden (12); Jesper Agerbo, Denmark (14); Perttu Jussila, Finland (16); Martin Larsen, Sweden (17); Parker Bohn III, USA (18); Chris Loschetter, USA (19); Mads Sandbækken, Norway (21).

*Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, EBT Director*



**Mika Koivuniemi of Finland was inducted into the WBW Hall of Fame at the Dream Bowl Palace Open with a nice ceremony arranged by (L to R) Martin Knoebl, Kim Thorsgaard Jensen and Roland Mueck.**

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**GERMANY:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Track Dream Bowl Palace Open attracted 246 competitors to Unterfohring, Munich, March 30 – April 2 and that two-handed delivery wizard, Osku Palermaa from Espoo, Finland, strode powerfully home with the €10,000 (euro) first prize.

The entry list could be listed as a Who's Who of international bowling as the players came from throughout Europe with a smattering of PBA members from the United States, none of whom made it further than the top eight for the finals.

This was the sixth stage of the 2011 European Bowling Tour and being a silver-rated event carried double ranking points and the 100 for the Open winner saw Palermaa back at the top of the rankings table.

As expected, scores were high for the six-game qualifying round with American Sean Rash topping the leader board with an outstanding 1545, a 257.5 average and that was just 34 pins above Mika Koivuniemi's 1511, the two to break 1500. There were, however, 27 scores in the 1400s.

The leading 42 were to qualify for the finals and sitting in final place was Germany's Michael Grabovac on 1390, quite a high figure for the cut. He also enjoyed a €1,000 bonus from Track and Emax Bowling Service for shooting the



Jesper Agerbo from Denmark headed the field of 16 to go forward to round two with the other eight qualifiers (9-16) and after the next four games it was lefty Paul Moor from England in the spotlight, shining the way for the twelve leaders to meet the eight stars from qualifying.



Eight were to qualify from the third stage, bringing in rounds of total pinfall over two games knockout through to the final. Four Finns, two Swedes, one Englishman and one American were to progress to the final octet, the top seed being Robert Andersson from Sweden, five pins ahead of Palermaa. These were followed by Paul Moor, England; Johan Hellden, Sweden; Mika Koivuniemi, Finland; Parker Bohn III, USA; Petteri Salonen and Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland. Left-handed Lehtonen took out Andersson, 483-452 and a surprise defeat for Koivuniemi to Hellden, 496-524. The other left-hander, Moor, had a tough battle to beat Bohn, 504-481, and the all-Finnish affair of Palermaa v Salonen went Palermaa's way, 498-443.

The semi-finals saw the line-up of Sweden versus Finland for the final as Palermaa defeated Lehtonen, rolling a 300 in his first game, 516-443, and Moor suffered at the talented hands of Hellden, 459-390.

The youth v experience final saw Palermaa stamp his authority on the match with a 278 opener to Hellden's 214. The Swede came back with 256 in the second game, but that was not enough as the Finn's 245 gave him a two-game total of 516 - 459.

The rafters of the fabulous 52-lane Dream Bowl Palace are, what, 12 meters high? Well, about that, but they still rang with the cheers for the newly-crowned champion.

Brunswick Euro Challenge look out, the 2012 Dream Bowl Palace Open will be a serious contender!

**2<sup>nd</sup> TRACK DREAM BOWL PALACE OPEN** (EBT 6/2011), Munich, Germany

1. Osku Palermaa, Finland €10,000; 2. Johan Hellden, Sweden €6,000; 3 - 4: €2,500

each: Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland, Paul Moor, England; 5 - 8, €1,500 each: Robert Andersson, Sweden, Mika Koivuniemi, Finland, Parker Bohn III, United States, Petteri Salonen, Finland. **Photos: Monika Roethel**



**Florian Fister (left) presents the €1,000 to Michael Grabovac**

**SAUDI ARABIA:** Remy Ong of Singapore successfully defended the 5th Kingdom International Open title after defeating another former champion, Shaker Al-Hassan of UAE in the all-lefty title match. Remy Ong, who squeezed into the top 5 qualifying bracket round in the second last squad on Monday after having been knocked out by two American PBA pros, started off cautiously with two spares, a strike and two more spares in the first game against challenger, Shaker Al-Hassan.



Two open frames in the fifth and six frames from the Emirati gave Ong the confidence to fire six consecutive strikes and took the first game, 236-202 for a 34 pins margin. Shaker made another error when

he missed a single pin in the second frame of the second game while Ong pulled away with six strikes-in-a-row to put the match beyond his opponent.

The champion easily won the second game, 239-188 for a two-game total victory with 475-390 en-route to successfully defending the crown he won last year.



"This is my first back-to-back title in my bowling career and I feel great," said the 32-year-old national bowler, Remy Ong after receiving the top prize of US\$25,000 as champion.

"When I was knocked out from the top 5 qualifying bracket, I thought it would be tough to make it in the second last squad on Monday. I'm glad I managed it otherwise I may not be bowling in the elimination rounds.

"The field here is extremely strong especially with six American PBA pros and several top Europeans and I had to pass three of them to reach the title match. And all these matches were by no means easy and it came down to the last few frames to decide the match.

"There is always ups and downs at top level competitions and not only many have high expectations of me, but I have high expectations for myself as well. I'm always happy to add another title to my resume."

Ong survived the first stage by edging American Tim Mack, 403-401 then sailed past another American PBA pro, Josh Blanchard, 466-382 in the winners' pool of the second stage.

Resting the third stage, Ong returned with his third victory over American PBA pro and top seed, Sean Rash, 439-421 to advance to the sixth stage and skipping the fifth.

The Singaporean beat yesterday's semi-finals leader and Asian Championship Masters gold medalist, Khaled Al-Dubyyan

of Kuwait, 420-389 to earn his place in the title match.

First runnerup, Shaker received a bye in the first stage from the injured Dominic Barrett of England but won his second stage before losing to Khaled in the fourth stage.

But a victory against Rash in the sixth stage and another victory in a re-match against Khaled in the seventh stage earn him a place in the finals meeting Ong. Unfortunately, Shaker had settle for US\$13,000 for finishing second.

Khaled took home US\$8,000 for third position, Rash US\$5,000 for fourth and England's Paul Moor rounded up the top five with US\$4,000. A total of 73 bowlers from fifth countries participated in this year's tournament.

The top 16 Asian finishers qualified for the second ABF Tour - Saudi leg.

*Terence Yaw in Riyadh*

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Debutant, Khaled Al-Hamdan captured a first-ever tour title for Saudi Arabia after defeating challenger, Mohammed Janahi of Bahrain 212-192 in the ABF Tour Saudi 2011 at Universal Bowling Center.

Khaled Al-Hamdan started the final match against Mohammed Janahi of Bahrain with a split in the first frame but recovered with a double strike to draw level with the Bahraini after the fourth frame.

Another strike in the fifth frame from the 17-year-old Saudi forced Mohammed into an error when he encountered a big-five split which he failed to spare.

However, Khaled did not capitalise as he too failed to spare in his sixth frame putting both the contenders level again. When Mohammed failed to spare in frame 7, Khaled this time took full advantage to knock down four consecutive strikes to pull away for a 30 pin lead.

Despite fighting back with three strikes from frame 9 by the Bahraini, Khaled had sealed the match and the title with 212-192. Khaled also became the first Saudi to win the tour title for the kingdom.

The champion had sailed through to the second round after edging Kuwait's Meshari Al-Fadhli, 165-135 and another Kuwaiti, Basel Al-Anzi 184-135 in the second round to make the semi-finals.

Mohammed Janahi scrapped through the second round with a narrow victory over Indonesia's Ryan Lalisang, 175-172 and Filipino, Ric Tugonon in the semi to face the Saudi.

Mr Fahad Hamad Al-Issa, secretary general of Saudi Bowling Federation presented the trophy to the champion, Khaled Al-Hamdan.

The next leg of this year's tour will be staged in Bangkok, Thailand on April 18 followed by the Macau, China on July 3. Two more legs will be held in Hong Kong and Indonesia.

For further information and details, please contact ABF Tour Committee at Tel: +852 2893 6039, Fax: +852 2893 6290; Email: [info@abfour.com](mailto:info@abfour.com).

*Terence Yaw in Riyadh*

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Englishman Dom Barrett and two Kuwaitis, Mohammed al-Rajeebah and Fahad al Regeeb, were injured in two separate quad-bike (ATV) accidents during the desert party of the 5th Kingdom International Open Bowling Tournament, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. All three were conscious and taken by ambulance to Kingdom hospital in Riyadh. Barrett had witnessed American Josh Blanchard crash a quad-bike a little earlier, but Blanchard had been lucky and despite flying over the handlebars, had walked away with only bruises.

Bowlers and party-goers alike were taking turns to ride the powerful quad-bikes and dune-buggies out into the night when Indonesian Ryan Lalisang drove back into the camp and rushed to tell Prince Hakim of the crash. A rescue party was sent out to check and discovered two separate accidents with all three bowlers in various states of injury.

Tim Mack, an experienced quad-bike rider, took charge of rallying rescuers and told the nearest bowler, who happened to be Hussain a-Suwaidi, to grab some bottles of water and jump on the back, then sped off out to the scene of the accidents.

Barrett was the first to arrive back, with a blood spattered forehead and swollen face, but sitting in the passenger seat of a dune buggy looking very frail. He was rushed to the rear of the camp for medical attention and to await the ambulance which had already been summoned. Next to arrive back, also sitting in a dune-buggy, was Fahad al Regeeb of Kuwait.

Fahad, who had only recently recovered from a broken wrist, was holding his arm and grimaced in pain.

The last to return to the camp was Mohammed al-Rajeebah. The big Kuwaiti was hidden in the back of a four wheel drive surrounded by a group of people and nurses, so his injuries were not visible, but rumours were of possible broken legs.

Dominic Barrett does have a broken left collar bone and did need stitches below his left eye. He and al-Rajeebah have both been moved to King Faisal Hospital and are in an area normally reserved for the Saudi Royal family.

*Talktenpin.net*

**SOUTH AFRICA:** The 47<sup>th</sup> QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup will be held in the Northcliff Bowling Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa, the site of the 1993 event. The "Big Game" will start on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011 with the finals on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Making the 2011 announcement, CEO and President John Walker said how excited he is to be bringing the World Cup back to South Africa and that it will be a great event and every one of our guests will be glad they

are there this year.

Our hosts, Let's Go Bowling South Africa, have added Northcliff to their chain of centres. It is a state-of-the-art 24-lane centre with the latest QubicaAMF equipment including Bowland our superior management and Conqueror Pro bowler friendly computerised systems, and the world's best, fastest and highest performance SPL lanes and XLi pinspotters. Gerald Paluzzi, head of Let's Go Bowling South Africa, commented: "It is a wonderful opportunity and a privilege to be able to host bowling's most prestigious tournament here in Johannesburg. Ever since we hosted the Bowling World Cup in 1993, it has been my dream to bring it back to South Africa. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the world's leading bowlers and we guarantee them, their supporters and visitors a most memorable event and experience."

Anne-Marie Board, QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup Manager, was also very pleased and said: "I am so happy to be able to take the World Cup back to Johannesburg. I know Gerald and all the team from Let's Go Bowling South Africa will look after us royally, as they did 18 years ago. That was my first tournament as World Cup Manager, so it has a special place in my heart."

The centre also boasts a pro shop which services the greater Gauteng Area along with top class coaching facilities.

Gerald Paluzzi went on to mention the other attractions of South Africa: "This country has been one of the hottest properties on the world's tourist schedules and we invite one and all to avail themselves of the wonderful country and its people and experience unsurpassed African hospitality."

Full details will follow of special deals with South African Airways.

The dates have been chosen to fit in with other key international bowling events.

South Africa's own Hall of Fame will open alongside the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup to honour those who have contributed so richly to the development of the industry and sport of bowling in the country.

The Champions of 1993 were Rainer Puisis of Germany and Pauline Smith-Buck of England. Only one South African has ever won the title – Anne Jacobs who won in Hermosillo, Mexico, in 1994.

South Africa has a population of over 50 million, the most famous and revered of whom is undoubtedly Nelson Mandela, often known as Madiba, his Xhosa tribe name. It is a country rich in sporting heritage, boasting world champions in many sports and it hosted the FIFA World Cup last year.

QubicaAMF Worldwide is the founder, organiser and principal sponsor of the Bowling World Cup. Additional information on the QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup, including archives and bulletins for this year's event can be found on

[www.qubicaamf.com](http://www.qubicaamf.com)

*Anne-Marie Board, QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup Manager*

**UNITED STATES: LAKE FOREST, Ill.** – Brunswick Corporation (NYSE: BC) announced that Warren N. Hardie, president – Brunswick Bowling & Billiards, has decided to retire May 1, 2011. Hardie has served in his present capacity since February 2006. He joined Brunswick in 1997 as senior vice president – Brunswick Indoor Recreation Group, and in 1998 was named as president – Bowling Retail, where he was responsible for the management and performance of more than 100 Brunswick-owned and operated bowling centers around the world.

"Warren has made significant contributions to our bowling retail, bowling products and billiards businesses," stated Brunswick Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Dustan E. McCoy. "We will miss his insight and experience in many areas."

Following Hardie's retirement, Brunswick Bowling & Billiards will report to Peter B. Hamilton, who will continue to serve as Brunswick's senior vice president and chief financial officer.

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Arlington, Texas – Texas association leader Ellen Goss, Indiana proprietor James Doty and former Bowling Inc. CEO David Patrick have been named winners of the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Recognition Awards.

Goss was selected as winner of the Helen Baker Outstanding Association Service Award, Doty the Proprietor of the Year Award and Patrick the Joyce Deitch Unity Award.



The Helen Baker Outstanding Association Service Award is named for the former Women's International Bowling Congress' fifth president. It annually recognizes an outstanding bowling leader who has made invaluable contributions to local and state associations as an innovator, creator and mentor of adult programs.

Goss has been a USBC member for 41 years and currently lives in Garland, Texas. She has volunteered for her local association and served as a delegate to the national convention for more than 20 years. Her leadership also includes involvement in the Texas Bowling Writer's Association, the 600 Club, the state nominating committee and Bowl for the Cure.

The Proprietor of the Year Award annually recognizes an outstanding bowling center proprietor for his/her enthusiastic support of local and state bowling associations and of national programs.

Doty serves as General Manager of Royal Pin Leisure Centers in Indianapolis. He works closely with USBC associations hosting events of all size and about 13,000 USBC members bowl league in one of his centers. An avid supporter of youth bowling, Doty's centers hosted the 2009 and 2010 USBC Junior Gold Championships and Youth Open. Nearly 20 local high school teams call one of Royal Pin's centers home.

The Joyce Deitch Unity Award is named for the seventh president of the WIBC. It recognizes organizations and individuals who have made important contributions to bowling by being motivators, visionaries, leaders and innovators. Patrick served as CEO for Bowling Inc. in the late 1990s. As bowling's membership organizations progressed toward a streamlined delivery system and merged organization, Patrick played a key role in unifying staff during a challenging political climate. Patrick made it a professional focus to promote unity and the ultimate goal of keeping the membership organizations working together.

Winners of the USBC Recognition Awards are selected by the USBC Board of Directors and will be formally recognized at the 2011 USBC Convention in Grapevine, Texas.

The interactive home of USBC is BOWL.com. Go to [twitter.com/USBC](https://twitter.com/USBC) for the fastest USBC headlines.

*Jason Overstreet, USBC Communications*

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Arlington, Texas – United States Bowling Congress Sport Bowling member Mike Reed of Honeoye, N.Y., became the first bowler to win an expenses-paid trip to the International Training and Research Center in the Team USA Fantasy Camp contest.

In a fan vote on BOWL.com, Reed topped three other finalists to win the trip by totaling 6,102 votes. Terrell Peterson of Killeen, Texas, finished with 4,219 votes, Aaron Koch of Grand Rapids, Mich., had 913 votes and Jeffrey Owens of Ithaca, N.Y., had 430 votes.

"I am absolutely ecstatic to win this contest," said Reed, who bowls in the Neo-Tac PBA Experience league at Clover Lanes. "This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to train with some of the best bowlers, coaches and equipment in the world. Being honest, the two-week voting period was pretty nerve-racking. My browser was glued to BOWL.com the whole time and it was hard to focus on other things."

All four bowlers became eligible for the contest by bowling a 200 game or better in their USBC Sport Bowling league and entering on BOWL.com. Every two months this year, four new bowlers will be randomly selected from those who entered for a chance to win a trip to the ITRC.

A total of six winners this year will receive trips to visit the International Bowling Campus, where they will train with Team USA coaches and then take on six members of Team USA in a special competition broadcast live on BOWL.com. The Team USA Fantasy Camp contest is open to any USBC Sport Bowling member who bowls a 200 game or higher in their USBC Sport Bowling certified league. After shooting a qualifying score, bowlers can enter by visiting [BOWL.com/sportbowling](http://BOWL.com/sportbowling).

"I would definitely encourage other USBC members to join Sport leagues," Reed said. "Having an opportunity to win this contest is certainly one good reason to join a Sport league. Sport leagues also test you in ways normal house patterns do not. They really show you where you are as a bowler and what you need to work on to get better. They drive you to improve your spare game and to read the lanes and adjust quicker."

The ITRC is home to some of the most innovative and cutting-edge coaching technologies available in the bowling industry today, including high-speed video cameras, motion-capture devices, foot-pressure sensors and goggles enhanced with cameras to show exactly where a player is looking during the approach and delivery. A DVR system also is in place and can record any video feed to let a bowler see what they did on their last shot as soon as they step off the lane.

Other technology includes Computer-Aided Tracking System, known as C.A.T.S. which consists of a series of sensors placed along the lane that measure aspects of a bowler's game such as ball speed, accuracy, launch angle, and break-point control. CA.T.S. is combined with BowlersMAP, which breaks down video of the players, to give the athletes a real-time look at their games.

A United States Olympic Committee-recognized training center, the ITRC is a joint venture of USBC and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America. It is the most innovative and advanced training, research and testing facility in the sport of bowling with 14 lanes for training and six for research and testing.

For more information on the Team USA Experience Fantasy Camp contest, visit [BOWL.com/sportbowling](http://BOWL.com/sportbowling).

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Indianapolis - The McKendree women and Davenport men went undefeated in match play to claim titles Sunday at the 2011 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Invitational.

McKendree took down St. Ambrose, 3-1, while Davenport defeated William Penn, 3-1, in the championship matches at Woodland Bowl. The event was streamed live on BOWL.com from start to finish.

After dropping the first game 220-185, the Bearcats battled back to win the next three to defeat St. Ambrose. McKendree, the runner-up at the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Team Championships last year, rolled with victories of 168-164, 217-186 and 243-159.

"All eight of my players had a great look, so I felt like I could use any of them at any time," McKendree women's coach Gary White said. "We just started steamrolling people in match play. It's one of those rolls you like to get on and it just kept going. The girls did a great job."

Davenport entered the double-elimination match-play bracket as the No. 15 seed after 24 games of qualifying on Thursday. The Panthers won the opening two games against William Penn, 183-176 and 205-190, before dropping the third game, 213-179. They took the fourth game 214-168 to lock up the win.

"We've got a group of guys who have really come to life in the last few weeks," Davenport men's coach Mike Baton said. "Our bracket seemed pretty tough, but some of the top teams got beat early and that really helped us out."

In the semi-finals, St. Ambrose took down Robert Morris (Illinois), 3-2, while William Penn knocked off Viterbo, 3-1, to advance.

NAIA elevated bowling to emerging sport status last summer. The move by one of the nation's governing bodies for collegiate athletics puts bowling on the path to becoming a championship sport for dozens of additional colleges and universities across the country.

In the 2010-11 season, teams from 28 schools fielded bowling teams. If 50 or more NAIA member institutions designate bowling as a varsity sport, then bowling will be eligible for championship sport status and an NAIA national championship. The NAIA has 50,000 student-athletes participating at nearly 300 member colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Divided into 25 conferences and the Association of Independent Institutions, the NAIA offers 23 championships in 13 sports. All NAIA bowling programs are members of USBC Collegiate.

A total of 23 men's teams and 22 women's teams competed in the NAIA Invitational. For more information on the event, including complete brackets, visit [BOWL.com/naia](http://BOWL.com/naia).

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Indianapolis, Ind. – Two-time Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour champion Jack Jurek; 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year Jason Belmonte and Chris Barnes, the newest member of the PBA Triple Crown club, advanced to the Conference Championships in the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs after victories in the Lucas Oil Regional Championships Round at Woodland Bowl.

The Lucas Oil Regional Championships Round, which aired Sunday, April 2 on ESPN, featured three three-player championship matches with the winner of each advancing to the Conference Championship Round while the two lowest scores in each match were eliminated. The Conference Championships will air Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern on ESPN.

Jurek, who finished second in the Bayer USBC Masters in February, used a string of four strikes and an otherwise clean game to top Wes Malott, 221-206, to win the Midwest Region championship. Bill O'Neill started with a pair of open frames and never got on track in finishing third with a 178.

Jurek dismissed the notion that his victory helped make up for his loss in the USBC Masters title match.

"I did have one guy come up and say that what he saw in the Masters (when Jurek helped calm a noticeably emotional Tom Hess in the 10th frame) was one of the nicest things he'd seen, so maybe good karma comes around," Jurek said. "It was a little tense, but when you get to TV and the lights affect the lanes a bit, and everyone is trying to get to that final spot, that all plays into keeping the scores down a bit and the excitement level up. That keeps the matches tight.

"I was pretty relaxed," he added. "That's my goal now when I get to TV – just relax and bowl, and let whatever happens happen. Too many times I've just been too uptight on TV and haven't performed well. I don't mind getting beat if a guy beats me, as long as I give myself a chance to perform. That's all I'm looking to do now."

Belmonte, seeking his second career title, had a pair of turkeys to overcome a pair of open frames in topping Brad Angelo, 211-202, in the Southwest Region finale. Dino Castillo's bid for his first PBA Tour title was derailed by three missed spares in a 160 game for third place.

"I had a really good look," Belmonte said. "The three bad shots I made were really bad. I got a little rushed and a little ahead of myself. I wanted to close out the match and I should have been a little more patient. I'm a little eager to win, but I think everyone else is as well. I just have to realize that I can't think too far ahead of myself. I have to focus on what my job is, and that's frame by frame, as clichéd as that may sound."

There was a point in the match when Angelo was distracted by a noise Belmonte apparently made with his water bottle, causing a moment of tension. But Belmonte dismissed the issue after talking with Angelo.

"There's no issue," Belmonte said. "(Brad) said good luck for the next match. We discussed it and we're good. He and I are going for a drink later on; there are no hard feelings."

Barnes topped former Wichita State University teammate Lonnie Waliczek, 217-201, with a clean game and a pair of doubles in the West/Northwest championship game. Waliczek's hopes for a third PBA Tour title, and his first since 2003,



ended when he followed a double with a pocket 7-10 in the ninth frame. Veteran PBA Midwest Region competitor Lennie Boresch Jr., making his PBA Tour television debut, threw only two strikes in finishing third with a 177 game.

“The pair was pretty choppy,” Barnes said. “The right lane had a hook spot in the front of the lane and once you got past that, it didn’t hook much at all. The left lane was better, but it was tighter down lane. I tried to make small moves because in practice, every time I had a bigger move I missed the headpin or left a split. When Lonnie got lined up, I thought I might be in trouble, but he was having some issues, too. But that 7-10 in the ninth was just a terrible break.

“I’ve always believed that good things happen to guys who work hard,” Barnes added. “He’s one of those guys, so I’m not surprised that Lonnie made the show. I’m disappointed for him, but if he had to lose to someone, I’m glad it was me.”

On Sunday, April 10, the Conference Championships telecast at 1 p.m. Eastern will include East Region winner Steve Jaros against South winner Randy Weiss,

Central champion Dick Allen vs. Midwest winner Jurek, and Southwest champ Belmonte vs. West/Northwest winner Barnes. The winners of those three matches will return to Woodland Bowl on Sunday, April 17, for the live ESPN finals at 1 p.m. Eastern.

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Midwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet Central Region winner Dick Allen on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Jack Jurek, Lackawanna, N.Y., 221.
- 2, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, 206, \$6,000.
- 3, Bill O’Neill, Southampton, Pa., 178, \$5,000.

Southwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships to meet West/Northwest Region winner Chris Barnes on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, 211.
- 2, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 202, \$6,000.
- 3, Dino Castillo, Carrollton, Texas, 160, \$5,000.

West/Northwest Region Championship (winner advances to Conference Championships

to meet Southwest Region winner Jason Belmonte on ESPN on Sunday, April 10, at 1 p.m. Eastern):

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, 217.
- 2, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 201, \$6,000.
- 3, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., 177, \$5,000.

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