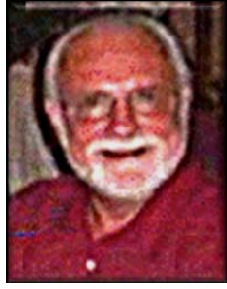


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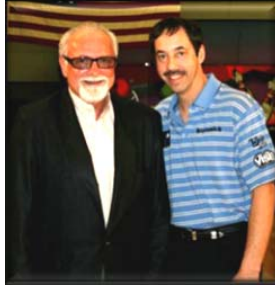
*Getting to know Classmates all over again!
So what have you been doing for the past 50 years?*



Ken Yonan
Taft Student



Ken Yonan at
2007 Mini-Reunion



Ken & Parker Bohn III
at Sean Yonan
Memorial Bowling Tourney



Sean Yonan
Ken's Grandson



Ken Yonan
And Guess Who

KEN YONAN

I love that ad by Nationwide Insurance – “Life comes at you fast”. Well, I am here to tell you – “It sure does”! When I was talking to Fred Allegretti about what to say, he said I should write about what happened to me since high school. That’s a problem, I’m not sure I know what happened! Here I am, almost 67 years old and still feeling like I did when I was 18 – but my body feels like a somewhat different age!!

I have two wonderful kids – that’s another thing, they’re not exactly kids any more – from my first marriage to a gal from the June 1960 Taft graduation class. A second marriage to a Chicago gal – she had kids but we didn’t and finally, a 3rd time is the charm lady, Phyllis. We moved to Arizona the end of 1997, to escape the dreaded Chicago winters. I really miss the Windy City so I’m a frequent visitor.

I don’t think I’ve led a particularly eventful or exciting life, but there have been lots of incredible moments such as meeting Princess Grace in Monaco and bowling a 300 game, amongst others. Bowling a 300 game was very exciting, but meeting Princess Grace was an awesome experience. Let’s not leave Phyllis out of this! 😊

I spent my entire business career in Financial Services and still work – my brain tells me that working keeps me young and active – see 1st paragraph for what my body tells me! In between, I was a member of the Professional Bowlers Association and competed in several PBA tournaments.

I could probably use up lots more space talking about what I did do...but the space is better used to talk about my future support of my son Keith’s efforts to raise scholarships for the youth bowlers of Sheboygan WI, in memory of my grandson, Sean. He conducts a ‘pro-style’ tournament for members of the Sheboygan Youth Bowling Association – the event concludes with TV head to head competition – my son and I are the TV announcers. Parker Bohn III, a leading PBA bowler, conducted a clinic and a trick shot exhibition at this year’s event and, he did TV commentary for the Junior Gold event.

One of my favorite pictures is me with Parker Bohn III – in case you can’t figure out which one is Parker, I’m the older guy!

** Read Jennifer Kuszynski article from the Sheboygan Press on next page.*

Sean Yonan Memorial bowling tourney provides scholarships to area youth

By [Jennifer Kuszynski](#)

Sheboygan Press staff

This Saturday and Sunday, Lakeshore Lanes will fill up with young Sheboygan bowlers looking to earn some cash for college, while honoring the memory of a boy who will never have that opportunity.

Keith Yonan started the Sean Yonan Memorial Scratch Scholarship Tournament two years ago, after searching for a way to honor the memory of his eldest son, Sean, who died in 1995 at the age of 9 due to complications from a severe asthma attack.

"He was an avid member of the bowling program over at Lakeshore Lanes," Keith said of Sean. "He had bowled in bumpers there since he was 3-years-old. He was averaging about 130 a game when he passed away — he never had the opportunity to get better."

Last year's event was the largest one-day scholarship bowling tournament in the United States, giving away more than \$11,000 in scholarships to 88 students, Keith said. In the past two years, the scholarship tournament has given away more than \$18,000.

This year, the event has been expanded, with a variety of events held over four days at Lakeshore Lanes.

Tonight, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., a free investment seminar will be held for parents to assist them in saving for their child's college education.

From 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III will hold a junior bowling clinic at a cost of \$10 per participant with a limit of 60 bowlers. Bohn is the owner of 31 Denny's PBA titles, three-time player of the year and No. 3 on the Career Money List. If the clinic fills up, pictures can still be taken with Bohn at a cost of \$7. Bohn will also do a trick-shot exhibition, which he is renowned for, Keith said.

After completing the junior bowling clinic, Bohn will join members of the Sheboygan Youth USBC and try his hand at Ice Bowling at Sheboygan's 22nd Annual Indoor Ice Bowling Classic at the Blue Line Ice Center. "We have two scholarship tourneys this year, actually," Keith said. "Last year we combined them into one and it was too much for one day."

The Sean Yonan Memorial Junior Gold Tournament will be held on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m. The best youth bowlers in the country will compete for two berths, one to a boy and one to a girl, in the Junior Gold Championships, to be held in July in Detroit. From there, youth bowlers can potentially earn berths onto the Junior Team USA 2009.

Saturday's event will award \$6,000 to bowlers. On Sunday, the Third Annual Sean Yonan Memorial Scholarship Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. Once again, this is the largest one-day local association scholarship tournament in the United States with all scholarship money going to local youth, with \$9,000 awarded. The final match of each division will be televised on TV-8 in Sheboygan in a PBA match format. The format matches should start at about 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

There will also be a brat fry, complete with hundreds of raffle prizes open to the public to raise funds in Sean's name for future scholarship events. About 160 students are expected to participate, not counting day-off walk-ins, Keith said.

"Three years ago, we went from a small, one-day thing with \$4,000, last year we did \$12,000 and this year we're up to \$15,000," Keith said. "We just keep growing."

Sean's brother, Trevor, 17, has been the two-time defending champion on the local event. "We're not sure if he's going to participate because he broke his collar bone a couple of weeks ago snowboarding," Keith said.

"We told him if he doesn't play, he can help do the TV commentary on Sunday," Keith said. However, his sister Jocelyn, a student Minnesota State University at Morehead, will return home and compete in the Junior Gold tournament on Saturday, Keith said.

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