Belmonte Runner Up
PBA Player of the Year 2011/12

Australia’s Jason Belmonte came within a whisker of winning the Professional Bowlers Association’s Chris Schenkel Player of the Year title in what organisers describe as the closest result in the history of the coveted award.

Belmo scored 26.61% of the vote, while Sean Rash from Montgomery, Illinois secured victory with 29.04% of the ballot that was conducted among fellow Tour competitors and members of the US media. Mike Fagan of Dallas, Texas was third with 18.32%, in the field of 11 candidates for PoY honours.

Belmonte said afterwards he felt a small sense of disappointment but that this evaporated quickly. “When it comes to a vote, I can’t do anything about it and all I do is create anxiety if I think about it,” he said. “Anytime you’re one of the final men standing for an award, you’ve beat a lot of stiff competition to get there,” he rationalised.

And with a string of PBA victories and amateur titles, including the 2011 QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup to his credit, the 2011-2012 season has been an impressive high-point for Belmonte, who made his mark as a professional just three years ago as 2009 Rookie of the Year. The announcement was made live on PBA’s XtraFrame online bowling channel as an exciting prelude to the made-for-television Geico PBA Summer Shootout at 10pin Bowling Lounge in Chicago. The series will be aired in Australia in mid July.

Avenging the PoY result, Belmo and his Storm team-mates clinched victory in the PBA Summer Shootout for the second time in the last three years. Described as “a contest of youthful enthusiasm vs. wily veterans, ladies against gentlemen, international stars vs. America’s best”, the Geico PBA Summer Shootout pitted teams representing nine bowling ball manufacturers against each other through ten Eliminator Rounds, the Eliminator Doubles Shootout and four Baker Doubles stepladder final matches.

All three PoY finalists – Rash, Belmonte and Fagan – featured on the rosters, representing different bowling ball companies. Team Brunswick included a trio of rising stars (Rash, left-hander Ryan Ciminelli and Chris Loschetter), Storm fielded PBA Hall of Famer Peter Weber, and two international stars, Belmo and Finland’s Osku Palermaa, while Track paired Fagan with two-time PoY winner, Mik Koivuniemi.

As top qualifier, the Storm team earned a bye and went straight into the final. Brunswick advanced with a 235-184 semi-final win against the 900 Global team of Brian Voss and Missy Parkin.

Brunswick lost the championship match of the Summer Shootout when Rash and partner Loschetter dropped the final game to Belmonte and Weber 244-233.
Tenpin Bowling Australia Board Appointments

Following elections at the Annual General Meeting of TBA members in Melbourne on 19 May, Bianca Flanagan from Queensland and Dennis Rigney from Victoria successfully nominated as bowler representatives. Mike Seymour withdrew his nomination as a bowler representative due to a recent appointment which will see him re-locate to Hong Kong to take up a role with the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Matthew Whitten replaces Jordan Rodgers as AMF representative on the Board.

Following the AGM the newly appointed board met to elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Jamie Taafe was re-elected and Bianca Flanagan was elected Vice-Chairman. Additionally the TBA board appointed Mike Seymour as a director reflecting his role with the World Tenpin Bowling Association and bringing Board numbers back to seven.

The 2012-2013 Board now comprises the following members:-

Jamie Taafe (Vic), Bowler representative, Chairman; Bianca Flanagan, (Qld), Bowler representative, Vice-Chairman; John Coxon (SA), Bowler representative; Dennis Rigney (Vic), Bowler representative; Michael Seymour (ACT), TBA Board Appointment; Bruce Morris, ABPA representative; Matthew Whitten, AMF representative.

“I feel sure the currently serving, and incoming Board members will provide strong governance and leadership to guide our sport towards its vision, and to fulfill our role of developing and nurturing the game and its participants throughout Australia,” said TBA CEO, Cara Honeychurch. “I look forward to working with Jamie and his team and with our stakeholders, to achieving this goal,” she added.

BIANCA FLANAGAN, QLD, Bowler Representative, Vice-Chairman

“As a social bowler, a league bowler, a State and also a national representative, I hope to bring an extra perspective to the TBA Board. I aim to be a voice for bowlers of all levels and to ensure that TBA and the sport continues to meet its strategic priorities and mission of having Tenpin Bowling recognised as a major lifetime sport option for all Australians.

With a professional background in Project Management and Workplace Training and Assessment in the Queensland State Government, I work with a diverse group of people on a wide variety of projects. I feel that with this experience and my strong connection to bowlers competing at all different levels in the sport I will be able to make tough and informed decisions on behalf of those who we are here to look after - the bowlers.”

Bianca Flanagan—bianca.flanagan@gmail.com

MATTHEW WHITTEN, NSW, AMF Representative

“It gives me great pleasure to have been asked to join the TBA Board as the AMF nominee. I have spent 23 years working my way through all levels of AMF Bowling in Australia and New Zealand, and I am currently employed as the NSW North Regional Operations Manager based in Sydney; further I am a diploma qualified accountant. I am a member of the Australian Nationals steering committee and also serve as a Board member of TBA New South Wales.

I am hoping that my role on the TBA Board allows me to share my knowledge of what is happening within the bowling business from an operator’s perspective. Increased participation of people bowling and further joining our sport is high on everyone’s agenda and I am excited to be involved in making this happen!”

Matthew Whitten—mwhitten@amfbowling.com.au

DENNIS RIGNEY, VIC, Bowler representative

“I am excited about being part of our Board. We are in changing and challenging times, and being involved with the solution is a key to our sport continuing to grow, and to prosper. I have been fortunate to have had over 15 years of history with our great game, as a bowler, a previous State Board Member, and a long affinity with our coaching program. I have had the opportunity of working with some great young bowlers in my past, with the pinnacle of being a Coach of an Australian team at the Asian Schools Championships in Bangkok last July.

Professionally I am General Manager of a Business Unit, with a background of Executive Sales, Marketing, Project Management and Operations. I am hoping that my role on the TBA Board as a Bowlers Representative allows me to communicate the bowlers’ message, and to assist in an overall strategy of being inclusive and supportive.”

Dennis Rigney — dennis.rigney@auslec.com.au
Hundreds of teenage and junior bowlers from every State and Territory in Australia, plus a group of players from New Zealand, converged on Sydney in April to compete in tenpin bowling’s annual Junior National Championship. It had been nine years since Sydney hosted the Junior Nationals, and state-of-the-art TENPIN CITY Bowling Centre in Lidcombe hosted the two-week bowling extravaganza. Several individual and team events added to the excitement and hectic schedule of pin-flying action at the Junior Nationals.

The popular Royal Rumble, a Baker-style teams contest, was won by Team GREASE from South Queensland ahead of Vic Boys and Superheroes 2.

Local bowlers Aiden Withers and Jasmine Hall took top honours in the Bumper Challenge, with 6 year-old Blake Walsh from Ballina third, following in the footsteps of his talented father, Cameron and uncle, Jason.

The Junior Scotch Doubles produced a thrilling finish, with Shelley Somerfield and Andrew Osborne clinching the title by a single pin after seven games of matchplay from duo Maher/Turner, and the Rowland/Hattam pair third.

The TBA Junior Classic Cup and TBA Junior Restricted Cup were both held at the Nationals’ second Centre, AMF North Strathfield. The Classic Cup is a scratch event conducted in two stages and is open to all junior members of TBA with an average no greater than 189 for Boys and 179 for Girls. 15 year-old Jarrod Langford from Ayr in North Queensland began strongly in Game 1 throwing a 222 game, and bowled steadily throughout the 8-game final to grab Gold with a 196.4 average.

Mayfield West teenager Jodie Kos came from qualifying in eighth position to claim Gold in the girls final with a 196.4 average, rolling a 228 high game on her way to victory. Fellow New South Wales bowler, Tegan Ihnativ from Guildford finished just eight pins behind Kos to win Silver and Rachel Boswell from New Zealand took the Bronze with a 175.6 average.

B bowlers with an average no greater than 169 for Boys, and 159 for Girls are eligible for the TBA Junior Restricted Cup and this year’s Restricted Cup titles were won by Sam Flannery from Orange (NSW) and Tyarn Clark from Grafton (NSW).

Following an initial tie and cliff-hanger roll-off that came down to the final frame, Tyarn Clark won the Girls division, finishing with a 146 scratch average, just ahead of Parafield Gardens’ (SA) Sharlene Wooster, and Maddison Traynor from Kirrawee (NSW). Entering the Cup with a 96 pin average, nine-year-old Sam Flannery completed his final round with a flourish, bowling a 157 game and a 129 scratch average to take first place in the Boys division, ahead of North Queensland’s Ben Whiton from Gordonvale and Cameron Maher from Parap Grove (NT).

“It’s great to see kids of all ages, with averages from 168 down to 50 being able to compete equally via the handicap system in this event and resulting in victory to a nine year-old,” said Tournament Director, John Coxon.
2012 Junior Nationals Results & Highlights

A highlight of the Nationals is the three-day President’s Shield Interstate Teams tournament, junior bowling’s equivalent to the State of Origin, and igniting similar passions. Colourfully dressed in distinctive State and Zone uniforms, teams of up to 14 bowlers from 10 State and Territory Zones throughout Australia are represented, with the Shield winner determined by a point system, based on pinfall and points for win, lose or draw.

The tournament was officially opened by The Hon. Graham Annesley, NSW Minister for Sport. Prior to rolling the ‘first ball’ that signalled the official opening of the tournament, Graham Annesley welcomed bowlers, officials and supporters from interstate and spoke of his own experience of tenpin bowling when visiting the local Centre in his area with his family.

Tenpin Bowling Australia CEO, Cara Honeychurch, joined Minister Annesley in welcoming teams and their supporters to Sydney, and explained that the President’s Shield is the first of many milestones and pathways for the elite of our sport. “Most of Australia’s greatest bowlers such as Jason Belmonte, Ann Maree Putney and Carol Gianotti started here just like all of you here today,” Cara said. “And I am sure that as I look out amongst you there is another world champion out there in the making,” she added.

Three days of fierce tenpin bowling competition came to a thrilling, high decibel, climax with South Queensland clinching victory with a clean sweep win of Boys, Girls, and Combined Team points in this year’s President’s Junior Interstate Shield tournament. The South Queensland Boys and Girls teams finished with a combined total of 179.5 points, ahead of South Australia on 156.5 and Western Australia on 143.5 points, to retain their 2011 title.

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South Queensland (88 points), Northern NSW (77 points) and South Australia (76 points) took the top-3 honours in the Girls’ division while the placings in the Boys’ division had to be decided by pinfall after a tie occurred for third place between South Australia and North Queensland. The Boys’ division team line-up was South Queensland (91.5 points), Western Australia (81.5 points) and both South Australia and North Queensland (80.5 points) - South Australia taking the Bronze with 16,680 pins ahead of North Queensland’s 16,498 pinfall.

The TBA Junior Masters was a thrilling finale to the 42nd National Championship. In the Girls’ division, Katrina Carr from Carrara on the Gold Coast defeated fellow Queenslander Katey Furze in three games in Round 5 and then met the winner of the other Round 5 match, Cherbeau Webb from Rosemeadow. Katrina overcame the Campbelltown teenager in a four game match to win Gold.

In the Boys division, 18 year-old Jake Cromie from Warners Bay near Newcastle swept to an impressive win after defeating NSW bowler Dylan James in Round 5 and finishing strongly against Queensland’s Sean Bowling in the final match with an emphatic 662-508 score.

South Queensland claims back to back victories in the President’s Shield Trophy Tournament
League Bowler Survey—Tell Us What You Think!

TBA is committed to continually improving our service to its league and tournament bowlers. Of course we have our own ideas on where we need to improve, but we want to know what you think. TBA will shortly embark on its new 3 year strategic plan but before we do so, we want to understand what’s important to the league bowlers of Australia and what else we should be doing for our members.

In 2010 we conducted a survey regarding the awards program where we asked bowlers what they wanted should we re-introduce one. At the time 50% of survey respondents preferred pins, 25% preferred chevrons and the remainder liked the idea of certificates. When TBA introduced the new awards program in 2011 we opted for the pin awards because of the data we collected from you! Our survey should only take approximately 10 minutes to complete (depends on how much you have to tell us!) and we will publish the results of the survey on the TBA website. Importantly as a result of the feedback we will ensure that we communicate to you the changes we plan to make as a result of the survey results. If you want things to change in tenpin bowling here is your chance to have your say.

The survey can be accessed by heading to the following link on our website https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LSG5JYK

New Electronic Newsletter Coming!

One of the changes coming soon to TBA is a new look newsletter. We understand and appreciate that time is precious and not all articles are of interest to everyone. Our new format will allow readers to scan quickly through the featured items and simply allow you to click on those you want to read.

We also know that not all our members have the software to open our current newsletter not to mention the risk of contracting viruses through opening attachments! So watch out for the next newsletter along with our new website to be released in July.

Nominations for Tenpin Bowling Hall of Fame

As a result of the highly successful TBA Hall of Fame Induction ceremony that took place at Rooty Hill RSL to coincide with the 2011 Adult National Championships, TBA will again induct up to two people into its Hall of Fame. In 2012, TBA wishes to invite nominations from the bowling community which will be assessed by the Hall of Fame committee and a final recommendation made to the TBA Board of Directors.

So, here is your chance to nominate someone special that has made a contribution to the sport at a national level either as an athlete or for meritorious services to the sport.

Nominations close Friday 29th June 2012 and must be submitted electronically on the appropriate form, available from our website. Please contact the TBA National Office on (07) 3262 4455 or via email at tenpin.bowling@tenpin.org.au if further information is required.
National Teams Head Overseas

The honour of representing Australia as an elite athlete will be shared by many bowlers in 2012 in events staged in Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong and even further afield in Cyprus and Poland.

Led by National Coach, Chris Batson and assistant Coaches Robert Alexander and Wayne Parlby four young men and women will travel to Bangkok for the 12th World Youth Championship being held at Brunswick Blu-O Paragon Bowl from 22 June to 3 July. The players hail from the length and breadth of Australia:-

Kaitlyn Commane – TAS; Libby Embury – WA; Emily Rigney – VIC; Nicole Williams – WA
Sam Cooley – NSW; Matt Krinis – SA; Troy Marshall – WA; Simon Pearce – NSW

A week later, the selected team will depart for Jakarta in Indonesia to compete in the 14th Asian Schools Tenpin Bowling Championships from 8-15 July 2012. Again, bowlers from almost every State and Territory of Australia will be represented. See page 14 to read the bowler bio’s of Kaitlyn Commane and Matthew Krinis who are two of the 16 athletes competing in the championship.

In September, Chris Batson and TBA officials will lead a strong team of National Training Squad bowlers to contest the 22nd Asian Tenpin Bowling Championship in Hong Kong – the qualifying event for next year’s combined men’s and women’s WTBA World Championships.

The impressive line-up of some of Australia’s top bowling talent heading to Hong Kong is listed in the table below.

From 18-26 September, Christian Purdue, Brendan Meads, Lexi Nicoll and Ann Maree Putney will travel to Limassol in Cyprus for the inaugural WTBA World Singles Championship.

Then, nearing the depths of Europe’s winter, 27 year-old Ben Coupland from Melbourne and previous World Cup champion, Ann Maree Putney from Newcastle will travel to the city of bridges - Wroclaw - in Poland to compete in the 48th QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup at the Sky Bowling Centre from 24th November to 2nd December 2012.

On behalf of its entire membership, TBA congratulates all of these Aussie bowlers and wishes them good luck and good bowling as they prepare to represent us on the world stage.

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Media & Communications

Lynne Clay has recently re-joined Tenpin Bowling Australia as a Media and Communications consultant, with a primary focus on the planning, development and implementation of public relations, media liaison and communications on behalf of the sport of tenpin bowling throughout the country.

In addition to a successful career in publishing, Lynne has completed numerous marketing, publishing and communications projects for corporate, government and sporting organisations nationally and internationally.

As Vice President of the World Bowling Writers Association, Lynne won the 2006 Gosta Zellen Golden Quill Award for outstanding journalism. She was contracted to the official Games News Service at the 2006 Asian Games in Qatar and the 2010 Commonwealth Games in India for the sports of tenpin bowling, and lawn bowls respectively.

Based in Sydney, Lynne has previously represented TBA as a delegate to the Australian Olympic Committee and maintains close ties with Commonwealth Games Federation officials on behalf of tenpin bowling. She currently fulfils the joint role of Secretary-General and Media Director of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation and undertakes various sports marketing and media education assignments in Australia and overseas.

News from TBA Tasmania

Kathy Parsons has taken over the position of State Development Officer with Tenpin Bowling Tasmania. Kathy commences in the role as from 1st June and replaces Kim Nolan who has reluctantly resigned for health reasons.

Kathy has been a league bowler for over 12 years, works on a casual basis at AMF Launceston as a customer service officer/junior league coordinator and is an accredited Level 1 Coach. Kathy’s main focus areas are with the disability sector, community and school groups and implementing and facilitating programs to increase participation at all levels in the sport.

TBT welcomes Kathy to the role and wishes her success in the position.

Tasmania host TBA Australian Disability Championships

Hobart will showcase a week of bowling action from 23rd June as bowlers and their supporters from all around Australia travel to Tasmania to compete in the 7th TBA Australian Disability Tenpin Bowling Championships at AMF Moonah Bowling Centre.

Almost 200 bowlers with a disability from across the nation will compete in Singles, Doubles, Teams and All-Events categories to determine graded national champions. The Nationals will include Scratch and Handicap State Team events featuring five bowlers per team, and conclude with a Masters event prior to a dinner dance Victory Banquet on Friday, 29 June.

The latest statistics - published by the Australian Sports Commission in its Participation & Non-Participation of PWD in Sport and Active Recreation 2011 Report - highlight tenpin bowling as the organised sport of choice and leading the top ten participation sports in the country for people with a disability.
American Shawn Beam Fires First 300 in Wheelchair

Perfection is something we all try to achieve in what we do. In the sport of tenpin bowling, wheelchair or not, perfection is defined as a score of 300. That is 12 consecutive strikes, the last one or two with many people watching and hoping to see a perfect game.

On Friday night, May 18, at Cityview Lanes in Ft. Worth, TX, one of the AWBA’s newest members, Shawn Beam, did what many have tried to accomplish but few have been able to. **He rolled the first perfect game by an individual in a wheelchair in a sanctioned event.** Beam, who has been bowling in a wheelchair for 15 years, released his last shot and like he had dreamed of for many years, all 10 pins fell for the perfect 300!

“With all the great bowlers I have seen in the AWBA, I would have thought someone would have done it before,” commented Beam. “I am honored and humbled to be the first to achieve it.” Beam’s weapon of choice in his pursuit for perfection was the Storm Tropical Heat Solid. (story courtesy of stormbowling.com)
News from NSW

Michael Morrissey said he was “ecstatic” about scoring 300, but he was most proud about doing it for his Dubbo team.

Michael bowled 300 in game five of the Intercentre Tenpin Challenge series against Orange. His previous best score was 296 and although he felt he had been bowling well, he said it was still a shock when it happened. “It’s very rare to score a 300, only a handful of Dubbo people have ever done it,” he said.

Mr Morrissey said he felt very privileged to be able to see friend and fellow bowler, Vic Stanford take out his own 300. Mr Stanford was playing in the 6.30pm Triples Tournament in the third game of a three-game series when he bowled the best game he had ever played.

A bowler for more than 27 years and a with previous high score of 289, he said when he let the last ball go he went down with it. “Vic and I are in our 50’s and have been bowling a long time so it’s something you always hope you’ll achieve once in your life,” he said.

“He hit the deck!” Mr Morrissey added, laughing. He said from the 10th frame, bowl teammates and competitors stopped and there was absolute silence in the centre as they watched. “No one bowled, they just wanted to watch, my heart was thumping,” he said.

“It’s an absolute bowler’s dream to get 300.”

Belmo Hat trick at 2012 Audi NSW Country Open

Reigning Orange Open champion, Jason Belmonte clinched a third consecutive win by finishing 724 over the card and a 231.5 average in the 2012 Audi NSW Country Open in Orange late April.

Three women - Julie Price, Lauren Evans and Lexi Nicoll - made the initial cut to the top 32 amongst an impressive line-up of some of Australia’s top bowling talent. Jason Belmonte was surrounded by a bevy of Australian representative bowlers including George Fillingos, Paul Trotter, Glen Loader, Lexi Nicoll, Stephen Cowland and Sam Cooley who travelled to the picturesque central tablelands city of Orange from all over the country.

In the last seven-game block Belmo consolidated his lead, and sealed the result after a neck and neck battle against second seed Glen Loader with an emphatic 268-211 final game. Runner-up Glen Loader posted a 224.1 tournament average, with Sam Cooley finishing third with a 221.2 average.

Girl power also struck in Orange. Gosford’s Lexi Nicoll’s initial high game of 289 in Game 12 was eclipsed in Game 15 by 30 year-old Nathan Jenner from Maitland, but undeterred, Nicoll responded in Game 17 by rolling her own perfect game, the third in her bowling career.

The 25th NSW Country Open was significant in many ways – the Silver anniversary was marked by a Presentation Dinner and Awards Night celebrating the history of this popular tournament, with crystal trophies awarded to previous champions. More than 50 guests were entertained by Aldo Belmonte’s fascinating overview of the Orange Open, numerous tributes from past champions and a glimpse of its history via an AV presentation of images covering the period since its inception in 1984. Other highlights of the evening were the re-broadcast of the 1984 live telecast of the Central West Open and the presentation of crystal trophies for outstanding media coverage of the sport of tenpin bowling to Orange journalist, Michelle Cook and TBA’s Lynne Clay.

In his victory speech, Belmo congratulated his parents and tournament organisers, noting that he has bowled in some ‘pretty remarkable’ centres in almost 40 countries around the world but “nothing beats bowling here in front of my family and friends .. it’s something I treasure,” he said. “25 years is a prestigious milestone and a testimony to my parents – to run a tournament for that long in today’s tough times for the industry, to run two full squads and encourage so many people to travel to Orange for this event is something they can be very proud of,” he added.
News from NSW cont..

Doris Smith
Still Bowling Them Over

Meet Doris Smith - 92 years young and still bowling!

She competes in league twice a week at Lidcombe as well as being a member of the Max Walker Seniors League, which is a travelling league with teams from Blacktown, Castle Hill, Lidcombe and Windsor tenpin bowling centres.

Doris’s love of tenpin bowling started back in 1973 at Bankstown, (at a spritely 53 years) and in her 39 years of bowling, her top score is 225 but Doris tells us she has bowled 200 at least 10 times. She has also had two all-spare games and spared the 7-10 split TWICE! Quite a list of achievements for this lovely active adult.

Doris has 9 children, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. When she is not tenpin bowling, her other interests include crochet, knitting, tapestry and cooking. Doris also sang in the Bankstown City Choir for 30 years.

Lyn Chown, Secretary of the Max Walker Seniors League asked Doris what bowling means to her, and she simply said ‘It’s all about the friendship.’

2012 Sydney Youth Cup

The winners of this year’s Sydney Youth Cup reflect the widespread appeal of tenpin bowling in Australia.

Both 19 years old, Daniel Webb achieved success at his home Centre, while female champion, Nicolle Williams, travelled thousands of kilometres from her home near Perth to compete with players from Singapore, New Zealand and all around Australia. Record entries for this year’s Sydney Youth Cup delighted organisers and players alike. Now in its sixth year, the SYC is a TBA ranked tournament for bowlers 21 years and under, organised by the Junior Committee of NSWTBA and hosted by Campbelltown City Bowl in Sydney’s south west.

It was a significant win on local soil for Webb, who is half-way through his degree as a High School teacher, and a member of TBA New South Wales’ training squad and the Campbelltown City Academy of Sport. “I virtually grew up in a bowling centre from a very young age and Dad was my first coach...then Dr Ed Kee and now Eric Jang.

Williams, who hails from Baldivis near Rockingham leads the TBA Youth Rankings and will represent Australia at the forthcoming World Youth Championships in Bangkok next month.

Complete SYC results can be viewed on the events page of TBA’s website - www.tenpinevents.org.au.
Tenpin Bowling NT News

Tenpin Sports Awards and Hall of Fame Induction

NT Tenpin Bowlers turned out in force for the gala event in Darwin to highlight the achievements of our bowlers and to reminisce about days gone by with Hall of Fame inductions. Volunteers also feature in the event receiving gifts and accolades for their previous years service to the organisation. Recipients on the night included -

Coach of the Year - Daniel York
Team of the Year - NT Men’s Restricted Team
Open Female Athlete of the Year - Bec Voukolos
Open Male Athlete of the Year - Scott Richards
Seniors Bowler of the Year - Chris Kirwin
Youth Bowler of the Year - David Deveraux
Bowler Development Program of the Year - Presidents Shield Group run by Sam Day-Johnston and Anthony Lenz
Encouragement Awards - Karren Gent, Jaime Maglieri, Jaydon Coles and Craig Humphris

The Hall of Fame Inductees for 2012 were all talented Coaches and Administrators providing service and integrity to the NT Tenpin Bowling Association from 1979 until the present day - Mary Cuttler, June Voukolos and Tony O’Bryan provided some interesting anecdotes through their Bios which were presented during their Induction.

A Memories to DVD presentation of the Year that was 2011 provided all bowlers with a sometimes comical record of local events, both tournament and fundraising, as well Nationals in picture form. A great night was had by all.
News from Queensland

Queensland Tenpin All Abilities Program

TBAQ is providing the opportunity for persons with a Disability to access its State-wide Roll ‘n Strike League. Originally set up to provide a 10 week coach-assisted pathway for school students, the program can also be offered to all ability groups wishing to access a structured coach assisted program in 23 participating centres in Queensland. TBAQ has activated partnerships with lead community sport organisations and community sport service providers such as Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association, Lifestream, Endeavour, Special Olympics, Reclink and DeafSport and Recreation Associations to provide 400 placements across the State in the 5 + 5 program.

Members can join through these Queensland community organisations or direct through TBAQ. Benefits include 5 weeks coach-assisted bowling, a red Roll ‘n Strike League shirt and full TBA membership and insurance, with an add-on 5 weeks offered to gain a certificate of accomplishment. Participants will also be supplied a GOLD card to access family discounts at participating centres.

Bundaberg region is fully promoting the offer through Community Radio 94.7FM with Monica and Ron Doyle, and TBAQ thanks everyone aiming to make this pilot program a huge success. For more information and participating centres, please visit the TBAQ website under School, Roll ‘n Strike League at www.tbaq.org.au or contact the TBAQ office on (07) 3876 5400.

TBAQ Bowls Over Kids

With New Program

TBAQ has launched its exciting new in-centre program, the State-wide Roll ‘n Strike League. The Roll ‘n Strike League is a 10 week coach-assisted pathway for students who have participated in TBAQ’s flagship in-school program, Roll ‘n Strike (RNS) and is available to all primary and secondary students in Queensland.

Students can access the program by purchasing a GOLD or a GREEN School Membership Card and can upgrade to the GOLD card from the GREEN card through the TBAQ website. This card will entitle students to 5 weeks coach-assisted bowling, their very own red Roll ‘n Strike League shirt, full Tenpin Bowling Australia junior membership and insurance, with an add on 5 weeks offered to gain their certificate of accomplishment. The GOLD card also offers students and their family a special discounted rate on bowling.

For a full list of benefits and participating centres, please visit the TBAQ website under School, Roll ‘n Strike League or contact the TBAQ office on (07) 3876 5400.

Queensland Interschool Competition 2012

Qualifying has begun between eligible schools from all over Queensland and NSW Northern Rivers for the title of the best primary and secondary school in tenpin bowling.

Primary school finals will all be bowled on 19 August in three zones at AMF Capalaba, Bundy Bowl & Leisure Centre and Go Bowling Cairns. Secondary school finals will be held over two days at Strathpine Hyperbowl in Brisbane on 25 & 26 August. This year the top All Star bowler on average for both primary and secondary divisions will win a shirt and trophy, plus a paid entry into the 2013 Junior or Youth State Championships.
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4th & 5th August, AMF Woodville Bowl
Contact: Lyn Alexander

#### OPEN & WOMEN’S RANKED TOURNAMENTS
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9th—11th June, Oz Tenpin Chirnside Park
Contact: Lee Booth

#### QLD LADIES CLASSIC
21st & 22nd July, Caboolture Bowl
Contact: Brian Bates

#### HOBART CUP
21st & 22nd July, AMF Moonah
Contact: Paul Oakley

#### BARRIER REEF MOTEL INNISFAIL OPEN SENIOR RANKED TOURNAMENTS
3rd—5th August, Innisfail Sugarbowl Lanes
Contact: EJ Starkie

#### MACQUARIE BANK SYDNEY SENIORS CLASSIC
16th & 17th June, AMF Castle Hill
Contact: Susanne Jack

#### WESTERN AUSTRALIA SENIORS CUP
4th & 5th August, AMF Rockingham
Contact: Carol Gianotti

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Bowler Profile — Kaitlyn Commane

Birthday: 9th December 1993  
Star Sign: Sagittarius  
Born At What Town: Hobart, Tasmania  
First Job: Counter Staff at AMF Moonah Bowl  
The Reason I Bowl: I got into it at a very young age because my family has always done it and I keep bowling because I love the sport, the team atmosphere and the competition.  
If I wasn’t a bowler I would be: a hockey player  
The Bowler I’d most like to partner in a doubles tournament: Carolyn Dorin-Ballard  
Sporting Hero: Cara Honeychurch, Jason Belmonte, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Kelly Kulick  
My Proudest moment in my bowling career: my Australian Team Selections  
My Nickname: Kait  
Favourite Food: Carbonara and Chicken Parmy  
I Can’t Get By Without: my family and friends  
I Like to Watch On TV: Gossip Girl, Pretty Little Liars and Reality TV  
I Like to Listen to: mainstream music and 80's Rock  
Favourite School Subject: Drama and Physical Education  
Where I Would Like To Be In 10 Years: winning international tournaments and still bowling for Australia!

Bowler Profile — Matthew Krinis

Birthday: 21st May, 1991  
Star Sign: Gemini  
Born At What Town: Adelaide, South Australia  
First Job: Greenkeeper at Royal Adelaide Golf Club  
The Reason I Bowl: Pure enjoyment, meeting new people, chasing success  
If I wasn’t a bowler I would be: a football player  
The Bowler I’d most like to partner in a doubles tournament: Norm Duke, Jason Belmonte or Mika Koivuniemi  
Sporting Hero: Chris Judd, Roger Federer, Tiger Woods, Ricky Ponting  
My Proudest moment in my bowling career: making the 2012 Australian World Youth Teams  
My Nickname: Krinny, Krinman, MK, Krindog, Matt  
Favourite Food: Chicken Parmigiana  
I Can’t Get By Without: family, friends, and my girlfriend  
I Like to Watch On TV: sport, comedy and documentaries  
I Like to Listen to: David Guetta, Chris Brown, Pitball, Taio Cruz, Jay Z  
Favourite School Subject: It used to be PE  
Where I Would Like To Be In 10 Years: be successful in my job, bowling and life.
Aligning Your Feet and Shoulders for Success

One of the most important aspects of a bowler’s game today is the ability to know where to stand on the approach and how to align their feet and shoulders. Whilst this has always been important, it has become increasingly critical because of the highly reactive bowling balls and the oiling patterns which results in bowler’s generating more ball reaction or hook than they ever have before. Therefore in today’s game, bowlers must line up differently from the way they did in the past and is one of the most important changes for bowlers and coaches to understand and implement. In order to bowl a lot of strikes today, you have to understand angles.

Aligning Your Feet

Setting your feet to the intended line and break point (where the ball begins to hook) is different for every bowler - it comes back to how much you hook the ball on a given lane condition. Following on from this, it is also important to consider the bowler’s head position and their ball movement through the ball placement at the beginning of the approach.

The diagram on the right illustrates the different ways of setting your feet for right handed bowlers. If you tend to play fairly direct to the pocket and use very little angle refer to the feet position on the far right titled “direct trajectory through the heads”. Alternatively if you are a power player that covers a lot of boards refer to the feet position on the left side of the diagram titled “open trajectory through the heads”.

Once you have set your feet to your intended line and break point look down at your feet and make sure that your feet are pointed towards your intended ball path. One of the most common mistakes I see today is bowlers with their feet pointing straight down the lane. This causes the ball to be too far away from the ankle at the release point. Not only does this lead to inconsistency in shot making on the first delivery, it also results in a lot of missed spares as bowlers are more inclined to pull the ball left or push it right (assuming you are right handed).

Aligning the Bowling Arm and Shoulder

It is imperative that the bowler’s shoulder and arm is square to the break point. To do this on a lane where you are playing more through the middle of the lane (see the diagrams to the right titled “open” or “medium”), your non-bowling arm and shoulder should be a little in front of your bowling side. When bowling more down the lane the shoulders are more closed and square to the foul line and the feet are pointing down the lane. Refer to the diagram titled “direct”.

Bowlers who hook the ball must have at least 2 targets. Having 3 targets is even better. They are:

Target 1 - at the arrows or in front of the arrows
Target 2 - about half way down the lane
Target 3 - at the break point. Draw an imaginary line from the pin that you are looking at back through the break point to the mid lane point and finally back to your nearest target. Then walk towards the break point.

Right handed bowlers should drift left a few boards because this will allow them to open up the shoulders a little. This is acceptable as long as the ball is still moving towards the intended ball path.
On the Lanes with Chris Batson cont...

Head Position
Most of the better bowlers today start with the shoulder dropped a little and the head on a slight angle. This is to accommodate hooking lanes and reactive bowling balls. If you lined up the traditional way standing more upright, the bowler would be more likely to miss left (if right handed) and this is why there are a lot of missed spares - the feet and head are simply not lined up to the target.

Starting Movement — Getting the Ball Placement Right
Looking at most bowlers today - most of them create a half to three quarter circle with the ball placement rather than lift it up. Lifting the ball in the pushway will make the ball travel too fast to the bottom of the swing and in most cases leading to bowler’s drifting on the approach and resulting in the ball to be outside of the intended break point.

The formula to a good shot and a good score is:
Setting your feet correctly + getting your bowling arm and shoulder in the right position + having the focal points right + having head position correct + correct starting movement = a good shot and a good score.

Practice Makes Perfect
Jimmy Schmitzer is the latest bowler to shoot a 900 series in the United States.

The secret behind his success? He bowls in seven leagues a week, and tosses an additional 100 practice games each week. The 18-year-old's dedication paid off when he rolled 36 consecutive strikes in the Green River Vegas mixed league at Brunswick Classic Lanes in Norco, California, recently.

Schmitzer is the first bowler known to use a two-handed delivery to score a triple perfecto.
VALE - GARY GILMOUR

01/08/1933 – 11/05/2012

The sport of tenpin bowling has lost one of its great past national coaches with the passing of Gary Gilmour. Gary was born and educated in Essendon, Melbourne, and then joined the Army Reserve. As a teenager, Gary set off to see the Australian outback that he loved, and got his first big break droving cattle on horseback and driving live-stock trucks.

It was on these country journeys, that he had the opportunity to court the love of his life, Val – who he met at a local dance. Val and Gary were wed and this marked the beginning of a 50-year, loving marriage. Shortly after, Gary was offered a job as a sales rep for Wrigleys in Tasmania and there Val gave birth to their first child, Tracey. Gary was introduced to his good friend David Nettlefold and from there his coaching and sporting career began. Gary became a swimming coach and learnt the art of trampolining, tower diving and bodybuilding.

Val and Gary moved back to Melbourne, and his passion for sports continued, training and boxing at his mate’s gym. He also played ice hockey – which resulted in six broken noses over the years.

Gary was offered a job as a sales rep for S&B and moved to Perth. Shortly after, their second child, Corey, was born. With their family complete, Gary and Val fell in love with Perth and decided to settle. Gary later took a managerial role for Sims Metal where he worked for 25 years, up until the time of his retirement.

His love of bowling led to coaching, and his accomplishments included coaching the 1988 and 1990 Asian Championships teams in Hong Kong and Indonesia respectively, and the 1987 and 1989 Asian Youth Championships in Japan and Hong Kong. In this role, he made many lifelong friends and travelled to various parts of the world – including his favourite place, Japan.

Upon retirement, Val and Gary dedicated much of their time to their grandchildren, Amy and Adam, taking them on caravan holidays and teaching them to chase their dreams with a positive attitude on life. Gary and Val were then able to live out their life long dream of travelling around Australia, rekindling his love for the Aussie outback.

Gary was a larger than life character who lived every day to its fullest. He was a proud family man, a loyal friend and he cherished all the fond memories he made with his family and friends along the way.

A poem written for Gary by one of his bowling pupils, Peter Duprey

My friend Gary Gilmour is Australia’s best coach
His skills and knowledge are beyond all reproach
With his snowy white mane, he instructs you down the lane,
If you listen intently, he’ll improve your game.

I was having trouble with arthritis in the toes
Says Gary “Just warm up and have a couple of throws
While I just watch and we’ll see how it goes
Ah- I can fix you up – the problems plain to see
You’ve got to take more weight in that there left knee
Keep your target in sight
Get your mental game right
Let the weight of the ball do most of the work
Just stay relaxed and don’t go berserk.

Well Gary, my mate, your tuitions been great
My confidence really has soared
And if you could only but have seen
The scores I have gleaned
I’m sure you’d be a little bit proud
That I’m getting such really high scores.

It’s all thanks to you (and the arthritis pills too)
That I’m getting such really high scores.
And when bowlers inquire, why my games so on fire
I’ll tell, the truth is for sure
It’s down to one man – go see him when you can
The legendary – Gary Gilmour