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## Marshall Kent Leaves Storm For Upstart Big Bowling

by Lucas Wiseman

Marshall Kent, a four-time PBA Tour champion, has left Storm after eight years and signed with upstart Big Bowling heading into the 2021 PBA Tour season.

The move is a significant get for Big Bowling, which launched last year just before the coronavirus pandemic began. Other staffers for the company include Rhino Page, Andrew Cain and Pontus Anderson.

"It was a very difficult decision, but I feel this is a decision that is better for me in the future," said Kent, who was the 2014 PBA Rookie of the Year. "I've gotten to throw the bowling balls the last few days, and I'm extremely impressed with what I've seen so far. I'm really excited to see what we can come out with in the future."

Kent's decision to change ball companies comes on the heels of one of the most lucrative events in years on the PBA Tour.

The 2021 PBA Players Championship will begin Jan. 16 with regional qualifying live on FloBowling with an overall prize fund of \$1 million, including \$250,000 going to the winner.

As a new company, Big Bowling currently only has four balls plus a spare ball approved for competition, though Kent said more are on the way.

Despite having a limited



arsenal and not having access to the ball reps he has used for years, Kent said he wasn't concerned.

"We're going to figure out the ball rep situation before the event comes because three of us are in the same region," Kent said. "For me personally, I've always been kind of independent and tried to figure things out on my own. If I really get to the point where I can't figure things out, I go to a ball rep. It's not going to be as big of a deal for me as it might be for other players who make a switch and have to figure out how to communicate with reps."

Kent picked up his first PBA Tour title in 2014 at the Kingdom International Open in Saudi Arabia and won his second at the PBA Team Challenge in 2016.

In 2017, Kent had the best season of his young career, winning the PBA Lubbock Sports Open and the PBA Oklahoma Open.

In recent years, Kent has struggled to break through despite making numerous shows. He made a pair of stepladders in 2020, finishing second at the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship and fifth at the PBA Players Championship.

## Frustration Felt Among Bowlers, Owners And Publishers

by Dave Williams

A recent email that I received from Donna Hazel, owner and publisher of Bowling World ([bowling-world.com](http://bowling-world.com)), which has not posted an issue since February of 2020, highlighted the frustration that is being felt by bowlers, bowling establishments and bowling newspapers.

In her email, Donna thanked me for the most recent story that I sent her, and offered a ray of hope when she stated, "I'm working on updating the site. Not sure where 2020 continued on page 9



Stelton Lanes - where many famous rock bands, including the legendary Twisted Sister, started their careers. The night club became yet another strip mall many years ago, and now the bowling lanes are scheduled to become a supermarket.

## World's First Mobile Bowling Alley' Gains National Attention

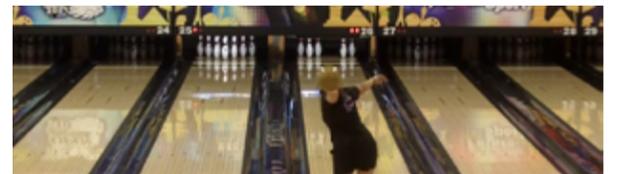
from Bowlers Journal International

Having trouble finding a place to bowl? No problem. This Detroit entrepreneur will bring the bowling to you. Literally. When National Public Radio's Laura Herberg caught up with Luxury Strike Bowling CEO Terence Jackson Jr. for a segment that aired on its flagship program, All Things Considered, on Dec. 12, he provided a tour of what he calls "the world's first mobile bowling alley" — a black semitruck housing two, 25-foot-long bowling lanes

equipped with an automatic ball return, pinsetters and scoring.

The "grapefruit"-size bowling balls weigh 3 to 4 pounds, but the idea the enterprise embodies couldn't be bigger for this pandemic-stricken moment. Sharise Crumley, who booked the venue for her 35th birthday, told Herberg that, "When you have a venue where you can book it and it's just the group of people that you invite, you feel safer."

Get more [here](#).



## Unbelievable Finish by Past Junior Gold Champion at JBT Main Event

from Bowlers Journal International

What would you do if you needed to convert the Greek Church for a chance to win a title? If you're unsure, just ask Jennifer Lored.

The 2017 U15 Junior Gold champion found herself in that scenario during the title match at the 2020 Junior Bowlers Tour Main Event in Las Vegas against Saphyre Nofuente, needing to convert the dreaded split

and strike to tie the match at 192 and force a roll-off.

She picked up the split, delivered the clutch strike to tie the match and rolled one more strike to win the roll-off and claim the title. The best part? It was captured on video! [Click here](#) to watch the amazing finish.

For full results of the JBT Main Event, [click here](#).



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# EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

## Preliminary USBC Research Shows String Pinsetter Pinfall Statistically Different

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas - The United States Bowling Congress released a preliminary research report as part of a comprehensive scoring study of string pinsetters. A full data report is published on [BOWL.com](http://BOWL.com). Click [HERE](#) to see it now.

The research data shows string pinsetters yield a lower strike percentage and leave a higher percentage of multi-pin spare combinations, compared to traditional free-fall machines. The data comes from USBC's Bowlscore machine, which analyzes pin flight and pinfall from thousands of automated shots across specific entry angles and offsets.

Key findings from the preliminary string pinsetter data include:

- \* Average strike percentage down a combined 6.9% across all entry angles tested
- \* Largest decrease in strike percentage occurred on light-pocket hits
- \* Multi-pin spare combinations were up across nearly all entry angles
- \* String pinsetter pinfall is statistically different overall compared to traditional free-fall pinsetters

USBC started a comprehensive research study on string pinsetter scoring earlier this year at the International Training and Research Center. The study involves the installation and testing of multiple string pinsetters, with testing continuing through 2021. String pinsetters currently are non-approved equipment and may not be used in USBC-certified competition, including USBC-certified leagues and tournaments.

"USBC has been in the process of researching string pinsetters for several months, and it will require continued study through 2021 to understand the variables impacting scoring for these machines," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "We felt it was important to release preliminary research, so stakeholders can see the statistical data differences from free-fall machines. There is more research to be done before USBC can take a position related to string pinsetter certification or standards."

Future aspects of USBC's string pinsetter research will include spare conversion testing using USBC's Enhanced Automated Robotic Launcher (E.A.R.L.), as well as league and tournament simulations. USBC will study design variables in the machines, including, but not limited to, pin deck and pit area, string composition and pin evaluation.

"If USBC does explore a certification standard for string pinsetters in the future, there could be a wide range of manufacturing or installation specifications to consider," Murphy said. "The research project has just started, but we will understand the issues better by the end of next year."

USBC plans to publish full study results in 2022. However, the results may or may not provide conclusive data to support a position on the certification of string pinsetters.

For more information on equipment specifications, visit [BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs](http://BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs).

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# Looking Back 2006 – PART 1

by Carol Mancini

**Since looking forward to weekly bowling, teammates and a little exercise seem to be just wishful thinking, let's mosey thru the first six months of 2006. Ready?**

- The Dick Weber Open and Pro-Am was held at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley.
- Don Cecil, Frank Kietz, Alice Meglemre, David Yamauchi, Connie Marchione, Bert Strain, Bob Smith, Randy Myers, Arthur Stubblefield, Joy McGregor and Dick Stoeffler were weekly scribes, some gave their opinions, some reported scores and others just did advertising.
- Faithful weekly advertisers included Linbrook Bowl, Empire Bowl, Canoga Park Bowl, Fountain Bowl, Normandie Casino, Del Rio Lanes, Cal Bowl, ABTA, Donkee, Riverside Lanes, Forest Lanes and Sam's Town. The directory page included 44 centers and five associations.
- Most centers had Pro Shops, some had out of center locations. Westside Pro Shop, Arlington Lanes Pro Shop, JSI Bowling Supply, Riverside Lanes Pro Shop, The Pro Zone, Bach's, Bellinders, Bowling Bonanza and On-Line ordering was just becoming popular.
- On to sparring stars and how they scored: Mark Fisser 300, 289, 278/867 (great deaf bowler), Cora Wais 300, Wanda King 300, Mike Larson 300, Billy Myers Jr. 300, Johnnie Englehart 300, Lee Theiss 300, Dan Stipkovich 279, 279, 300/858, Bill Delong 300, Tyler Story 300, Victor Armenta 300, Ronnie Poligrater 300, 300 back to back, John Sowell 300, Bob Markowitz 300, Andrew Toro 300, Mike Rick 300, Chip Pettiford 300, Vaugh Doody 300, Dennis Fitzsimmons 300, Paul Barraco 837, Ron Peters 877, Kya Clark 822, Darek Jolliff 300, Marty Wilson 300, Bill Hartman 300, James Van Sant 300, Kirk Nelson 300, Thomas Marigh 300, Donnie Johnson 300 and Eric Rhodes 300. We can only report the scores that were reported to The Bowling News.
- Classic Lanes held a 5 Gamer for RIGHT-HANDERS ONLY!
- The New USBC raised their dues from \$8 to \$10.
- 25% of Americans go bowling every year.
- The SLACBA, LAWBA, SEDYABA voted on the merger demanded by the newly formed USBC.
- Centers on the directory page in 2006 that no longer exist or name changed: Alhambra Bowling Center, All-Star Lanes, Canoga Park, Mission Hills, Premier Lanes, Southwest Bowl, Fountain Bowl, Yorba Linda, Del Rosa, Zodo's, Thunder Lanes, Village Lanes.
- Facts to ponder: Bowling three games exercises 184 muscles, swinging around 160 pounds and walking 6/10 of a mile.
- Glenn Allison (Mr. 900) joined the ABC (USBC) 100,000 pin club. He continues to bowl nationals. (Continues!!)
- Frank Weiler (Bowling News contributor) won the Citrus Belt Senior Masters.
- Bob Markiewicz (Bracket-man) changed the bracket system from pencil to the computer.
- New League Concept – – – – every member would receive five tickets to Sunday games at Dodger Stadium. Orange County bowlers would get Angel tickets.
- When did "babysitting" disappear? Travel leagues?  
Watch for more 2006 memories in weeks to come.  
And you can read ALL PAST ISSUES from 2005-2020 at [CaliforniaBowlingNews.com](http://CaliforniaBowlingNews.com). Thanks for reading.



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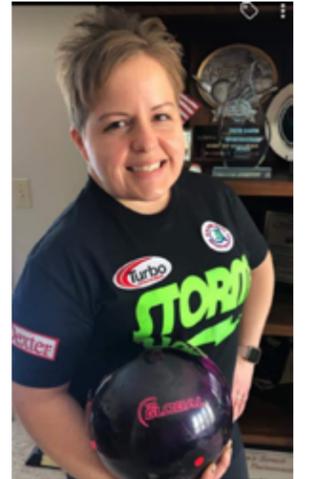
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## Amanda Vermilyea Plotting Inspiring Comeback on PWBA Tour

by Gianmarc Manzione of Bowlers Journal International

Plenty of talented female competitors have dreamed of trying their luck on the PWBA Tour. But Amanda Vermilyea is no ordinary dreamer.



*Amanda Vermilyea*

Her debut on Junior Team USA in 2003 was the first of eight combined appearances on Team USA between the junior and adult squads. She won national titles with the Nebraska Huskers in 2004 and 2005, earning MVP honors during that latter title run and setting the record for highest average at an NCAA Championships event (251.75).

In 2007 and 2008, she made back-to-back shows at the U.S. Women's Open. It seemed Vermilyea was destined to realize her dreams of ranking among the greatest female bowlers in the world and maybe, if the ladies' tour ever resumed, achieving her lifelong dream of winning a PWBA Tour title.

By 2009, however, she was diagnosed with a rare spinal condition that was plaguing her with paralyzing migraines and seizures. She subsequently underwent a spinal fusion surgery that left her almost entirely without range of motion in her neck. In 2014, she underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor.

Despite these setbacks, she returned to competition and, in 2019, averaged 235 for nine games in the USBC Women's Championships to finish 5th in its prestigious Diamond All-Events (which USBC Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick won that year).

Then came further health setbacks. Though Vermilyea thought her brain tumor had been removed in its entirety in 2014, she learned in early 2020 that it only partially had been removed, and that the part that remains cannot be worked on because of its location within the region of her brain that enables speech.

"It is a very slow-growing tumor, so I am thankful there," Vermilyea said.

In the meantime, doctors diagnosed her with what they call a "functional neurological disorder" that continues to cause seizures.

Yet, despite all this, the member of the 2020 Nebraska Athletic Hall of Fame class announced on the Jan. 4 edition of "The Morning Bolt" show her intent to resume her lifelong dream of winning a PWBA Tour title. Vermilyea plans at least to bowl the PWBA Twin Cities Open, which is scheduled to be contested April 22-24 at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan, Minnesota, the town in which she happens to work as an administrative assistant with Prime Therapeutics. Vermilyea also expressed interest in bowling the PWBA Lincoln Open, the PWBA Cleveland Open, and the USBC Queens.

If you missed the July 2019 episode of The Bowlers Journal Podcast during which Vermilyea discussed her inspiring performance at that year's USBC Women's Championships, you can listen to it now here: <https://soundcloud.com/user-658733792/podcast-amanda-vermilyea-inspiring-comeback-from-cancer-spinal-surgery>

We will have much more about Vermilyea's remarkable comeback story in the February issue of Bowlers Journal International.



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# Pattern Breakdown: The Four 2021 PBA Players Championship Patterns

by Matt Wozney

When the 2021 PBA Players Championship gets underway, the players will face four lane patterns as they try to advance to their regional stepladders.

The five regional events will all use the same patterns as the players bowl four seven-game rounds live on FloBowling on Jan. 16 and 17. The patterns being used will be Viper 36, Chameleon 39, Bear 41 and Shark 48.

These patterns will test each player's versatility, lane play strategy, stamina and determination to go after the \$1 million prize fund and take home the \$250,000 pay day for the win.

Before we break down the patterns, here's one thing to think about before we go into the patterns. The five regional qualifiers are at different Bowlero centers located in Virginia, Florida, Arizona, Wisconsin and Texas, which means lane surfaces and topography will all be different.

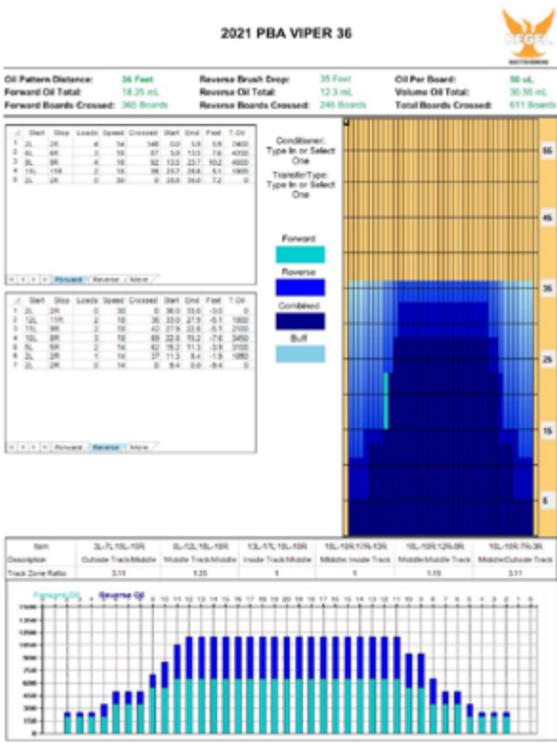
While these patterns should play similar at these centers, they will not play the same due to those variables. These pattern breakdowns are looked at with a general view the players can expect to experience on the lanes.

## Round 1 – PBA Viper 36

Viper will be the first pattern the players see as they start their 28 games of qualifying. At first look, urethane will definitely be a viable option for most players to limit the backend reaction on the short pattern.

A reactive ball will hook early on short but it will burn out its energy early leaving a weak pocket hit. Urethane smooths that reaction out by getting its grip much earlier in the lane than reactive to dig through the 30.55mL oil volume up front and blend out of the breakpoint reaction to deliver a consistent and powerful hit to the pocket.

The 3.11:1 ratio makes this pattern a bit more forgiving than the other three patterns. Look for players to get their ball near the gutter around the five board. Players who benefit from urethane will find this pattern favorable to starting off their weekend.



## Round 2 – PBA Bear 41

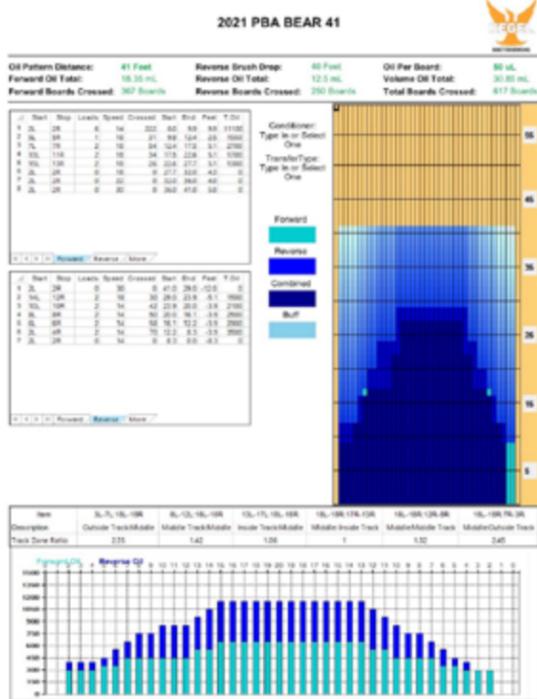
The second pattern the bowlers will face is the Bear. Notoriously known for being of the most difficult animal patterns over the years on the PBA Tour, this pattern looks to be the toughest out of the four.

Medium length patterns and near-flat ratios are sometimes the most brutal for the players on tour. These patterns are usually open for a lot of options that will get the players thinking of what will work at the time.

Urethane could work but reactive could work better. But the reverse effect can also apply depending on a player's style and game.

This pattern will make or break the bowlers with the ratio at 2.45:1, the flattest of all four patterns, and the oil volume is 30.85mL, the highest of the four patterns.

Depending on the lane surface and topography, the players will be ready to work on manipulating their release, changing their ball speed and controlling their bowling ball's reaction at the end of the pattern to initiate constant contact with the pocket.



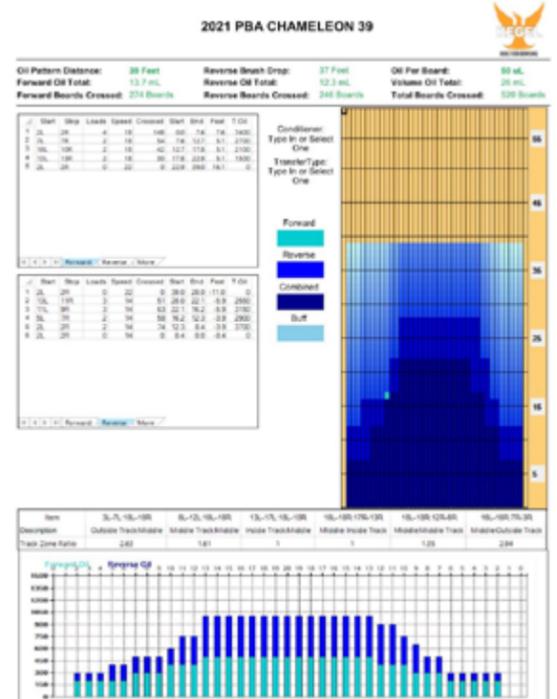
## Round 3 – PBA Chameleon 39

Chameleon will start the second day of qualifying, and the length of the pattern falls between Viper and Bear at 39 feet.

With a ratio of 2.94:1 and 26mL of oil volume (the least amount of volume of all four patterns), look for players to use a variety of looks at what best suits their game.

Watch for some players to use urethane around the six or seven board to start and possibly make a transition to reactive through the block. Players can expect to get pretty deep on this pattern to keep their ball on line in the oil and get away from the friction, which there will be plenty of due to the lower volume.

This pattern is a make-or-break pattern in the overall standings for the players that are in the hunt to make the top five and get into the regional stepladder. If you don't have it together by this pattern, it could be quite a long shot to stay in the mix.



## Round 4 – PBA Shark 48

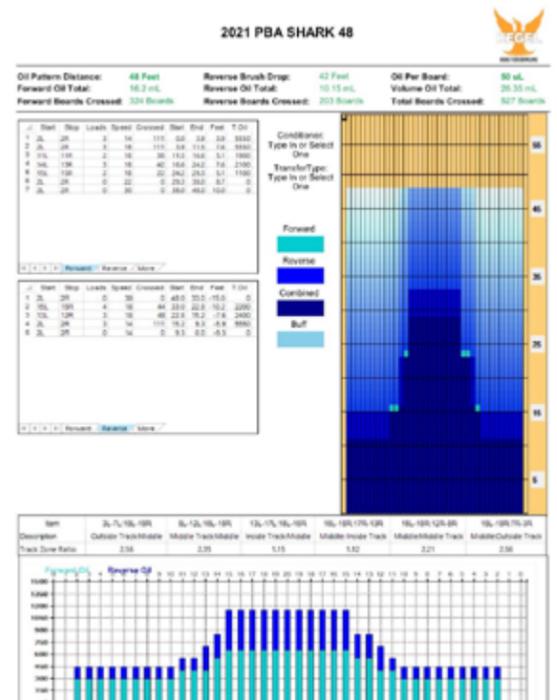
The final pattern of the PBA Players Championship regional qualifying round is Shark, and it's the longest at 48 feet.

Expect players to keep their breakpoint closer to the pins around the 15 board. Watch for the players to start migrating left and more left as the pattern breaks down especially with the lower than usual volume amounts on the PBA Tour, just a few ticks higher than the Chameleon's 26mL (Shark is 26.35mL).

Depending on the lane surface and topography, this pattern could open up for multiple angles with the right hand adjustments, ball speed, ball choice and ball rotation.

Mid-lane read is extra critical to get correct on these longer patterns. Think of it as a car braking into a corner. The ball needs to stay on line and not get too far outside if it has any shot to hit the pocket. Too much brake and the ball will check up to the opposite side of the pocket.

Players are expected to use bigger core and stronger cover bowling balls to help create better ball motion and efficient carry through the pin deck.



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# Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini  
E-mail: CarolMancini83@icloud.com

California holidays on my calendar include December 7 (Pearl Harbor), July 4 (Independence Day), December 25 (Christmas) and July 11 (Bowling News Editor Dean Lopez 's birthday.)

For bowler's, March 16, 2020 will always be in our thoughts and conversations, what shall we call the 16th?

I can't think of anything printable, help me out, send the [Bowling News](#) your ideas.

I have talked to a few mechanics and managers to see what what's been going on.

The first project was changing the locks. Then the list of projects was started. Most centers shredded old records! The pin sitters were cleaned and serviced. Many centers painted everything inside, installed new masking units, cleaned the house balls and put new shoestrings in the rental shoes.

I was told a large number of centers put up the plastic dividers (even if they aren't open.)

Owners have a big problem (like all businesses) "to stay available" or "sell out and retire".

2021 is ahead. Wish I had a crystal ball... OR maybe not!! If you keep reading, I'll keep writing. So will all our thinking friends.

**Deans Note.. I will never forget March 16th every year. It's my son's Birthday!!!**



# BOWLING CALENDAR

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## JANUARY

by Bette Addington

- 15 – CUSBC State Hall of Fame/Star of Tomorrow, etc., submission deadline, calusbc.com
  - 16 – Amateur Bowlers Tour, 11am, 12:30pm, & 2pm (finals at 3:30pm), SouthPoint, Las Vegas, 702/719-9085, abtbowling.com
  - 16 – Adult/Sr. VIP Doubles, Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 909/628-3966, 5126fish@gmail.com
  - 16-26 – Military Bowling Championships, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, 800/257-6179, high-roller.com—CANCELLED
  - 17 – 60 & Over Scratch Classic, South Orange Co., \$130 entry fee, 562/243-0175
  - 17 – Valentine & Bowlero 6 Game Scratch/Triple Knockout Bowling Tourn., \$75 (Venmo to John-Valentine645), Brackets \$5 ea., Side Pots \$15 (games 1-3 only), Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 8am, John – 909/725-6805
  - 17 – 13th Laughlin Blast Sr. No-Tap Doubles Handicap Tourn., Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 619/251-9660
  - 17-29 – BPAA & Bowling Summit, Nashville, TN, bowlingsummit.com
  - 18-26 – PWBA Kickoff Classic Series, ITRC, Arlington, TX, pwba.com
  - 19-21 – PWBA Bowlers Journal Classic, ITRC, Arlington, TX, pwba.com
  - 21-24 – CBT "Beat the Board," Bowlero, Scottsdale, AZ, squads – 1/21: 4pm & A squad after league; 1/22: 3/5/A squad after league; 1/23: 12/2/4/6; 1/24: 12/2/4; \$500 guaranteed Scratch series, \$1,000 handicap doubles; \$500 handicap singles, \$35 entry fee (\$5 off for Strike Members), cbtbowling.com, 661/418-8007
  - 22-23 – PWBA ITRC Classic, ITRC, Arlington, TX, pwba.com
  - 23 – Scratch Singles Event, 12pm & 3pm, Wink's Silver Strike Lanes, Gardnerville, NV, Michael Blair – 607/287-0855 or FB messenger
  - 23-24 – Elite Bowling Club 2 squad 5 Gamer, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 951/419-2751
  - 24 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Doubles w/crossover option, 11am, Freeway Lanes, Selma, 559/385-8837
  - 25-26 – PWBW Hall of Fame Classic, ITRC, Arlington, TX, pwba.com
  - 30 – Youth Sports USA Bowling Southwest Regional, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, NV, bowl.com--POSTPONED
  - 30 – PBA50, Bowlero Glendale, Glendale, AZ, jblanchard@pba.com, 909/908-5713
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## Frustration continued from page 1

went.”

Veteran bowling scribe Red Pfeiffer started Bowling World 53 years ago, and Donna has continued the tradition of publishing the massive once a month journal ever since Red's passing. That is of course until the COVID-19 scare put an end to bowling scores and advertising in March of 2020.

“It's sad to see the bowling centers that are permanently closing. It makes no sense to me,” stated Hazel. “I'm not a doctor or a scientist, but killing business is just wrong.”

As I surfed the internet looking for permanent closings of bowling centers, it appeared to me that the majority of closed centers were in two areas - the west coast states of California, Oregon and Washington... and the northeastern states of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The west coast locations include, but are probably not limited to the following bowling centers that were permanently closed in 2020:

- Albany Bowl, Albany, CA
- Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
- Tsunami Lanes, Crescent City, CA
- Cloverleaf Bowl, Fremont, CA
- Paso Bowl, Paso Robles, CA
- Gilroy Bowl, Gilroy, CA
- Kellogg Bowl, Milwaukie, OR
- Players & Spectators, Spokane, WA
- Glacier Lanes, Everett, WA
- Hugo's On The Hill, Spokane, WA

I contacted Dean Lopez, Editor of the California Bowling News, to see if he was aware of any others. “I don't know of any others from COVID-19, but there are tons that have closed in recent years (and not so recent), including Tustin, Yorba Linda, Covina, Columbia, Eastland, Santa Anita, and La Puente. Those are just off the top of my head,” remarked Lopez.

We reminisced about the closed centers that have taken place prior to 2020, primarily due to elevated real estate prices and oppressive regulations in California. My memories of all the bowling centers that have closed where I was fortunate to roll 300's and 800's is also lengthy, and includes at least the following:

- L & L Lanes, Sebastopol, CA (now a Starbucks, and other shops)
- Holiday Bowl, Santa Rosa, CA (Walgreen's, and other shops)
- Nave Lanes, Novato, CA (shopping mall)
- Greenbrae Lanes, Greebrae, CA (condo's)
- Fiesta Lanes, Hayward, CA (shopping center)
- Golden Gate Lanes, El Cerrito, CA (Target Store)

The other area of the United States that seems to have a preponderance of closings is in the northeast states. My surfing of the internet resulted in the following list of permanent closures due to COVID-19:

- Kingpin's Alley, South Glens Falls, NY
- Miller Lanes, Honeoye Falls, NY
- Second Strike Lanes, Brookville, PA
- Erie Lanes, Philadelphia, PA
- Stelton Lanes, Piscataway, NJ
- Eagle Rock Lanes, West Orange, NJ
- ONCE Bowling Alleys, Somerville, MA
- Colonial Bowl, Worcester, MA
- Riverside Lanes, Danville, VA
- Compton Lanes, Clarksburg, WV

Contrast these totals with other less restrictive areas of the United States, and you can begin to see why so many people are moving to Arizona, Texas and Florida. In each of those states I could find only one location that closed in 2020, and it's not entirely evident that those were all due to COVID-19.

What does the future hold? As my good friend Jim Wangeman of Harvest Park Lanes in Brentwood, Calif., had previously stated, “When you restrict business to only 50% occupancy, your mortgage, utilities and insurance are not reduced by fifty percent.” Something's got to give, or we may no longer have a country, much less the game of bowling.

## Say A Prayer For Bowling

by Frank Weiler

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# Drive Underway To Help Save California Bowling Centers

CALIFORNIA – The Southern California Junior Bowling Foundation was founded with the goal of growing and supporting youth bowling in Southern California. The group has found a new emergency goal- trying to raise funds to help bowling centers reopen in California.

Bowlers, including many prominent nationally recognized youth bowlers, have been unable to participate in the game they love due to the overbearing restrictions placed on bowling centers by the State of California. While other businesses have been permitted to open, bowling proprietors have seen their doors closed and lights off since mid-March. The frustration was escalated when bowling centers in 49 of 50 states were permitted to open while Californians lanes sat dormant in the dark.

Bowling is a big part of many people's daily lives. Seniors are suffering from missing their weekly exercise and social activity. Many junior bowlers are missing their opportunity to earn college scholarships due to their inability to practice. The SCJBF has recognized that it has become essential to help open bowling centers immediately.

The SCJBF has started a Go Fund Me campaign to help raise money for the fight to open bowling centers in California. At a time when many proprietors are struggling and centers are on the brink of closing forever, you can help with the fight.

We would appreciate any donation big or small to help with the cause. Log on to [www.gofundme.com/helpbowling](http://www.gofundme.com/helpbowling) and help today!

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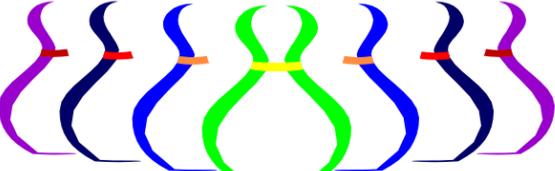
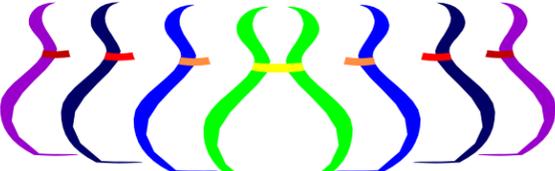
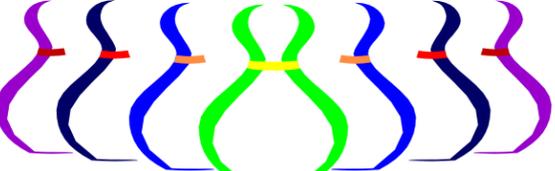
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