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AUSTRALIA: One of Australia's most popular TBA-ranked tournaments is held each year at the Strathpine Hyperbowl in Brisbane. First staged in 2004, the K & K CLASSIC boasts a 'who's who' of Australian bowling talent as previous winners, with Brandon Qualischefski and Ann-Maree Putney two-time title holders.



Despite accruing numerous national and international titles, a place on the K & K Classic honour board had previously eluded Jason Belmonte, but Belmo stormed to a decisive win with a 242.1 average, notching up a further two perfect games along the way.

2005 K & K winner George Frilingos climbed from seventh place going into the matchplay finals to finish with a 222.5 average, edging out Brisbane's Carl Bottomley by just nine pins.

In the women's division, NSW Central Coast bowler Lexi Nicoll held off determined competition from Melbourne's Narelle Baker and last year's winner Rebecca Voukolos from Darwin to secure her first K & K Classic



title.

20-year-old Nicoll bowled consistently strongly throughout qualifying and matchplay, rolling a 214.1 average. Tenpin Bowling Australia recently announced Lexi Nicoll as part of the team to represent Australia at the forthcoming WTBA World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships in Helsinki.

"Bowling in Australia has been something I have missed greatly... spending time with my friends here means so much" said Belmo. "I plan to bowl as often in Australia as I can. "It also keeps my game tuned in for events such as the upcoming PBA Summer Series in New Jersey a few weeks away," he added.

Full scores can be viewed on TBA's official website – www.tenpin.org.au.

Lynne Clay

AUSTRIA: Tremendous success for the 19th European Senior Championships, organized by the European Senior Bowlers Committee from June 19 to 25 in Vienna, Austria.

An amazing number of players will be in action. 661 men and 291 women will play in three age groups, (A) 50 to 57 years old ; (B) 58 to 64 ; (C) 65 and more.

Bowling is excellent for health. The proof: 301 men and women will play in group A; 341 in B and 310 in C.

21 nations (or federations) will be present: Austria, Belgium, Catalonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey.

ESBC was founded in 1992 at La Rochelle France. The 20th anniversary will be celebrated next year in Israel.

Bernard Mora

CANADA: Caroline Lagrange of Montreal, Quebec and Art Oliver Jr., Hamilton, Ontario are the 2010 national champions.



The annual championships took place at Revs Bowling and Entertainment Centre, 5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC, May 21 – 24.

60 men and 36 women - competed for the right to represent Canada at international competitions in 2011. The entrants included 10 women and 17 men who will be under 20 years of age on January 1,

2011 and eligible for the Team Canada youth team.

The competition included eight games played each day on different lanes conditions – short and long oil. The field was reduced to 36 men and 24 women after 16 games and 18 men and 12 women on the final day which was played in head to head match play format – 12 games for a total of 36 games. .

Lagrange was the 2009 women's national champion, led the 2010 championship from day one. Both Lagrange and Oliver Jr. are multi-year Team Canada members.

Jennifer Park, Nanaimo, British Columbia earned the women's silver medal. Mark Buffa, Montreal, QC earned silver for the men. Felicia Wong, Calgary, Alberta and Michael Schmidt, Winnipeg, Manitoba earned the women's and men's bronze medal.

Completing the six national adult team positions are: Women: Kristy James, Dorval, QC, Dianne Buchanan, Brossard, QC and Robin Orlikowski, Grand Rapids, Michigan for the women. Orlikowski is a Canadian citizen living in the USA. Men: Joe Ciach, Mississauga, ON, Jack Guay, AB, David Simard, Granby, QC.

Melissa Courchesne, Carignan, QC and Zachary Wilkins, Barrie ON won the gold medals in the under 20 youth competition. Carrie Hopkinson, Drumbo, ON and Levi Rosnbaum, Estevan, Saskatchewan earned silver. The bronze medalist are Kirsti Long, Edmonton, AB and Joseph Franchewski, Winnipeg, MB. Danielle Lemoine, Winnipeg, MB and Marcus Dottermann, London, ON complete the youth team.

The 2011 women's team will compete at the Women's World Championships.

The men's team is scheduled to compete at the Pan American Bowling Conference (PABCON) men's championships.

The men and women's gold and silver medalist will bowl for Canada at the Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico in October of 2011.

Two men and women from the team will bowl for Canada at the 2011 Tournament of the Americas which will be held in Orlando, Florida in August.

The Youth Team Canada will participate at the 2011 PABCON Youth Championships and two girls and two boys will bowl for Canada at the Tournament of the Americas.

Complete results – www.gotenpinbowling.ca

Women's 36 games (includes 10 points for match play games won):

1. Caroline Lagrange, QC 7689; 2. Jennifer Park, BC 7611; 3. Felicia Wong, AB 7441; 4. Kristy James, QC 7412; 5. Robin Orlikowski, AB 7352; 6. Diane Buchanan, QC 7322; 7. Kimberley Green, BC 7177; 8. Kerrie Ryan-Ciach, ON 7175.

Youth women – 24 games: 1. Melissa Courchesne, QC 4363; 2. Kirsti Long, AB 4280; 3. Carrie Hopkinson, ON 4271; 4. Danielle Lemoine, MB 4182.

Adult and Youth Men's 36 games (includes 10 points for match games won): 1. Art Oliver Jr., ON 7507; 2. Mark Buffa, QC 7301; 3. Michael Schmidt, MB 7299; 4. Joe Ciach, ON 7290; 5. Jack Guay, AB 7235; 6. David Simard, QC 7174; 7. Brandon Riley, BC 7144; 8. Mark Decman, ON 7144.

Hazel McLeary, Public Relations Coordinator

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Jack Guay of Calgary, Alberta was inducted into the Canadian Tenpin Federation Hall of Fame at the closing banquet of the Canadian National Championships hosted by the Greater Vancouver & District Tenpin Bowling Association May 21 – 24, 2010.



Jack Guay

Guay is the 25th member of the Hall of Fame and joins 14 other athletes, one veteran and nine builders in the national tenpin hall.

Guay, the 2004 Canadian Male Bowler of the Year, is a three-time Team Canada member. He bowled for Canada at the 2003 World Championships in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the 2005 American Zone Championships at San Jose, Costa Rica. He will also be a member of the 2011 Team Canada as he finished fifth at the 2010 National Championships. He represented Canada at six Quibica/AMF Bowling World Cups and finished in the top 10 in each event. The Bowling World Cup is an individual event and includes representatives from 90 plus countries.

Guay bowled the first-ever perfect game at the 1994 Bowling World Cup in Hermisillo,

Mexico and followed with another 300 at the 1995 event in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

His major accomplishments include: 1999 TSN Pins Game Champion, 2004 CBC

Champion, 2006 Roto Grip Senior High Roller Easter Classic Champion and the only televised 300 game on TSN Pins Game.

Guay joins current members of the CTF Hall of Fame: Athletes: Cathy Townsend, Joanne Walker-Keefe, Ron Sarroino (deceased), Montreal, PQ, Jane Vetero, Kitchener-Waterloo, On., Fran Sanderson, Toronto, On, Lorna Pollock (deceased), Victoria, BC, Jean Gordon, Burnaby, BC, Frank Boehm, Regina, Sk, Catharine Willis, Hamilton, On., Bill Rowe, Hamilton, On., Craig Woodhouse, St. Catharines, On., Anne Saasto, Thunder Bay, On., Alan Tone, Hamilton, On., Howie Kotchie, Oakville, On. Veteran: Lil Hilton (deceased), Edmonton, Ab. Builders: Joan Esary, Coquitlam, BC, John Trager, Winnipeg, Mb, Ray Mitchell, White Rock, BC, Dorothy Nelson, Calgary, Ab, Harry Beatty (deceased), Barrie, On., Hazel McLeary, Victoria, BC, Joyce Woolgar (deceased), Norval, On., Adrian Bride, Winnipeg, Mb, Brian McLean, Thunder Bay, On.

The Canadian Tenpin Federation was formed in 1969 to qualify representatives for international competition. . CTF became a full membership organization on August 1, 2004 to deliver membership services to 40,000 plus registered tenpin bowlers in Canada. Memberships services had previously been provided by the American Bowling Congress, the Women's International Bowling Congress and the Young American Bowling Alliance who were headquartered in the USA.

Hazel McLeary, CTF Public Relations Coordinator

DENMARK: Dominic Barrett's fine win of the 2010 Bowltech Aalborg International brings right back to the top of the 2010 European Bowling Tour (EBT) rankings table, demoting Finland's Mika Koivuniemi into second place, 90 points back.



Pettite Nina Flack from Sweden holds on to her dominant place in the women's division, chased by Tina Hulsch but with a 99 point buffer.

Standings after Stage 9 – Women: 1. Nina Flack, Sweden 452 points; 2. Tina Hulsch, Germany 353; 3. Rebecka Larsen Jr., Sweden 325; 4. Joline Persson-Planefors, Sweden 301; 5. Krista Pollanen, Finland 285; 6. Diana Zavjalova, Latvia 268; 7. Nicole Sanders, Netherlands 258; 8. Cherie Tan, Singapore 250; 9. Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark 243; 10. Helen Johnsson, Sweden 234; 11. Priscilla Maaswinkel, Netherlands 233; 12. Nikki Ainge, England / Lisanne Breeschoten, Netherlands 228; 14. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark 213; 15. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark 209; 16. Nina Manninen, Finland 200.

Men: 1. Dominic Barrett, England 550; 2. Mika Koivuniemi, Finland 460; 3. Osku Palermaa, Finland 398; 4. Thomas Larsen, Denmark 311; 5. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium 291; 6. Parker Bohn III, United States 260; 7. Tomas Leandersson, Sweden 244; 8. Mathias Arup, Sweden 222; 9. Jesper Agerbo, Denmark 220; 10. Kimmo Lehtonen, Finland/Peter Ljung, Sweden 216; 12. Dennis Eklund, Sweden 214; 13. Michael Fagan, United States 200; 14. Paul Moor, England 184; 15. Martin Larsen, Sweden 172; 16. Tore Torgersen, Norway 171.

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The 2010 Bowltech Aalborg International, staged at the popular Lovvang Bowl in Aalborg, northern Denmark, May 24 – 30, attracted 176 entries from eleven nations across the 30 lanes with all rounds of competition played on the dual lane condition. This calls for the left lane of a pair being conditioned to 42 feet, the right lane on 38 feet.

Home international Kamilla Kjeldsen set the pace with 1445, not only winning the opening squad but being awarded a \$1,000 bonus for using an Ebonite bowling ball and wearing an Ebonite shirt. This bonus prize was to cost Ebonite another \$3,000 from the first four squads as winners were John Guldbaek, Jesper Agerbo and Thomas Larsen. Larsen went on to win another squad, including rolling the tournament's only perfect game, and with Paul Moor also joining the prize-winners the total cost to Ebonite for this promotion was \$6,000.



**Champion
Dominic Barrett**

Kjeldsen's 1445 stood until squad 7 when the ante was upped two pins by defending champion Martin Larsen from Sweden. That, in turn, was beaten by Mathias Arup of Sweden with 1466, then Petteri Salonen of Finland as he hit 1480 to win €1,000 as high qualifier.

The top 38 qualifiers plus four from the Desperado squad advanced to the finals on the Sunday and in groups of 24, according to their qualifying positions, played four games, starting from scratch until the field was reduced to twelve.

When the battle for the top dozen had subsided, Petteri Salonen still held the fort and he was joined by Mads Sandbaekken of Norway, England's Dominic Barrett and Jesper Agerbo of Denmark for the semi-finals.

All had been bowling superbly and it was not easy to predict the ultimate winner, let alone the finalists.

The total pinfall over two games saw Salonen and Agerbo tie on 404. A one shot roll-off gave Salonen his ticket into the final, 7-6.

The Barrett v Sandbaekken was more of a one-sided affair, Barrett advancing to the final 440-413 over the two games. A lackluster first game with Barrett leading 204-201 sprang into life with both players stringing strikes. However, the pendulum swung in favor of Barrett and he became the 2010 champion, beating Salonen, 460-445.

"I started off this tournament pretty well, then became a little lost," said Barrett after the final. "Mentally I was not quite there and focused in the middle of the week. Come Sunday, it's different. I woke up this morning feeling good, played consistently well all day, needed to know what I had to do and did it. I struggled with the long pattern all week. The short was easy, but it was easy for everyone.

"I can understand that the first game of the final was boring to watch. In fact, it was boring to play in. It was difficult to hit a double. It happens quite often with the dual condition, you get one lane and lose the other. Salonen did exactly the same.

"The last game must have been pretty good for everyone as we both figured out how to strike. I managed to do what I had to do and stayed focused, thought positive and didn't put myself under pressure. I feel that I can do that a large percentage of the time now."

Final Standings: 1. Dominic Barrett, England €10,000; 2. Petteri Salonen, Finland €6,000 3. Mads Sandbaekken, Norway €3,300; 4. Jesper Agerbo, Denmark €3,300; 5. Kamilla Kjeldsen Denmark €1,500; 6. Frederik Ohrgaard, Denmark €1,500; 7. Martin Paulsson, Sweden €1,500; 8. Bjorn Einar Rudshagen, Norway €1,500.

Further details: www.bowlersjournal.com. Video: www.bambuser.com/channel/timotv

Keith Hale

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Immediately following the 2010 Bowltech Aalborg International, the European Bowling Tour Masters showcased the top 16 men and 16 women from the rankings of the 2009 Tour at the Lovvang Bowl.



Opening rounds were played over three squads, each with a different conditioning pattern.

Competition opened on the Monday morning with the groups playing six games on the short pattern, the lanes dressed to 38 feet but slightly differing in units to that used in the Bowltech

Aalborg International.

Danish players Mai Ginge Jensen and Kamilla Kjeldsen topped the women's division at this stage, Jensen taking the €400 squad prize with 1318 to Kjeldsen's 1280. For the men, it was Tore Torgersen of Norway ruling the roost and winning €400 from Thomas Larsen, 1369-1352.



In the afternoon, the lane pattern switched to 42 feet, again slightly different to that of the previous day, Here, Dennis Eklund of Sweden and Finland's Osku Palermaa fought for supremacy, advantage and €400 to Eklund, 1443-1401, whilst Mai Ginge's sister, Anja Ginge Jensen kept the squad honors in the family, adding €400 from this squad's 1318.

An overnight sojourn saw the final change of pattern to the dual lane condition and from these six games and the total of 18 over the three squads the top eight in each division could advance to the seven-game round robin.

Once again the women saw a Jensen v Kjeldsen tussle and Mai Ginge on her second €400, 1316-1299. Mai Ginge made it three prizes out of a possible four by inking a further €400 for being the top qualifier on 3906 over the 18 games.

Robert Andersson of Sweden topped squad 3 for the men with 1415 and also won the overall qualifying prize by totalling 4146, thereby collecting €800 for the double achievement of squad and all events.

Andersson kept in the groove and took over the running through the round robin,

fending off challenges from Torgersen and Larsen. Barrett as hoping to make it the double by taking the Aalborg International and the Masters but faded in the home straight to finish in sixth place. Andersson took the €4,000 first prize with 5735, including the 20-point win bonuses. Torgersen faded to 5610 and Larsen third, 5542.

Kamilla Kjeldsen on the 2008 and 2009 women's division of the EBT Masters and now she set her sights on making it three in a row. Mai Ginge Jensen had other thoughts about that but could not overtake her Danish team-mate. It ended with Kjeldsen supreme, 5504 to Jensen's 5470.

"I'm very happy about my third win," remarked Kjeldsen. "I like the tournament and I like it that we bowl many games. The lane conditions are really challenging, so yes, I really like this tournament.

"I had problems with one of my balls today, but I got to change that before the round robin and that helped me.

"I'm very busy working as a physiotherapist so I don't get so much time for bowling now, but I hope to be able to play the Vienna Open, Qatar and maybe one other tournament before the end of the year."

Robert Andersson commented: "I've had some rough times here so I'm really happy with the way things have gone today. In the final squad this morning I was bowling between 220 and 250 and I did not have any open frames over the six games. Everybody in this field is a good bowler. Usually there are one or two you know are not going to make the final, but not in this tournament."

Final Standings: Men - 1. Robert Andersson, Sweden €4,000; 2. Tore Torgersen, Norway €3,000; 3. Thomas Larsen, Denmark €2,000; 4. Dennis Eklund, Sweden €1,000; 5. Gery Verbruggen, Belgium €900; 6. Dominic Barrett, England €850; 7. Osku Palermaa, Finland €800; 8. Peter Ljung, Sweden €750.

Women: 1. Kamilla Kjeldsen, Denmark €4,000; 2. Mai Ginge Jensen, Denmark €3,000; 3. Patricia Luoto, Germany €2,000; 4. Kirsten Penny, England €1,000; 5. Britt Brondsted, Denmark €900; 6. Rikke Holm Rasmussen, Denmark €850; 7. Krista Pollanen, Finland €800 8. Nina Flack, Sweden €750.

Keith Hale

ENGLAND: Paul Moor and Laura Ivory topped the men's and women's 'A' divisions of the UK Championships staged at the Lakeside Superbowl, Peterborough on May 23.

After an eight-game qualifying round for each division, the top eight on total pinfall advanced to the eight-game round robin finals with pinfall carried forward. Moor topped the octet with 3674, including bonus, a 220.88 average. Mike Quarry was runner-up on 3337 and Dominic Barrett third with 3312.

Ivory, like Moor, also topped the women's qualifying round and held first place to clinch the distaff title with 3491, 28 points better than second placed Lisa John. Jo (Harries) Cundy took third place on 3368.

Allen Paulson and Laura Brockwell took first places in the Division 'B' and 'C' finals.

The UK Championships embrace the top 16 all events places in the annual British Tenpin Bowling Association (BTBA) Championships which celebrate their 50th anniversary next year.

Keith Hale

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The organizer of Stop 18 in the European Bowling Tour 2010, the Ebonite English Open, has decided to move the tournament from its December spot to November 17-21, 2010.

The organizer also announces a changed format, where more players can earn byes into later final stages and furthermore a five-person stepladder final is introduced.

The prize pool is unchanged, but a number of prizes are at various stages adjusted to match with the changed format.

Finally the organizer announced the stepladder final, both to be broadcast on Sky Sports and Internet streamed.

For detailed information, check the Tournament Calendar at www.etbf.eu.

Kim Thorsgaard Jensen, EBT Director

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The organisers of the Ebonite English Open are pleased to announce some exciting changes to the 2010 edition of the European Tour Stop.

The event has grown each year, and is set to repeat the trend once again in 2010 with the news that the tournament has secured the taping of the Stepladder finals to be broadcast by Sky Sports in partnership with SGTv, over the 2010 Christmas period. The finals will be taped in HD for a two-hour programme to be shown on Sky Sports with a minimum of 3 repeat showings which may be increased by an unlimited amount by Sky Sports. The programme will also feature highlights and interviews from the various stages of the tournament.

The event will move from December to November, with the first qualifying squad on 17th November and finals day on 21st November.

Whilst the qualifying format will remain at six games, the desperado squad has been replaced with a "Turbo Xtra" option. The finals format will also see changes to allow the event to finish earlier than in previous years. Full details will be available on both the ETBF and PTBC websites in the coming days.

Lakeside Superbowl, Nuneaton will set the stage for what is sure to be one of the tournament's most exciting yet.

TV sponsorship packages are available, and interested parties should contact Andy James via andy@ptbc.co.uk.

Andy James

GERMANY: A last-minute bevy of entries brought the team entry to the 2010 World Men's Championships in Munich, Germany to 67 with a Men's Championships record of 377 competitors.

The teams now competing are: Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Catalonia, China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Kuwait, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Malaysia, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Scotland, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Wales. Full information on: www.bowling-wm.de

Keith Hale

ITALY: After almost a gruelling week, Belgium's Chris Vandamme and Hildegard Kuhn from Italy won the International Senior Bowling Tour stage in Bologna on June 6.

A total of 124 seniors (50+) played the event at the Reno Bowling Center, the field mostly Italian as this event clashed with the German Senior Championships in Hamburg.

MALAYSIA: A very unique tournament is being staged in Penang, Malaysia, June 26-27, organized by the Penang State Sport Council. The Penang Durian's Masters will be hosted at the Penang Bowl, Penang with a first prize of RM8,000 (approx. US\$2,500) and prizes paid down to 16th place. Entry fee is RM400.

The unique aspect of the event is that seven consecutive strikes will feature a prize of a Durian fruit. A perfect game brings 300kg of Durians. Just a reminder that the Durian is an evil-smelling fruit that tastes absolutely delicious.

Full details from cheahbc@hotmail.com

Keith Hale

MALTA: The 2010 Malta Open, the tournament to which you travel with a beach ball along with the bowling ball arsenal, takes to the lanes of the Eden SuperBowl, June 17-20.

Situated in the vibrant St Julian's entertainment area, the tournament promises plenty of fun as well top-class bowling with abundant sunshine and warm seas.

The format calls for 12 qualifying games in two blocks of six. One block may be bettered with a re-entry (or two). The top 26 after the qualifying rounds advance to the finals on the Sunday.

Full details on: www.edenleisure.com/superbowl.

Keith Hale

SINGAPORE: Top seed and backup squad member, Sin Li Jane became the youngest-ever bowler to win the Women's Open Masters title of the 43rd Singapore International Open as Chinese Taipei's Cheng Chao-Yu clinched the men's crown.

Reigning Malaysian national champion, Sin Li Jane proved she has what it takes to become a true champion when the top seed needed only one match to win her first major international title.

Li Jane had earlier topped the second block Masters final to advance into the stepladder finals with a win-twice advantage. But the 18-year-old did not require to move into the sudden-death match when she romped home a comfortable victory over challenger, Li Hsiao-Ping of Chinese Taipei, 213-177, in the final.



Newly Crowned Champions

The Malaysian started off with three strikes-in-a-row and another double strike in the sixth and seventh frames, giving her opponent no chance whatsoever to mount any challenge. Despite a split in the ninth frame, Li simply could not repeat her form she showed in the first match.

"This is my first major international title and I'll cherish it for a long time to come," said the delighted backup squad member, Sin Li Jane.

"I had the opportunity to compete here thanks to the chance given to me to train with the elite squad.

"I was totally relaxed after I had three strikes to start off the match and when I got another double, I was even more relaxed. I'll take this as a stepping stone to more victories in the future."

Li had earlier taken the first match ousting No. 2 seed, New Hui Fen of Singapore and No. 3 seed, Esther Cheah of Malaysia, 213-191-167 to advance into the finals and face Sin Li Jane. Li Jane pocketed the top prize of S\$5,000 as champion leaving Li S\$2,500 as runner-up.

Meanwhile, top seed Cheng Chao-Yu of Chinese Taipei, clinched the Men's crown after he defeated challenger and No. 3 seed, Ryan Lalisang of Indonesia, 217-177, to claim the top prize of S\$25,000.

Lalisang, who was 30th in the first block, posted the highest 8-game series of 1842 in the second block to advance into the stepladder finals in third. The Indonesian defeated No. 2 seed, Adrian Ang of Malaysia and No. 4 seed, Phoemphun Yakasem of Thailand, 210-190-174, to face the Taiwanese.

But Cheng was simply in superb form to deny Lalisang the victory. He took home S\$10,000 as first runner-up while Adrian won S\$5,000 and Phoemphun S\$3,000. Overnight leader, Zulmazran Zulkifli of Malaysia missed the cut in seventh.

Remy Ong of Singapore, who was second in the first block, missed the cut for the stepladder finals, finishing sixth in the second block. Surasak Manuwong of Thailand finished fifth with 3360, just 18 pins from his team-mate. Defending champion, Shaker Al-Hassan of UAE managed only 11th position.

Final Standings – Men: 1. Cheng Chao Yu, Chinese Taipei S\$25,000 (Approx. US\$17,800); 2. Ryan Lalisang, Indonesia S\$10,000; 3. Adrian Ang, Malaysia S\$5,000; 4. Phoemahun Yakasem, Thailand S\$2,500; 5. Surasak Manuwong, Thailand S\$2,500; 6. Remy Ong, Singapore S\$2,000; 7. Zulmazran Zulkifli, Malaysia S\$1,500; 8. Syafiq Ridhwan, Malaysia S\$1,200.

Women: Sin Li Jane, Malaysia S\$5,000 (Approx. US\$3,500); 2. Li Hsiao Ping, /Chinese Taipei S\$2,500; 3. New Hui Fen, Singapore S\$1,200; 4. Esther Cheah, Malaysia S\$800; 5. Sharon Koh, Malaysia S\$600; 6. Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia S\$500; 7. Jazreel Tan, Singapore S\$400; 8. Zandra Aziela, Malaysia S\$300. **Text and photo by Terence Yaw**

UNITED STATES: Thanks to a new association with High Roller, Inc., the Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) recently received \$2,100.00 from the Military Bowling Championships. High Roller made this donation through a program

instituted at the event, which provides participants the opportunity to donate \$1.00 of their entry fee to BVL. High Roller then matched the total amount contributed.

"We extend our sincere thanks to High Roller for creating this great opportunity for BVL," commented BVL Board Chair Darlene Baker. "The bowlers in the Military Bowling Championships certainly understand the importance of supporting our service men and women when they return home and need hospital care – this is a great match."

The Military Bowling Championships, now in its 54th year, brings together active duty military bowlers from worldwide assignments as well as retired service men and women to participate in team competition. The event features three divisions - active duty, retired and senior retired. For more information, visit www.militarybowlingchampionships.com. Founded in 1942, the Bowlers to Veterans Link has raised more than \$36 million dollars to provide recreational and therapeutic programs and services for hospitalized veterans.

Brad Edelman

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Muskegon, Mich. - Brunswick Bowling & Billiards announced that professional bowler, Ronnie Russell, has joined its Pro Staff.

Russell, a right-handed bowler who has six career Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) 300 games, is a native of Indianapolis. The 30 year old joined the PBA in 2003.

Among his accomplishments, Russell had three top-ten finishes during the 2008-2009 season of the PBA Tour, including a runner-up finish in the Etonic Marathon Open in Indianapolis.

Russell also cashed in 16 of 19 events and made match play nine times. In college, he bowled on the Vincennes (Ind.) University team where he was a first team All American in 2002 and 2003. Additionally, Russell has three PBA regional titles.

"This is great opportunity with the best bowling manufacturer in the world," said Russell. "I am proud to call myself Brunswick Pro Staff. I am ready to take my career to the next level with Brunswick Bowling."

"Brunswick is excited to welcome Ronnie to our Pro Staff," said Nick Stickler, vice president Consumer and Aftermarket products. "Ronnie is a great athlete with a passion for the sport, and we look forward to supporting his growth as a professional bowler."

Russell joins an elite team of bowlers representing Brunswick on the PBA Tour: Brad Angelo, Parker Bohn III, Sean Rash, and most recently, PBA World Champion, Tom Smallwood.

Kristin Filz

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Muskegon, Mich. - Brunswick Bowling announced that Chris Loschetter, is the newest professional bowler to join its Pro Staff.

Loschetter, who joined the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) in 2003, has 12 career 300 PBA games under his belt. Loschetter has appeared in 114 PBA Tour events, making nine championship round appearances and finishing second four times.



During the 2008-2009 PBA Tour season, Loschetter, of Avon, Ohio, finished second in the Pepsi Viper Championship, and fourth in GoRVing match-play championship. It was also the sixth consecutive season he made at least one TV appearance. He finished second in his first-ever TV appearance during the 2005 Denny's World Championship. In 2007-08, Loschetter finished eighth in the PBA Tour points.

"I am very excited to be a part of the Brunswick team," said Loschetter. "Brunswick is, and always has been, the most prestigious name in bowling. It is an honor to represent them."

Loschetter joins Brunswick Pro Staff members Brad Angelo, Parker Bohn III, Sean Rash, Ronnie Russell, and Tom Smallwood.

Kristin Filz

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Arlington, Texas – To recognize top performers in United States Bowling Congress competitions, USBC will have a new Hall of Fame category starting in 2011.



The Outstanding USBC Performance category will recognize efforts by bowlers in USBC national events. This will cover performances of bowlers in tournaments such as the Open Championships, Women's Championships, Queens and Senior Queens, and Masters and Senior Masters.

"We have quite a few great bowlers that should be recognized for their exceptional performances in USBC events," USBC Managing Director of Media Pete Tredwell said.

"The new category will ensure these bowlers receive their due."

To qualify in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, a bowler must first meet all requirements for and be nominated in the Superior Performance category. The requirements include: At least 40 years of age; 20 years of participation in USBC-approved national events.

One of the following: A title at a professional event or a World Tenpin Bowling Association event; a 20-year average minimum (200 for men, 190 for women) in USBC-approved national events; a top-10 finish in a USBC-approved national event.

Once a bowler is on the ballot in the Superior Performance category for at least three years, the Hall of Fame Committee has the option to move the bowler to the Outstanding USBC Performance category. The guidelines for Outstanding USBC Performance will be applied to candidates retroactively.

After candidates are placed in the Outstanding USBC Performance category, the Hall of Fame Committee will vote on the candidates. There is no limit to the number of bowlers that can be inducted under this category each year.

The first inductions in the new category will take place in late June or early July of 2011. The deadline for submitting nominations in the Superior Performance and Meritorious Service categories is Aug. 31, 2010. Nomination forms can be

found at BOWL.com/HOF.

The USBC Hall of Fame was created in 2005 by merging the former American Bowling Congress and Women's International Bowling Congress Halls of Fame. There are 249 Hall of Famers in the Performance category, 111 for Meritorious Service and 19 Pioneers.

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Arlington, Texas – Matt Lawson, Director of Video Production for the United States Bowling Congress, recently was honored with a Telly Award for his video work that appeared on BOWL.com, the USBC website.

The Telly Awards honor the best local, regional and cable TV commercials and programs in addition to video and film productions, and work created for websites.

“It’s an honor for the content from BOWL.com to be recognized by an organization such as the Tellys,” USBC Managing Director of Media Pete Tredwell said. “Matt Lawson’s videos provide an inside look at the sport and he deserves credit for the high quality video products on BOWL.com.”

Lawson, who joined USBC in Sept. 2008, won the award in the Online Sports Video category for a portfolio of videos he produced for BOWL.com. This was the first time USBC submitted an entry for the Tellys.

Since 1978, the mission of the Telly Awards has been to strengthen the visual arts community by promoting and supporting creativity. This past year, more than 13,000 entries from all 50 states and five continents were submitted for the Telly Awards.

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Arlington, Texas – Twelve United States Bowling Congress Youth bowlers have been selected to receive \$1,000 college scholarships through the USBC Gift For Life Scholarships program.

Gift For Life Scholarships are annually awarded to USBC Youth members who are high school students, have a GPA of 2.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale) and can demonstrate financial need. Recipients were selected by a committee of USBC staff members and the scholarships are managed through the SMART program.

“Many families are facing challenges dealing with college costs that continue to rise,” said USBC Executive Director Stu Upson. “The Gift For Life program helps deserving USBC Youth bowlers to pursue their academic goals.”

The 2010 USBC Gift For Life scholarship recipients: Farrah Bittle, Bay, Ark.; Michael Byers, South Elgin, Ill.; Katryn Comeau, Vancouver, Wash.; Katie Fawley, Midland, Ohio; Brianna Jordan, Austell, Ga.; Joanna Loewen, Wichita, Kan.; Shelsey Mateo, Las Vegas, Nev.; Lee Olson, Hill City, Minn.; Ariel Rosenberg, Titusville, Fla.; Edward “E.J.” Walden Jr., Milledgeville, Ga.; Megan Williamson, Azusa, Calif.; Nichole Wilson, East Islip, N.Y.

USBC awards up to 12 scholarships each year and two of the awards are reserved for children of fire department, emergency rescue or police personnel. Among this year’s recipients, Walden Jr. is the son of Milledgeville Fire Department employee and Wilson is the daughter of an East Islip Fire Department fire-fighter/EMT.

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