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Yamasaki and Corwin Win Third in a Row at Valley Lanes OBA Doubles Event



Three-time champions of the OBA Valley Doubles ,Rich Corwin (far left) and Gary Yamasaki (second from left) stand together with runnerups Jim Winklepleck (second from right) and Dave Husted (far right).

Beaverton – It was a case of deja vu at the Oregon Bowlers Association Doubles event held at Valley Lanes April 9th. The two-time defending doubles team of Gary Yamasaki and Rich Corwin faced the same daunting task as last year if they wanted to once again defend their title . As in last year's event, Yamasaki and Corwin faced the formidable team of former PBA touring pro Jim Winklepleck and PBA Hall of Famer Dave Husted in the final match of the day. Just as in last year's match, the outcome wasn't decided until the last frame with Yamasaki (290) and Corwin (248) topping Winklepleck (270) and Husted (256) to lock up their third consecutive title in three years at Valley Lanes.

Unlike last year, Yamasaki and Corwin didn't get to the lead pair in the tournament until just before the last match. Working their way through the qualifying and match play finals, Yamasaki and Corwin caught fire late, and led by Corwin's 299 in the second-to-last game of the tournament, finally vaulted to the lead to set up the final match against Winklepleck and Husted. Winklepleck and Husted, who led qualifying, were at or near the lead throughout the tournament.

"If you'd given me 526 before the match and let me sit down, I'd have taken it," said Winklepleck of the final match. Winklepleck and Husted took home $500 each for second place while Yamasaki and Corwin each pocketed $600 for the win.

Tournament Notes: The Winklepleck/ Husted team had thoughts of bowling with their respective sons for next year's event, but were heard asking Yamasaki and Corwin, "Same time, same place next year guys?" Looks like the kids may have to wait one more year before bowling with their dads at the Valley event . . .The team of Rob Morley and Curtis Slocum, who were runner ups to Yamasaki and Corwin three tournaments ago, also made the cut and finished 14th. . . There was a tie for the final spot into the match play finals at +270 between the Aaron Hendren/Craig Tuholski team and the Jarrett Raz/Tim Pierce team. Hendren and Tuholski advanced after a one-game rolloff.

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Final Results
OBA Doubles Valley Lanes
April 9, 2006

Totals include bonus pins .		
1. Yamasaki/Corwin	4915	$600.00 ea
2. Winklepleck, J/Husted, D	4831	$500.00 ea
3. Convirs/Melton	4765	$400.00 ea
4. Whitford/Blair	4761	$350.00 ea
5. Tribbey/Lipan	4700	$300.00 ea
6. Zabelle/Lower	4593	$250.00 ea
7. Meiris/Borgaro	4568	$200.00 ea
8. Winklepleck, M/Solberg	4533	$175.00 ea
9. Hendren/Tuholski	4523	$150.00 ea
10. How/Rogers	4512	$140.00 ea
11. Burks/Muller	4496	$135.00 ea
12. Stackhouse/Martinson	4494	$130.00 ea
13. Schmit/Brown	4475	$125.00 ea
14. Slocum/Morley	4405	$120.00 ea
15. Malakowsky/Goehner	4368	$115.00 ea
16. Huggett/Nogle, J	4324	$110.00 ea

Wilsonville Lanes Wins Wilsonville Swiss

Wilsonvelle - Bolting to the lead in game of four of the 12-game Wilsonville Swiss, the home Wilsonville Lanes team was never headed as they cruised to the victory.

The unique format of the tournament requires teams to field a lineup that includes at least one woman and one senior bowler with a 1030 average cap. The Wilsonville Lanes team featured reigning two-time OBA Bowler of the Year Jay Melton, Kyran Burks and Jim Winklepleck with senior bowler JP Muller and Winklepleck's daughter-in-law Sam filling the woman's spot on the roster.



Jason Hollingsworth (left) and Trent Zabelle(right) battled it out in game 10 of the tournament with Trent topping Jason 300-299.

The four guys on the team all bowled well with Melton leading the way averaging 225 for the 12 games, Muller was not far behind averaging 221 with Winklepleck and Burks contributing an average of 218 for the winning team. Sam, contributed with a solid 156 average, well over her entering average.

Needing just two points to lock up the title in the last game of the tournament, Wilsonville took six out of seven points from the Emerald Lanes team of Jim Humbert, Koleen Kelly, Aaron McFarlane, Bob Humbert, and Dale Whitington dropping Emerald to third. Dave's Pharmacy (John Sowles, Debbie Sowles, Bruce Cole, Matt Hector, and Justin Edwards), jumped over Emerald Lanes by taking five points in their last game to capture second place.

Tournament Notes: The tournament once again was filled to capacity and host proprietor Muller mentioned a possible Swiss to be held at the new Mt. Hood Lanes in October . . . Gary Yamasaki led the men averaging 239 while Brenda Melton paced the women with 215. Curtis Dornath led the seniors with a 225 average.



From left to right: "Coach" Marcus Winklepleck and daughterwith wife Sam, Jim Winklepleck, Jay Melton, JP Muller, and Kyran Burks

Final Standings	Pts
1. Wilsonville Lanes	58
2. Dave's Pharmacy	50
3. Emerald Lanes	49
4. My Dixie Wreck	49
5. Watson Constr.	48.5
6. Striking Results	48
7. Sunset Lanes	44.5

Spare Thoughts

By Gary Yamasaki

I'm sure you've all heard it before – "Be careful what you wish for." Well, lately I find myself muttering that very same cliché to myself over and over again.

For awhile a few years ago, I thought I was pretty much through with the bowling business, and I was okay with that. I wasn't involved in any way with the business side of bowling, and I even went a year without bowling in a league. I had gone back to school and finished up the credits I needed to complete my degreet and was ready to move on with my life in a direction that didn't necessarily have to include bowling.

One thing lead to another and all of a sudden, here I am firmly entrenched in the bowling business again – how did that happen? *(I guess I really shouldn't ask rhetorical questions in a column like this, but what the heck, its my column)*.

For those of you not aware, Rich and I run a pro shop under the name of Striking Results located inside Valley Lanes in Beaverton, Oregon, while we also try to run this publication. We have made a conscious effort to separate the two entities to avoid any appearances of a conflict of interest with ourselves and potential advertisers, and until now, have not mentioned the pro shop side of our business in this publication.

However, we recently decided to expand the pro shop side of our business and have added a second pro shop location with the shop located inside Beaverton's Sunset Lanes. Now if you're thinking, "Okay, that's too much for just the two of them," — you're right. So, we've added a third person to our mix. So, let me introduce, Jarrett Raz.

Jarrett is a relative youngster to this business at the age of 20, but his enthusiasm and love of the sport and business of bowling has been infectious to us embattled veterans (I guess that's as nice a way I have of saying Rich and I have been around awhile). Rich and I have both remarked how Jarrett reminds us of ourselves when we were his age.

Jarrett is an avid and dedicated bowler and is part of the wave of young bowlers making their mark in the Northwest bowling scene. It's this desire to bowl and bowl well, that brought Jarrett into the pro shop in the first place and his hard work and dedication to learning the sport is paying off as he has begun to cash in some top level tournaments, including some of the megabuck tournaments in Las Vegas.

Both Jarrett and I will be operating the pro shops and Jarrett will also help with gathering and chasing down advertising for this publication. Jarrett has been working with me for well over a year learning the technical aspects of the pro shop side of the business and will draw on his experience as a top desk person involved in the daily operations at Valley throughout the last two years to help in talking with other bowling centers in pursuing advertising.

Both Rich and I knew we needed another piece of the puzzle to round out our business, and for the time being, it appears this second pro shop, with Jarrett's inclusion, seems to be that piece. However, even with Jarrett's considerable help and enthusiasm, adding the second pro shop location has been a trying exercise in time and financial management. Having to go through the logistics of setting up the new shop, running around operating both shops, as well as trying to get the paper out, I find myself chasing myself 'round and 'round sometimes just trying to catch my breath. This second pro shop seems to be at least a part of the answer to our puzzle, but as I sit down trying to catch my breath, I guess I'm finding out its true – be careful what you wish for.

Jason Hollingsworth Tosses Big 865



Young Jason Hollingsworth has already been making his mark in the Portland bowling scene with an OBA title and several other top finishes in the area. On April 10th at Milwaukie Bowl, Hollingsworth tossed the best series of his young adult career with a big 865 series.

Starting the set off with the first seven strikes, Hollingsworth left a pocket 7-10 split before striking out for a 265 opening game. Hollingsworth kept on striking shooting back-to-back 300 games the last two games to complete the set.

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Jerome Lee Captures 2006 Roto-Grip Easter 60 & Over High Roller



2006 Roto-Grip 60 & Over High Roller Champion Jerome Lee

Las Vegas - The ageless Jerome Lee of Medford added another title and $10,000 to his already impressive resume with his win in the 2006 Roto-Grip Easter 60 & Over Classic held at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas during the Easter holidays. Lee, age 70, also cashed in the 50 & Over portion of the tournament as well.

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DORNATH AND LUNDGREN DEFEND NWST HARMONY LANES 90+ DOUBLES TITLE

Toledo, OR - Going into the final game, four teams were in contention for the NWST Harmony Lanes 90+ Doubles title contested over the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd . The tournament leaders were Mark Campbell and our host Charlie Moore. Mark rolled a 246 game and Charlie rolled a 268. Curtis Dornath rolled a 243 losing to Mark, however Walt Lundgren rolled a 279, leaving a 10 pin in the middle of his game, which edged out Charlie and gave them an 8 pin victory and pushed them just ahead of Mark and Charlie. However in 4th place Bill Starnes and Frank Dietz Jr., were making a tremendous charge. Bill started with eight in a row, went high in the 9th frame, but struck out for 278. Frank started with 9 in a row, a stubborn 7 pin cost them the title, and Frank finished with a 279 game. They fell short of Curtis and Walt by 6 pins, however they went around Mark and Charlie. Curtis and Walt started the day in 10th place, however they won all 6 matches Sunday and their bonus points helped them capture their 3rd 90+ doubles title in 3 years. NWST Hall of Fame member Walt Lundgren captured his 18th title, and Curtis Dornath claimed his 10th NWST title. Jerome Lee and Tom Flowers finished 4th. Frank Dietz Jr., led all bowlers averaging nearly 240 for the 12 game event. The NWST wants to thank Charlie and Jill Moore and the entire staff at Harmony Lanes for a wonderful weekend in Toledo.



From left to right: 3rd Place finishers Charlie Moore and Mark Campbell, 2nd Place finishers Bill Starnes and Frank Dietz, Champions Walt Lundgren and Curtis Dornath, 4th Place finishers Jerome Lee and Tom Flowers.

		Pinfall		Bonus	Total
1.	Curtis DornathWalt Lundgren	2656/2710	430	5796	$1,600
2.	Bill StarnesFrank Dietz Jr	2514/2876	400	5790	$1,200
3.	Mark CampbellCharlie Moore	2648/2741	385	5774	$1,000
4.	Tom FlowersJerome Lee	2622/2629	365	5616	$800
5.	Steve PecharSteve Sonne	2621/2580	350	5551	$600
6.	Rick HattenhauerSteve Michaliszyn	2587/2610	345	5542	$500

High Team Non-Cashers:
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13th Annual Mini Eliminator Rolls July 1-9

2006 Summer Mini Features 5 Unique Events

Steve Sanders' world renowned Mini Eliminator is set for its 13th Annual run July 1-9, 2006 at the beautiful Orleans Resort in Las Vegas.

After a very successful Super Bowl Mini in February, bowlers can look forward to several new features in Mini #13. The Mini Main Event runs July 3-9 and feature a big $25,000 top prize and a 1:8 cash ratio. Also guaranteed is that 1 in 8 in EVERY DIVISION will advance to the finals and be guaranteed a minimum of $750 cash, triple the $250 entry fee.

Event #2 will be the all new Doubles Event, July 1 and 2, sponsored by Morich Enterprises. In February, the Mini staged the first Morich Mixed Doubles, and this summer, another first will be the all new Morich Over & Under Doubles Championship. Doubles teams in this new event will be one bowler (male or female) 50 years old or better, and one bowler 49 or under. With 250 teams in the multi-squad event, the Over & Under Doubles will guarantee $12,000 first place. $10,000 is guaranteed regardless of entries.

Event #3 is the always successful and unique $100,000 Brunswick Shootout, with over $40,000 in cash prizes, and every entrant gets TWO Brunswick high performance bowling balls with their entry! There are three ways to get into the Brunswick Shootout: 1. Win one of 90 spots that will be given in special win-a-spot squads during the Mini Main Event qualifying. 2. Recruit only two new bowlers for the Mini, and 3. Buy a Shootout entry for only $250 (less than the value of the balls!). The Brunswick Shootout will feature ALL bowlers rolling ONLY Brunswick balls, and it will run July 7-8.

Event's #4 and #5 mark the return of Mini Eliminator Sweepers. Dexter bowling shoes will sponsor 2-game sweepers to roll the evenings of July 3 and July 5. The entry fee is $200 per squad, the cash ratio is 1 in 5, and the guarantees are $5000 first place (based on 200 entries) and $400 last cash.

New Mini Eliminator sponsor Lane #1 will stage all new Matchplay Shootout Sweepers on the evenings of July 4 and July 6. Each Shootout Sweeper will feature a single elimination matchplay format with no re-entry. If a bowler wins only two matches, they will double their money, winning $400. Three match winners will triple their money to $600. With 280 entries, this event will pay $5000 first place, and 1 in 4 will cash. In addition, Lane #1 will pay a $1000 bonus to anyone who wins this sweeper using a Lane #1 bowling ball.

All Mini Eliminator events will be held at the newly remodeled 70-lane Orleans Bowling Center, and the Orleans Hotel is offering very special rates for Mini Eliminator bowlers – only $54 Sunday-Thursday, and $104 Friday and Saturday. The Gold Coast is also offering special rates of $45 and $95. To reserve a room at either, call the toll free reservations number 1-800-675-3267, or reserve your room online at www.coastcasinos.com. Use promo code MIN0628.

The Mini Eliminator is presented by Pinacle Events and Brunswick, the world's leader in bowling. Additional sponsors include Turbo 2-N-1 Grips, MoRich, Lane #1, KR Strikeforce, Goodpayer.com, Bowlingball.com, Dexter, and Bowlers Journal International Magazine.

For more information about the 13th Annual Mini Eliminator, or to obtain an entry brochure, call the toll free Mini Hotline 1-877-900-6464 or visit the Mini Eliminator website www.minieliminator.com. Entries will be accepted by mail, email, phone, fax and in person at the Orleans. Walk-in entries are welcome as late as an hour prior to each of the 22 qualifying squads.

Portland Association News

by Bob Zoesch, President, Greater Portland USBC

It's already the first part of May, the winter leagues are almost all finished and golf courses, fishing, vacationing, gardening and other activities prompt us to put the bowling balls in the closet and forget about it until late August or early September. For many however, there are a large number of summer leagues at many centers to keep our game in fine tune. I notice numerous formats from No-tap to Monte Carlo type, from doubles and trio type to Reno or Chinook Winds types and many with new bowling equipment as inducement. I think there is something there for everyone's taste.

Even though the leagues are winding down, activity at the GPUSBC office is going full speed ahead. Final league average sheets are coming in for processing. I hope every secretary of each league has promptly sent theirs in to reduce the followup in getting the required data. The information is entered into the Win-Labs system and is primary information for the Annual Yearbook which is needed by the formation of fall leagues in August.

The office continues to receive bowler award applications, many of which have been saved by secretaries until the end of the season, hence a real crunch time in getting awards back before league banquets are scheduled. In addition to the entry of data to support the yearbook, the yearbook committee is working on format and layout along with selling advertising to support the cost of creating the books. I appeal to anyone who has any connection with any business that might place an ad in the yearbook to support this effort and contact the office by June 15. Thanks in advance to anyone who helps in this effort.

The Greater Portland USBC, through the scholarship committee, has awarded three local youth bowlers assistance in continuing their education in college. A $500.00 scholarship remembering Corkey Talley was presented to JACOB PATTERSON, a youth bowler at AMF 20th Century Lanes. A $1,000.00 scholarship in memory of Danny Crevier was presented to JAKE KLEMSEN, a youth bowler at Milwaukie Bowl and a $1,000.00 scholarship in memory of Don Spady was presented to CHRISTOPHER WATTS, a youth bowler at Sunset Lanes. Each of these recipients has outstanding scholastic credentials, bowling achievements and other civic or community activities. Each of these individuals is to be congratulated and commended for their achievements. Youth bowlers are encouraged to apply for a scholarship in future years.

In addition to the GPUSBC scholarships, the Portland Bowling Council issued four $1,000 one time only scholarships. Those recipients are identified in another column elsewhere in this issue.

The USBC national annual meeting was just completed in Orlando, FL and your delegates participated in numerous workshops and the legislative sessions reviewing proposed changes to General Playing Rules, League Rules and Tournament Rules. There were no rules changes of major significance and the proposals and outcomes will be highlighted next month.

Next on the calendar is the Greater Portland USBC annual meeting which is scheduled for 2 PM on May 21, 2006 at the Chalet Room at AMF 20th Century Lanes on S.E. 92nd Ave. The meeting is open to all USBC members and will include election of four director positions plus delegates to the 2007 USBC National annual meeting and Oregon State USBC annual meeting.

One last item (but certainly not the least) is the upcoming GPUSBC annual Awards Banquet. The banquet is happening on June 10, 2006 beginning at 4 P.M. with dinner at 5 P.M. The tournament winners will be honored as well as the Hall of Fame inductees. Other recognition is scheduled for volunteer and director of the year. Contact the office for tickets and /or other information. There will be additional information in next month's column.

My personal thank you for a job well done is being offered to our Association Manager, Al Whiteman and his staff, Leilani and Carol. Great job crew!

Bob Zoesch, President
Greater Portland USBC

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CONTESTS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOWLING WEEK

Adults, Youth Encouraged to Enter Art, Photography, Essay Competitions

GREENDALE, Wis. - Three national contests for adult and youth bowlers are being sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress and the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America to help launch a spectacular celebration of National Bowling Week, which runs Aug. 26 through Sept. 1.

National Bowling Art and National Bowling Photography Contests feature divisions for youth, amateur adults and professional artists. The subject matter of all entries must be bowling-related and will be accepted June 1 through Aug. 1.

The National Bowling Essay Contest encourages writers to share their best bowling moments or describe how bowling has positively impacted their lives. All youth 17 years or younger may enter and there also will be a separate division for adults who are USBC members. Teachers will be encouraged to incorporate the essay contest in their lesson plans this spring. Entries will be accepted through July 1.

National contest winners will be recognized during National Bowling Week. Adult winners will receive cash prizes; youth winners will receive scholarship awards. Winning art, photos and essays will be featured in USBC and BPAA publications.

National Bowling Week also will feature bowling clinics, equipment checks, a youth bowling blast-off and more. Check bowl.com for updates and contest rules and application forms

WASHINGTON BOWLER CELEBRATES 40TH BIRTHDAY IN A BIG WAY

RENO, Nev. - If there's any truth to the expression, "life begins at 40," bowler Karen Schmehl is getting off to a great start. On the very day she celebrated her 40th birthday, the Spokane, Wash.-based woman reached another milestone: rolling a 521 series with games of 178, 203 and 140 in Division 4 Doubles competition at the United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships presented by the Eldorado, Silver Legacy and Circus Circus.

To complement the cake and ice cream on her big day, Schmehl took home official USBC awards, commemorating 100 pins over average game; 140 pins over average series; a 200 game for 160 average or less; and a 500 series pin for 140 average or less.

Entering her second USBC Women's Championships with a modest 92 average, Schmehl said she was surprised at her performance at the National Bowling Stadium.

"I just always come out and bowl well," Schmehl said. "The most strikes I had in a row was four. I tried to just pick up my spares. In singles, I had a lot of spares."

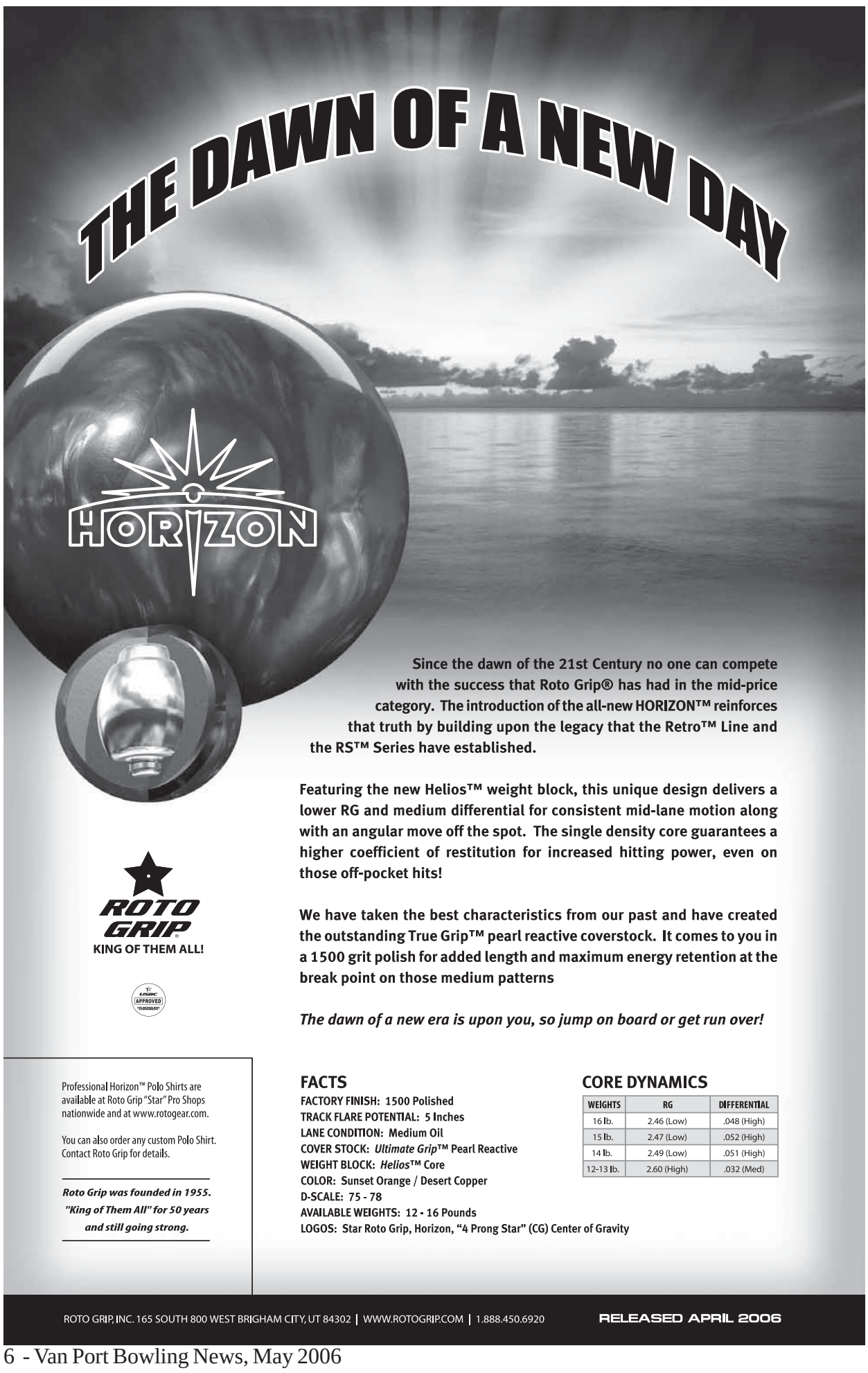
Schmehl bowls on the military base in Spokane, where she lives with her husband and children, all of whom, according to the birthday girl, are much better bowlers.

"I just bowl for fun, normally," she insists. "I'm more social. My boys and husband bowl, and they're all 200-average bowlers. I'm the worst bowler in the family. My oldest son was mad because I was going to bowl in the stadium before him. He's going to adult leagues next year, so hopefully he'll bowl here then."

The 2007 USBC Open Championships will be conducted at the National Bowling Stadium.

For the casual bowler who just completed her fourth decade, Schmehl is officially no longer in a league of her own. In team, she rolled 165, 131 and 150 for a 446 series and added games of 120, 166 and 150 in singles for a total pinfall of 1,403 in All-Events.

Kegel is the official lane maintenance provider of USBC. For more information on the USBC Women's Championships, visit www.usbcwomenschampionships.com



Mt Hood Lanes to have Open House May 23

Gresham - JP Muller has announced that the new Mt Hood Lanes will have an Open House on Tuesday, May 23rd, to invite people into the completely renovated center.

Also, Mt Hood Lanes and Wilsonville Lanes are now taking applications for all positions.

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Puget Sound News

Michael Sets Mark at TechCity Bowl



Bill Michael

Congratulations to Bill Michael who rolled the highest series in the 48 year history of TechCity Bowl,

Formerly known as Totem Bowl in Kirkland, Wa. He rolled a 300, 279, 239 for an 818 series on April 4, 2006.

Michael also conquered a 299 in the 2004-2005 season and another 299 in October of 2005...finally get the job done by nailing a perfect game of 300.

Pat Johns Wins Again at Sunset Bowl

Pat Johns, of Seattle, wins another WWSBA title at Sunset Bowl. Pat has won 2 out of the last 3 tournaments at Sunset Bowl. Pat was the high qualifier with 1133. Pat only briefly lost the lead, during the four games of Match Play, when he lost one game to Gary Tameno.

Gary Tameno started the tournament out strong by bowling a 300 in the first game of qualifying eventually finishing 5th.. Pat finished the 3rd and 4th game of Match Play by bowling a 267 and a 258, against a fast closing Bill Roeben.

Thief pillages fundraiser at bowling alley

Owner, manager make up Big Brothers, Big Sisters loss

By Stephanie Mathieu

The Olympian 4/3/06



A fundraiser bowling event for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston County ended in disappointment Saturday when the group's raffle money came up missing.

But the manager and owner of the pro shop at the bowling alley decided to match the amount of stolen money in a donation. Then they decided to double it.

The Bowl for Kids' Sake bowling event at Westside Lanes concluded about 4 p.m., and while organization members and participants from 21 bowling teams were saying their thank yous and goodbyes, the envelope containing about $300 in raffle money disappeared.

"We turned our heads, and somebody must have grabbed it," said Roger Jones, executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston County. "Sounds like somebody who needs a mentor."

Mike Savoia, manager of **Precision Pro Shop**, wrote a check for $300, which his wife, Danielle Westbrook, delivered Monday to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

When shop owner *Norm Giannusa* heard about it, he suggested that the shop double the donation, Westbrook said.

Olympia Police Cmdr. Tor Bjornstad said organizations such as Big Brothers Big Sisters should not assume that money being raised for a good cause is less likely to be taken.

"Time and time again, that's been proven not to be true," Bjornstad said.

The organization filed a police report and spoke with Westside Lanes staff about the incident. Westside Lanes has security cameras, and staff members said they would review their videotape to see whether they could get some idea of a suspect, Jones said.

Event participants were upset by the disappearance of the raffle money, Jones said.

"People couldn't believe somebody would take money that would help kids," he said.

The bowling fundraiser involves five events with community members and agencies including banks, state officials, corporations and law enforcement agencies.

Teams of four to six bowlers take pledge donations prior to the event. The bowling fundraisers Saturday brought Big Brothers Big Sisters of Thurston County approximately $9,000.

"These are pretty important events for us," Jones said. "We count on community support."

Jones said he hoped to raise $1,000 through the raffle, but with the theft, he's not sure his organization will meet that goal.

Davidson Tops WCT Field at West Seattle Bowl



Bob Davidson accepts the $500 first place check and a new Lane #1 ball from Tournament Director Cindy Skrinski.

	Player	City	Qualify	Finals	W/L	Bonus	Total	Money
1	Bob Davidson	Seattle	975	1058	5-0	150	2183	$500.00
2	Don Howard * SR	Seattle	1044	942	3-2	90	2076	$275.00
3	Mike Hartter	Silverdale	1085	900	2-3	60	2045	$175.00
4	Mike Savoia	Olympia	1006	878	2-3	60	1944	$150.00
5	Glen Smith * SR	Seattle	976	922	1-4	30	1928	$140.00
6	Brian Whetzel	Snohomish	999	816	2-3	60	1875	$130.00
7	Ken Ross	Mukilteo	973					
8	Chuck Riess	Tukwila	967					
9	John Arnell	Puyallup	960					
10	Mike O'Brien	Sedro-Woolley	947					
11	John Lough	Lynnwood	940					
12	Jack Holden * SR	Marysville	925					
13	Gary Tameno * SR	Seattle	925					
14	John Young	Mt. Vernon	924					
15	Marv Schmidt	Seattle	919					
16	Rodney Goodwin	Lynnwood	899					
17	Roy Lynch	Seattle	DNF					

High Sr. out of Money $50.00

Seattle - Never show them too much too soon. Bob Davidson managed to sneak into the finals at the WCT's April event held at West Seattle Bowl and then went on to capture the title .

Snagging the last qualifying spot for the finals, Davidson was the only bowler "over" in the finals and went undefeated to capture the $500 first place check and a new Lane #1 bowling ball.

Davidson also leads the WCT's season-long point race.

Here is the top five point leaders for the season:

1 - Bob Davidson	1575
2 - Jason Williams	1540
3 - Mike O'Brien	1510
4 - Scott Halvarson	1310
5 - Michael Kelly	1180

NEW USBC YOUTH DUES STRUCTURE APPROVED FOR 2006-07

Funds to support research, create programs to expand the sport

GREENDALE, Wis. - The United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors has approved a new USBC Youth dues structure that goes into effect Aug. 1

Of the three dues components, national youth dues will be $9.50 while the maximum allowable local dues will be $4 and maximum state dues will be $0.50 for a maximum total of $14. Overall, this represents a maximum $2 increase in USBC Youth dues, which have been at their current levels for the past seven years.

Increased non-dues revenue has helped the national organization provide nearly $10 of service to each member for what currently is an $8.50 national youth membership.

”It is important to make sure USBC members continue benefiting directly from our programs and services,” USBC Chief Executive Officer Roger Dalkin said. “But we also need to balance that with the need to create programs that help youth, grow the sport, support research and generally do what is right for bowling.”

USBC Youth bowling national dues are among the lowest charged by 26 organized sports certified by their sport’s national governing bodies.

For a full comparison of various sports’ national dues, details on USBC operating expenses and frequently-asked dues questions and answers, visit bowl.com, keyword “dues.”

USBC BOARD APPROVES SCHOLARSHIP RULE CHANGES

Rule and SMART policy changes take effect Aug. 1

ORLANDO, Fla. - The United States Bowling Congress Board of Directors have approved changes to rules concerning the management of assigned scholarship awards in its board meeting Tuesday immediately preceding the inaugural USBC Convention in Orlando, Fla.

To protect bowlers’ eligibility to participate in high school and/or collegiate level varsity sports, changes to youth rules concerning scholarship leagues and tournaments and changes to SMART scholarship use policies will take effect Aug. 1.

Rule changes will mandate use of USBC’s SMART (Scholarship Management and Accounting Reports for Tenpins) program for all scholarship awards assigned to USBC Youth members from certified league and tournament competition. Unassigned scholarship funds still may be managed locally.

The scholarship rule and SMART policy changes are in response to a determination by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and research of state high school athletic association bylaws. Prospective student athletes are allowed to accept scholarship awards based on performance. Athletes enrolled in NCAA Division I or II institutions are able to utilize scholarships they’ve earned before their college years as long as the awards are managed through the sport’s national governing body, are compliant with NCAA bylaws (e.g. awards prior to enrollment and educational expenses - USOC or national governing body), and does not provide cash-back to the individual.

SMART policy changes regarding when individuals can use their funds, what they can be used for and how payments are to be made also were necessary to comply with NCAA, state and/or local athletic association rules or directives.

If a SMART scholarship recipient has graduated from high school and signs a declaration that he or she will not participate in a college level varsity sport, broader usage and reimbursement policies (consistent with current policies) will apply.

For more information, contact USBC at (800) 514-BOWL, ext. 3161 or visit bowl.com.

Molalla Bowl to Once Again Host Molalla Buckeroo Doubles Shootout

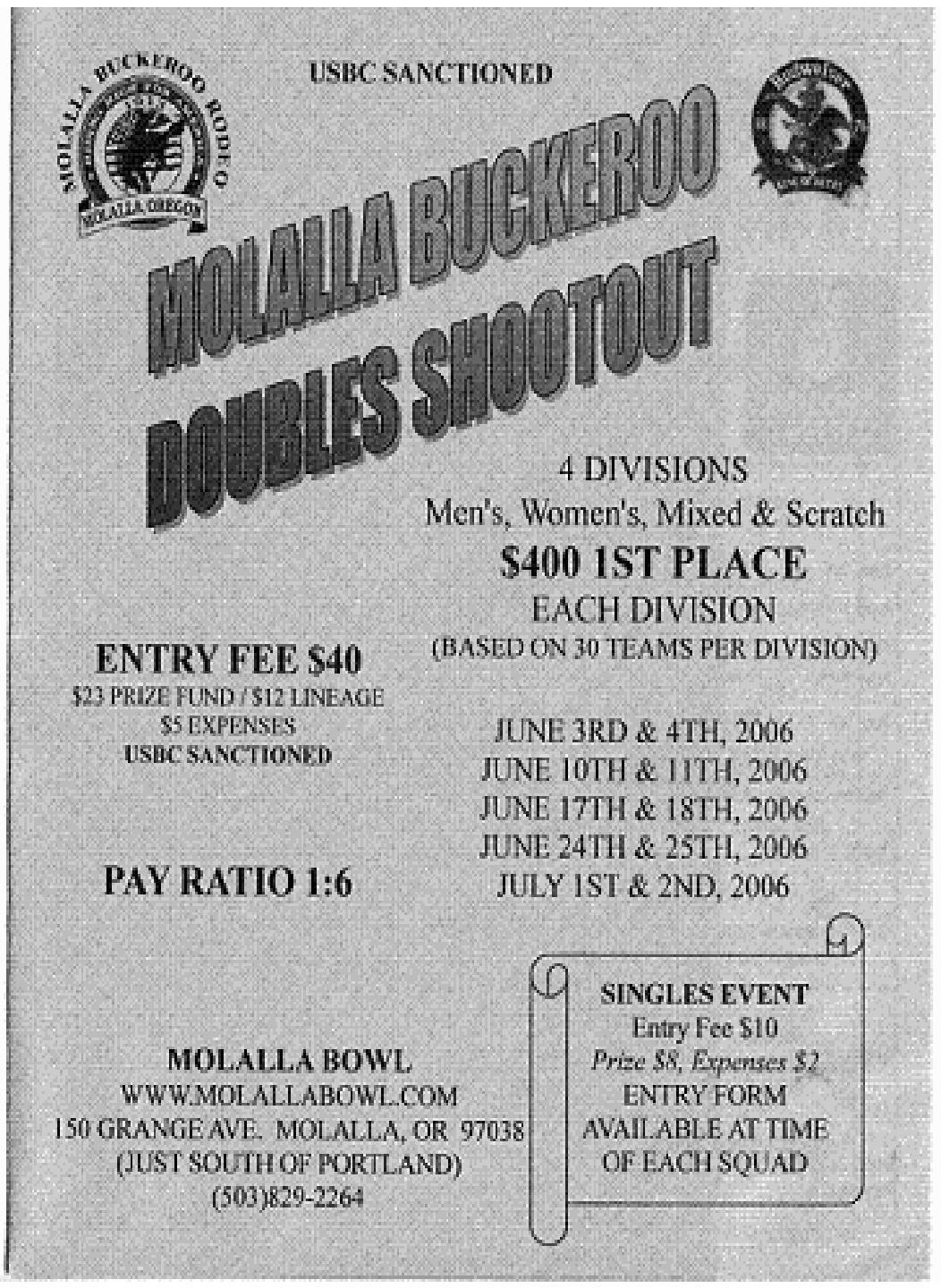
Molalla - Molalla Bowl will once again host the Molalla Buckeroo Doubles Shootout. The doubles event has four divisions - Mens, Womens, Mixed, and a Scratch division.

First place in each division, based on 30 teams per division, will be $400. Entry fee is only $40 and the pay ratio will be 1 in 6.

The event runs every weekend beginning June 3rd and 4tha dn will end the first weekend July on the 1st and 2nd.

There is an optional singles event for a $10 entry fee as well.

Call Molalla Bowl at (503) 829-2264 for more details.



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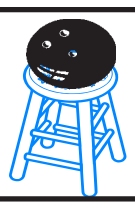
Mechanic’s Corner

Summertime’s a’comin’ – it’s time to do those jobs that can only be done when you have some down time. Don’t put it off – fall leagues will be here again before you know it.

Brunswick pinsetters that have a tripshaft have a pivoting trip finger and link at the top of the tripshaft bracket. Sometimes, you may find this pivot finger and link inverted. Most of the time mechanics try and build some type of mechanical device to stop this inverting. The problem is usually not in that area. If you look in the pit cushion area, you will find pit cushion linkages. Connected to these linkages are shocks, one on each side. If you look at the top of the shock you might find hydraulic fluid leaking out. This will cause the shock to collapse or become completely empty, causing the shock wave from the ball impact to be so strong it causes the pivot finger and link to invert.

The remedy is to replace the shock, usually on the 7-pin side, but check both sides. Make sure the 4 allen bolts that hold the pit cushions are on tight too. Try and check each pinsetter on a monthly basis to avoid problems. Just make it part of your monthly maintenance schedule. Good luck!

You can contact Vahn at 503-816-3980. See you in the fall!



coach's corner

by Vince Schiro



Today is the day

You are taking that big, deep, breath and letting it out just before starting your approach now. This has become part of your pre-shot routine. You picture the feel of your feet under you as you make your journey to the line. You see yourself getting down into a low, solid, powerful position at the line. So what's next?

Stay in the middle of today! Keep your focus on what you are doing, and trying to accomplish. No matter what happens, stay in today. Today is what is happening on the approach - in the here and now.

Your stance is in the morning. You are getting ready. What happens when you get into your car and start moving? Don't you look, before you start moving, at where you are going? So your targeting is part of the getting ready process.

The approach connects morning to afternoon. The approach is the middle of the day. It's happening. You are moving forward. You are getting it done. As you are moving, you are aware of how you feel as you move forward. Your feet, your tempo, your arm swing, your overall movement, while you are still focusing on your targeting, just as you started it in the stance.

As you move forward, you are already anticipating the end of the afternoon, that great, low, powerful, finish position, while still focusing on your targeting. Now you land it perfectly settling smoothly into that low position.

The evening comes. That's the ball pulling your arm into the bottom of the swing as you smoothly settle into that low position.

And now it's time for the release and follow through. That's the sunset. The final moment of the day. Enjoy it. It's never forced. It happens naturally. It looks great and it's spectacular to take it all in.

Then, as the sunset fades away, and the night comes, you will reflect upon what a great journey it was. The pins go away into the night. They disappear.

There is so much to accomplish during the day (the whole approach), you just can't concentrate on the night time that lays ahead (pins fading into the pin deck) while the day is happening. The curves in the road (from the break to the pocket). The changing weather conditions (dressing conditions). The moving to go around the potholes (bad spots on the lane). The speed of the drive as you match it up with the weather conditions (awareness of your speed, line, and changing dressing pattern).

You don't just look at the road 10 feet in front of the car do you? No, of course not. You look at a necessary length of the road that is needed in order to drive well, and you concentrate on it. You don't visualize pulling into the driveway at the end of the trip do you? No, you keep your attention on what you are doing, while you are doing it.

You have too many things to accomplish during your approach to worry about anything else such as score, beating your opponent, hanging on to that average, or rolling to a win in a tournament. All of those distractions are every bit as distracting to you as a fire truck with siren blasting, roaring into the same intersection you are in with your car.

Rolling a bowling ball on your targeting is your objective, not knocking down the pins. Knocking down the pins is the **result** of rolling the ball on your targeting. If the pins are not being knocked down, then the lane will be telling you to move your feet and your targeting. The most important part of the whole trip on the approach is this. You will learn and become aware of what it feels like to roll a great ball. Just go for that feel every time. Never more. Never less. Just enough so it feels great!

Before we end this column, I have something special I want to share with all the Bronze level coaches in the Northwest. We have worked with Bob Maki at bowling headquarters, and have now confirmed a **Silver Level Coaching Conference** in our region. It's scheduled for October 20, 21, and 22, 2006 at Hollywood Bowl in Portland, Oregon. If you want to move to silver, then get this date confirmed on your schedule right now, and don't let anything else get in the way. We tried to schedule it for after the fall season starts and before the icy weather gets going. Registrations are available on line at bowl.com.

Until next month, **have fun bowling!**

Oregon Junior Classic Results for Firebird Classic on 4/23/06.

Classic Division (200 & up)

1st	Daniel Jackson, Portland	2751	$100 Scholarship
2nd	Mathew West, Gresham	2696	
3rd	Rob Edwards, Vancouver	2643	
4th	Cody Stone, Tigard	2527	
5th	Bret Baldwin, Toledo	2527	
6th	Austin Marshall, Newport	2412	

AA Division (180 - 199)

1st	Michelle Wallace, Bend	2697	$100 Scholarship
2nd	Nick Amrein, Hillsboro	2673	
3rd	Andrew Nelson, Salem	2662	
4th	Shane Marx, Salem	2487	
5th	Buster Bratton, Yoncalla	2441	
6th	Tony Orcutt, Keizer	2322	

A Division (156 - 179)

1st	Brady Briggs, Keizer	2563	$100 Scholarship
2nd	Robbie Sattergren, Portland	2323	
3rd	Kaela Pratt, Salem	2307	
4th	Kenny Killebrew, Salem	2248	
5th	Chelsey Natividad, Salem	2234	
6th J	osh Miller, Hillsboro	2161	

B Division (155 & under)

1st	Carol Mendoza, Keizer	2315	
2nd	Kyle Bergeland, Keizer	2127	
3rd	Louis Romero-Clark, Portland	2119	
4th	Josh Heidecker, Eugene	1980	
5th	Scott Davidson, Portland	1979	
6th	Chelsea Lein, Cresswell	1846	

2006 Pepsi Oregon State Championship Bowling Tournament

Event held @ AMF 20th Century Lanes, Portland, OR on April 28, & 29, 2006. Following are the results of the second day, following the qualifying event of April 28th. Senior bowlers (12 & over) bowl 6 games each day, junior bowlers (11 and under) bowl a total of 6 games. The top bowler in each senior division advances to the national tournament to be held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL

The top four bowlers in each division also receive a monetary scholarship to be administered by the national SMART program.

Sr. Boys Scratch Finals:
1. Casey Carver, Cottage Grove (1308)
2. Robert Moore, Portland (1298)
3. Lucas Stone, Tigard (1294)
4. Justin Laney, Gresham (1251)

Sr. Girls Scratch Finals
1. Justine Tipton, Portland (1187)
2. Natalie Cardoza, Creswell (1170)
3. Estella Padilla, Medford (1085)
4. Jessica Cutteridge, Medford (881)

Sr Boys Handicap Finals
1. Jordan Giacherio, Sherwood (1445)
2. Josh Smith, Beaverton (1400)
3. Brock Williams, St. Helens (1375)
4. Brady Briggs, Keizer (1374)

Sr. Girls Handicap Finals
1. Cassandra Day, Salem (1403)
2. Amanda Gasner, Roseburg (1345)
3. Jessica Tyree, Salem (1343)
4. Tonya Boise, Warm Springs (1330)

Jr Boys Handicap Finals
1. Malachi Kahr, Portland (1402)
2. Marcus Cheney, Tillamook (1342)
3. Nickolas Perini, Hillsboro, (1310)
4. Jackson Boise, Warm Springs (1297)

Jr. Girls Handicap Finals
1. Idalis Flores, Molalla (1361)
2. Marissa Rietman, Tigard (1322)
3. Megan Felderman, Beaverton (1307)
4. Beryl Bratton, Yoncalla (1289)*
Sydney Barr, Redmond (1289)*
Sarita Hemmady, West Linn, (1289)*
*tie

Portland Bowling Council Announces Scholarship Awards

The Portland Bowling Council is pleased to announce the awarding of four $1000.00 scholarships to the following sturdents:

Amanda Butkovich, Molalla High School (Molalla High School)
Jacob Patterson, Benson High School (AMF 20th Century)
Jake Klemsen, Rex Putnam High School (Milwaukie Bowl)
Nick Spellman, Portland State University (Hollywood Bowl)

The awards were based on the students' overall achievements in academics and bowling participation skills.

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Doersch Wins His First Sr. 50+ Tour at Hollywood Bowl

by Lauren Fries

Mike Doersch's third 50+ was his best as he averaged 178 in qualifying but averaged an amazing 218 in the finals at the April 8th tournament. Winning three out of four matches, Doersch easily win the tournament. Philip Atkin, who had only one game under 200 and also won three games, game in second.

High Qualifier was Ken Hagen who finished third. Next tournament is AMF Pro 300 May 13th at 1 pm.

Final Results

1.	Mike Doersch, Portland	1143	3/1	$300
2.	Phillip Atkin, West Linn	1055	3/1	$150
3.	Ken Hagen, Canby	1033	3/1	$125
4.	Nick Dubravac, Portland	1014	2/2	$100
5.	Jerry Maly, Corbett	1004	3/1	$90
5.	Jaime Vazquez, Portland	1004	2/2	$90
7.	Ray Reavis, Portland	967	2/2	$75
8.	Gerald Comeau, Beaverton	914	3/1	$70
9.	Earl Gayhart, Portland	865	2/2	$65
10.	Roy Galvin, Portland	864	1/3	$60
11.	Robert Stanford, Portland	832	1/3	$58
12.	James Wade, Portland	802	2/2	$55
13.	Richard Wong, Portland	797	1/3	$53
14.	Jerry Hastings, Milwaukie	767	0/4	$52
PPHGO$ -	Ken Kirchem	245		$25
Consolation -	Ruthella Baurer	224		$15
High Qualifier -	Ken Hagen			$25

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May 13	Sr. 50+	AMF Pro 300 Lanes	(503) 234-0237	Portland
May 13-14	OBA Grand Finals	Recreation Lanes	(503) 977-9682	Gearhart, OR
May 19-21	PBA NW Regional	Sunset Bowl	(206) 782-7310	Seattle
May 20-21	NWST Grand Finals	Valley Lanes	(503) 292-3523	Beaverton
May 28-29	NWBT	Sunset Lanes	(541) 571-2796	Beaverton
June 2	King of the Hill	Triangle Bowl	(360) 425-4060	Longview
June 4	Regional Win-a-Spot	Four Seasons Bowl	(503) 648-3139	Hillsboro
June 10	9-Pin No Tap	Hollywood Bowl	(541) 922-4744	Portland
June 23-24	PBA Mem/NonMem Dbls	Four Seasons	(503) 648-3139	Hillsboro
July 1-9	Mini Eliminator	The Orleans	(877) 900-6464	Las Vegas

Every weekend beginning June 3-4 thru July 1-2 Molalla Buckeroo Doubles, (see ad)
Every First Friday of the Month, King of the Hill, Triangle Bowl (see above)
Every weekend in May and June, I-5 Doubles, Wilsonville Lanes, (see ad)
May 26 thru July 30th, Triangle Trios Classic, Triangle Bowl (see ad)

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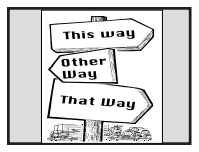
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