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## Bowling's Olympic Hopes Dashed Again

A Japan Times headline asserting that the Paris 2024 organizing committee has given baseball “the cold shoulder” echoes the sentiments of those in the bowling world today as the sport again has failed to gain inclusion in the Olympics.

The organizing committee for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games has announced that breakdancing, surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing will be the four sports they will recommend to the International Olympic Committee for inclusion in the 2024 Games. Bowling is not being listed among other sports that were finalists; instead, those sports reportedly included baseball, squash and karate. The Paris 2024 committee's recommendations now are pending approval by the IOC.

Breakdancing had been among sports included in the Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October. Deadspin reported that it is “quite popular in France. B-boys from France have won the Red Bull BC One, one of the premier annual 1-vs.-1 battles, three times.”

Surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing all previously were accepted by the IOC for inclusion in the Tokyo 2020 Games.

For our report on this breaking news, with perspective from Chris Viale, who had been spearheading bowling's Olympic cause in recent months along with World Bowling CEO Kevin Dornberger, go here: <http://www.bowlersjournal.com/bowling-not-included-among-sports-recommended-to-ioc-for-paris-2024-olympics/>. *Cyber Report*

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## Fresno's Vick & Blanco Named to 2019 West Coast All Star Team

Congratulations to Fresno State Bulldogs Kyle Vick, from Redding and Marissa Blanco, from Fresno for being named to the 2019 West Coast All-Star Teams. Marissa Blanco also won the 2019 Tony Reyes Sportsmanship Award. According to Coach Chris Preble, both Vick and Blanco are completing their time with their program. You can catch both Vick and Blanco either participating or working the 4th annual Fresno State Bowling Club Golf Tournament coming up on Sat., March 30 at Riverside Golf Course. More info for this annual fundraiser or to sign up, contact Kevin Kwok at either 559/304-3809 or via email at [fsubulldogbowling@gmail.com](mailto:fsubulldogbowling@gmail.com).



Kyle Vick and Marissa Blanco

### In This Issue

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**Len Nicholson new sponsor!**



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Mary Lynly and Nancy Chapman, Editors*



**Fran Thompson, a Member Emerita of the California WBA** – enjoys life in Washington state now. Here is a picture of her son and two daughters at the dinner party for her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday! She enjoyed 45 guests and family. An 18 year old entertainer sang all our favorite songs, she said he was kind of like a young Sinatra and Elvis combined! He could even sing opera and played the violin beautifully.

## President's Perspective

*By Bette Addington*

### Welcome to 2019!



**Bette Addington**

Hope all is well with everyone and you are making it through this colder-than-normal winter. I think the groundhog was a little off this year!

January kicked off with a seriously heart-warming event on January 27<sup>th</sup> when CBW member and our Operation Freedom Paws

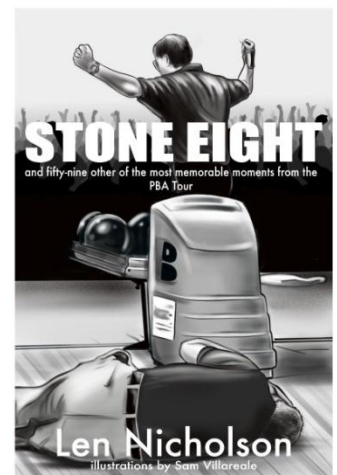
tournament organizer was able to present our CBW 2018 OFP 15<sup>th</sup> Charity Drive check to Mary Cortani of OFP at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl in San Jose during the Santa Clarita Senior Tournament which is both their association. Together with the CBW sponsored inaugural OFP Tournament back in October and the donations from CBW members, we were able to donate a total of \$9,305 to OFP! Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to make a donation to this cause. And, mark your calendars for the 2<sup>nd</sup> OFP Tournament the weekend of Sept. 28-29 at 4<sup>th</sup> Street Bowl in San Jose. We can't wait!

Bowling media wise has been off the chart this season with Fox covering the PBA events. Hope you have been catching the coverage for the tournament that started in December and runs through July. Besides the scheduled times, it is great to see tournaments replayed on FS1.

March 31 is quickly approaching and that is our deadline for the 2019 CBW MJV Writing award. Please go to our website to download the entry form and see the qualifications. Thank you, CBW Webmaster Kathy Watson, for again taking on gathering the entries and having them judged. And, this just in.....thank you to Len Nicholson/The Phantom for coming on board as the 2019 CBW Writing Award sponsor!

Just a reminder, our 2019 CBW Annual Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of Jun. 7-8, at the CUSBC State Convention in Ontario. Will get more info out as soon as we get the location and time confirmed.

**Welcome to Len Nicholson**, Lane Man Extraordinaire and PBA Hall of Famer. Len traveled with the PBA dressing the lanes for many years. When celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the PBA held a contest asking entrants to name the 60 most memorable moments. *Here it is!* A one-page story on each moment – **The Stone Eight** has fascinating stories and caricatures by Sam Villareale. 120 pages - \$29. More info: [savsprt@yahoo.com](mailto:savsprt@yahoo.com).



# Make Your Move

By *Steve Kloempken, VP - Marketing,  
Storm Bowling Products*



Hello to all and thanks to the California Bowling Writers for allowing me to contribute some technical advice to this publication. It is rare that lane conditions and lane surfaces remain the same from year to

year, or even week to week, so you are probably experiencing a need for minor changes or modifications to your game. This article will address some common questions about making proper adjustments on the lanes.

From time to time most bowling centers will change the type of conditioner they use to prepare the lanes. This usually happens during the summertime when the proprietor has a slower league schedule and is least likely to upset their most cherished clientele. Different lane conditioners, or oils, have different chemical properties and do not perform alike. Certain lane oils are extremely slick, while others are much thinner. Some conditioners travel to the backend easily, creating what is known as carry down, while others do not.

Have you ever bowled in a center that started the night with plenty of oil and, by the third game, you felt you could do nothing to keep the ball off the nose? While it is possible that the excessive amount of hook is created due to bowler fatigue, the most likely cause is a lane conditioner that breaks down quickly. Highly aggressive bowling equipment will also cause a lane conditioner to 'dry up' faster. Bowlers with higher rev rates, those rebellious ones also known as crankers, also have the same effect on a normal lane pattern. Add a piece of high-flaring, dull equipment to the cranker, and you can almost watch the oil disappear right before your eyes!

PBA and USBC Hall of Famer David Ozio will tell you that it is imperative to make constant adjustments with your feet and target to manage an ever-changing lane condition. If, for example, you throw a shot and it goes high, do not waste any time making a move with your feet and/or your eyes. Generally, house conditions have more oil in the middle of the lane than the outside. So, if you roll a shot and leave the baby split, for example, feel free to immediately move inside three to four boards inside with your feet and at least two boards with your target. Maybe it wasn't a 'perfect' shot but it is important to trust your ball reaction.

USBC Gold Coach Ron Hoppe once pointed that, for better bowlers, the difference between a great shot and a bad shot is within just five or ten percent! This theory was quickly proven to me when I used the Hudl Technique app to record a few shots. I recorded one 'great' shot and immediately followed it up with a 'horrible' shot. What I found astonishing was that even a high-definition video could barely distinguish the two! So, realize that it is important to make your moves and adjustments on your ball reaction, not your physical execution. Move your feet and your eyes, remembering to keep your eyes on the target and maintain your focus on each shot. The top professionals will tell you that they move their feet and eyes constantly throughout a game! If it works for them it will work for you too.

If you have any more questions, feel free to contact me at [stevek@stormbowling.com](mailto:stevek@stormbowling.com). Thank you for your time and best wishes to all!

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# CBW Presents Check to Operation Freedom Paws



Mary Cortani (L) and  
Donna Morales (R)

Donna Morales thanked President Phyllis Castrovinci and the Santa Clara County USBC board for their support with a bowling tournament event organized by Donna to benefit Operation Freedom Paws organized by Mary Cortani.

Mary Cortani has received many awards, but most impressive was her selection as one of CNN's Top 10 Heroes in 2012 for her work in empowering veterans and individuals with disabilities to restore their freedom to live life. Mary does that by matching Vets who suffer with things like PTSD, with dogs which come primarily from shelters. Then over a 48 week training period, OFP teaches the client to train a dog that has been matched

to the client's personality and needs – all at no cost to the client. How many clients, mostly military veterans, has Operation Freedom Paws provided this service to in just 9 nine years? **357!**

On behalf of The California Bowling Writers who recently adopted OFP as their official charity, Donna Morales presented Mary Cortani with the final check of \$9,305!



## 15th Annual Charity Donors

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**2019 National 600 Club** meeting this year is in Las Vegas again. The meeting will be Monday evening April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at The Orleans on the strip. No dinner, only a meeting. Room will be announced later.

# Pros and Stars

## ARLINGTON, Texas (Jan. 5, 2019)

The first induction ceremonies ever held within the IBM/HF itself were part of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic weekend which concludes Sunday (Jan. 6) with the PBA's first live stepladder finals telecast on FOX Sport's FS1 channel at 11 a.m. EST. The HOF Classic is the first tournament of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. There was no more appropriate place to welcome the Professional Bowlers Association's four **newest Hall of Fame members** than the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame itself, and that's exactly what happened Saturday when **Finland's Mika Koivuniemi; Patrick Allen of South Salem, N.Y.; Jim Doty of Indianapolis, and Bob Johnson of Las Vegas** joined the PBA's elite. *Cyber Report*

## PBA STARS BARNES, KOIVUNIEMI, KULICK ELECTED TO USBC HALL OF FAME

**PBA stars Chris Barnes and Mika Koivuniemi, and Kelly Kulick**, the first woman to win a PBA Tour title, will be part of the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class that will be inducted on May 1 during the annual USBC Convention at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

## PBA STARS WIN BERTHS ON TEAM USA 2019

Hours after learning of her election to the USBC Hall of Fame, **Kelly Kulick** won the women's title in the 2019 USBC Team USA Trials while fellow USBC Hall of Famer **John Janawicz** of Winter Haven, Fla., topped a sold-out field of 175 men to claim his second in the event. **Darren Tang** of San Francisco and Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills were selected by the National Selection Committee for Team USA 2019.

Four-time PBA Player of the Year **Jason Belmonte** has signed a multi-year deal with Storm Bowling Products that the company is calling "historic."

I started my professional and my amateur career with Storm 18 years ago, and I'm extremely grateful to Bill [Chrisman] and Dave [Symes]," said Belmonte, referring to the company's co-founder and president, respectively. "I'm looking forward to continue working with this company for many more years. "Inking a deal with a company that holds similar values to me and that prides itself on creating the best equipment on the market is something that I don't take for granted."

The 35-year old joined the PBA Tour in 2008 and became the first two-handed player to win a PBA Tour title. He has notched 19 titles, including 10 major championships, following his victory in the 2019 PBA Tournament of Champions on Sunday.

**Norm Duke** was generous enough to take time out of his week in the PBA Jonesboro Open to speak with BJI Editor Gianmarc Manzione a day after entering the top five in that event, he turned out to be in a profoundly reflective mood. **Duke, who won his 39th PBA Tour title at age 54 in the PBA Indianapolis Open on Feb. 24**, was unflinchingly honest about the humble start he had in his career, when he went winless for eight years after becoming the youngest player to win on tour at age 18 in 1983. He knows he has, as he puts it in the interview, "no time left" as a competitor, and he knows what it takes to make the most of what few opportunities might remain for him to capture a spark for at least one last time. This is a very special conversation with a unique figure the likes of which the pro bowling world will not see again.

**Congratulations to the Central Coast USBC (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)** on their recent BVL tournament. Money was raised for BVL and fun was had by all participants. They also made it a very special day by having the color guard from nearby Vandenberg AFB present the colors for the playing of our national anthem



## From the Desk of the Editor

Over the many years of editing the Infolink Newsletter several opportunities have gone by for the U.S.A. to have bowling accepted in the Olympics, but once again it has been rejected by the "Olympic Committee". With the escalating focus on professional bowling and youth, large sums of money spent on promotion, and the numbers of bowlers coming from other countries to take part in our events, guess what? Once again the USA and Bowling took a back seat to Breakdancing, Sport Climbing, Surfing and Skateboarding. **In fact, Bowling was not even on the "considered list."**

I truly believe there is a jealousy that permeates the Committee's thinking and it has become pretty obvious that they are biased against the U.S. I was a part of the Team USA and the effort in years back and the result was the same. A lot of money spent and for naught.

Could the steady decline in our membership have anything to do with it? Foreign membership is in no way like ours a system that once was the envy of the sports world – 4,000,000 members. We needed to have a Governing Body – we have one. After a massive drop in membership leadership now has a new weapon, forcing people into service – or not – "Registered Volunteerism." I wonder how many people will happily ascribe to having a background check ala FBI or be on the outside looking in? I know I am among many devoted souls who have given time, treasure and many years to this sport we love and now the reasons we did that have disappeared. It is as though, as our nation goes, so goes bowling.

Two factions. One faction holding the reins who merrily go along and do what *they* want, feeding the membership what *they* think we should have and a faction who still longs for leadership that will strive to bring cohesiveness to the everyday bowlers on the lanes who pay the bill.

Responsibilities for league officers have been watered down and although there is a lingering sense of responsibility and leadership that has been handed down from the bygone leaders, the basic tenants have disappeared. The fact still, and will always be, there has to be a reason to want to be a part of anything. After all, what makes us WANT to spend big sums of money traveling to events, paying for food and lodging and sitting in meetings that often don't answer our questions or meet our needs? There has to be a reason that draws people to serve.

We once said "The Proprietors are going to take over!" Well, they are. I like to feel that many proprietors are aware of the importance of hanging on to and generating more league bowlers. Games and parties have their place but they are also a lot of work and things like this don't last forever – leagues bowlers do. Many leagues I personally formed from walking the streets with a welcome wagon list and inviting people to a class and then into a league, were leagues that lasted for years because there were rules, leadership, clean centers and a hands on Proprietor. Longing for the *Good Old Days*? Maybe.

Mary Lynly, Editor

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### A heads up for a Jr. Adult Tournament that will be held in Las Vegas this year, July 26-27, 2019!

A new Jr/Adult Tournament that will be in Las Vegas this summer. Keith Fujikami is stepping up and taking Debbie Haggerty's Reno tournament, starting with doubles only this year. He has great room rates at Sam's Town. Please help spread the word! **Questions?** See back for tournament rules, or contact Keith Fujikami by phone at 562-864-4548, or by email at [keith.fujikami@gmail.com](mailto:keith.fujikami@gmail.com).

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**Good wishes** for a speedy recovery for  
CBW Life Member Joan Romeo who suffered a stroke.  
A cheery card would go a long way:

Canyon Oaks Nursing & Rehabilitation Center  
22029 Saticoy St  
Canoga Park, CA 91303

#### **Condolences**

**To:** Chris Beard on the loss of her 44-year old son Anthony who died from brain cancer.

Chris Beard  
1994 Mule Court  
Gardnerville, NV 89410

# Bowling Calendar March & April

- March:**
- 1 – Entry deadline for BVL Div. winners submitted to CUSBC for Helen Duval BVL State Classic, calusbc.com
  - 1-3 – PBA Jackson Rancheria Championship, Sutter Creek, pba.com
  - 8-7/7 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Bowlers Journal Championship, South Point, bowl.com/OpenChamp
  - 8-7/8 – Forty Frame Game USA, Gold Coast Bowling Ctr., Las Vegas, 40framegame.com
  - 9-7/7 – 2019 USBC Open Championships, South Point, Las Vegas, bowl.com
  - 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins, spring forward
  - 11-14 – 29<sup>th</sup> National Golden Ladies Classic, The Orleans, Las Vegas, 1/800/365-7111, ext. 6439
  - 15 – Deadline for BVL donations to be sent to CUSBC, calusbc.com
  - 15-19 – USBC Senior Queens, Gold Coast, Las Vegas, bowl.com
  - 22-24 – PBA Caveman Bowl Northwest/West Open, Grants Pass, OR, pba.com
  - 22-24 – Storm Youth Championships, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, stormbowling.com/SYC
  - 23 – 2019 CUSBC Helen Duval BVL State Classic, West Lane Bowl, Stockton, calusbc.com
  - 26-4/1 – USBC Masters, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, bowl.com
  - 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Fresno State Bowling Club Golf Fundraiser Tournament, Riverside Golf Course, 559/304-3809
  - 30-6/30 – 2019 CUSBC 14<sup>th</sup> Adult State Championships, Tyme to Bowl Lanes, Oroville, calusbc.com
  - 31 – Entry deadline for CBW Marijane Viat Writing Contest (articles published between Jan. 1, 2018 and Dec. 31, 2018), calbowlingwriters.org

- April:**
- 12-14 – PBA/PBA50 Earl Anthony Memorial West-NoWest Open, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 928/828-7550, earlanthonydublinbowl.com
  - 16-7/1 – 2019 USBC Women's Championships, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kansas, Bowl.com
  - 21 – Easter Sunday
  - 28-5/3 – BPAA Summitt, bowlinguniversity.net
  - 29-5/2 – 2019 USBC National Convention and Annual Meeting, The Orleans, Las Vegas, bowl.com
  - 29-5/2 – Camp Bakes #30, Sunset Station, Henderson, NV, markbakerbowling.com

Calendar by President Bette Addington - ([www.calbowlingwriters.org](http://www.calbowlingwriters.org))

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## Outlets for Story & Article Publication

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Also, included for your convenience, other California bowling publications who will accept stories and articles for publication:

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