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Fan favorite Troup to appear at 24th annual banquet

Eight-time PBA champion Guppy Troup will be the guest speaker Dec. 5 at the Greater Calumet Area USBC Bowling Association Hall of Fame and Awards Banquet.

Troup, who also competes on the PBA's Senior Tour, won his first title in 1978 after almost a decade on tour. Always a fan favorite, Troup is known for the way he injected his personality into his game, specifically with alterations he made with already garish trousers. Mix and matching the leg on one pair with the leg on another pair was just one of the ways he attracted fans. Even on the senior tour, Troup can be found signing autographs and talking to fans long into the night.

The GCABA, which represents almost 5,000 bowlers competing in bowling centers from Whiting, Hammond, Highland, Griffith and Dyer in Indiana and Lynwood, Lansing and Calumet City in Illinois, will host the event beginning at noon Sunday, Dec. 5, at Dynasty Banquets, 4141 Calumet Ave., Hammond.

Three men will also be inducted into the GCABA Hall of Fame. They are: John Blasko, of Whiting, meritorious service; Dave Bohlin, of Dyer, performance; and Jim Mutka, of Fort Myers, Fla.; performance.

Others to be recognized will be Bowler of the Year Jay Bridges, Senior Bowler of the Year Rick Woloszyn and Super Senior of the Year Jerry Vogelgesang.

Tournament winners from the annual Association

Championships and the annual Senior Singles Championships will also be honored.

Tickets for the event at \$20 and are available at Olympia Lanes, 4150 Calumet Ave., Hammond; or at the GCABA office, 8133 Kennedy Ave., Highland. For ticket information, call Mike Kozy at Olympia Lanes at (219)933-6677 or the GCABA office, (219) 923-7240.