Jason Belmonte Wins Best Bowler ESPY for Third Consecutive Year

LOS ANGELES – Australia’s Jason Belmonte received his third consecutive Best Bowler ESPY Award Wednesday evening during the 2017 ESPY Awards ceremony at the Microsoft Theater.

Belmonte, who now owns four ESPY awards, became the second player to earn three consecutive ESPY’s joining PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke who won three consecutively in 2007, ’08 and ’09.

Belmonte, a three-time PBA Player of the Year, became the second player to earn three consecutive ESPY Awards telecast. In 2017, Belmonte won the USBC Masters for a record fourth time and brought his PBA major win total to eight by winning the Barbados PBA Players Championships.

Since last summer he also has compiled eight other top-10 finishes including seventh in the 2017 FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions and fourth continued on page 6

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The youth were competing for scholarships as in 2016, $25,000 was awarded.

Youth bowlers were greeted by Country Club Bowl’s General Manager Tahnee Martin this past weekend at USBC youth Championships in San Rafael. (L-R) Roger Chavez, Tahnee Martin, Roger Chavez Jr., Angelica Chavez, Maria Chavez and Juan Chavez.

Traveling from Santa Clarita with a group of 40 bowlers (8 teams) and families was Coach Margie Ray. Margie has been coaching for over 32 years and has brought her Santa Clarita group to State each year. They started off from Santa Clarita via their group bus that she and Coach Giae Betri had organized. After bowling on Saturday, the group hosted a Dinner and pool party at the hotel. They were back at Country Club early Sunday morning to bowl Team event before heading home.

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WHITE HOUSE — Thanks to more than a little help from a PBA member with government insider connections, PBA stars EJ Tackett, Sean Rash and Wes Malott got a chance to bowl on the Harry S. Truman Bowling Alley in the White House complex recently.

PBA member Chris Holmes, who works for the U.S. Department of the Interior, was asked by another government friend if Holmes would show his staff what “real bowling” looks like… so Holmes figured that would be a great chance to get some real bowlers to lend a hand.

After getting appropriate approvals, Holmes invited Tackett through MOTIV, Rash and tour rep Chuck Gardner through Brunswick and Malott through Roto Grip to visit the White House lanes. Under the condition that the players’ visit would remain confidential until after the fact, the players got a chance to bowl and discuss the sport with a few members of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy while Holmes shot some video and recorded some interviews. Some of Holmes’ content aired on WUSA-TV in Washington, D.C. Each of the players also will have access to some of the content for their own social media outlets.
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- **didn’t get me down, it made me come back even stronger. I looked forward to the second chance. I just had to remember it was a different event and different lane condition.”**

-Sin was dominant on her way to the No. 1 seed at the PWBA Wichita Open but edged Serajas by just 32 pins to claim the No. 1 seed for the championship round in Lincoln a week later.

- **Overall, the six-player Malaysian contingent, supported by their country’s National Sports Council, had a successful four-event stint on the PWBA Tour this year, tallying four TV appearances and two titles. They competed in the Wichita, Lincoln and Detroit events and finished the trip with all six players cashing at the 2017 Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship. They’ll now spend time at home preparing for the 2017 Southeast Asian Games, which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in August.**

- **“Winning here was a dream come true for me as something I’ve thought about since I was very young.”**

-Sin said “I heard a lot about the PWBA Tour, especially when Shalin (Zulkifli) came to bowl, so it was something I hoped to do, too. I was disappointed when I heard the Tour went away (2003) but very excited when it came back (2015). It feels great to be a PWBA champion.”

-The 2017 PWBA Lincoln Open was just the second event for Serajas, a top collegiate competitor and recent graduate of Maryland Eastern Shore.

- The 26-year-old right-hander performed like a veteran in her PWBA television debut, topping PWBA spokesperson Kelly Kalick of Union, New Jersey, 222-142, to set up the meeting with Sin.

-Serajas struck three times in the first five frames to build a 25-pin lead, and Kulik responded four times in the second half of the game to end her run at her second title in 2017.

-Kulik won the recent PWBA Fountain Valley Open for her first victory since the relaunch of the Tour in 2015.

-The opening game of the PWBA Lincoln Open stepdaughter featured a rematch of the title tilt at the 2017 Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship and allowed Kulik to earn some redemption against two-time reigning PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Illinois.

-In this showdown, Kulik, 40, built an 11-pin lead after five frames and cruised to a 207-159 victory, as Johnson, a 43-year-old member of the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers, opened in her last three frames.

-Johnson has had a successful 2017 campaign as she looks for her third consecutive player-of-the-year honor. The PWBA Lincoln Open marked her fifth consecutive championship round appearance.

-During that stretch, Johnson collected wins at the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open and Players Championship, and a runner-up finish at the USBC Queens.

-All qualifying and match-play rounds of the Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open were held at Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska, on June 9-10. The stepdaughter was held June 25 at The Ashwaubenon Bowl Bowl in conjunction with the live championship round of the 2017 Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship, the second major event of the 2017 PWBA Tour season, and the finals of the PWBA Wichita Open and PWBA Greater Detroit Open.

-Johnson toppled Kulik to win the PWBA Players Championship for her ninth major title, while Rahman was victorious at the Wichita Open to become the first player from Malaysia to win a PWBA Tour title.

-The finals of the Greater Detroit Open will be held July 18 at 5 p.m. and feature England’s Verity Crawford, 2012 Queens champion Diandra Asbury of Chicago, Colombia’s Juliana Franco and Darja Pajak of Poland.

-Thashina Serajas of Aruba

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If You’re Struggling With Your Game, Then Read This

by Fred Eisenhammer

TARZANA – Chris Barnes seemingly has done it all. He’s an 18-time Professional Bowlers Assn. Tour winner and he nearly made it 19 when he forged a strong run through the championship stepladder finals in this month’s PBA Oklahoma Open.

Barnes vaulted up the nine-player ladder with three victories before losing a down-to-the-wire 194-188 match to Marshall Kent in the championship match.

He’s also a great and inspiring teammate. Barnes was the L.A.-based Silver Lake Atom Splitters’ franchise player when the team won back-to-back Elias Cup titles in the PBA League in 2014 and 2015. Additionally, Barnes has been a stalwart broadcaster on ESPN.

Through all his endeavors, Barnes has found time to make the rounds as an instructor at bowling clinics. He visited Corbin Bowl in Tarzana a few years back and made a memorable remark there. This might be a good time to remember his quote as league bowlers push into the summer months trying to find their mark.

Siena Cawelti, a San Fernando Valley 600 Club member, remembered Barnes’ piece of wisdom during the San Fernando Valley clinic.

Said Cawelti: “One of the things that stuck in my mind is what Chris Barnes said – ‘You can throw a bad shot, but don’t throw the same bad shot from the same place. Throw the same bad shot from a different spot on the lane.’”

Of course, bowlers can always throw a good shot from a different spot on the lane. But Barnes’ point is a good one. Bowlers, take heed.
in the 2016 PBA World Championship. Most recently, he finished second in the inaugural Main Event PBA Tour Finals and third in the Grand Casino Hotel & Resort PBA Oklahoma Open.

“I’m absolutely stoked about winning this year’s ESPY award,” said Belmonte, who won his first ESPY in 2011. “I can’t thank the fans enough for voting for me. The support and passion I receive from people all around the world is a huge motivation to keep pushing myself to raise the bar.

“To show my fans the appreciation I have for them, I will continue to work hard on and off the lanes and be as interactive as possible with them through social media and appearances. In addition to the fans I’d also like to thank ESPN for establishing an award that honors outstanding achievement in our sport.”

Also nominated in the Best Bowler category were 2016 PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. and 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Canada.

Among Tackett’s wins in 2017 were the Tournament of Champions, DHC Japan Invitational and the Main Event PBA Tour Finals. In the last half of 2016, he won the PBA World Championship, Bear Open and was a member of the winning ‘Merica Rooster Illusion PBA Team Challenge team.

Lavoie became only the second foreign-born winner of the U.S. Open when he beat Marshall Kent 228-194 in the title match last November. During the stepladder finals he also bowled the 26th televised 300 game when he beat Shawn Maldonado 300-211 in the semi-final match. In June, Lavoie won the Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open for his third career PBA Tour title.

Belmonte is tied with Duke and PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber for second with four Best Bowler ESPY awards trailing PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. who tops the list with seven.
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18 – 19 – 1st Modesto Queens Tourney, Yosemite Lanes, yosemitelanes.com

20 – 21 – New manager at SUNSHINE BOWL

22 – 23 – 17th MAMBO, Nat. Bowling Stadium, Reno, mambo.org

28 – 29 – PBA/PBA50 National Senior Finals, Reno, Nevada

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August:

4-6 – 9th Cal Bowlers Tour, Bowling Square, Arcadia

7-16 – Military Team Classic, South Point, Las Vegas, NV

8-10 – USBC Sr. Championships, Texas Station, Las Vegas, NV

9-11 – National Bowling Day 2017 – First sighting of this soon-to-be-cancelled event

10-12 – CCUSBC Youth Championships Tournament, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis

12-13 – CCUSBC Dobby Watts Youth State Singles Qualifier, Cal Bowl

12-13 – CCUSBC Dobby Watts Youth State Doubles Qualifier, Cal Bowl

12-14 – CCUSBC Dobby Watts Youth 10-Gamers, Cal Bowl

14-15 – Cal Bowl Open (Scratch 10 Gamer), Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 562/421-8448

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SAN BERNARDINO – I love our CALIFORNIA WOMEN bowlers and reporting on their bowling exploits.

So, with this season coming to an end and a new average book being published in August, I would like to provide the list of the 2015-16 TOP TEN CITRUS BELT Women Bowlers. The women with the highest averages with a minimum of 48 games are:

1. Laura Lee Daniel 218 (72 games) Arlington Lanes
2. Paula Vidad 209 (72) Cal Oaks Bowl
3. Corina Ortiz 209 (48) Empire Bowl
4. Anita Murttishaw 208 (99) Cal Oaks Bowl
5. Ginalynn Verlarde 208 (96) Deer Creek Lanes
6. Jenelle Jellsey 208 (69) Empire Bowl
7. Denise Blackmon 207 (103) Riverside Lanes
8. Julie Ortiz 207 (84) Riverside Lanes
9. Alejandra Urrutia 207 (63) Moreno Valley
10. Lorri Scott 205 (105) Del Rosa Lanes

All told 18 women averaged 200 or higher and it took 207 to crack the TOP TEN.

It is interesting to note that the TOP TEN contains four women who have led the Citrus Belt in high average in the past (Laura Lee Daniel, Jenelle Jellsey, Anita Murttishaw and Paula Vidad). 2015-16 was an incredible 9th season that Laura Lee Daniel has led the Citrus Belt in high average. She has been high in nine of the last fourteen seasons. She also has the highest average in Association history (229). Congratulations to our top women bowlers and thanks to the BOWLING NEWS for supporting CALIFORNIA lady bowlers.

Oak Tree Lanes coach Annette Andersen was all smiles watching her bowlers from Diamond Bar and Ontario. Bowling at age 16 level, Lamaki Welch came in with a 205 average and rolled games of 245, 246, 244 for a super 735 series in doubles and came back with a 269, 234,181 for a 684 in singles. Lamaki said he did not bowl well for team, but maybe all events.

Ardani Rodas of Winnetka Bowl has only bowled in leagues for a little over a year. The 14 year old bowler is “hooked on bowling” as he practices several days a week. He started the Doubles competition with a 288 game that was 101 pins over his entering average.

Jason Gee from AMF Cerritos came in with a 152 average and rolled games of 250, 172, 225 for a 647 series.

Nicholas Cordero from PV Bowl entered with a 127 average and had games of 190, 151, 189 for a 530 series.

Keystone Lanes coach Bret Haynes was not only there with his bowlers, but for he and his group to see Country Club Bowl’s new General Manager Tahnee Martin who came from Keystone Lanes, Norwalk & Del Rio Lanes, Downey.

“We had a great turnout this year especially with all the SoCal centers traveling up North and to E&O Lanes and Harbor Lanes for always traveling down South! We will also have a great scholarship payout for this event due to the state dues increase that was passed last year. We have to personally thank Tom Leigh for always working this event with me and to Chris Arvanitis, our tournament photographer for his outstanding support every year. The tournament would not be a success without them. To the coaches that all submitted teams... you guys are the best! Your support to California youth bowling is exceptional and I am so proud to be a part of this with you. Thanks so much to the staff at Country Club Bowl - everyone was so helpful and supportive. And lastly, special thanks to Jeff Carr from Bowler’s Depot pro shop for donating items to our tournament for us to raffle off raising even more scholarship dollars for this year’s scholarship fund. We look forward to next year’s event at Keystone Lanes in SoCal,” stated Lynn Matsubara, CUSBC Youth Tournament Director.

From all the staff and bowlers at Country Club Bowl and the Marin County USBC we thank all those that attended both the Adult Open and Women’s Championships as well as the Youth Championships held at Country Club Bowl, San Rafael from April 7 through July 16. You are all awesome and we had fun hosting your Championship tournament! Sign up now for 2018 at Keystone Lanes, Norwalk!
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Here’s a look at this week’s league scores:


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