

# MAJOR CHANGES TO PEPSI YBC

By Tom Brendgord

If you are one of the many parents, coaches, proprietors or youth that have been anxiously waiting for some information regarding the 2008 Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships, the wait is now over. That is the good news. The not-so-good news is that there are many major changes this year that are not going to be received very well by those involved.

The biggest change is the elimination of the regional finals. The next biggest change is the state finals will be held on two weekends. Still other changes involve local qualifying dates and state finals qualifying formats.

Most people will ask why would anyone want to fix something that was not broken. Without question this is the most popular and successful youth tournament in the state. What is causing these changes?

The national USBC ultimately controls the whys and wherefores of this event which has the Pepsi sponsorship under contract. What most people don't know is that the Pepsi contract specifies that all levels of competition except the local qualifying must be conducted not only in BPAA member centers, but also in ones that have signed contracts to sell Pepsi post-mix products exclusively. In Montana those restrictions present many problems. There are only 15 bowling centers that are BPAA members that have exclusive Pepsi contracts. Of those fifteen, eight centers are 8-lanes or smaller, which are seemingly too small to host a regional.

The problem gets even more complex when trying to schedule competition in six regions with that few of eligible centers. Montana is a huge state geographically and even six regions is a stretch for many people. Also, consider that not all eligible centers have available lanes on the dates needed. And then came the straw that broke the

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**Association.**

camel's back - the state finals had already been awarded to Billings prior to the knowledge of these restrictions. At the time Billings was selected, there were three eligible centers there totaling 48 lanes. In the last eleven months one of those centers closed and one

center failed to renew their BPAA membership leaving Billings with only one 12-lane center eligible to host the state finals. And that is why the state finals is scheduled for two weekends including both Fridays thereof.

The fact that there will be no regional qualifying is not the worst thing in the world, for this tournament operated that way for several years until it got so big that an interim eliminator became necessary. But having a state finals of such enormity in one 12-lane center is a scary thought. It will be held on May 2-4 and 9-11, 2008 at Town & Country Lanes in Billings. Bowlers will advance directly from their local qualifying. The two scratch divisions will be held on the 1st weekend ONLY. The two 12 & Over Handicap divisions will be held on the 2nd weekend ONLY. The 11 & Under divisions will go both weekends.

Log on to BowlMontana.com (Tournament tab) for complete format and rules information.

## ONLINE COACHING COURSE DEBUTS

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**Bronze and Silver levels to follow soon.**

By Tom Brendgord

Prospective bowling coaches can now earn their certification for the introductory level coaching course referred to as Level One with the USBC online at Bowl.com. All it takes is \$60, a computer and three to five hours of time. The course includes an exam for each lesson and six exams focusing on developing a "coach's eye." The exams are graded online and once a student has successfully

passed the course, he or she can immediately print a validation certificate. Level I classes will no longer be offered in-person after January 1, 2008.

The USBC Coaching Program offers four levels of certification: Level One, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each one is a prerequisite toward achieving the next.

The Bronze level will be modified and is expected to be offered online on bowl.com by March 2008. The Silver level will be reviewed and made available online by July 2008. These four are the only coaching programs recognized by the United States Olympic Committee.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR**

from the  
Montana USBC Association Board of Directors and the Montana Strike Zone staff

**SPARE NOTES**

By Laurel Walker, President MUSBC

Notes from the HiLine are pretty brief this time of year. I hope that bowling is going well in your area, and that your scores are better than ever. It is hard to believe that we are in the middle of the regular season already. Good luck with those City Tournaments!

If any of you would like to keep tabs on bowling in central Montana, do try to read Curt Backa's column in the Great Falls Tribune each Tuesday. He does a wonderful job of reporting and lists lots of the bowling highlights, as well.

Many thanks to all of the bowlers who help out when they are asked, and to those of you who agree to committee work. Roz Gallup, MUSBC Association Manager, is to be commended for her excellent work, and our special thanks goes to Star Rolison of Laurel who chaired the audit of our state finances and found the books and money to be well documented and in good shape.

Be looking for news of the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled this spring in Butte. This will be the yearly general assembly with election of officers and directors, plus some workshop events to help you and your associations stay successful.

My thanks to all of you who keep bowling a priority, and I send you wishes for a very nice holiday season.



**Hall of Fame Applications**

Many bowlers are not aware of the Hall of Fame process here in Montana. Hall of Fame applications can be obtained from MUSBC Association Manager, Roz Gallup; Hall of Fame committee chairman, Bert Stiles or it can be downloaded from our web site, BowlMontana.com (click on MUSBC tab). The deadline for submission this season is February 1, 2008. This application pertains to both women and men, but not youth. Contact Bert or Roz with questions.

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**Local Qualifying:**  
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# On My Mind.....

## BowlMontana.com One Year Anniversary

By Tom Brendgord

It was exactly one year ago that our web site, BowlMontana.com was introduced to the bowlers of the world. I prefer to think of our news and information (Montana bowling) as something the rest of the world might be interested in; otherwise, why would we spend the money to put it on the worldwide web in the first place.



Hopefully, most of you reading this article have had the opportunity to view this site that is a combination of both Montana Bowling Proprietor Association and Montana USBC Association news and information. The two associations paid for it jointly and although it is not the Cadillac of web sites, it does extend a great deal of information to our bowlers. It doesn't have any bells and whistles like other sites primarily because it is almost 100% database oriented. In other words, it is not the prettiest, but if you want tournament information, it is there. In many cases one may not only find dates and locations of bowling events, but also be able to download entry forms and results.

Last spring, we posted the up-to-date results within two days after each weekend for the State Open and the State Women's tournaments.

This site has major tabs for Tournaments, Calendar of Events, Youth, Classifieds, Montana USBC and a complete bowling center Directory. There are also side tabs titled About Us, What's Hot, Membership, Links to other bowling web sites and Contact information.

The Montana USBC tab is huge. It lists all members of the Board of Directors with their email addresses, committee chairpersons and some of its history. One can view Hall of Fame honorees for all state Halls of Fame, download all kinds of application forms and even download the most current issue of this newspaper.

The About Us tab tells a lot about the history of the Montana Bowling Proprietors Association including the names of the nine original proprietors who started it in 1963 plus includes information on all MBPA officers and directors.

But, by far, the most popular section is the one entitled Tournaments. There is so much information available for every Montana bowler - man, woman and child - that you are only hurting yourself if you don't log on.

Youth bowlers in particular have access to some very important current events. There are three high school tournaments scheduled between December 1st and January 5th. Major changes have just occurred in the Pepsi YBC and the universal scholarship application used in Montana due by March 1st can be downloaded in the Youth tab.

Please take the time to view your web site. Let me know what you like the most and any suggestions for change. Don't be afraid to join the 21st century. It is the now thing.

## YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

*It's never too early too start*

By Tom Brendgord

More and more the opportunity to win scholarships is what drives youth bowling. Literally hundreds of thousands of dollars are available every year to be won in youth bowling tournaments. But today's youth should also be aware that thousands of dollars in bowling scholarships are also available here in Montana for youth bowlers that have strong scholastics, community service achievements and a willingness to be involved in our sport as well as a great competitive bowling resume.

A universal scholarship application is used by the Montana USBC association to determine the recipients of up to eleven scholarships totaling \$5,850. This application is normally available from your youth program director. For those who don't want to wait, you can download it from BowlMontana.com. Click on the Youth tab and then again near the bottom of that tab where the application is mentioned. There is a March 1st deadline for submitting this application, so don't get closed out. The following list shows the scholarships that are available through this process.

2 - MUSBC Youth (1 boy & 1 girl)	\$500.00 ea
1 - MUSBC (boy or girl)	\$500.00
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1 - MUSBC Isabel Cummings (girl)	\$500.00
1 - MUSBC Junior Miss (girl)	\$500.00
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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

### LEWISTOWN NEWS

By Jo Laughlin

The leagues are gearing up for their annual Christmas parties with lots of good food and fun.

The 2008 Budweiser Handicap Tournament will be held January 19-20, 26-27 & February 2-3, 9-10-16-17, 2008. The team event will consist of a 5 member team (men, women, or mixed) bowling 3 games. Singles will be six games bowled on the same pair of lanes with one division for all bowlers. Entry in this tournament is open to all USBC adult members. Non members may enter by applying for an associate membership or a participation fee of \$5.00. Bowlers may bowl singles as many times as they wish; but will place only once. Bowlers may bowl team as many times as they wish; but not more than 3 members will cash together more than once. Entries will close at the start of the 4 p.m. shift on February 17, 2008.

Entry blanks are being sent to all bowling centers. If you do not find a form, call Rex Coleman at (406) 535-3473 or the Toll Free Reservation line (877) 538-3473.

Be sure to read all of the Rules before filling out your application. Lane conditioning may determine your shift chose. We look forward to seeing many of you in Lewistown for this great tournament.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM ALL THE BOWLERS IN LEWISTOWN!!

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### **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THOMPSON FALLS**

By Ginger Ward

Everyone enjoyed the eight pin tournament held recently in Thompson Falls. We had singles and doubles events for mixed, men only and women only. We hope to have another such event later in the season. Hopefully more than one man will show.

Lisa Buchanan, Kerry Schwartz, Courtney Cork and Angie Lowe are assisting with the youth bowling this year. These ladies are all very active with their own bowling leagues and with the association.

The association had a booth at the local Christmas Bazaar where we sold baked goods. All proceeds went to the association to help pay yearly expenses. Thanks to all who helped us net 50% better than last year.

Our association manager, Debra Benton, has a web site up and running for the association. Check it out and see what is happening in Thompson Falls.

Enjoy all those holiday bowling parties!

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<b>BUD LIGHT</b> <b>Santy Agency &amp; Little's Lanes</b> Present the <b>40 &amp; Over Scratch Classic Tournaments</b>	
   	
<p><b>40 &amp; OVER SCRATCH CLASSIC</b> Saturday, January 5, 2008</p> <p><b>\$600 1st Place</b></p> <p>Based on 50 entries Limited to 96 entries</p> <p>Lanes will be oiled prior to 11 AM shift and Match Play</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This is a one day tournament</li> <li>◆ 5 GAME QUALIFYING</li> <li>◆ Shifts at 11:00 AM &amp; 2:00 PM (ENTER BOTH SHIFTS IF YOU WISH)</li> <li>◆ ENTRY FEE - \$80.00</li> <li>◆ Double elimination match play begins at approximately 4:30PM</li> <li>◆ One game matches - Top 24 Qual.</li> <li>◆ Top 24 <u>GUARANTEED</u> to cash</li> </ul>	<p><b>40/90 DOUBLES CLASSIC</b> Sunday, January 6, 2008</p> <p><b>\$1,100 1st Place</b></p> <p>Based on 32 team entries</p> <p>ENTRIES LIMITED TO FIRST 32 TEAMS TO PAY IN FULL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No qualifying. Eligibility based strictly on age. All entrants must be 40 years old by January 6, 2008 &amp; combination of ages per team must equal or exceed 90 years.</li> <li>● ENTRY FEE - \$75/ PERSON</li> <li>● START 8:15 AM - PRIZE RATIO 1:4</li> <li>● FORMAT: 4 divisions bowl 7 rounds of match play; round #7 is a combined position round. Top 5 bowl stepladder final using the Baker Scoring System.</li> </ul>
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## THANKS ARE IN ORDER

By Rosalie Dedmore

Thanks to the Montana USBC board for asking me to run the State Mixed Tournament in Billings. This was my first attempt at running a state tournament and although I was unsure at the start – all went well and I enjoyed the experience. We would have been happy with more participants; but those that did attend enjoyed themselves. Special thanks to my hard workers: Kay Vetch, Mary K. Hart, Doris Berise, Guy Rolison, Greg McCannel, Elaine Lorenz, Winnie Hanson, Jane Crowder and Corby Moore.

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## BILLINGS NEWS

By Rosalie Dedmore

On Wednesday, December 5, 2007 Ron Wingerter rolled an 825 series at Sunset Bowl with games of 299, 300 and 226. This is the highest series rolled so far this year in Billings.

We held our city mixed tournament the weekend after the state mixed tournament and although attendance was down, all who participated had fun. Fun is what it is all about.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM BILLINGS!

# Women Finally Get Their Chance To Shine

For the first time since 2003, the best female bowlers in the world are getting the opportunity to showcase their talent. It all started in August of this year with the resurrection of the U.S. Women's Open and then continued with a new four-event PBA Women's Series mini-tour that just concluded in Michigan on December 2nd.

To qualify for the PBA Women's Series, a player had to finish in the top 16 at the U.S. Women's Open in Reno. Of the 132 women who entered that event, 65 chose to pay an additional fee to make their scores eligible for advancement to the PBA Women's Series. From those 65, sixteen of them survived the 32 grueling games of qualifying on four different PBA Experience lane conditions.

The PBA Women's Series was held in conjunction with the Denny's PBA Tour with the final match for each event being televised on ESPN on four separate Sundays. The format for the women was slightly different from the men, but still a major test for these lady professional wannabes. They bowled two seven-game qualifying blocks on Thursdays, with the top eight (of 16) advancing to the best-of-7 match play competition on Fridays. After two rounds of match play, the two remaining players advanced to the TV finals on Sunday.

For those who missed the TV finals of those four events, here is a summary of what happened.

The first Women's Series event was the Motor City Classic held in Taylor, Michigan the week ending November 4, 2007. Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, a 20-time professional champion and USBC High School spokesperson, prevailed over Missy Bellinder by a 233-192 score.

The next week the second event of the Series, the Etonic Championship, was conducted in Cheektowaga, New York. 25-year-old Shannon Pluhowsky eked out a 227-217 win over Tish Johnson, a PWBA Hall of Famer with 25 PWBA titles.

The third event took place in Merrillville, Indiana and was called the Lake County Indiana Classic. This proved to be the most exciting one of the bunch as Joy Esterson topped the 2007 U.S. Women's Open champion, Liz Johnson, 10-7 in a sudden-death roll-off after the two tied at 226.

The final event for the women in this Series happened at the Great Lakes Classic in Wyoming, Michigan. An oddity occurred there when second alternate to this Series and USBC Youth spokesperson, Diandra Asbaty outlasted first event winner, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard 236-225. Asbaty only got to bowl because Robin Romeo (thumb injury) and Wendy Macpherson (previous commitment) both had to withdraw.

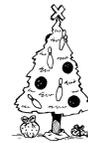
The winner of each event won \$10,000 with the loser

receiving \$6,000. Dorin-Ballard made the most of her opportunity to be back on tour earning \$25,000 while averaging 225.4. The 43-year-old collected four top-four finishes, including her victory at the Motor City Classic.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** On Sunday, January 27, 2008, ESPN Classic will be airing a women's bowling marathon. It will include the 2006 and 2007 USBC Queens finals and all five shows from the 2007 U.S. Women's Open.

## Here is a list of the top 16 women who qualified from the 2007 U.S. Women's Open for the PBA Women's Series:

Carolyn Dorin-Ballard	North Richland Hills, TX
Missy Bellinder	Fullerton, California
Joy Esterson	Annapolis, Maryland
Michelle Feldman	Skaneateles, New York
Clara Guerrero	Armenia, Colombia
Liz Johnson	Cheektowaga, New York
Tish Johnson	Colorado Springs, CO
Kelly Kulick	Union, New Jersey
Tennelle Milligan	Costa Mesa, California
Stefanie Nation	Orlando, Florida
Shannon Pluhowsky	Phoenix, Arizona
Robin Romeo	Newhall, California
Olivia Sandham	Wichita, Kansas
Tiffany Stanbrough	Oklahoma City, OK
Amy Stolz	Castle Rock, Colorado
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## 2007 MONTANA STATE MIXED TOURNAMENT RESULTS - Billings, MT

### Doubles Event

	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	Jennifer & Joe Lester	Billings	1504	\$400
2.	Michelle Blomquist/ Darrin Sandine	Billings	1441	\$250
3.	Kathy & Bert Stiles	Broadview	1433	\$153
4.	Melony Eriksen/ Stu Summers	Billings	1401	\$144
5.	Barbara & DJ Martin	Billings	1393	\$135
6.	Rhonda Abell/ Doug Arneson	Laurel	1390	\$126
7.	Elizabeth King/ Elmer Blackbird	Billings	1386	\$118
8.	Jo & Hank Laughlin	Lewistown	1381	\$109
9.	Deanne Willoughby Manny Murillo	Worden	1378	\$100
10.	Sharon Uecker/ Steve Krell	Billings	1370	\$ 92
11.	Melinda Balter/ Richard Westberg	Billings	1368	\$ 83
12.	Brieann Kelly/ David Southworth	Billings	1366	\$ 75
13.	Laurie Lee/ Hal Illum	Belgrade	1363	\$ 66
14.	Heidi & Corey Hill	Helena	1361	\$ 57
15.	Connie Dickman/ Abe Zigan	Great Falls	1356	\$ 49
16.	Cindy Reitz/ David Greenley	Billings	1353	\$ 40

### Team Event

	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	Sunset Bowl	Billings	2873	\$600
2.	Three Plus One	Broadview	2833	\$300
3.	South Of The Border	Worden	2798	\$173
4.	Anaconda Bar	Butte	2756	\$159
5.	Misfits	Billings	2734	\$147
6.	M & A Cleaning	Billings	2726	\$134
7.	Sparely Made It	Billings	2674	\$122
8.	Golfers	Billings	2672	\$109
9.	Shaken/Not Stirred	Helena	2668	\$ 97
10.	Four Of Us	Broadview	2667	\$ 84
11.	AFLAC I	Billings	2647	\$ 72

<u>Hi Game Scratch</u>	
Men: Mark Balter/Manny Murillo	298
Women: Becky Millman	279
<u>Hi Series Scratch</u>	
Men: Mark Balter	776
Women: Teri Rector	644

<u>Total Prize Fund</u>	
Team	\$1,997.00
Doubles	\$1,997.00

## 2007 MUSBC State Senior Championships Results - Bigfork, MT

### Open-Super Senior (Men)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	Dexter Vail	Kalispell	1396	\$115.00
2.	Mel Blanchard	Helena	1335	\$ 65.00
3.	Larry Metzgar	Bigfork	1327	\$ 40.00
<u>Open - A (Men)</u>				
1.	Milo Manning	Anaconda	1341	\$105.00
2.	Joe Collogan	Libby	1323	\$ 60.00
3.	Darwin Reeve	Dutton	1290	\$ 22.00
<u>Open - B (Men)</u>				
1.	Dick Labere	Kalispell	1339	\$130.00
2.	Floyd Brunner	Great Falls	1336	\$ 74.00
3.	R.C. Fortune	Kalispell	1331	\$ 49.00
<u>Open - C (Men)</u>				
1.	Douglas Ahrendt	Bigfork	1424	\$113.00
2.	Jim Watkins	Dillon	1365	\$ 60.00
3.	Bert Stiles	Broadview	1323	\$ 25.00
<u>Open - D (Men)</u>				
1.	Steve Moen	Kalispell	1416	\$ 80.00
2.	Raymond Hein	Bigfork	1359	\$ 30.00

### Super Senior - (Women)

	<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1.	Helen Johnson	Billings	1314	\$100.00
2.	Iona Schmidt	Laurel	1299	\$ 65.00
<u>A - (Women)</u>				
1.	Dolores Standley	Cascade	1389	\$100.00
2.	Audrey Parrow	Anaconda	1342	\$ 65.00
<u>B - (Women)</u>				
1.	Marge Preble	Cascade	1297	\$105.00
2.	Frankie Jansma	Laurel	1294	\$ 60.00
3.	Joan Thompson	Ronan	1264	\$ 22.00
<u>C - (Women)</u>				
1.	Ardeth Holefelder	Cascade	1378	\$113.00
2.	Shirley Durran	Great Falls	1291	\$ 60.00
3.	Sherrill White	Libby	1255	\$ 25.00
<u>D - (Women)</u>				
1.	Carole Herron	Helena	1328	\$100.00
2.	Glenda Cordell	Billings	1269	\$ 65.00

**Total prizes - 168 entries @ \$11.00 = \$1,848.00**

## 2008 OPEN & WOMEN'S STATE TOURNAMENTS

By Roz Gallup, MUSBC Executive Tournament Director

We have made a few changes to the state tournaments for 2008. We are excited about the changes as they will give more opportunities. A standard entry simpler form will accommodate either tournament. You must just make sure that you have the right one.

The Women's Tournament, which starts April 12<sup>th</sup> in Butte, will run thru May 11<sup>th</sup>. There is **\$4,000** added prize money. Entries close April 21<sup>st</sup>. This year we added **All Events** as optional. In the past we had everyone automatically entered. There will be an entry fee with the prize money totally paid out. There is an optional scratch division, so even though you are entered in the handicap, you may also have your scores entered into the scratch division. There will be an optional double team singles event. For those who are unfamiliar with what this event features, it is when you enter two team events; then the scores are added together for a special singles event. This event is handicap only.

The Open Tournament will start March 29<sup>th</sup> thru May 4<sup>th</sup> in Missoula, entries close April 14<sup>th</sup>. There is **\$2,000** added prize money. You will no longer have to get average verification from the local association manager unless you will be using a January 1, 2008 average.

Entries will be out in early January. As always, if you want to get your desired date and time, be sure to get your entry in early. Entry forms will also be available on [bowlmontana.com](http://bowlmontana.com)

## High School Bowling

By Tom Brendgord

High school bowling developed a series of "meets" last bowling season and many of them are again coming soon for this season. On December 15th, Dave Sears will be conducting a High School tournament at the newly remodeled Five Valley Center in Missoula. Debbie Martinich will be running another High School tourney on January 5th at Star Lanes in Butte. Both of those events will consist of trio teams bowling a mixture of regular and Baker bowling and both are being held in conjunction with the Youth Traveling League stops scheduled for the next day in the same respective areas. A High School tourney is in the making in Billings, but a date & site have not yet been determined. We are looking at a February or March date.

The state championship meet is scheduled at Little's Lanes in Great Falls on April 26-27, 2008. It will be sporting a new format this year. Trio teams will bowl a qualifying round on Saturday consisting of 4 regular games and 4 Baker games. The top 8 boys teams and the top 8 girls teams will then bowl on Sunday in a double elimination match play format consisting of all Baker bowling. There will be three or four qualifying shifts on Saturday, so there should be no need to restrict entries. There should be plenty of room for everyone. The four regular games bowled on Saturday will also be used to determine the Singles event winners.

A high school Doubles tournament was attempted on December 1st in Great Falls, but had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. At this time it is not known if that type of format will be attempted in the future or not. Check [BowlMontana.com](http://BowlMontana.com) for more information or contact Tom Brendgord at (406) 453-2599.

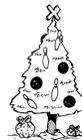
## More National News.....

### Dream Team Becoming A Reality

By Tom Brendgord

In August 2007, the World Tenpin Bowling Association voted to allow members of professional organizations to compete in international events, prompting USBC to change the selection procedures for Team USA in 2008. This means that players on the Denny's PBA Tour will be allowed to represent the United States making future Team USA's theoretically invincible. I say "theoretically" because one never knows what will happen in international competition. Look what has happened in both basketball and baseball to our U.S. teams that most of us could never have imagined. But putting negative thoughts aside, this 2008 Team USA should be dynamite when you consider a team with Walter Ray Williams Jr., Parker Bohn III, Chris Barnes, Tommy Jones, Patrick Allen and Sean Rash all joining current team members David Haynes, Bill Hoffman, David O'Sullivan and Rhino Page.

On the women's side, Lynda Barnes, Shannon O'Keefe, Tennelle Milligan and Shannon Pluhowsky will join a pool of select amateurs yet to be determined, but a very good group that surely will make them highly competitive.



## COMING EVENTS

- DECEMBER:** Palace Lanes (Laurel) - Holiday Dbls 11/24-12/23/07  
Five Valley Center (Msla) - High School Meet 12/15/06
- JANUARY:** Westside Lanes - 24th Mixed Dbls Calcutta 1/5-16/08  
Little's Lanes (Gt. Falls) - 40 & Over Scratch Classic 1/5/08  
Little's Lanes - 40/90 Doubles Classic 1/6/08  
Sleeping Giant Lanes (Hel) - 25th Miller Masters 1/12-13/08  
Star Lanes (Butte) - High School Meet 1/5/08  
Sleeping Giant Lanes - Jr. Masters/Masterettes 1/19-1/20/08  
Snowy Lanes - Budweiser Hdcp 1/19-2/17/08 weekends  
Msla Youth City Tny-Westside Lanes 1/26-1/27/08
- FEBRUARY:** Swiss Trio (Msla)-Westside Lanes 2/3/08  
Young & Youngest-Westside Lanes 2/16-2/17/08  
**International Family Doubles Tournament:**  
Local qualifying ends 2/10/08  
East Region Final-Town & Country Lanes (Blgs) 2/16-17/08  
West Region Final - Westside Lanes (Msla) 2/23-24/08  
Sleeping Giant Lanes - U.S. Open Qualifier 2/23-2/24/08
- MARCH:** Pepsi YBC Montana Regional Finals: None scheduled in 2008  
Missoula Open-Westside Lanes 3/1-3/9/08  
Mr. Peanut - Sleeping Giant Lanes (Hel) - Mar/Apr (dates TBD)  
Little's Lanes (GF)-Family Tourn State Finals 3/29-3/30/08  
Teen Masters (Msla)-Westside Lanes 3/29/08
- APRIL:** Star & King Pin Lanes (Butte) **MUSBC Women's Championships**  
Apr. 12-May 11, 2008 all weekends  
Cedar Park Lanes/Copper Bowl-**MUSBC Youth State Tournament**  
April 5-20, 2008 weekends (Anaconda)  
Westside & 5 Valley Center (Msla)-**MUSBC Open Championships**  
Mar. 29-May 4, 2008 weekends  
Little's Lanes (GF)-Glenn Rose Scholarship Tourn. 4/5-4/6/08  
Little's Lanes-**High School Championships** 4/26-27/08  
MUSBC Delegate Meeting & Election (Butte) 4/19/08
- MAY:** Town & Country Lanes (Blgs)-**Pepsi YBC State Finals** 5/2-11/08

# STATISTICALLY SPEAKING.....

By Tom Brendgord

For the first time in more than two decades, bowlers rolled fewer 300 games and 800 series in regular leagues and tournaments than the previous season while numbers in Sport Bowling competition rose with increased participation according to United States Bowling Congress high score recognition numbers recently released.

51,557 perfect game awards were won in regular league and tournament play as opposed to 60 in Sport Bowling competition for the period from August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007. During the same period, 16,635 approved regular and 8 Sport 800 series were honored. The differences between regular and Sport Bowling 300 games can best be measured in the number of honor scores per game. There was one regular 300 for every 5,059 games in 2006-07. In Sport Bowling, there was one 300 bowled for every 46,535 games. Most people in the know believe that some of the drop off of honor scores is directly related to the increase in sport bowling members. There were a total of 124 Sport Bowling scores earning honor recognition. These included 20 for 299 games, three for 298 games and 33 for 11 strikes-in-a-row. Not since the 1985-86 season had the number of 300s and 800s dropped.

Sport Bowling National High Average winners have been released for the 2006-07 season. Four categories have been listed with one being a repeat winner from the 2005-06 season. The repeat winner occurred in the **USBC female youth** category where Ashly Galante from Palm Harbor, Florida won last year with a 206 average and the year before with a 186 average. The others are: **USBC male adult** - Derek Eoff, Greenfield, Wisconsin 222; **USBC female adult** - Lana Schwab, Lake Villa, Illinois 199; and **USBC male youth** - John Kelley, Sterling Heights, Michigan 201.

## Westside Lanes & Fun Center 24th ANNUAL MIXED DOUBLES CALCUTTA JANUARY 5 & 6, 2008

# \$1,100 Added Money

### TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. Teams will bowl 3 games in the qualifying round.
2. Bowlers will use highest average of the following: End of season 2006-07 or January 1, 2008.
3. All averages must be verifiable. All bowlers with averages in associations other than Missoula must present verification before bowling.
4. Hdcp: 80% of 420.
5. Westside Lanes employees are eligible to participate.
6. Top 32 qualifiers advance to Sunday finals
7. Lanes reconditioned between 3 p.m. & 6 p.m. shift
8. Tournament management reserves the right to rerate or reject any entry.
9. **Both team members must be present at Sunday check-in or be replaced by alternate.**

#### Calcutta auction

Saturday approximately 30 minutes after end of 6:00p.m. shift

**Check-in and practice  
Top 32 Qualifiers  
Sunday: 9:30 AM**

**\$100 for HIGHEST RE-ENTRY SCORE**

Qual. Shifts, Jan. 5 \_\_\_ 1pm, \_\_\_ 3pm, \_\_\_ 6pm

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Average</u>

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