



From the Desk of Neil Stremmel

Hello PBA LBC League Bowlers!

We just concluded with back-to-back majors. Starting with the 2 weeks of the World Series of Bowling (WSOB) in Allen Park, MI followed by the Tournament of Champions (TOC) in Akron, Ohio. Both events were exciting, I hope you all got to see the finals on Fox. EJ Tacket and Marshall Kent both won their second titles of the year – putting them both near the top for PBA Player of the Year. It also concluded the bulk of the PBA bowling ball field-testing. The next round of testing will be on Stringpin Machines (more on that below). Later this summer I will discuss the results of the PBA ball testing from the 2024 PBA season.

The 2024 PBA LBC National Championships will begin June 1st, 2024 at Bowlero Mt. Prospect, near Chicago, IL. You can sign up here;

<https://www.pba.com/lbctournament>

Click on “Register Now.” For those who did not bowl last year or are not already in a Bowlero League, you will need a LeaguePals account, which is free. There are eight (8) divisions to choose from. The guaranteed first-place prizes for each division is as follows:

- Open Classic: \$25,000
- Women’s Classic: \$5,000
- Men’s Handicap: \$5,000
- Women’s Handicap: \$5,000
- Senior Classic: \$5,000
 - The top 10 Super Senior (60+) non-cashers will also cash.
- PBA Exempt: \$5,000
- Boys Jr. Handicap: \$2,500 (SMART scholarship)
- Girls Jr. Handicap: \$2,500 (SMART scholarship)

In addition, once again, at least one (or more) bowler from each division (12 total) will bowl on TV for \$100,000 at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine. I hope everyone gets a chance to enter this great event. One of the unique aspects of this event is that you may also select to bowl optional events with PBA Exempt Professionals! Just select one of the PBA Pros before you and he compete and you can combine your scores with theirs to win additional events and prizes. Check out the optional side events on the page above for the specifics.

Our first Stringpin test will begin later this month at Lehigh Lanes in Lehigh Acres, FL. The second test is scheduled for Foxx View Lanes in Waukesha, WI on October 11-13. These tests and hopefully a third will give us the data to fully evaluate the QAMF Edge Certified version Stringpin Machine for different levels

of PBA competition. Other types of Certified Stringpin Machines may follow. While 2024 will not have an official PBA event, we will place any test event on the regional schedule for official money – just not for any PBA title or points. This will allow us to do our due diligence and move forward with decisions and plans (one way or another) for 2025.

I hope to see you in Mount Prospect at the 2024 PBA LBC National Championships!

Thank you again and please continue to support our sport!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil D. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

PBA Director of Rules and Equipment