



Greetings fellow bowlers:

The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) presents an amazing opportunity to represent the USA without having to go thru the tough selection process.

Great news, the PBA is coming to Southern California, thus making it easy for Southwest bowlers to participate.

For those of you who are not familiar with the PBA, it is an organization that puts on qualifying tournaments in countries around the world, to see who will represent that country at four different tournaments held every year in Europe. To qualify all you have to do is win one of the four tournaments that will be held this August (19th thru 24th) at Laguna Woods.

Right now Laguna Woods is in negotiations to install two new artificial greens and we are hopeful that they will be complete in time for the tournaments.

Having played recently at Laguna Woods the back green is running at about 15 ½ seconds and although a new green will be great, even if it is not complete in time, we will still have a great tournament.

You can enter one or all four tournaments. There are three singles and one pairs. This is open to men and women. If you are a great lady bowler, get out there and beat the men, make a name for yourself. Carol Poto did just that and had a nice vacation in Europe as a reward.

If you win the singles (in two of the tournaments) there is money paid to you when you complete your match in Europe, win or lose (about \$750). These days that will cover round trip air fair to London, with money left over.

I have had the good fortune to play in Wales, Scotland & twice in England in the PBA and I can tell you it is an exciting adventure. If you win the Potters Singles or Pairs you get to stay at a 5 Star Resort, room and food on the PBA while you are competing. You also get a shot at beating one of the top 16 in the World and gain World Ranking. Right now our very own Neil Furman is ranked # 17 in the World and moving up.

Frank Souza is the head of the PBA in the USA and he has dedicated himself to making the tournaments successful and fun. This year we have arranged catered lunches at the 19th Hole Restaurant and discounts on hotels for those coming from afar. The tournaments are open to anyone in the USA.

The way Frank runs the tournaments is very good, we are usually able to complete one tournament a day, so the action is quick and exciting.

Please help support the PBA and yourself by joining in on the fun by contacting Frank Souza at frslb1up@cox.net, or calling him at 1 (623) 388-6160. The fee for new members to join is \$200, but that covers your entry in all four tournaments. For returning members the renewal fees are only \$110. Frank's address for sending in membership requests is 10343 W. Bayside Rd. Sun City AZ 85351.

The PBA is a rare opportunity to compete against other great bowlers, to win and represent your country overseas. Don't miss out sign up today.

To be able to keep the tournament in Southern California (and the USA) it is important that we have the requisite number of members, so please join as soon as possible and submit an application today. All you have to do is fill out the application and send a check made payable to Frank Souza.

Frank has to report to headquarters in Europe soon that we have the requisite number of players. This reporting requirement makes the tournaments a little different than usual tournaments where you sign up the month before, due to this requirement we ask you to please join now.

Supporting the PBA, not only is a great opportunity for competitive minded bowlers, but also helps bowls in general in the USA. As the steady erosion of our clubs and membership numbers decline, it is important that we fully support those institutions that will help us increase awareness of bowls in the USA.

Oh yes, by the way, if you would like to see the World Bowls Tour and the World Bowls Indoor Championships in action, just go on You Tube to watch the excitement. Most of the games are televised on You Tube. Here's a link to a great game where Neil Furman beat one of the top 16 in the World a few weeks ago. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FxfNhl12mA>

Looking forward to seeing you at the PBA Qualifiers and thank you for supporting Bowls in the USA and the PBA. Feel free to call Frank or me with any questions. My number is 310-780-6927.

Cheers!

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