



2018 Major Award Nominee Bio's and Stats

LUBY HALL OF FAME

MARK LONDON

Mark London has developed into a multimedia reporter and storyteller since his first bowling news story, a Charlie Tapp feature for his college television station in 1984. Later that year he earned a broadcast degree from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota and, enhanced by his own high level bowling background, used those skills to land commentating roles for a local league and PBA Midwest Regional finals activity broadcast on local cable.

Besides his broadcasting work, London began a mostly bowling-themed column that has been picked up by bowling publications since 1998. The subject of his “Just Paying Attention” column received additional national attention from the ABC quarterly magazine “Bowling” when it featured his top 25 TV Bowling Moments list.

In addition to his weekly column for The Bowling News, London has served as chairman of the IBMA Bowler of the Month Committee since 2009. In 2017 he contributed six articles and a photograph to Bowlers Journal International, commentated on the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles (the Luci) and served as a live stream guest analyst for the Sam Houston State Kat Klash NCAA women’s bowling tournament.

For five years London had a regular guest segment on the Bowlers Show, a weekly internet bowling program. He was the first to commentate on all four major bowling live stream services: PBA Xtra Frame, USBC bowl.tv, InsideBowling.com and BowlStreamtv.

London also had the unique distinction of being publically thanked by TV producer Chuck Lorre at the end of the pilot episode of CBS-TV’s “Young Sheldon,” due to London’s assistance in scouting a potential shooting site for the series.

HARRY PAGE

A sportswriter for the San Antonio Express-News from 1970 to 2007, Harry Page had a bowling column for 31 years. He was a 36-year member of the Bowling Writers Association of America, helping diversify the group as its first African-American member. He also was on its Board of Directors.

Page covered everything in bowling—from league players to the PBA. He wrote stories for Bowlers Journal International, Bowling Magazine and the PBA press book, and was among the elite writers invited annually to cover the Firestone Tournament of Champions in Akron, Ohio.

He was commissioned by Bowling Magazine to write a feature on Earl Anthony when Anthony entered the then-ABC Hall of Fame. Page won more than 50 writing awards, and was Murrey

International's Bowling Writer of the Year in 1989. Page also has been on the USBC Hall of Fame Selection Committee

He graduated from St Mary's University in San Antonio, and is in the San Antonio Bowling Council, Edgewood School District and Counting My Blessings Halls of Fame. He received the 1995 Black Achievement Award for Athletics.

ALBERTA E. CROWE MERITORIOUS SERVICE

LET'S GO BOWLING!

Let's Go Bowling! first hit the airwaves in January 2006. Approaching its 800th show in May 2019, this live, one-hour radio show has brought the best in radio broadcasting to the bowling public.

Radio personality Ken Van Baber teamed with Hall of Famer Mark Roth to help fill the void in bowling coverage. With the addition of USBC Gold Coach Bill Zuben, the show went international with a magazine format. *Let's Go Bowling!* is broadcast over five radio stations on The Tantalk Network covering Central Florida. It is rebroadcast in Columbus, Ohio on 10Pin Radio and Roundtown Radio. It has direct links from most bowling websites.

It is also video and audio streamed over the Internet to reach the worldwide bowling community. All past shows are available for listening and downloading through www.gobowlingshow.com.

The format includes interviews with recent and past professional bowling champions, as well as coaches, media, and industry leaders. The Gold Nugget session invites USBC Gold Level Coaches to give a Tip of the Week. This was expanded to The Silver Nugget to include Silver Coaches. During the run of the USBC Open Championships and Women's Championships, Matt Cannizzaro and Aaron Smith provide a weekly update.

Stepping outside of the studio, Ken and Bill conducted interviews from the BWAA/IBMA Media Booth in 2012, 2013, and 2014 on Thursday of the Bowl Expo Trade Show. These interviews are also available on the website, and some even made it to YouTube.

Struggling to compete for other industry sponsorship, Ken has made up the difference for the show production cost from his other radio shows. He is Vice President of Sports for Meilus Muscular Therapy. Bill still works in the pro shop and coaching fields and is an IBMA Director.

KARL NICKOLAI

Karl Nickolai created the website collegebowling.com in 1997 and has been updating it ever since. Collegebowling.com is home to all information pertaining to college bowling. The Team

Ranking System (which Karl created) is maintained there and updated weekly throughout the season.

This Team Ranking System is used by USBC Collegiate when assigning teams to their Sectional qualifier locations. He also maintains pages for each tournament, team and individual. All of the information dating back to 1997 is available on this website. Karl has a listing of players ranked by average and average differential. They are also sorted by all tournaments and Tier 1's (college bowling's major events). These lists are used by the NCBCA, IBMA, NAIA and CTBCA when selecting their All Americans.

Also on this site is a public forum where coaches, players, prospective players and fans alike can have conversations about the sport of college bowling. Collegebowling.com is also the home of the NCBCA Collegiate Lane Patterns bank of patterns. Karl was instrumental in having this bank of patterns created specifically for college bowling. Collegebowling.com has a full historical log of every NCBCA, IBMA, NTCA and NAIA team ranking poll ever done.

Karl is always looking for ways to enhance the website in order to provide as much information about college bowling as possible. He has been the President of the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association for the nearly 24 years and is the longest serving president in history. All of this, Karl has been doing with his own time and has not been reimbursed for the domain nor his time since the sites inception. He has been a leader and an ambassador for college bowling decades. It would be an honor for Karl to receive the Crowe Meritorious Service Award!

MIKE HENNESSY AWARD OF MERIT

CHRIS BEARD

Chris Beard came to the IBMA in 2006 when it was still the BWAA as part of the committee of NWBW members and BWAA members who were working to merge the two groups when the WIBC and ABC merged into the USBC. She was a very active member of this group, putting in a lot of time on legislative detail and serving as secretary of the group to smooth the way.

In 2006 she was elected to the board of the BWAA (now the IBMA) and served as Vice President of the IBMA from 2014 to 2016. Over the years she served as chairman of the Legislative Committee, the Writing Competition Committee, the Nominating Committee and the USBC Convention Committee. She also served on the Strategic Planning Committee, the Hall of Fame Committee and the Ethics Committee. She has done an outstanding job on every committee she chaired and was an active member of the committees she did not chair.

Beard served as Secretary of the National Women Bowling Writers for a decade prior to the merger with BWAA. She poured many hours of hard work into updating the organization's policy and procedure manual has also put in a great deal of time handling convention check-in and the booth

at the USBC convention. During her time of being active with the IBMA she has shown herself to be the ultimate member participant, never deeming a task too small to warrant her attention.

Chris is currently serving as President of the Nevada USBC as well as the Carson County USBC.

STEVE LAWSON

Steve Lawson has chaired the BWAA/IBMA collegiate poll for more than a decade. Previous to that he was a panelist on the poll going back into the 1980s. During this time IBMA has published polls at least three times a year and have raised that to four for the last couple of seasons.

During the same time frame he has also participated in the Collegiate Bowler of the Year process being on that committee each year since 2003. Early on the Bowler of the Year process involved meeting face to face with the committee (usually during convention week) but now it is done via conference call for a larger participation base.

Lawson has also been a presenter many of the years at the Intercollegiate Team Championships awards banquet (now called Night of Champions) when no other BWAA/IBMA member was present. He created/provided the secondary certificate awards for the Collegiate Bowlers of the Year.

Lawson has received the ABC Jurisdictional Associate of the Year - 2003 in Knoxville and the USBC Kerm Helmer Horizon Award at Dallas convention in 2011.
