Liz Johnson Makes PBA History

By Fred Eisenhammer

Liz Johnson scored a historic victory in the Professional Bowlers Assn. Chameleon Championship, but it got scant attention.

Although Johnson's title didn't match Kulick's in newsworthiness (Johnson's championship didn't come in a major and it wasn't the first women's triumph on the PBA Tour), it still represented a colossal accomplishment for women bowlers -- and women athletes overall.

The sad part or irony is that [Liz] will get more noise from the fact that she now has come out as an openly gay athlete.

And it was another big-time laurel for Johnson, the three-time reigning Professional Women's Bowling Assn. Player of the Year.

And Johnson acknowledged it. “It feels absolutely amazing,” said Johnson, who also has won three Professional Women’s Bowling Assn. titles this year (including two majors). “It’s officially one of the best bowling days of my life and probably the icing on the cake as far as my career goes.”

“I’ve been very lucky to have the career that I’ve had. I never thought having the chance to win a PBA title would come when it did. It’s been an awesome journey.”

Twelve years ago, Johnson also made history by becoming the first woman to make a televised appearance on the PBA tour. That took place at the PBA Banquet Open and finished second to Tommy Jones.

What’s interesting about Johnson’s Chameleon Championship victory is that it occurred in the same year as the movie release of “Battle of the Sexes” – a biographical sports film that is based on the celebrated 1973 tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs at the Houston Astrodome. At the time, the 29-year-old King was a top women’s player and the 55-year-old Riggs was a far-over-the-hill former men’s champion.

King gave women’s sports a huge shot in the arm by controlling the match and delivering a 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory.

The nationally televised match was viewed by an estimated 90 million curious people – unsure whether King could play with a male opponent, even one who was much older and out of shape.

In the case of Liz Johnson, sports fans are now accustomed to women playing close to the same level as men in certain sports.

So Johnson’s victory over Pepe didn’t resonate the same way as King’s and Kulick’s triumphs.

It’s a sign that the gap between men and women in many sports is closing.

Liz Johnson proved it again last month.

MONTCLAIR- Xframe Bowlers Tour will be host-ed by popular Bowlium Lanes in Montclair, Sat-urday-Decem-ber 9th. We return to Bowlium with 3 Qualifying Squads at 2:00pm - ($1,000 Bo-nus) if winning, 4:00pm ($1,000 Bonus) if winning & 6:00pm with Beat the Board Finals to follow at 8:15 PM.

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Xframe at Bowlium
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Sam’s Town has been in the bowling business for decades. The Lanes have hosted numerous PBA, LPBT, PWBA and Hi-Roller events. The Center is part of the rich history of Vegas bowling.

Last week I was in SIN CITY for the World Bowl- ing World Championships. While there I stayed at my favorite Hotel and Casino - SAM’S TOWN.

I love Sam’s Town. The staff is always courteous and accommodating. The
PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game to Unveil New “PBA League Venues”

Concrete Software’s wildly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, which has been downloaded to more than 19 million mobile devices since its introduction, is adding another new element to capture the excitement of the PBA League program that has taken on a life of its own at its new “home” at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The PBA Bowling Challenge game has offered a variety of unique venues for users, but the new addition is a series of venues tied to PBA League teams. Along with the new PBA League venues, which will debut on a weekly schedule beginning on Thursday, Dec. 7, the game will offer a special PBA 60th Anniversary venue.

The new PBA League venue schedule will include the Dallas Strikers venue on Dec. 7; Silver Lake Atom Splitters, Dec. 14; L.A. X, Dec. 21; Portland Lumberjacks, Dec. 28; Motown Muscle, Jan. 4; Philadelphia Himen, Jan. 11; Brooklyn Styles, Jan. 18; New York WTT KingPins, Jan., 25, and the Elias Cup Finals venue on Feb. 1.


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BPAA-member bowling centers are reminded that as part of the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour umbrella sponsorship package, they are eligible for complimentary Xtra Frame subscriptions, allowing them to make PBA’s exclusive online bowling channel available to their customers at no cost.

It’s easy: all a BPAA-member center has to do is contact PBA’s Dave Schroeder (email: dave.schroeder@pba.com) and after confirming membership, Schroeder will provide the participating center with its promotional code and activation instructions in time for dozens of hours of coverage of WSOB IX events.
JAPAN – The PBA Tour’s top 10 players in 2017 earnings based upon events open to all players have been finalized, and those players – plus defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. – have been invited to participate in the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational Jan. 26-28 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

Earning invitations are: Jason Belmonte, Australia; Jesper Svensson, Sweden; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Dom Barrett, England.

If any of the invitees is unable to attend, the “alternate” list is headed by Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Francois Lavoie, Canada.

In addition to the 11 players from the earnings list, the international field also will include three PBA members, one woman and one Korean PBA player invited by tournament sponsor DHC. Those players will be announced as soon as they have confirmed their intent to participate.

The tournament itself will feature a new format, beginning with the invited field and 32 Japanese players (a starting field of 48) bowling two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday, Jan. 27 to cut the field to the top 16 for 16 games of head-to-head match play on Sunday. The top five after 28 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Japan Standard Time (3 a.m. EST). The entire DHC PBA Japan Invitational, which will pay the winner US$45,000, will be live streamed on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel (visit xtraframe.tv for subscription information).
**The Perfect Game**

**The Perfect Coach: Part 8**

Earlier, we mentioned that coaching is a process and is synonymous with changing. This article will deal with the basics of that process, which involves asking the proper questions of yourself before modifying your technique.

**Begin by answering the following question:** Does my equipment fit well? It’s nearly impossible to develop consistency if it doesn’t. Shoes should be made for secure footwork, and always make sure the soles are clean and dry. Clothing should be comfortably loose for freedom of movement. The ball must be able to roll smoothly off your hand. A proper fit is essential, so make this a priority above everything else*. When you can answer the above question with a “Yes,” it’s time to go bowling.

Once at your favorite bowling center, take a few moments to warm up prior to actually rolling the first shot. A few stretches, swings of the ball, and slides at the foul-line (to check for problem areas) will go a long way toward prepping for your first delivery. Even with these exercises, it still takes a few frames to “work out the kinks.” Don’t take things too seriously until the third or fourth frame of the first game. At this time, it is extremely important to ignore scores; they are meaningless during practice sessions. Remember, you are there to learn about modifying your delivery; nothing else matters.

Now, take a few shots using the skills learned from the previous articles. Remember to be smooth and deliberate. Ideally, you want to maintain your balance and posture after releasing the ball. If you can’t, you are throwing the ball too hard. Tell yourself to, “Slow down!” To be consistent, you must bowl within your own abilities. Trying to perform beyond them is a recipe for disaster.

Once you are “warmed up,” it’s time to get serious. Pick up your ball, take your starting position and get into the stance you have developed. As you take the first step, remember to push the ball directly toward the target-arrow you have chosen. Continue this push-away until the elbow is straightened. As soon as the arm is fully extended, initiate the arm-swing by letting the ball just DROP**. As it does, maintain a firm grip and keep the hand under, then behind the ball. Do not let the wrist rotate throughout the arm-swing. When the ball begins to move forward, focus on the instant the arm is perfectly vertical, relieve the pressure exerted by the thumb against the ball. You will feel the weight of the ball transfer to your fingers. Use the strength in your fingers to lift the ball out onto the lane. Keep your eyes glued to your intended target until the ball is beyond it!

The next question you must ask yourself is, “Did I make a good shot?” How would you know? If you think the indicator is whether or not the ball rolled over the chosen target, you might be mistaken. The true indicators of a successful shot are: the ball came off the hand cleanly, you maintained good balance/stance at the foul-line, and the follow-through did not waver from the target-line****. It’s possible your new delivery chose a different target than the one at which you were staring. That’s not unusual after making any modification to your approach. Don’t “tighten” it; change your focal point to that target. Adjustments become much easier if you do, and those will get the ball where you want it. You are “golden” when you can make a good delivery AND the ball rolls over its intended target.

Join us next week when we will discuss some of those adjustments.

* Thumbholes can be modified with sandpaper or bowler’s tape; your local pro shop can be a most valuable asset for this issue.

** This initiates the arm-swing.

*** This is the point in the forward-swing at which the arm becomes perpendicular to the floor.

**** The arm-swing consists of four parts. The down, back and forward segments are a crucial part. Once the ball is gone, the final segment, which you know as the follow-through, becomes an indicator. It indicates whether or not the entire swing kept the ball on its target-line. Consider this; the arm should swing in an invisible plane which rises up from the foul-line. If the follow-through remains in that plane, the whole arm-swing did as well.

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**Bowling Calendar**

by Bette Addington

**DECEMBER**

- 9 – HammerPins Mut. Team Tour, 1pm, West Lane Bowl, Stockton, hammerpins.net
- 9 – Xfreme Tournament Club, 2pm, 4pm, Bowlarama Lanes, 969/928-2358
- 9 – WCST at Riverside Casino, Laughlin, NV, 702/383-1614
- 9 – West Coast Challenge Scratch Tour, $104 for 1st-2nd 9am & 4pm on Sat., Stars Recreation Ctr., Vacaville, 707/330-7185
- 9 – USB’s Lane Inspection Workshop, 11am-3pm, Fountain Bowl
- 10 – December Handicap Eliminator, 11am, La Habra Bowl, La Habra
- 10 – 6th Tony Reyes Youth Bowling Tour, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, youth-bowlers-tour.com
- 10 – 2nd Central Valley Masters Blk, TNBA “Christmas for Kids” Bowling Tour, 12 noon, Regency Lanes, centralvalleymasters.com
- 10 – PBA USA vs The World on ESPN, 10am
- 10 – JB’s 150th event, open to all alumni, 10am, AMF Deer Valley Lanes, Phoenix, AZ
- 14 – California Bowling Writers Phone Card Drive for the Troops donation deadline, calbowlingwriters.org
- 16 – HammerPins Mut. No Tap Scotch Dbls., 1pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB, hammerpins.net
- 16 – Gold Pin Scratch 6 Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl
- 16 – CB7 Anniversary Cup, $3K, Lanekeos, Norwalk, ctbowling.com
- 17 – Scratch 6-Damer, 11am, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto (must have bowled at least 2 this year to be eligible), 209/524-9161
- 17 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tour, 10am, Lincoln Lanes, Galt, 559/635-3837
- 17 – PBA Chameleon Championship on ESPN at 11am: PBA Shark Championship on ESPN at 11am
- 18 – 4th Tony Reyes Community Service Awards, 1pm
- 24 – PBA Cheets Championship on ESPN at 11am; PBA Shark Championship on ESPN at 11am
- 26-30 – JB’s (Jr. Bowlers Tour) Southwest 2017 Main Event, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, bowljbt.com
- 30-31 – PBA World Championship on ESPN at 10am

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**OAK TREE**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

CUT SCORES:

Saturday December 2nd

Men: + 60
Women: + 39

HIGH QUALIFIER (FREE ENTRY):

Men: Sun Sundara +2
Women: Jaimee Pamintuan +82

MATCH GAME: 119 - $555 - NO WINNER

Prize Fund: $5,296.00

Sidesteps: $720.00

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**Optional Xframe Bonus:** $10

**QUALIFYING RATIO:** Men 1:5 Women 1:4 Age for Seniors: Men 62 and Women 55

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LAKE ELSINORE – The Saturday Sport league members came back from the Thanksgiving bye this week to a new oil pattern: Mexico City. More specifically, the league is bowling on the 2017 World Bowling 45 version.

This pattern is made up of 25.5 ml of oil in a wide, flat shape that resembles a Mayan Temple. Typically on this pattern, anything outside of about 8, 9 or 10 is out of bounds. However, at PnP, it was possible for rev-dominant players to get it back from 7 board.

As is usually the case, week one on a new pattern is about gaining experience to determine your best strategy for success over the next two weeks. By far, the most common experience among the bowlers was carry-down. Nearly every bowler I spoke with after league told me of noticing significant carry-down in game three usually between frames three and six. Our bowler of the week, Fred Cazassa, killed it in games one and two but his scoring fell off a bit in game three as he battled the carry-down.

As mentioned previously, week one on a new pattern generally sees fewer over-average scores and this time was no different. Nonetheless, there were some notable games bowled this week: Jimmy Casassa +30, Shannon Williams +30, and Kirk Sanders +55. Mike Pulsipher had a consistently good set with games of +27, +22, and +12 for the week.

Fred was on fire shooting +51 (224), +47 (220), and +17 (219) out for bowler of the week. Steve’s games were +33, +16, and -17 (212) for the week. Williams +35, and Kira Sanders +55. Mike Pulsipher had a couple of oil pattern, Beijing, to be quite difficult. Appar-ently he executed properly. Maybe he should always skip sleep the night before.

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Anahiem – Rich is not “Heid”ing his prowess on the lanes as he proves his worth on games of 218-246-267 for 733 and added 190 to post the league-leading series in the 590 Classic with 923. Congratulations on re-certifying your 900 Club membership! Have you been taking some refresher courses?... Just sayin’.

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Now back to our bowler of the week, Fred Cazassa. Fred was on fire shooting +51 (224), +47 (220), and +17 (219). Fred exceeded the century mark with a fantastic se-ries of +115 (639). He came straight to bowling this week after working his gravity shift job all night. Before we started, he expressed concern that he would be too tired and by the end of the day, he didn’t feel the same about Mexico City. Great bowling Fred!

The next 13-week Saturday Sport league begins Janu-ary 6, 2017. The meeting will be at 9am with league play to follow. Weekly league fees are $7. Member benefits in-clude free league games (weekdays before 6pm), free pizza and beverage on week 13, free coaching from USBC Bronze coaches Ken Clay or Cheryl Robinson, and, of course, the challenging fun of sport bowling! You can find us at facebook.com/groups/PinsSaturdaySport.

Christmas Issue Next Week!!
**CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT**

by GIL

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**LAKESWOOD** — It certainly feels like winter is here and that also means that Hanukkah and Christmas will be here in no time. It’s been a busy year so we have to get thosekHz 112. How’s the weather down south? Of course it’s something we all like, welcoming in the New Year! Gosh, 2017 went by so fast. Where did the year go?

Let’s take a look at the leagues and see how they are doing.

The “Bowling Buddies” League is small but those are advantages. If you bowled, you make the TOP SCORER list and you have to show up or you might miss the fun. There is a possibility that all those teams could be tied for first on sweeper! Dan Eswayke, 530, Rich Eswayke, 216, Melville Eswayke, 471, Betty Major 278, Mike Slagey 468 all made the top scorer’s honor.

**Recycled Teens:** We have a nice list of high scores this week so here they are...Chris Abing 225/614, Victor San- tos 238/609, Rick Seneris 208/599, J ojo Quicho 216/572, Boye lce Inocente 225/568, Jose Jasmin 264/567, Walter Miliss 222/546, Joe DeJesus 529, Ron Leidwold 534, Janeanne Burke 213/552. I haven’t talked to one Senior who would like to be a teenager again. They just wish to enjoy bowling today!

**Young At Heart:** To believe so many Seniors are avg- ing over 260. You have to bowl 250 scratch to win a sidepot. Look at these great scores: Jimmy Hamilton 295/688, Rey Santos 208/60, Anthony Leavell 214/450, Larry Burks 226/567, Nevaeh Huertas 201/487, Anthony Leavell 214/450. High scores for the week: Lawrence Austria 504, Aaron Beck 481, William Scott 486, Erma Lowe 441, Priscilla Harper 424.

**Pin Heads:** Look at those scores: Chuck Appleby 534, Tyler Zuelke 199/526, Bruce Brown 504, Larry Taylor 504, Frank Rial 148, Betty Major 176, Mel Leach 209/542, Julie York 292. This league has too much fun!!!

**Sierra Bugs:** Super Sub Ruthie Jones rolled a nifty 605 series and won the scratch game side-pot along the way. High score for the week: Ruthie Jones 224, Cheryl Hilton 469, Annie Maae 468, Mel Leach 468, Myra Kremen 467, Liz Maddy 463, Betty Major 462. Side-pot winners—Game One: Joan Lumpford 225; Game Two: Ruthie Jones 224; scratch Game Three: Liz Maddy 221.

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**Junior/Adult Turtle Crew:** Scr: 382 Nicholas Dorn, 158 Mathew Humphrey 212/580, Walter Millsap 576, Carl Steel 24/565, Humphrey 212/580, Walter Millsap 576, Carl Steel 24/565. High score for the week: Ruthie Jones 224, Cheryl Hilton 469, Annie Maae 468, Mel Leach 468, Myra Kremen 467, Liz Maddy 463, Betty Major 462. Side-pot winners—Game One: Joan Lumpford 225; Game Two: Ruthie Jones 224; scratch Game Three: Liz Maddy 221.
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J.A.T. ON THE VERGE OF CLINCHING PLAYOFF SPOT
by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY — As the bowlers took the lanes at Del Rio Lanes on Monday night, almost everyone in the league was pulling for Cal Bowl to knock off J.A.T. in their match on the top pins. J.A.T. had opened up a large game lead for the round heading into the final two weeks, and only a strong performance from the Cal Bowl team could bring the field of contenders within striking distance. At least half a dozen teams were still within reach, as long as the J.A.T. team didn’t continue their winning ways, having lost only four points in Round 5.

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