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HANS KARLSSON RECEIVES 2009 WBW GOSTA ZELLEN GOLDEN QUILL AWARD



Hans Karlsson, press officer of the Swedish Bowling Federation, has been presented with the 2009 WBW Golden Quill Award in Sweden.

We asked WTBA general secretary Christer Jonsson to make the surprise presentation on our behalf and it was not until this month that a suitable occasion arose.

All who attend World and European Championships will know of Hans' sterling work, both for the Swedish Federation and for us when he was European WBW vice-president. Congratulations Hans and may your fantastic work continue for many years to come.

We look forward to celebrating your award with a suitable tipples at the World Men's Championships in Munich in August.

Photo by Thord Lagercrantz.



Paul Trotter

AUSTRALIA: Tenpin Bowling Australia Limited has announced the 2010 Australian World Youth team to compete in the 11th World Youth Tenpin Bowling Championships from 23rd July - 2nd August 2010 in Helsinki: Amanda-Sue Fisher; Laura Kairn, Lexi Nicoll and Rebecca Whiting. Boys: Sam Cooley, Kevin McRae, Ben Taylor, Chris Watson. The 2010 Australian World Men's team to compete in the World Men's Tenpin Bowling Championships from 12th - 21st August 2010 in Munich was announced simultaneously, with Queensland youth bowler, Ben Taylor, also selected for the adult team. The line-up is as follows:- Ross Brown, Brendan Meads, Brian Pilkington, Christian Purdue, Ben Taylor, Paul Trotter.

"Both the Youth and Men's Team were selected using a combination of our highest ranked bowlers as per the TBA rankings, a selection roll-off and part selection by the National coach Chris Batson in conjunction with the coaching advisory selection panel," said Cara Honeychurch, CEO of Tenpin Bowling Australia. "The Men's team sees some fresh new

talent, along with Paul Trotter who has represented Australia in previous teams, along with appearances at the QubicaAMF World Cup," she continued.

"Our youth team is a little more experienced with Lexi, Rebecca and Kevin having competed in the Asian Youth Championships in Kuwait in January 2010. In addition Laura, Rebecca and Sam have competed in the 2009 Asian Schools, and will no doubt put the experience gained into practice at the World Youth Championships," she added.

Photo: Gerard Van Dam

Lynne Clay

BAHRAIN: Top seed Stuart Williams of England captured his first Asian crown when he defeated two-time Asia ranked No. 1 Hussain Al-Suwaidi of UAE in the finals of the 9th Kingdom of Bahrain International Open on Saturday, May 8 at the Fun Land Bowling Center in Manama.



Top3:Suwaidi, Williams & Mack

Stuart Williams from The Wirral, just outside of Liverpool, started cautiously in the match against challenger, Hussain Al-Suwaidi of UAE but had a split in the second frame as his opponent also had an open frame in the first.

Hussain surged ahead with a turkey thereafter but Williams responded with an awesome striking form to reel in seven consecutive strikes as the Emirati was playing catch-up.

The Englishman wrapped up the match with a convincing 245-216 total to win

his first Asian title and the top prize of US\$20,000 while Hussain settled for US\$10,000.

"The lanes today were much easier to cope with especially when there is only two bowlers to a pair of lanes as opposed to four yesterday during the second round," said Stuart Williams after the finals.

"I felt very comfortable playing from the outside and I notice Hussain was doing this as well. Both our balls travel straighter down the lanes and that accounted for our better scores. Those who hook a lot didn't have massive games like yesterday."

Hussain had earlier eliminated No. 3 seed and Round 2 leader Tim Mack of USA, 249-232, to earn a crack at the title but just could not repeat the form he displayed in the semi-finals.

Williams topped the Round 3 with a total of 1921, 53 pins ahead Hussain in second with 1868. Hussain had battled for the lead with Tim Mack in the early stages but Williams finished much stronger than the duo.


Americans, Cassidy Schaub and Patrick Healey Jr., who finished second yesterday, missed the top 3 stepladder finals in fourth and fifth while defending champion, Remy Ong ended in sixth position.

The top 16 Asians also qualified for the fifth leg of the ABF Tour Bahrain.

Final Standings: 1. Stuart Williams, England US\$20,000; 2. Hussain Al Suwaidi, UAE \$10,000; 3. Tim Mack, United States \$6,000; 4. Cassidy Schaub, United States \$5,000; 5. Patrick Healey, United States \$4,500; 6. Remy Ong, Singapore \$3,000; 7. Paul Moor, England \$2,500; 8. Ahmed Mohammed Rahimi, Bahrain \$2,000.

Photo and text by Terence Yaw

CANADA: The Canadian Tenpin Federation has announced a change in the site of the Canadian National Championships which will take place May 21 – 24, 2010.

 Due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2010 National Championships scheduled for Xcalibur Bowling Center in Surrey, B.C. has been moved to Rev's Holdom, 5502 Lougheed Highway, Burnaby, BC.

The headquarters hotel, Ramada Inn and Suites, Guilford in Surrey, BC remains the same and bus service will be provided between the centre and the hotel.

More information is provided on the CTF website at www.gotenpinbowling.ca

Hazel McLeary, CTF Public Relations Coordinator

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Team Canada member George Lambert IV has been named the Professional Bowlers Association Steve Nagy award winner. The award is one of PBA's most prestigious honours.

The Hamilton, Ontario native is a 10 time Team Canada member and former captain of the Wichita State University Shockers men's bowling team

Lambert qualified second in the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Trials in Allen Park, Michigan last May and had a desire to be the first Canadian to win a PBA title.

While he did not win a title or have the year he hoped for, Lambert becomes the first international player to earn the Sportsman award voted by his fellow exempt tour players.

"It was definitely a surprise. It's not something you compete for," Lambert said, "but to be voted the best sportsman on tour after the season I had means a lot. I think it speaks to the role everyone around me has played in making me who I am today – my fellow players, my family, my fiancé (Samantha Swanson).

Lambert will compete for Canada at the Men's World Championships which will take in Munich, Germany in August.

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: The 2010 Bowltech Aalborg International, the ninth stage of the European Bowling Tour, takes place at the Lovvang Bowling Center in Norresundby, a suburb of the beautiful city of Aalborg, May 24-30.

At the time of writing, there are 157 competitors lined up, 76 of them from the home nation, competing for the €10,000 first place prize from the €62,000 prize fund, with positions paid down to 48th place. All rounds of the event are played on the dual lane condition of one lane on short oil, the other long.

BAI2010 will be immediately followed on June 1-2 with the European Bowling Tour Masters which will feature the top 16 men and 16 women from the 2009 European Bowling Tour rankings.

The separate divisions will have €4,000 for each winner with added prizes of €400 for squad leaders and the same amount for the top qualifier. Prizes are paid down to all 16 places with €300 for last places.

Both events will be covered live on www.bowlersjournal.com and fast results on www.bai2010.dk.

Keith Hale

ENGLAND: Tenpin Bowling will be one of 23 sports to be featured in the 17th UK Corporate Games, May 14-16, all being staged in the Liverpool area.

The tenpin action takes place at the Hollywood Bowl, Edge Lane, Liverpool on all three days with medal competition in Singles, Doubles and Team events, both scratch and handicap.

Full coverage on: www.talktenpin.net.

Keith Hale

GERMANY: One great surprise concerning the team entries for the World Men's Championships being hosted by the Dream Bowl Palace in Munich in August is that talented two-handed delivery star Jason Belmonte is not on the roster.

Lynne Clay reported the following from Australia:

'It was a difficult decision for Jason, but there were various factors involved. Firstly, Jason's role as a father and the joy he shares spending time with his wife Kimberly and baby daughter Aria is precious to him. Secondly, the distances and time of travelling, and considerable costs



involved, in being a professional bowler certainly takes its toll, particularly when based here in Australia. (I can vouch for that!)

Jason has represented his country on more than a dozen occasions in the past decade, with virtually all travel and accommodation costs self-funded. Unfortunately, unlike many other national teams, Australian athletes are provided with little or no subsidy from the NSO or sponsors, and the trip to Munich from Australia will be extremely expensive from 'down under'.

Jason decided not to participate in the recent Team trials this year, recognising that this would allow other younger bowlers who are keen to have the opportunity for national representation to gain the valuable experience of competition at world level, something that he has enjoyed many times and which he hopes circumstances will allow him to do again in future.

In summary, a combination of personal commitments, financial realities and a 'fair go' to his mates.' *Lynne Clay*

JAPAN: QubicaAMF Worldwide, a leading manufacturer of bowling and amusement products, announces that its Bowler Entertainment System (BES) has been installed in the largest bowling center in the world, according to Guinness World Records. The consecutive 116 lane Inazawa Grand Bowl, part of the Grand Bowl Chain which operates 15 bowling centers in Japan, upgraded their automatic scoring system to the Bowler Entertainment System (BES) and reopened their facility last month. The chain now has the Bowler Entertainment System (BES) installed in 14 of their 15 locations in central Japan, totaling over 704 lanes.

"The entertainment value of the themed environments and bowling games produced by BES is something you must see. Proprietors truly appreciate the impact of BES to completely update the image of a bowling center," says Masanori Onoe, President of Daifuku QubicaAMF, exclusive distributor of QubicaAMF bowling equipment and products in Japan since 2006.

"Inazawa Grand Bowl has been reborn as the world's best bowling center," states Hiroaki Aoyama, President of Grand Bowl Chain, "from the aspect of its facilities and systems, in addition to the scale." Inazawa Grand Bowl, located in Inazawa City opened in March of 1972. The 116 lane center spans 91,494 square feet from end to end, and encompasses over 182,000 square feet in total.

The Bowler Entertainment System (BES) is an automatic scoring system which offers a selection of 36 themed and seasonal environments and on-lane games to target all market segments. The system incorporates high quality animation, video and graphics in both 2D and 3D. BES is designed on open architecture to be modular and fully upgradeable.

SWEDEN: Dennis Eklund defeated Martin Larsen 202-195 in the championship match of the Örgryte International, the third stop of the Swedish Super Six Tour 2010.



Top three: Larsen, Eklund, Roos

With his victory, Eklund stopped Larsen from claiming back-to-back victories on the tour. "Finally I was able to win again, it has been four years since I won last time in Super Six," Dennis said, after a weekend where he followed his game plan and responded to every challenge. The tournament took place at Strike & Co in Gothenburg and was played on the WTBA short oil pattern 'Los Angeles'. This pattern caused a lot of headaches for the participants. This was also shown by the fact that the cut for the finals was a modest 1245, average 207.5, one of the lowest ever during the Super Six era.

This didn't matter for Dennis Eklund, who set the pace on the final day with a resounding 769 after three games. He was in third place after the

first eight games, but regained the lead during the quarter-final and was able to claim the number one seed position for the stepladder with 2707 after 12 games, average 225.6.

Dennis was followed by hometown favorite Mikael Roos with 2688 and Norwegian star Tore Torgersen with 2685. Incidentally, Torgersen threw a 300 game earlier in the day and then had another chance at a perfect game – just to see his 12th ball find the gutter for 290!

Martin Larsen barely withstood the challenge by Team Pergamon team-mate Tomas Leandersson, taking the fourth and last place to the stepladder by a mere 11 pins.

In the stepladder, Martin Larsen first defeated Tore Torgersen 244-200 and then went on to overcome Mikael Roos by 234-210.

In the final, Dennis Eklund opened with a three-bagger and took an early lead as Martin Larsen had difficulties to strike on the right lane. When Dennis opened in the sixth frame, things got tighter and everything had to be decided in the last frame.

Dennis hit the pocket both in the ninth and tenth frame, but couldn't carry the last pin and had to settle for spares, finishing with 202. That left Martin with the opportunity to win if he could strike on his first ball in the last frame. However, it was that right lane which denied him once again as the 7-pin decided not to fall.

"I threw a good ball and almost thought it was a strike. Overall, I am satisfied with my performance and competing on the short oil pattern has been good for us, looking forward to the World Championships later this year," said Martin. Dennis Eklund is also one of the key players in the Swedish team and his focus is entirely on the World Championships.

"I have improved both my mental and physical game, and will be much better prepared this time, compared to the championships in Bangkok two years ago," said Dennis.

Final results: 1. Dennis Eklund, Sweden 40,000 SEK (US\$5,500); 2. Martin Larsen, Sweden 25,000 SEK; 3. Mikael

Roos, Sweden 15,000 SEK; 4. Tore Torgersen, Norway 10,000 SEK; 5. Tomas Leandersson, Sweden 8,000 SEK; 6. Peter Ljung, Sweden 8,000 SEK; 7. Mathias Årup, Sweden 8,000 SEK; 8. Svein Roger Olsen, Norway 8,000 SEK. **Step ladder:** Larsen defeated Torgersen, 244-200; Larsen defeated Roos, 234-210; Eklund defeated Larsen, 202-195. All results are available at <http://supersix2010.strike-co.se/dynamic/start.asp> *Hans Karlsson/Thord Lagercrantz*

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It is with great pride that we acknowledge the birth of EBRA – European Bowling Restaurants Association. We, the EBPA, have formed a partnership with a group of successful entrepreneurs within ISFRA – International Sports Facility Restaurants Association. ISFRA will with our support open up their new bowling branch, EBRA, for members in the Swedish bowling market this spring and plans are already set forth for Europe within the next year. We believe that the unique business model will be very rewarding for bowling proprietors that become members of EBRA. ISFRA focus on helping its members to grow and develop their business within the Food & Beverages-area. By doing so within distinct sports they create unique values for its members. They have been very successful doing the same thing for golf course restaurants since 2005. We are now happy to welcome them as friends and contributors into our bowling community. *Åke Bjerselius, EBPA President*

TURKEY: The 7th Istanbul Bowling Open takes place at the Time Out Bowling Center in Istanbul, Turkey, May 10 – 16, with an attractive €10,000 awaiting the ultimate champion. Prizes are paid down to 48th place (€600). Women join the fray with an eight-point per game bonus. Full details on: www.istanbulbowlingopen.com *Keith Hale*

UNITED STATES: Arlington, Texas – The United States Bowling Congress has created a new corporation dedicated to the management, protection and promotion of youth bowling scholarships.



All funds in the USBC SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) program have been transferred to the new entity called SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation. This new corporation is financially and legally independent of USBC, but will continue to use the SMART name. All scholarships previously earned through SMART remain in place with all benefits and eligibility protection for recipients continuing.

“Bowling scholarships can be a fantastic way to attract young people to our sport,” USBC President Jeff Bojé said. “We believe creating an independent corporation supervised by board members with bowling expertise and a financial background will build a new level of trust in SMART and lead to greater attention and growth of youth scholarships.”

The SMART Bowling Scholarship Funding Corporation has three directors on the board: Wally Hall, Pasadena Md., Steve Moehrle, St. Louis, Mo. and Sandy Hansell, Southfield, Mich. A primary objective for the board will be to use SMART for the nationwide promotion of youth bowling and to strengthen the entire bowling industry.

Hall, who will serve as Chairman, holds a degree from Harvard Business School and is currently a director on the Board of the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame and Bowlers to Veterans Link charity. He is a former president of the Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America and has 50 years of industry business experience including serving as President and CEO of Fair Lanes Inc. when it was the largest independent center chain in the country.

Moehrle holds a Ph.D. in business from Indiana University and serves as the leadership council distinguished scholar in accounting at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Before entering the academic profession, he was a member of the Ernst & Young audit staff and accounting policy officer at Citicorp Mortgage, Inc. Moehrle bowled competitively for highly-regarded collegiate teams at Missouri-St. Louis and Indiana. He is currently member of the USBC Board of the Directors with a term ending in August.

Hansell holds a law degree from Harvard and has been active in the bowling industry since becoming a center owner in the 1970s. He is the founder of Sandy Hansell and Associates, Inc., a national firm dedicated to brokering and valuing bowling centers, along with tax planning and financial consulting for bowling proprietors.

“The mission of the new corporation is to be a trusted custodian of scholarship funds, bring more attention to the benefits of using SMART and continue providing a service that protects the interest of young people,” Hall said.

“SMART assets will be professionally managed and the focus will be on safety and preservation of principal as well as effective and efficient administration with complete transparency.”

The SMART program continues to be the only bowling scholarship management program providing full protection of a student-athlete’s eligibility status. Administrative services will continue to be provided by USBC. Scholarship recipients and providers should notice no change in operational procedures related to the program.

Jason Overstreet, USBC Communications

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Reno, Nev. - Member delegates heard announcements about program changes, voted on two dozen legislative proposals and elected four members to the United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors during the 2010 USBC Annual Meeting.

Headlining announcements made during the meeting was news of the creation of a new independent corporation to oversee and manage SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) funds. The corporation will have its own board of directors comprised of bowling industry leaders with financial backgrounds.

USBC Executive Director Stu Upson detailed several program changes designed to improve the overall financial strength of the organization.

"USBC must build reserves in order to strengthen our position to invest in the sport in the future," Upson said. "We need the membership to support our program changes this year, while USBC develops vastly new products and benefits for bowlers."

Some of the program changes Upson discussed include:

- * USBC will offer a new credit card partnership with Nationwide that gives card users free USBC national membership and other bowling-related benefits.
- * USBC will put the U.S. Women's Open on hiatus for 2011.
- * U.S. Bowler magazine will be an electronic-only publication, while U.S. Youth Bowler will continue to be mailed to homes.
- * The 2011 USBC Intercollegiate Team Championships will be broadcast exclusively on BOWL.com.

Delegates approve eight proposals and reject 16.

The most discussed item of the legislative session by the 1,049 voting delegates related to proposal B-7, which would have given the USBC Board of Directors authority to change bylaws.

The proposal required a two-thirds majority for passage and was rejected. Overall, delegates approved eight amendments and rejected 16.

Two incumbents, two newcomers elected to USBC Board of Directors.

Current USBC directors Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Keller, Texas, and Michael Italia, Warrington, Pa., joined newcomers Mark Martin, Waterford, Mich., and Deanna Rose, Fairport, N.Y., in being elected to the USBC Board of Directors by the delegates attending the Annual Meeting. All were elected on the first ballot with 956 ballots cast.

Dorin-Ballard had 787 votes, Italia 623; Martin 507; Rose 486; Bill Vint, East Troy, Wisc., 413; Michael Carroll, Huntington, W. Va., 407; Dale Bohn, Collinsville, Ill., 205; Steve Kaplan, Monroe, N.J., 158; Gary Anderson, Taylors, S.C., 119.

Darlene Baker, Mahomet, Ill., was named USBC president at the Annual Meeting. She is the first female president in the history of the organization. Baker will begin her term Aug. 1. The remaining board officers will be announced following the June board meeting.

USBC once again generated significant financial support for charity. USBC Bowl For The Cure led to a more than \$1.1 million donation to Susan G. Komen For The Cure at the 2010 meeting. Contributions to Bowlers to Veterans Link from USBC were nearly \$826,000, an increase of more than \$100,000 from the previous year.

Results of 2010 USBC Annual Meeting Legislative Session

League Rules: Amendment No. LR1 (Rejected): Rule 100h. Senior. Deletes the rule related to senior leagues.

Amendment No. LR2 (Approved): Rule 102c. Duties of the President, Item 3. Requires bank statements to be sent to the president.

Amendment No. LR3 (Approved): Rule 102f. Duties of the Treasurer, Item 7. Changes the time frame for retaining treasurer records from 120 days to one year from completion of the season.

Amendment No. LR4 (Rejected): Rule 105. Absentee and Vacancy Scores. Allows for individuals on a team to bowl baker format for one absentee or one vacancy score if the team is comprised of three, four or five players.

Amendment No. LR5 (Approved): Rule 106a. Series - How Bowled. Allows for each game or frame to be bowled on a different pair of lanes.

Amendment No. LR6 (Approved): Rule 111c. Gives leagues more flexibility for requesting pre/post bowling.

Amendment No. LR7 (Rejected): Rule 111f. Time Limit for Bowling. Restricts a league from adopting a rule that requires less than 15 days to pre- or post-bowl unopposed.

Tournament Rules: Amendment No. TR1 (Rejected): Rule 315. Multiple Participation. Allows individuals to place more than once unless the tournament has a rule otherwise.

Amendment No. TR2 (Approved): Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply. Treats all averages, including summer averages the same.

Amendment No. TR3 (Rejected): Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply. Requires bowlers to report their current average if it is higher than their previous season's book average, not just the 10 pin increase.

Amendment No. TR4 (Rejected): Rule 319a. Conditions that Apply. Requires bowlers to use a composite average of all leagues if higher than the bowler's highest 21 game average.

Amendment No. TR5 (Rejected): Rule 319e. Average Adjustment for Entry. Requires bowlers to report their 21 game tournament average if it is higher than their highest USBC average.

Amendment No. TR6 (Approved): Rule 320a. Two Lanes Required. Allows for each tournament game or frame to be bowled on a different pair of lanes.

Amendment No. TR7 (Approved): Rule 329. Protests and Appeals. Changes the time frame for protesting rule infractions to 72 hours and the time frame for appealing tournament management's decision to 10 days.

USBC National Bylaws

Amendment No. B1 (Approved): Article VI, Meetings. Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 2. Provides for electronic balloting as the final system used for voting, unless the president determines the circumstances require a different method.

Amendment No. B2 (Rejected): Article II, Purposes. Section B. Chartering State and Local Bowling Associations. Requires non-merged local associations to be merged by Aug. 1, 2012. (Amended)

Amendment No. B3 (Rejected): Article III, Membership and Dues. Section B. Dues. Raises state and local dues maximums in the same increments as national.

Amendment No. B4 (Rejected): Article III, Membership and Dues. Section B. Dues. Changes maximum USBC adult state membership dues from \$1 to \$5.

Amendment No. B5 (Rejected). Article III, Membership and Dues. Section B. Dues. Changes maximum USBC adult membership dues from \$10 to \$15. Changes maximum state adult membership dues from \$1 to \$2 if the association is merged adults. Changes maximum state adult membership dues from \$1 to \$3 if the association is merged adult and youth.

Amendment No. B6 (Rejected): Article IV, Board of Directors. Section B. Election, Item 2. Changes requirement for credentials to be filed with USBC from 24 hours to 90 days.

Amendment No. B7 (Rejected): Article IV, Board of Directors. Section E. Authority and Duties, Item 14. Gives the board the authority to make important decisions any time of the year.

Amendment No. B8 (Rejected): Article VI, Meetings. Section A. Annual Meeting, Item 3(b), Elections. Allows affiliate associations to have delegates and voting rights at the Annual Meeting.

Amendment No. B9 (Rejected): Article VIII, Amendments. Allows legislation for General Playing Rules, League Rules and Tournament Rules to be conducted in even-numbered years.

Amendment No. B10 (Rejected): National Bylaws. Changes the national bylaws

Resolution for Articles of Incorporation (Withdrawn): Gives the board the authority to make important decisions any time of the year.

Jason Overstreet, USBC Communications

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Muskegon, Mich. Brunswick Bowling announced that Tom Smallwood, rookie-bowler and 2009 Professional Bowlers Association World Championship winner, has joined its Pro Staff.

Smallwood, who has three career PBA 300 games, finished the season tenth in points on the PBA Tour. As the fifth earner for the 2009-2010 season, he's earned more than \$100,000. Thanks to his win at the PBA World Championship, Smallwood earned a two-year exemption on the tour and a chance to bowl in the PBA Tournament of Champions in January.



Smallwood's story has been all over the news media from USA Today to Sports Illustrated to the Los Angeles Times. After a job loss prompted him to enter the PBA Tour Trials in Detroit, he finished third and earned a full-year exemption to bowl. The 32-year-old, right-handed bowler from Saginaw, Mich., went on to qualify to become one of the finalists in the PBA World Championship. Smallwood originally joined the PBA in 2003, and competed in regional tournaments since then.

"Tom will be a great addition to the Brunswick Pro Staff team," said Nick Sticker, vice president Consumer and Aftermarket products. "We were looking to broaden our team, and with Tom's talent and personality and the fact that so many fans can relate to him, we are excited to have him represent Brunswick on Tour. Tom is a very good player with a great future."

"Bowling has always been a big part of my life," said Smallwood. "I never even dreamed of going from unemployed to World Champion. I look forward to my new partnership with Brunswick and hope to be a great asset for many years to come."

Smallwood joins Hall of Fame bowler, Parker Bohn III, along with Sean Rash and Brad Angelo, representing Brunswick on the Professional Bowlers Tour.

Kristin Filz

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Arlington, Texas – History will be made this week when the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame hosts its first induction ceremony on Wednesday, May 12 at the International Bowling Campus followed by the televised finals of the 2010 U.S. Women's Open.

The United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame will induct long-time professional bowlers Marshall Holman and Kim Terrell-Kearney, along with John Handegard and Betty Barnes.

"This will be an historic day for the sport of bowling, one we look forward to sharing with the North Texas community," USBC Managing Director of Media Pete Tredwell said. "Our goal is to build an annual event similar to the baseball and pro football ceremonies. This will be a day to recognize history and watch today's stars compete in front of the lights and cameras."

The induction ceremony, which is free and open to the public, will take place outdoors at 1:30 p.m. at the International Bowling Campus (621 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, Texas). Visitors are encouraged to tour the new International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame following the ceremony.

Many sports fans will recall the fiery style of Holman, 55, of Medford, Ore. He won 21 of his 22 Professional Bowlers Association titles between 1975 and 1988. Among his victories were the Firestone Tournament of Champions in 1976 and 1986 and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America U.S. Open in 1981 and 1985. He earned more than \$1.7 million during his 23 years as a PBA touring player.

"This is something," said Holman, "It really feels good because it comes at a time when I can look back and reflect on what I did as a bowler."

Terrell-Kearney owns 10 professional titles, most recently the 2008 U.S. Women's Open. Her other major victories came in the 2002 Women's International Bowling Congress Queens and the 2001 Women's U.S. Open.

"It has always been a dream of mine to be elected to this hall of fame but I wasn't sure if it would be a reality," said Terrell-Kearney. "I'm excited. My family is excited. They are all looking forward to coming out."

Following the ceremony, the televised finals of the 2010 U.S. Women's Open will be broadcast live on ESPN2 starting at 7 p.m. from the lanes of the United States Olympic Committee-recognized International Training and Research Center.

Jason Overstreet, USBC Communications



WTBA NEWSLETTER

WWC 2011 withdrawn from Malaysia

WTBA Presidium has withdrawn the award of WWC 2011 to Malaysia. The reason is that it has not been possible to agree on a written contract about the championship and the Congresses.

URGENT ! - Invitation to host WWC and the Congresses 2011.

Because we had to withdraw WWC 2011 from Malaysia we now invite all WTBA member federations to apply to host WWC 2011 and WTBA/FIQ Congresses in conjunction with the championship. It is preferable if the championship can be held in the same period as previously planned 31 August – 11 Sept. If you want another period we shall of course discuss that.

If you are interested please contact WTBA secretary General Christer Jonsson to get the Championship application document. Email christer.jonsson@swebowl.se

The **deadline** for applications to host WWC 2011 and the Congresses is **15 July 2010**.

Extra WTBA Congress 11 August 2010

WTBA Presidium invites all member federation to an extra WTBA Congress on 11 August 2010 in Munich Germany. This extra Congress will be the day after the extra FIQ Congress and before WWC starts which means no extra day is needed for representatives from the federations.

Agenda and documents will be distributed by email latest 11 June 2010 as stated in WTBA Statutes 1.16.6

Reminder – application to host WYC 2012

As informed before we want applications to host WYC 2012 **latest 15 June 2010**. Contact WTBA Secretary General to get the application document.

World Championship 2013

Invitation to host the new combined World Championship 2013 was distributed 15 April. We have a new process to apply for this championship. If you have not received the invitation please contact WTBA Secretary General. Deadline for these applications is 1 October 2010.

Next Presidium meeting.

Next WTBA Presidium meeting will be held 10 August 2010 in Munich, Germany. Member federations that want to submit proposals which they wish to be considered by the Presidium have to send the proposals to WTBA Secretary General latest 10 July 2010

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