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Pasco County Florida Open Begins New PBA50 Tour Season *~~2016 Tour includes biggest names in bowling~~*

PASCO COUNTY, FL – More than 100 of the greatest bowlers, ages 50 and over, will compete in the 2016 Pasco County Florida Open at New Port Richey's Lane Glo Bowl April 16 – 19 in what is becoming a tradition for the opening of the PBA50 Tour season.

"We are excited to have the PBA50 back again," said Ed Caum, Tourism Manager for Pasco County. "This year we're welcoming 141 pros – that's up 25 bowlers."

In a title match that featured two of the PBA's all-time greats, with 72 PBA Tour wins between them, Parker Bohn III defeated Norm Duke 263-222 in the title match, seen on pba.com's online bowling channel Xtra Frame, to win the 2015 PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open season opener.

Both players will be among the field of 141 bowlers competing in the 2016 Pasco County Florida Open.

"We've bowled against each other many times during our careers," said Bohn, recalling the title match against Duke. "Even though I knew I had things pretty well under control heading into the end of the match, you can never let up against guys like Norm because if there's room for him to catch you he will."

Other PBA legends, who compete full-time on both the PBA Tour and PBA50 Tour, will also compete in New Port Richey. They include Hall of Famers Walter Ray Williams Jr., 2014 Pasco County Open defending champion Amleto Monacelli, and defending PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber.

Also look for Hall of Famers four-time PBA50 Player of the Year Tom Baker, 25-time PBA Tour winner Brian Voss, 14-time PBA Tour and eight-time PBA50 Tour winner Johnny Petraglia and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner Dale Eagle.

2-2-2 PBA50 TOUR

Competition begins April 17, with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds. Players will return for second-round qualifying on April 18. The top 32 players will advance to match play on April 19, which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals scheduled later that evening. A practice session will be held the morning of Saturday, April 16, followed by pro-am squads in the afternoon.

“I hope amateur bowlers from across the state will travel here to bowl in the Pro-Am,” said Caum. For information on the Pro-Am, visit: www.LaneGloBowl.com.

For Pasco County Open admission and pro-am entry information, call Lane Glo Bowl at: (727) 376-1164.

2016 PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN SCHEDULE

Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla. (All times Eastern)

Saturday, April 16

9 – 12 p.m. – A & B Squads Practice Session

1, 3, 5 p.m. – Pro-Am Squads

Sunday, April 17

10 a.m. – A Squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – B Squad qualifying (8 games)

Monday, April 18

10 a.m. – B Squad qualifying (8 games)

4 p.m. – A Squad qualifying (8 games)

Tuesday, April 19

8:30 a.m. – Cashers Round

Noon – Match Play Round 1

3 p.m. – Match Play Round 2

7 p.m. – Five-player stepladder finals



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