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Annual \$125,000 Showboat Doubles Set for June 7-11

Record-setting Bowler of the Year Mike Aulby and giant 6-foot-7-inch Steve Cook return to defend their championship at the annual \$125,000 Showboat Doubles Classic June 4-11 in the Showboat Bowling Center at the Showboat Hotel and Casino.

Aulby and Cook, however, will have a tough time retaining this prestigious title since most of the top bowlers in the world will be participating in the nationally televised event.

Among those taking aim at Aulby and Cook will be the teams of David Ozio and Steve Wunderlich, Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Tommy Kress, Wayne Zahn and Paul Colwell, Jim Stefanich and Carmen Salvino, Dick Weber and Teata Semiz, Ernie Schlegel and Hugh Miller and Guppy Troup and Purvis Granger.

Also competing in this rich and significant event will be the team of Las Vegans Paul Pisechny and Howie Partell. Competition starts

Sunday, June 8, with two six-game qualifying sessions involving two squads. Qualifying continues the morning of Monday, June 9. The field then is cut to the top 24 teams; they engage in eight games of match play Monday evening and the morning and evening of Tuesday, June 10. The finals will be Wednesday, June 11. Saturday, June 7, features practice as well as a photograph and autograph session open to the public.

Admission is free all five days and the public is welcome. Seating in the Showboat Bowling Center is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Aulby, who in 1985 became the first Professional Bowlers Association player to win more than \$200,000 in one year, and Cook, who weighs 260 pounds, won the Showboat Doubles Classic last year, besting Jeff Bellinger and Tom Milton 224-209.

Aulby finished 16th at the 27th annual Showboat

June Big Bowling Month At Showboat With Two PBA Championships

Bowling arrives in a big way at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center in June with not one but two Professional Bowlers Association championship tournaments.

May 31 through June 4 it's

Invitational in January while Cook placed 18th. But Cook has two wins this year, in the BPAA U.S. Open in Venice, Fla., and in the Greater Hartford (Conn.) Open.

Ozio finished third in this year's Showboat Invitational while Williams also has two victories already this year, in the True Value Open in Peoria, Ill., and the Fair Lanes Open in Baltimore. Williams placed 21st at this year's Showboat Invitational.

Zahn won the 1976 Showboat Invitational and Stefanich captured it in 1974.

Both Weber and Salvino are members of the PBA Hall of Fame and hold numerous all-time records.

Winner of the 1984 Showboat Doubles Classic was the team of Marshall Holman and Mark Roth.

The practice and photograph/autograph session will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 7. The doubles teams are divided into two squads, A and B. They bowl at 9 a.m. and again at 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 8, and at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 9. The final 24 teams bowl at 6:45 p.m. on June 9 and at 11 a.m. and again at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10.

The finals, involving the top five teams, start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11.

the \$100,000 Showboat Seniors Invitational featuring many all-time greats while June 7 through 11 it's the annual \$125,000 Showboat Doubles Classic.

Both events are nationally televised from the Showboat Bowling Center and are open to the public with free admission. Seating on a first-come, first-serve basis is available.

Bowlers in the Showboat Seniors Invitational feature two record-setting Hall of Famers, Dick Weber and Carmen Salvino.

Mike Aulby, Bowler of the Year in 1985 and the first PBA player to win more than \$200,000 in a year, and 6-foot 7-inch, 260 pound Steve Cook return to defend their Showboat Doubles Classic championship.

They'll be challenged by teams that include David Ozio, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Wayne Zahn, Jim Stefanich, Ernie Schlegel, Guppy Troup as well as Weber and Salvino.

The seniors bowl qualifying rounds on Sunday, June 1, and Monday, June 2. A reduced field bowls in match play on Monday and Tuesday, June 3. The finals are Wednesday, June 4, starting at 2 p.m.

The doubles teams bowl qualifying rounds on Sunday, June 8, and Monday, June 9. A reduced field bowls in match play on Monday and Tuesday, June 10. The finals will be Wednesday, June 11, beginning at 6 p.m.

Public photo/autograph sessions are Saturdays, May 31 and June 7. Times are from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on the 31st and from 9 a.m. to noon on the 7th.

Standout LeDoux Makes Wrestling Debut at Showboat

Scott LeDoux, one of the top heavyweight boxing contenders of the 1970s and who once fought for the world championship, makes his pro wrestling debut in Las Vegas on the American Wrestling Association card Saturday, May 31, at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

LeDoux, who has draws with former World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Ken Norton and former world champion Leon Spinks and who challenged then-WBC champ Larry Holmes in 1980, competes here for the first time against tough Larry Zybisco in the main event.

The always-exciting AWA card begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open at 6.

Tickets are priced at \$12 for ringside reserved, \$10 for general admission and \$7 for general admission for those 14 years of age and under. Tickets are on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

LeDoux, from Minnesota, has been a referee for special AWA matches but recently decided to try the sport himself.

Other heavyweight bouts on the action-packed card include Stan Hansen against Jerry Blackwell, a tag-team pitting The Midnight Rockers against The Barbarian and Boris Zhukov and a six-man tag-team matching Las Vegas Buddy Rose, Doug Summers and Col. DeBeers against Curt Hennig, Scott Hall and a worthy teammate to be selected later.

Boxing Highlights

Attorneys for former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali fought to block a request to dismiss his federal lawsuit against the government for denying him conscientious objector status during the Vietnam War. Attorneys for Ali, who was stripped of his heavyweight title and not allowed to fight for three years after being convicted of draft evasion in 1967, said that, in 1966, high-ranking Justice Department officials overruled a lower agency decision that Ali should be given conscientious objector status. One of Ali's attorneys, former Justice Department official Jerry Leonard, said there was a

'conspiracy' among high-ranking officials because if Ali were granted conscientious objector status exempting him from the draft, other blacks were seek the same status... Sugar Ray Leonard, boxing under the assumption that Marvin Hagler will agree to fight him, went through a vigorous workout Monday in preparation of what he said would be 'the greatest fight in history.' Leonard, who has not fought in two years,

said last week he would come out of retirement only if Hagler would agree to meet him for the middleweight title. "Everything relies on Hagler now," Leonard said.

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