Carol Gianotti Inducted into USBC Hall of Fame

Carol Gianotti is the toast of Australian bowling after being only one of a handful of international bowlers to be inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. Gianotti won 16 women’s professional titles between 1989 and 2000, including the 1989 USBC Queens. She has also finished fourth at the USBC Queens four times (1992, 1997 and 2008) and has nearly $1 million in career earnings.

The 43-year-old from Perth and manager of AMF Joondalup, has been part of three team titles at the USBC Women’s Championships and teamed with Missy Klug to take the Scratch Doubles title in 2010. In all, she has 11 top 10 finishes at the USBC Women’s Championships.

Gianotti represented Australia in the Seoul Olympic Games bowling exhibition and is a multi-time member of Australian National teams. In 2009 she teamed with Ann Maree Putney to take the silver medal in the doubles event at the World Tenpin Bowling Association World Women’s Championships in Las Vegas, USA.

Carol received the news of her induction on 29th December and gave her something very special to celebrate for the New Year. “This feels great, and it’s something that just tops off my career,” Gianotti said. “It was a call that I wasn’t expecting, especially at a quarter past 5 in the morning, but it was so worth it.” “To be recognized for something you love to do and elected to something you’ve always had as a goal is really special,” Gianotti said.

Election to the USBC Hall of Fame is the highest honour USBC can bestow upon extraordinary contributors to the sport, on and off the lanes. The USBC Hall of Fame is the result of a merger of the American Bowling Congress Hall (founded in 1941) and the Women’s International Bowling Congress Hall (founded in 1953). The USBC Hall of Fame consists of Superior Performance, Meritorious Service and Pioneer categories. Meritorious Service, veterans in the Superior Performance category and Pioneers are elected by the committee while Superior Performance candidates are elected by a national ballot involving Hall of Fame members and veteran bowling writers.

2011 Asian Schools Team Announced

The 2011 Asian Schools Team to represent Australia at the 13th Asian Schools Championship in Bangkok in July was announced on January 8th. The Roll Offs were incorporated as part of the 2011 TBA National Youth Cup event held at the Werribee SuperBowl in Victoria (see story on p5). Four girls and boys earned automatic selection into the team as a result of their performance in the qualifying round of the National Youth Cup with the remaining 8 selected by National Coach Chris Batson in consultation with the assistant coaches. The Asian Schools Championship is an international tournament open to bowlers aged 19 and under and is the introduction to national team representation for TBA’s junior bowlers. In total thirty-four athletes took part in the roll offs and Tenpin Bowling Australia is pleased to announce the successful team members as follows:

TBA would also like to proudly acknowledge the support of Brunswick who is the official equipment sponsor of the 2011 Australian Asian Schools Team.
At the United Tenpin Bowling Association Inc AGM, a significant milestone in the sport was achieved with the UTBA Board of Directors and Life Members voting to endorse an affiliation with TBA for 2011. This affiliation is significant for many reasons. 2011 will be the first time in over 20 years where there is only one organisation’s membership fee available to all bowlers in Victoria. Until 2010, there were three organisations in Victoria offering a membership program; Tenpin Bowling Australia (TBA), Melbourne Tenpin Bowling Association (MTBA) and the Chartered Tenpin Bowling Association of Melbourne (CTBAM). In 2010 CTBAM and MTBA amalgamated to form the United Tenpin Bowling Association.

However the significance of the decision does not just impact the bowlers of Victoria. TBA is delighted to announce that UTBA under a licence agreement will now be introducing their highly successful awards program to all TBA members nationally. Now all TBA members throughout Australia will be entitled to participate in a highly expanded awards program that will reward bowlers for achievements such as bowling a 200 game or a 600 series.

In a historic event for the sport in Australia, all 20 bowling centres in the Melbourne region signed a Memorandum of Understanding to agree to ensure that all league bowlers will take out TBA membership in 2011 should the affiliation take place. This is expected to more than double the number of TBA members in Victoria in 2011.

TBA CEO Cara Honeychurch remarked “Today is a significant step forward in the TBA Board and Management’s goal to unify the sport in Australia. UTBA’s excellent ability to service the needs of the league bowler at the centre level will continue and now all TBA members nationally will once again have an extensive awards program. One of the most common complaints from bowlers about TBA’s current membership program is the lack of anything tangible for their membership.

Honeychurch further commented, “Equally important is that today’s decision marks a significant step forward for both organisations and the sport as a whole. UTBA through the administration of the awards program will prosper, a significant growth in membership ensures a more viable National Sporting Organisation and the bowlers and proprietors in Victoria have a simpler more streamlined membership system”.

UTBA President Graham Pearson commented, “We believe this to be a fantastic opportunity for all Victorian bowlers to become a part of the National Sporting Organisation whilst still retaining the service and support we have always offered our members. Increased membership and being part of a National body also means a greater return to our member’s by providing a better pathway to State and National team’s, access to free coaching for league bowlers and insurance for all members. As always, we will continue to be there to assist our members in any way”.

TBA and United Tenpin Bowling Association Affiliate in 2011
New Awards Program for League Bowlers

As a result of the UTBA and TBA affiliation (see story page 2 for details), TBA is delighted to announce the re-introduction of a national awards program that will be administered by UTBA. And the best news is that the awards program is included in the cost of your TBA membership!

UTBA has operated a highly successful awards program for its Melbourne members for many years and TBA are pleased to be able to work in partnership with UTBA to extend this program to all members nationally.

TBA will continue to administer the high game and series award plaques in its current form. However TBA will no longer offer certificates to centres but outsource the administration of the new pin awards (see photographs) to UTBA. Awards must be applied for by either your league secretary or a representative from your local centre via the TBA website. When a bowler successfully applies for their first award they will receive a TBA header badge (only supplied once to each bowler) along with the award bar.

Please find below the awards available for 2011.

### TBA Special Achievement Awards

- **300 Game**
  - Plaque First ever 300 game free – additional plaque $40
- **299/298 Game**
  - Plaque - $40 available for purchase
- **900 Series (3 games)**
  - Plaque First ever 900 series free – additional plaque $40
- **800/700 Series (3 games)**
  - Plaque - $40 available for purchase
- **600 Series (2 games)**
  - Plaque First ever 600 series free – additional plaque $40
- **1000 Series (4 games)**
  - Plaque - $40 available for purchase

*Please note that all purchased awards have a registered post charge of $8.00.*

### Once Only Awards UTBA Administered

- **100 Game (Junior’s only)**
- **150 Game**
- **200 Game**
- **250 Games**
- **500 Series**
- **600 Series**
- **75 Over Average**
- **125 Game (Junior’s only)**
- **175 Game**
- **225 Game**
- **275 Game**
- **550 Series**
- **50 Over Average**

Replacement award bars are available for $1.00 each. Extra and replacement header bars are available for $3.00 each

### Yearly Awards UTBA Administered

- **700 Series**
- **100 Over Average**
- **Triplicate**
- **All Spare Game**
- **Dutch 200 Game**
- **7-10 Split (converted)**
- **4-7-6-10 Split (converted)**
Nicoll Wins Gold at 2011 Asian Championships

Lexi Nicoll (pictured left) of NSW claimed the first gold medal in the 21st Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships at Khalifa Bowling Centre in Abu Dhabi, UAE as she rolled a 1390 six-game series to win the Women Singles competition.

Nicoll averaged 231.67 on the short oil pattern including games of 220, 245, 207, 247, 212 and 259. Multiple World and Asian champion Hwang Sun-Ok, Korea, finished her series with 257, 247 and 234 to tie Siti Shazwani, Malaysia for second place at 1364 (227.33). Both players shared the silver medal.

Siti Shazwani of Malaysia kicked off the championship with a sizzling 248 in her opening game to lead Japan’s Misaki Mukotani by 4 pins. The 22-year-old continued her relentless pace with 230 and 256 in her next two games for a 734 series to stretch her lead over Lexi to 62 pins as the Japanese slipped down to fourth.

Another two respectable games of 216 and 225, resulted in Siti having a 44 pin lead over Nicoll going into the final game with Asian Games triple gold medalist, Hwang Sun-Ok of Korea in third just one pin from the Aussie. However Siti’s final game of 189 was not enough as Lexi’s impressive finish of 259 to snatch victory and Australia’s first gold medal by 26 pins.

"I knew I had a shot at the gold medal after I was trailing the Malaysian in second after the fourth game," said the 22-year-old Nicoll from Gosford, in her first senior championship for Australia. "I made sure I stayed focused and calm in the last game and I’m slightly surprised and delighted to have posted a big game to win the gold. I’ve to thank my coach back home and Chris Batson, who has helped us a lot during the preparation."

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The National Youth Teams Challenge and National Youth Cup took place once again at Werribee Superbowl on January 8th –13th. With the purpose of fostering and promoting bowling for our members under the age of 23 years, the week long carnival kicked off with the National Youth Cup, a singles tournament with a male, female and graded division. A total of 119 bowlers took part in the event, an excellent result considering that 48 competitors from last year were too old to partake in 2011’s Championship. The highlight of the qualifying round was an impressive 300 game from 2010 AMF Australian Masters Champion Sam Cooley.

After 10 games of qualifying, the top 15 qualifiers in each division took to the lanes the following day in a 3 per pair matchplay format to determine the champions. Both divisions were fiercely contested and with only one round to go there were multiple bowlers who had the opportunity to win the title. In the men’s division an impressive finish by Michael Craig with scores of 259 and 248 in his final two matches were enough to claim victory over Sam Cooley by 33 pins. Michael was the only bowler to average over 200 in the finals.

In the ladies division a mere 26 pins separated Jacinta Gilliland, Bec Whiting and Lexi Nicoll with one game to go setting up a dramatic positional round. However Whiting’s final game of 290 was more than enough to grab the title from Gilliland who finished with a solid 227 game. Congratulations also goes to Nathan Tanis from Victoria who took out the graded division with a fine average of 181.

The National Youth Cup was also the qualifying event to determine the 8 boys and 8 girls to form the National team to represent Australian at the Asian Schools Championship in Thailand in July (see story on page 1).
TBA National Youth Teams Challenge January 2011

The National Youth Teams Challenge is an interstate tournament consisting of 4 men and 4 women that each compete in singles, doubles and 4 man teams to determine the best combined representative team of Youth Male and Female bowlers. Points are awarded based on the finishing position in each event and added together to determine the winner of the 2011 National Youth Teams Challenge. To further challenge the bowlers and test their versatility, events are contested over a long and short pattern.

**Singles**

The singles event opened proceedings with Chris Commame from Tasmania winning the male division with 1291 (6 games) from Asian Schools representative Simon Pearce (NSW) with 1261 and Aaron stack (WA) with 1217.

In the ladies division first place went to Jacinta Gilliland from QLD shooting a score of 1249; 30 pins clear of second placed Caitlyn Commame from Tasmania with 1219 and Rebecca Whiting representing ACT with 1168.

**Doubles**

The doubles event was contested on the short oil pattern. The Victorian pair of Shane Hadlum and Nick Williamson combined total of 2275 was too strong for WA’s Chris Watson and Mitch Marris on 2248 who held off the SA duo of Dion Alexander and Matthew Krinis by a mere 10 pins. The ladies division was won by singles bronze medallist Rebecca Whiting and Chloe Harradine-Hale taking the title with a convincing total of 2415, 124 pins clear of Kirsten Field and Rachelle Flynn from Victoria and third place NSW duo of Lexi Nicoll and Jessica Ryan with 2207.

**Teams**

The teams event consisted of 3 games on each pattern and the experience of the NSW men’s team showed with Michael Craig, Simon Pearce, Sam Cooley and Scott Robertson combining for a total of 4668 over WA on 4515 and SA on 4470. The dominance of NSW again showed through in the women’s division with the NSW team of Lexi Nicoll, Jessica Ryan, Ranii Nugroho and Sarah-Anita Mcrae total of 4440 enough to take the gold medal from Victoria and Western Australia.

The final opportunity to score points is the All Events which is each bowlers combined pinfall from their singles, doubles and teams events. In the men’s division only 8 pins separated first placed Matthew Krinis (SA) on 3585 from runner up Sam Cooley (3579) and third placed Chris Watson. In the ladies division Rebecca Whiting comfortably took out the All Events title on 3631 and was the only bowler male or female to average over 200 for the tournament. Lexi Nicoll took out the silver medal from Victoria’s Rachelle Flynn.

In the end, the Team Challenge Trophy went to NSW with total points of 1098, runaway winners from second placed WA on 924 and Victoria coming in third with 903.
Bowler Profile: Carol Gianotti

Birthday: 10th of October 1967
Star Sign: Libra
Born At What Town: Perth
First Job: Cash Attendant at a Deli
The Reason I Bowl: Competition, Challenge, Being successful and Travel the world.
If I wasn't a bowler I would be: Involved in another sport (Tennis or Netball)
The Bowler I'd most like to partner in a double tournament: Wendy Macpherson
Sporting Hero: Michael Jordan
My Proudest moment in my bowling career: Being Inducted in the USBC Hall of Fame
My Nickname: Gio or Snotty
Favourite Food: Pasta and Garlic Prawns
I Can’t Get By Without: Family
I Like to Watch On TV: ALL Sports
I Like to Listen to: Jimmy Barnes, 80’s and Country
Favourite School Subject: Maths
Where I Would Like To Be In 10 Years: Hopefully still bowling and retired from work.
2011 Interschool Challenge

TBAQ are getting ready for a productive 2011. The Interschool Challenge dates are set and we are expecting 200 schools to participate across the State. Centre roll offs will begin the competition pathway through to the State finals (see dates below). TBAQ wish to acknowledge the support received from Proprietors, Associations, schools, volunteers and the Queensland Government. The Interschool Challenge is an important step in the recognition of tenpin bowling as a school sport complementing the already popular Roll ‘n Strike ‘in school’ program which further exposes our sport to over 50,000 school children each year and is supported by 22 Associations and centres within the State.

Juniors and Youths Interschool Challenge Important dates for this year:

Entries close: 29th April 2011
Primary School Qualifying: 15th May 2011
Secondary School Qualifying: 22nd May 2011
Finals: 7th August 2011
Finals: 20th & 21st August 2011

Winners and Grinners from 2010:

Primary Schools: First Place: Birkdale South State School (Team 1)
Secondary Schools: First Place: Runcorn State High School (2 Years Running)

All Star Team:
1. Jarrod Longford 212.3 Ayr State High School
2. Sean Bowling 208.5 Runcorn State High School
3. David Dickson 201.7 St Mary’s Catholic College
4. Luke Hotz 201.2 Toowoomba State High School
5. Brendan Woodley 195.4 Runcorn State High School

So who is going to stand up and be counted this year? Will your school knock off the champions from 2010?

Contact: Ian Renfrey Development Officer TBAQ Ph: 07 3876 5400 Fax: 07 3369 1118 Email: ian@tbaq.org.au or www.tbaq.org.au

Queensland State Training Squad

The State Training Squad is well supported by sponsors again this year with the first of three events to be held on the 19th & 20th March 2011 at AMF Mt Gravatt Lanes. The second training session will move to North Queensland on 9th & 10th July in Townsville and the third squad taking place in September or October in South Queensland. All bowlers wishing to take part will need to register their interest via the TBAQ website and enter through the State Training Squad prompts or contact the TBAQ office for assistance on 07 38765400.
Michael Murray bowled his highest game of 283 at Bowland Salisbury on 9th November and backed it up the very next day at AMF Village with a 738 3-game series.

If this was not enough he showed the rest of South Australia how good his form was when he won the last South Australian Junior Youth Circuit event at AMF Cross Road on 28 November. Michael who qualified in 2nd position then beat 2010 President’s Shield Representatives Matthew Bernhardt and Dekland Modra in the final to win his first tournament.

Earlier this year Michael was selected to join the Tenpin SA Junior Development Squad. The aim of this squad is to prepare talented Juniors for Interstate Competition. Michael has certainly come through the Tenpin SA pathway going from strength to strength in 2010. We trust his form continues through to President’s Shield in 2011 with the view to an improvement on South Australia’s 3rd place finish in 2010.

Tenpin SA would once again like to congratulate Michael for his great bowling in November and hope to see more great success from him in the future. We wish Michael and the rest of the President’s Shield Team all the very best with their preparations for the Junior Nationals in April 2011.

One TBA Member will be awarded each month so if you know someone that deserves recognition like Michael, NOMINATE THEM NOW!! Nomination Criteria and Forms can be found on the Tenpin SA Website at www.tenpinsa.com.au/index.php?id=320

Tenpin SA would also like to recognize the achievements of the other bowlers nominated in November:

- Garry Hicks highest series bowler in Darlington League and 3 time participant of the Disabled State Team Challenge (Cross Road)
- Pat Hambour legally blind bowler with 80 over average with a 199 game (Cross Road)
- Kierran Ferris for winning the 2010 Disabled Masters (Cross Road)
- Gregory Vermeeren bowling a personal best game of 198 some 82 over average (Port Pirie)
- Nathan Scarman bowling a personal best of 248 which was a massive 117 over average (Port Pirie)
- Mark Stewart bowling a new personal best of 186, 89 over average (Cross Road)
- Kellie Martlew’s new personal best of 200 which was 96 over average (Port Pirie)

Up and Coming Junior Achieves Personal Best

Michael Murray with his award presented at President’s Shield Training in front of his peers.
The Exclusive 300 Club for December-January 2011

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YOUTH RANKED TOURNAMENTS

WERRIBEE YOUTH CUP: 2nd/3rd April at Werribee bowl contact: Edi De Pellergrin Ph: 03 9741 9777 email: edi@werribeebowl.com.au
GLOBAL YOUTH CUP: 16th/17th July at Oz Tenpin Geelong contact: Rob Zikman Ph: 03 9408 3077 email: robert@oztenpin.com.au

OPEN RANKED TOURNAMENTS

QUEENSLAND OPEN: 5th/6th March at Caboolture Bowl contact: Mary Flower Ph: 07 3865 8887 email: flink1@bigpond.com
AUSTRALIAN OPEN: 22nd/24th April at AMF Keon Park contact: Brett Best Ph: 0425881944 email: bbest@amfbowling.com.au

WOMEN’S RANKED TOURNAMENTS

QUEENSLAND OPEN: 5th/6th March at Caboolture Bowl contact: Mary Flower Ph: 07 3865 8887 email: flink1@bigpond.com
VIC 150: 22nd/24th April at AMF Keon Park contact: Brett Best Ph: 0425881944 email: bbest@amfbowling.com.au

SENIOR RANKED TOURNAMENTS

QUEENSLAND HAMMER SENIORS CLASSIC: 16th/17th April at Caboolture Bowl contact: Brian Bates Ph: 07 3865 8887 email: cabbowl@bigpond.com
SENIORS AUSTRALIAN OPEN: 26th/27th February at AMF Keon Park contact: Sue Raphael email: rapsan@bigpond.com
CANBERRA SENIORS: 26th/27th March at AMF Tuggeranong contact: David Ashton Ph: 0417669975 email: dba300@optusnet.com.au

Australian Sports Foundation - Support Our Champions & Receive a Tax Deduction

Tenpin Bowling has produced several World champions over the past 50 years and our National teams have been highly successful winning numerous medals at World and Asian Championships. Sadly for many reasons including declining membership numbers and an increase in the number of National teams competing overseas, our athletes who have worked so hard to gain selection into a National team have the responsibility to fund their own expenses in order to compete. The primary goal of this project is to fully fund National team travel expenses for athletes competing in World Tenpin Bowling Association Championships. Priority for the donation distribution will be made to World Championship teams with any additional funding contributing to team travel expenses for Asian Championship events.

The Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) was established by the Australian Government to assist organisations to raise funds for the development of sport in Australia. Through this arrangement, donations of $2 or more are tax deductible. Donations must be made unconditionally to the ASF to claim a tax deduction, however their structure allows donors to nominate a registered project as the preferred beneficiary of their gift, in this case TBA National Team Travel.

So don’t forget to make a donation when you complete your TBA Registration form. The Australian Sports Foundation Registration form is attached to the registration form!
On The Lane With Chris Batson

Different Strategies to Lane Play

The way to play lanes and make adjustments has changed a lot in recent years. This is a result of changes in the bowling environment due to the modern oil patterns and bowling balls.

Today there is always more than one way to play any lane condition, courtesy of all the different bowling balls in the market. A bowler can use a weaker ball and play a straighter line to the pocket or may decide to use a stronger ball and hook it more. But it really is more involved then just selecting a ball and a target on the lane. Today, I want to show you different ways to attack any given lane condition.

In just about all bowling centres today, the lanes are oiled with a heavier concentration of oil in the middle of the lane and less oil on the outside boards by the gutters. There is an abrupt change from a light amount of oil on the outside to the heavy oil in the center. This change usually is located between the 8th to 12th board on a freshly oiled lane and then moves in as the lanes are bowled on. The objective in bowling is to find this oil line and use it to create an area on the lane in which you can throw the ball and have it get to the pocket consistently.

Most bowlers lay their ball down in the heavy oil and cross this oil line. This uses the extra friction on the outside boards from the lighter oil to help the ball to hook more. If the ball is pulled a little inside of the target, the heavy oil in the middle helps to reduce the hook. This allows the ball to still end up in the strike pocket. You will create “tug area” as your margin for error to get to the strike pocket increases. This technique often works well with a polished ball that will slide more in the oil and save energy for more hook and snap on the dry outside boards and/or dry boards down the lane. A sanded ball can also be used, but it will hook sooner with less direction change on the backend.

How to Create “Tug” or “Swing”

There is a totally different strategy for playing this same lane condition in a different part of the lane. A bowler can also play this same lane condition by keeping the ball in the heavy oil in the center of the lane for the entire distance of the oil pattern. With this technique, a sanded ball will usually work better with the goal being to move in much deeper so that the ball never touches the drier outside boards. A stronger ball is required here. In this scenario, if the bowler misses wide of their target, the ball will go out to the drier boards and hook back more. Again the result is a ball that still wants to end up in the strike pocket. The secret is to use a much stronger ball and make sure that you move in deep enough so that a well thrown ball never has to reach the dry outside boards in order to hook back to the pocket. Use the drier boards to the outside as your mistake area. This creates “swing area” in which to hit the pocket.

So you now have a strategy to create either “tug area” or “swing area”. Depending on the lane condition, one will probably work better than the other. You need to find which works best for your style and on the lane condition of your centre.
The second major factor affecting how bowlers are forced to play lanes is how the oil moves due to bowling activity. A lot of this has to do with the new bowling balls. All modern balls have a flaring ball track due to the core designs. This allows the ball to hook more but creates changes in the movement of the oil. This has drastically altered how the lanes will play and change over the course of a league session. Balls with flaring tracks pick up more oil as they travel down a lane. The flaring track can be seen as many tight rings of oil on the ball. You can see more oil on the ball. The oil is mostly picked up in the heads which is the area of the lane just past the foul line. As this area gets drier the ball starts to hook early. If the ball hooks early, it will probably hook high on the headpin. The bowler needs to constantly adjust for this changing lane condition. The usual adjustment is to move your feet and target in a little deeper into the centre of the lane to find more oil. This works most of the time.

Sometimes the oil picked up by the ball in the heads results in the oil moving down the lane in the form of carry down. This makes the backends tighter. The normal adjustment of moving a little deeper to find more oil might result in the ball sliding too much and missing wide of the pocket. The correct move might be to just move your feet in deeper to catch more oil in the heads but leave the target the same. This can allow the ball to hook around the carry down oil and miss the carry down oil on the backend of the lane.

Sometimes the traditional moves on the lane do not work as the oil transitions during the course of play. But bowling has a lot of adjustments. A ball change will work a lot of times. But remember the strategy of changing to a different area of the lane to switch from creating a tug area to a swing area, which most likely will include a ball change. The better bowlers can alter how they release the ball to create more or less hook with a hand position change or ball speed adjustment.

Bowlers need to learn that they will score more effectively if they learn to move their stance on the approach and target on the lane. The goal is to move in order to find the area on the lane that creates the maximum “margin for error” and still hit the pocket. Beginner bowlers must learn that they do not want to play the second arrow all the time. The modern sport of bowling has changed into a sport requiring not only a good physical game to repeat shots but also a good mental game. The ability to read the changing lane environment and make the correct adjustment as fast as possible, is just as important as making a good shot. Learn to look for the changing lane conditions. If you make a good shot and the ball hooks, it is time to make a move. Learning to make the necessary adjustment quickly will result in a competitive edge for you over your opponent.

Chris Batson
Tenpin Bowling Australia National Coach
Do you have a great story to share? If so, we’d love to hear from you. Drop us an email at tenpin.bowling@tenpin.org.au