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## Spare Change

By Johnny Campos

# City champs rewarded during Peoria River City Bowling Association annual All-Members Meeting

The Peoria River City Bowling Association handed out checks for the recently completed PRC Open & Women's Championships during the annual All-Members Meeting at Landmark Lanes on Sunday.

A few bowlers picked up some valuable points toward the 2022-23 annual all-star teams and Bowler of the Year awards.

In the Women's Championships, Misty Tunyuck won city titles in Division B team and singles and placed fifth in all events. She was on the winning Hermacinski #1 team along with Kathleene Hermacinski, Nicole Hartseil and Hailey Jepson with a winning total of 2,730.

Tunyuck won singles with 754 and placed fifth in all events with 2,023.

Jepson was the Division B all-events champ with 2,213. She had actual scores of 744 in team, 683 in singles and 759 in doubles.

Andrea Wagoner (717) and Memie Amwoza (658) claimed the Division B doubles title with 1,477 – three pins better than Jepson and Jennifer Mauerman.

Jen White was the big winner in Division A, claiming titles in all events (2,238) and team and finishing 10<sup>th</sup> in singles. The Mt. Hawley King Pins, which included teammates Judy Troxell, Val Andes, and Ashley Gavic, won with a 2,972 total.

White also swept the women's Division E singles and doubles titles earlier in the season in the 50+ Handicap Tournament.

For the men, Andre Campos won the scratch singles title with 781, was on the championship team, placed third in doubles and finished fifth in all events.

He opened singles with back-to-back 279s, and a pocket 7-10 in the final game kept him from an 800 series.

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Campos rolled a 714 in the team event. Bob Baker added 707, Don Sweet 748 and Travis Anderson 754 for the winning total of 2,923.

Jeff Wendt won the handicap singles title with 792, while Hartseil #1, with members Skyler Polhemus, Nicole Hartseil, Jon Hartseil and Brent Thompson, claimed the handicap team title with 2,857.

In doubles, Wendt and Jim Petty won the handicap division with 1,504 by nine pins over Nicole Hartseil and Polhemus. Ed Roemer and Cass Hermacinski won the scratch doubles championship with 1,449, edging Kenny Combs and Tony Schnack by nine pins and Campos and Sweet by 10.

Combs did win the scratch all events title with 2,248, rolling 734 in team, 775 in doubles and 739 in singles.

Bob Baker, who has won the past two men's Bowler of the Year awards, was on the winning team of the Open Championships, he did not dominate the city tournament like he did last year.

But he did win a big event a couple of weeks ago, claiming the Eagle Trophy in the annual Elite Eight Tournament at Pheasant Lanes in Bloomington.

Going against a full field of 72 bowlers, Baker barely made it into the bracket competition.

"I wasn't even sure I had made it," he said. "I switched balls on my fill ball of the last game and struck. I made it by one pin (over Andy Stone), so I got lucky."

Baker opened his matches against both leading qualifier Brian Davis and Tom Adcock with 10 straight strikes and won both two-game matches on his way to the finale.

Both Baker and No. 7 seed Jeremy Grigg struggled on the title pair, but Baker prevailed for the win.

## **National recognition**

In the Perfect Angle Pro Shop/Bill Mastronardi Masters league on Monday, the Striketown team of Jason Jones (Bloomington), Timmy Blanch, Irv Johnson and Tommy Barnwell just missed taking over high four-man team game in the nation for the season.

They opened the night at Striketown Bowl with a 1,088-team game, getting 278 from Jones, 255 from Blanch, 297 from Johnson (he left the 6-7-10 split on his fill ball) and 258 from Barnwell.

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Jones also had the front nine strikes but left a single pin on his 10<sup>th</sup> ball. Barnwell had a string going but left a 4-pin on his first ball in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame. The team missed high game in the nation by 36 pins and is currently tied with the seventh high team game this season.

It was a high-scoring night overall for at Striketown, which yielded the 72<sup>nd</sup> career 300 for Brian Davis and the 20<sup>th</sup> career trey for his Wurmnest Trucking teammate David Knowles.

In the February Trios event at Landmark Lanes on Sunday, the team of Andre Campos, Gabe Howell and Chad Barnes now have the seventh high three-man team game in the nation for the season after rolling an 835.

Campos put the team together late on Saturday after two of his previous teammates pulled out of the event earlier in the week.

It turned out to be a good pairing. Howell had the front 10 strikes in a 288, Barnes added a 268 and Campos a 279. That game helped the team jump from 20<sup>th</sup> place to fourth in the tournament standings.

They followed that up with an 807 to take the tournament lead, getting 228 from Howell (who left four 7 pins in the game), 290 from Barnes and 289 from Campos. The team ended up tied for third in the tournament, getting knocked out by the eventual winning team.

The team of Byron Miller, Brandon Hamilton, and David Jackson won the event over the local threesome of Jacob Jones, Braden Jones and Spencer Summer, who were the tournament leaders.

It was the third tournament win for Miller and Hamilton at Landmark Lanes in the past five months.