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Past CA USBC President Rosie Parker's Son Passes

by Jonathan Garza

Mark Ansel Parker, age 55, passed away on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 from complications of leukemia.

He was born to parents Dick and Rosie Parker on July 1, 1964 and was a resident of Azusa, Calif.

He was a man who loved bowling plus putting together and operating model rockets. Remote control cars clubs were a passion; he was a Life Scout with the Boy Scouts only one badge short of making Eagle Scout. He also played little league baseball as a child.

Mark took many trips, visiting all 50 states in the United States, three provinces in Canada and several locations in Mexico. He belonged to several camping clubs and would go camping two or more weekends every month throughout



Mark Ansel Parker

the year. His first camping trip was when he was only a month old at Lake Cachuma in a tent.

His first time in a bowling center was at one week old at El Monte Rec on Garvey. He would become quite the bowler, stepping foot into the following centers quite often: Azusa Bowl, Columbia Bowl, Covina Lanes, Bowlum and West Covina Lanes.

This avid bowler began throwing a ball as soon as he could, and joined his

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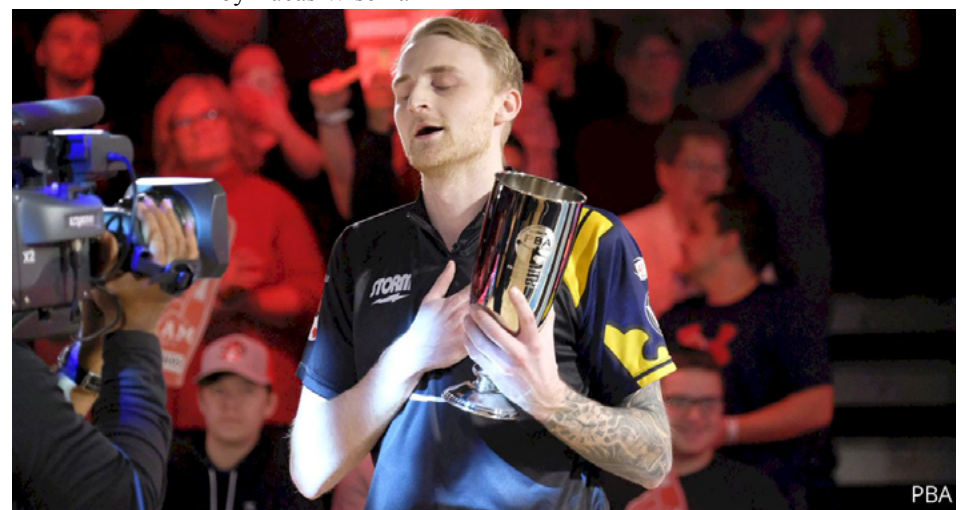
Svensson Powers Way To Title At Indy Open

by Lucas Wiseman

INDIANAPOLIS – For the second straight week, a multi-pin spare was converted to help a player secure a title on the PBA Tour.

Lefty two-hander Jesper Svensson converted the 3-5-6 combination and got count on the fill to defeat Shawn Maldonado, 245-226, on Saturday night to win the PBA Indianapolis Open. Just last week, Jason Belmonte made the 3-6-9-10 to win the U.S. Open.

Svensson powered his way to the title, striking from the fifth through the ninth frames to stay ahead of Maldonado at Royal Pin Woodland. Needing a mark and count to win, Svensson came up light and left the 3-5-6, which he easily converted.



PBA

Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open Champion Jesper Svensson

“You really want to step up and get a strike, but I’ll take the spare, I guess,” Svensson said. “It wasn’t the best of shots I’ve ever thrown, but it was enough and I’ll take it.”

Maldonado, who was seeking his first career ti-

tle, led by one pin after he struck in the seventh frame but was unable to hang with Svensson. He went high in the ninth frame and left the 6-10, and although he made it, the damage was done.

Competing on dual patterns this week with the 42-

foot Mark Roth pattern on the left lane and the 37-foot Marshall Holman pattern on the right lane, it seemed possible that the \$1 million bonus for shooting 300 in the title match could be in play this week.

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BILL LAUGHLIN	300	02-05-20	CAMARILLO BOWL
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John Struckman's Journey Helps Him Become Better Bowler, Student, Coach & Friend

by Jonathan Garza

FULLERTON – Sometimes in life they say that when one door closes, another one opens, and for a 28-year-old Fullerton man, a strikeout in one sport has led to many strike outs in another.

In 2006, at the age of 15, John Struckman threw out his back while playing baseball as a third baseman, a game he had known and loved his whole life. While he was upset about not being able to play baseball in the capacity he liked to, a special invite from his maternal grandpa, Fred Schank, who

he calls “opa” (German for grandpa) that would change his life forever.

The pair went to Concourse Bowling Center in Anaheim, where they had a great time. Struckman was given a 10-pound hand-me-down ball from his father. It all took off from there.

“I became known as “Striking Struckman” by friends in high school and college,” Struckman said.

That’s because he started the junior program at Concourse right after falling in love with bowling. He



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We Have A Phantom Report!!

by Dave Williams

Is it just me, or have the scores suddenly increased on the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour? Ever since Bowlero Corporation purchased the PBA on September 10, 2019, the scoring has been noticeably higher, with flashes of brilliance that have never before been realized on television.

It all began during the FloBowling ATX Invitational in Austin, Texas, during the week of September 14th, and it hasn't stopped. During the inaugural FloBowling ATX event, Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., solidified himself as a Hall of Fame candidate by winning the invitation only event with a two-game total of 494 over runner-up Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., for a \$25,000 first place payday. Along the way, O'Neill demolished Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Missouri, with a giant **280** game in the semi-final contest. This pattern continued throughout the fall events. At the PBA Clash in Lake Wales, Florida, Jacob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona, defeated E.J. Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, **258-244**, in the \$50,000 winner-take-all event. Then it was on to Mooresville, N.C., where Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Canada, won his second U.S. Open title and \$30,000 in a victory over Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, by a score of 221-172. It should be noted that the U.S. Open has always been characterized by a more challenging condition than the regular tour stops.

Next up was the PBA-World Bowling Tournament from Kuwait City in Kuwait, where Dom Barrett of Cambridge, England, put on a literal clinic in defeating Iceland's Arnar Jonsson in a double elimination format, **289-235**, and **278-277**, for the \$50,000 first prize. In the semi-final match, Barrett rolled **276** to defeat Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz. That gave the 34-year-old Brit a three game finals total of **843!**

The PBA China Tiger Cup in Suzhou, China, provided Sean Rash with a 438-401 two game victory over A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, for the \$20,000 first prize. Although this event provided for lower than average scores, it's interesting that the two finalists bowling for the title in the Jiangsu province were both from small towns in Illinois. Not to worry - the tournament was held in mid-November, and approximately 460 miles from Wuhan, site of the deadly Coronavirus pandemic.

The Bowlero Elite Series of 2019 was next on the list of tournaments, with Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., blasting a **266-200** victory over league standout Garrett Shovan of Denver, for the \$100,000 first prize. Jones rolled a **279** in the semi-final match against professional Jason Belmonte of Orange, Australia.

Tommy continued his winning ways when he rolled a **300** game on national television in the PBA Hall of Fame Classic from Arlington, Texas, to defeat Darren Tang of Las Vegas for the \$30,000 title. It was a week that dreams are made of for Jones, who earlier in the week was enshrined in the Bowling Hall of Fame, located in Arlington. To top it off, Tommy received another \$10,000 for the televised perfect game.

Any rational person would think that we've had enough of the high scoring barrage, but there's more! At the PBA Oklahoma Open in Shawnee, Okla., Sean Rash defeated Ryan Ciminelli of Lancaster, S.C., **289-234**, for the \$30,000 top prize. The next week, at the \$25,000 PBA Jonesboro Open in Jonesboro, Arkansas, it was Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, S.C., that recorded a near perfect **290-269** victory over Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas. Barnes rolled final games of **259, 267** and **269**, for a **795** three game set on national television.

And there's still more! At the Tournament of Championships in Fairlawn, Ohio, Chris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, defeated Bill O'Neill, **280-205**, for the \$100,000 title at the venerable AMF Riviera Lanes. O'Neill came back the following week to defeat E.J. Tackett 233-232, at a thrilling, but relatively low scoring event, at the Players Championship in Columbus, Ohio. Last week the bowlers were back for another "low scoring" format at the 2020 U.S. Open in Lincoln, Nebraska. Jason Belmonte ousted Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 226-201, for the \$30,000 first prize.

Unprecedented Scoring

In at least eight of the above mentioned twelve tournaments, I can safely say that I've never seen such a high scoring outbreak in the 62-year history of the PBA. Is it because of the purchase of the professional organization by the Bowlero Corporation?

Or perhaps it's because of the new CEO of the PBA, Ms. Colie Edison, who also serves as Bowlero's Chief Customer Officer? As Margaret Thatcher once said, "If you want something said, ask a man; if you want something done, ask a woman."

Whatever the reason, there's a definite change in scoring. As a member of the Limited Distance Dressing Committee (LDD) for both the United States Bowling Congress (USBC) and the Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) back in the 1980's, we were charged with addressing the high scoring dilemma caused by improvements in equipment. While I sometimes question if what we did was right, I'm encouraged by the actions of the Bowlero Corporation and the PBA.

In our 1980 assessment, we found that we could not hold the bowler, proprietor or manufacturers at fault, because everyone wants to bowl a higher score. We attempted to solve the problem by limiting the amount and distance of dressing on the lanes. But just as with the equipment advances, proprietors discovered a way to work within our guidelines to provide a scoring condition that was sanctionable, and yet allowed for higher scoring.

I always felt that our job was done because as a bowler, there was no worse feeling than to have your score turned down by the USBC. And as a proprietor, the feeling was even worse, because you felt responsible for the bowler's anguish. I'm sure that the local association representatives felt some concern as well, although their decision could sometimes be considered subjective.

In my personal experience, I remember when I bowled my very first 800 series, an 811 at Greenbrae Lanes in Greenbrae, California (near San Rafael). The league secretary had been slow in submitting the sanction application, and the score was initially turned down for that reason. When the secretary and I both wrote letters to Mr. Al Matzelle at the American Bowling Congress explaining the situation, the score was eventually sanctioned.

After that experience I remained uneasy whenever I rolled an honor score. There were just too many variables, as well as the human subjective element that were involved. By eliminating those concerns, I feel that the LDD served a very important objective to this day. Just as an individual bowler does not want to bowl a low score, I don't believe that a viewer wants to watch a low scoring event on television. The extremely high ratings being achieved by the PBA this year on Fox Sports acknowledge that precept.

What's a Phantom Report?

Finally, you can bet that the professional bowlers do not want to roll low scores! When I first went out on the pro tour in the 1970's, there was an announcement that would sometimes be made in the locker room... "We have a phantom report." After I heard this a couple of times, I asked one of my traveling buddies, Ron Lisher, what this meant. He let me know that it was an indication that the lanes had a "hold area" and that the number was the board where the assistance was located. Now that assistance didn't always help, but it was nice to know that it was there! And it often changed, either because of carry down, humidity, surface condition, politics... or any other number of reasons. As every bowler knows, it could never be the fault of the bowler!

Tommy Jones

Colie Edison



Svensson, Troup Qualify No. 1 for Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Finals

INDIANAPOLIS – Sweden’s Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina, ran away with the No. 1 berth for Saturday’s finals in the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Royal Pin Woodland Friday but the rest of the finalists had to survive an intense final round of matches to advance.

Svensson and Troup, a pair of two-handed bowlers who won the Roth-Holman Doubles title in 2017, won 13 of their 16 Baker format matches and posted a 44-game total of 11,090 pins to lead runners-up Marshall Kent of Yakima, Washington and EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana by 582 pins.

Svensson, an eight-time PBA Tour title winner, is in position to win two titles in Indianapolis. He also won Saturday’s finals of the Go Bowling Indianapolis Open.

Rounding out the field of five teams that will compete for the doubles title are Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan with 10,393 pins; Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Arizona and Finland’s Osku Palermaa with a 10,378 total and Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas and England’s Dom Barrett at 10,350.

Bill O’Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania and Jason Belmonte of Australia missed the finals for the first time in five years as partners by four pins. Four other teams finished within 82 pins of qualifying for the television finals that will be taped to air on FS1 on Sunday, March 8, at noon.

The doubles tournament was contested on a “dual lane condition” environment in which the 42-foot Mark Roth oiling pattern was applied to the left lane and the Marshall Holman 37 pattern to the right lane.

MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP
(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 3 event) Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Friday Final Match Play Standings (after 28 individual and 16 Baker format doubles games; top five teams advance to Baker format stepladder finals Saturday at 1:30 p.m. FS1 will air the finals on Sunday, March 8, at 9 a.m.)


- 1, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C./Jesper Svensson, Sweden, 13-3, 11,080.
 - 2, Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash./EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 10-6, 10,498.
 - 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8-8, 10,393.
 - 4, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz./Osku Palermaa, Finland, 8-8, 10,378.
 - 5, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas/Dom Barrett, England, 8-7-1, 10,350.
 - 6, Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, 7-9, 10,346, \$8,500.
 - 7, Andrew Cain, Phoenix/Wesley Low Jr., Palmdale, Calif., 10-6, 10,329, \$7,500.
 - 8, Zach Wilkins, Canada/Patrick Girard, Canada, 10-5-1, 10,295, \$6,500.
 - 9, Tim Foy Jr., Seaford, Del./Patrick Hanrahan, Wichita, Kan., V8-7-1, 10,279, \$5,500.
 - 10, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Christopher Sloan, Ireland, 7-9, 10,268, \$4,600.
 - 11, Brad Miller, Lee’s Summit, Mo./Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., 8-8, 10,151, \$4,000.
 - 12, Matt McNiel, Minneapolis/Anthony Pepe, Long Island City, N.Y., 4-11-1, 10,133, \$3,600.
 - 13, Dino Castillo, Highland Village, Texas/Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 7-8-1, 10,016, \$3,500.
 - 14, Zac Tackett, Huntington, Ind./Stephen Hahn, Sterling, Va., 6-9-1, 9,866, \$3,400.
 - 15, Arturo Quintero, Mexico/Ildemaro Ruiz, Venezuela, 6-10, 9,794, \$3,300.
 - 16, Michael Davidson, Versailles, Ohio/Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5-11, 9,659, \$3,200.
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THURSDAY IS KEY DAY IN SETTING UP 2020 PBA LEAGUE DRAFT POOL

While PBA players continue to earn as many competition points as possible during this week’s Go Bowling Indianapolis Open and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship, the 2020 PBA League Draft also is looming with next Thursday being a key day in setting up this year’s league draft pool.

Players hoping to become eligible for the 2020 PBA League Draft have this week in Indy and the qualifying rounds of the PBA World Series of Bowling XI to compile points, but Thursday, March 5, is the deadline for the eight existing PBA League managers to decide which of their 2019 rostered players they want to “protect” for 2020. Each manager can retain up to three players from last season’s roster.

The players not protected will be returned to the PBAL draft pool. Assuming each team returns two players to the draft, that will mean 16 spots available to join teams this year. And thanks to the expansion of the PBA League from eight to 10 teams, another 10 players will get a chance to participate when the league’s Elias Cup competition returns to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, July 20-23.

After Thursday’s protected players are announced, the draft picture will be a lot clearer. The PBAL Draft will take place on Sunday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, the host center for PBA World Series of Bowling XI. The list of eligible players will be published on March 13. Here are the 2019 teams and rosters:

2019 PBA League Final Standings with team rosters

1. Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack

Rostered players are Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Mitch Hupé

2. L.A. X manager Andrew Cain

Rostered players are Jason Belmonte, Stuart Williams, Jakob Butturff, Dick Allen, Anthony Lavery-Spahr

3. Dallas Strikers player-manager is Norm Duke

Rostered players are Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill, Andrew Anderson, Brad Miller

4. NYC KingPins manager is Carolyn Dorin-Ballard

Rostered players are Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, BJ Moore, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang

5. Silver Lake Atom Splitters manager is Mark Baker

Rostered players are Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, DJ Archer, AJ Johnson

6. Motown Muscle manager is Del Ballard Jr.

Rostered players are EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, AJ Chapman, Mykel Holliman

7. Brooklyn Styles manager is Johnny Petraglia

Rostered players are Walter Ray Williams Jr., Sean Rash, Rhino Page, Andres Gomez, Brad Angelo

8. Philadelphia Hitmen manager is Jason Couch

Rostered players are Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Matt Sanders, Patrick Girard, x-Shawn Maldonado,

x-Jake Peters (Peters replaced Maldonado due to injury).



Indianapolis Open continued from page 1

Scores were high on the two patterns, but the \$1 million fell by the wayside after just three frames when Svensson left a seven pin.

In the semifinal, Maldonado took down Nick Pate, 246-230, after getting off to a hot start to the match.

Maldonado struck in the first frame, left and converted a 10 pin in the second, and the rattled off six consecutive strikes to build a 38-pin lead and coast to the win.

Pate actually held the lead early after starting with a spare and three consecutive strikes but he was unable to keep up with Maldonado, who converted a four pin and got count in the final frame to secure the win.

Pate advanced into the semifinal by knocking off Anthony Simonsen, 226-213, in the second match of the step-ladder.

Pate led the match before he even threw a shot after Simonsen left a 2-10 split for an open in the first frame. Pate went on to throw strikes on six of his first seven shots to build up the a 23-pin lead.

In the final frame, Pate struck on his first shot of the frame and then left a pocket 7-10 split. He knocked over the 10 pin to shut Simonsen out by a pin.

The show opened with Pate earning his first career PBA match win on television as he defeated Tom Smallwood with ease, 227-164.

Smallwood struggled, especially early in the match, as he routinely came up light and struck only one time in the first eight frames. He was still in the match late but a Big Four split in the eighth frame ended any hopes.

The PBA has this week off but the World Series of Bowling gets underway live on FloBowling on Sunday.

GO BOWLING PBA INDIANAPOLIS OPEN

(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 2 event)

Royal Pin Woodland, Indianapolis, Saturday

Final Standings

- 1, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$30,000.
- 2, Shawn Maldonado, Houston, \$15,000.
- 3, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., \$10,000.
- 4, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$8,000.
- 5, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., \$7,000.

Playoff Results:

Match One: Pate def. Smallwood, 227-164.

Match Two: Pate def. Simonsen, 226-213.

Semifinal: Maldonado def. Pate, 246-230.

Championship: Svensson def. Maldonado, 245-226.



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by Carol Mancini

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- Twenty-two men were elected to the Southern California Hall of Fame (*Bakersfield to the Mexican border*). Mark Baker, Jeep Jepson, Lamar Keck, Dick Sanders, Mel Buether, Mickey Colletti, Harry Grant, Norm Belt, Charles Bragg, J.B. Coker, Ray Hanley, Harold Hollowick, Manny Levy, Harold Lloyd, Bryant Lustig, Hank Marino, M.C. Murdock, Nat Rosenfeld, Herb Roth, Masao Satow, Harry Sherwood and Bill Schroeder.
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- Want a machine to take care of ALL the needs of your bowling ball? It (ball spinner) will polish, sand and recondition your ball. Only \$299.95! (*I hope they didn’t produce hundreds of these.*)
- Tish Johnson won her 20th pro tournament in Louisiana. Tish called Northridge, Calif. home during her touring years.
- The Ladies’ Pro Tour established its own Hall of Fame. First inductees: Donna Adamek, Patty Costello, Marion Ladewig, Betty Morris, Helen Duval and LaVerne Carter.
- New idea – BRACKETS! Brackman was put out by InteGreat Software, San Diego. Rumor: “Brackets could be manipulated.” The program was quickly rewritten. Brackets are a MUST at big tournaments.
- A writer for the Bowling News asked people in a mall who these people are. The answers: Don Johnson, actor. Barry Asher, tennis. Amleto Monacelli, singer. Joe Norris, boxing promoter. Walter Ray Williams, Jr., golfer. Norm Duke, car dealer. Steve Cook, baseball. Johnny Petraglia, ice skater. Carmen Salvino, mafia boss. Mark Roth, football star. Larry Gray, men’s clothing store. (*Don’t smile – how many pro bowlers do you know by name?*)
- Of the 28 pages on March 16, Southeast District Director Bob Allender was pictured 22 times presenting 300 rings. That was just one association in one week! 300s were as easy as buying a new ball.
- Sad week in the news. Passing away: Sheldon Hippo, Mildred Peachy and Charlene Eaton.
- 8,100 women bowled the State Tournament at **FOUNTAIN BOWL**. No male bowlers allowed. This was the first year for the “Good Looking Award;” given to the best-dressed team. Singles and doubles were rolled at **TUSTIN LANES**.
- A \$5 bargain was the cookbook for sale as a fundraiser by the Southeast District YBA. Dodee Kunz was the “hawker,” selling over 300 copies herself.
- Mickey Colletti, JAT patriarch, retired. Mary Smith took over (*Robert Smith’s mother?*) THE JAT GOES ON!!!
- The pride of California – Elaine Hagin – was WIBC First Vice President. Virginia Norton (Hall of Famer) was a Brunswick staffer. They were at the Reno National Stadium grand opening. (*I was there too. It was snowy and COLD! All the trees in Reno were frozen white. What a sight for this So. Cal gal.*)
- Nine pictures (March 20) revealed winners of the 11-in-a-row award.
- A dynamic tour duo. When Billy Myers, Jr. went out on tour, dad went along. Dad was a great coach! One of the old breeds that greeted old friends. His main job was to get “Jr. to the lanes on time.” Senior’s time as GM at **LA PUENTE LANES** was legend. Whoever met him has a story. (*Thanks, Billy, for sharing dad with us, and congrats on your 3rd place TV finals.*)
- **SOUTHWEST BOWL** ran a “High Roller Win-a-Spot” for women only!
- Barbara Crandall rolled a 300 at **CANOGA PARK BOWL**.
- **HOLIDAY BOWL** ran a “High Roller Win-a-Spot” for Senior Men!
- Donna Adamek was elected to the Pro Bowlers’ Hall of Fame. Local gal made good!
- Max Gardens and Ken Sprouls were two legends who passed away in April, 1995. Two of the 30s, 40s and 50s’ greatest. Both had bowled more than 60 years.
- Randy Pederson (local kid) joined the broadcast team on ESPN. He was on Brunswick staff at the time and had been on tour for 15 years. They used his high school picture with the story!
- The record for the number of teams tied for first place at the end of a league was five. The league bowled in Pasadena in 1953-54. Editors note: Rumor was that the bowling center had “NUDE BOWLING” on special occasions!
- The PWSBT pay line at HEMET BOWL included Barry Gurney, Lee Taylor, Bob Knipple, Ron Winger, Doug Johnson, Vaughn Doody, Jim Thurmond, Jim Burke, Terry Fowler, Art Goddard. Story swapping with these guys must have been a blast!
- Mark Roth won his 34th PBA title. His thumb looked like a chunk of baloney.
- After 35 years, **CONEJO VILLAGE BOWL** closed.
- Gary Thompson of Walnut Creek was the first to record two 300s, one lefthanded and one righthanded.
- Actor Bruce Willis celebrated his 40th birthday in a bowling center! Wife, Demi Moore, rented the 12 lanes. Guests included Woody Harrelson, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Maria Shriver and Christian Slater.
- Bach’s Bowling Supply – in service for 36 years, sold everyone on the idea of the “oval thumb.” Still true today??
- George Wadleigh of Jersey City was given credit for the first 300 in America in 1890.
- According to a Bowling Proprietor survey, the most popular leagues in 1995 were Vegas, Hawaii, Cruise and Scratch. What was your favorite?
- E.G. Mock won the PWSBT Super Senior event at **BOWLIUM**. Donnie Crandall won the regular event. Kevin Gannon banked the second-place pesos.
- WANT AD – “Don’t throw away your old bowling shirts. I’ll pay cash.” Does anyone remember what Greg did with the shirts?
- Roger Taylor transferred his GM title from **KEYSTONE LANES** to **PICKWICK BOWL**.
- Don Carter (the Pro Bowler) added the 65-lane **SUNRISE LANES** to his Florida chain. 65 lanes??? Every picture of his delivery at the foul line looked exactly alike.
- The LPBT offered a “9 Pin No-Tap Pro Am.” Separate “ams” for adults, seniors and youth at **ROCKET BOWL**. Adult winners could win free rooms at **SAM’S TOWN**.

Ending Part II is different. Just like the “3-for-1 League” at **JEWEL CITY BOWL**. Rules that were printed:

“With 16 teams there will be 16 different team lineups each week. Each week a list is made of all individual series in order from highest to lowest. The following week, the 16 bowlers who rolled the highest series became the anchor bowlers for each of the 16 teams, in order from 1 to 16. The next 16 highest became the number 2 bowlers in each lineup and so on until the lowest 16 for the previous week became the leadoffs.”

Team 1 will always bowl on Lane 1. But very seldom have the same lineup.

Under this format, the singles competition pits the individuals who bowled best against each other, and across the league, matches up bowlers who had relatively the same series totals. At the same time the ever-changing team lineups maintain very close, competitive balance all season.

Eight-point system each night. One point each singles match win. One point each singles series total. One point each team game. One point each team series.

Now, I ask you, did they have auto scoring? Would today’s auto scoring tabulate correctly? Would we need real scorekeepers with pencils?

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Gre	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Tot + hdcp
Ron	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	289
Tom	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	290
Tom	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	289
Mar	30	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	289
Player	Charlie Hale										
Team	Shelter Insurance										
Diff.	216	TOT. Pin fall	1457	TOT. Hdcp	11	TOT. Bonus	16.58	0	TOT. Points	1468	

IN STRIKE MODE – ST. LOUIS TEAM BREAKS HIGH GAME WORLD RECORD

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

St. Louis, MO – Did you catch the post that bolted across Facebook on Friday evening, February 28, about the five-man team from St. Louis posting a game that was just three strikes short of a 1,500?!? Incredibly, this senior team rolled a 1,457 for their first game of the night competing in the Tri-Challenge league at Concord Bowl in St. Louis, MO. The previous record was 1,434 and was also bowled in the St. Louis area by the team Buckets on Deck in November 2011.

The team, Shelter Insurance--Tom Grimm (52), Mark Hood (58), Ron Testa (60), Tom Shucart (61) and Gregg Getzlow (62) --have been bowling in this big-time money league for three seasons now and have known and bowled against each other locally for decades. Hood & Getzlow have each won a Regional title and all of them have bowled and cashed in Regionals. This season, Hood & Grimm bowl two leagues a week, while the other three only bowl this league and sub. This team bowls tournaments when they can.

Coming into the league this past Friday night, here’s what averages each teammate had: Grimm (229); Hood (235); Testa (219); Shucart (227) and Getzlow (228). Mark Hood, who had been struggling the last month or so with the first game of the night decided he would drill up the brand-new Hammer Fugitive and give it a try which proved to be a BIG move! Added, Hood, “We all drill new equipment at times trying to keep up with the young guys and at least for one night we did!” Picture this—they all struck through the fifth frame (so much for a beer frame!). The first non-strike was bowled by Grimm (third in the lineup), who stuck a 10-pin in the sixth frame, which, of course he picked up. The strikes returned through the seventh, eighth and ninth frames and the team posted the following games: Getzlow (289); Testa (300); Grimm (279); Shucart (300); and Hood, the lone lefty (289)! That’s 55 strikes for the 58 opportunities. Remarkable!

Mark Hood said, “It was mentally tough! We got done and you were drained,” said about achieving this feat. Concord Bowl sponsors this Tri-Challenge league which bowls three nights (Tues., Wed. & Fri.), and it is a handicap, big-money league, so obviously it’s competitive and teams strive to make the play-offs. Shelter Insurance has made the play-offs the last two years; however, they have never won the league. Their goal this season is to win one of the halves of the split season.

As for whether they knew what they were achieving, “We did not know until after we were done. Thankfully!! We, of course, knew we were doing something special and I think we all knew we had to be close but like in most sport endeavors, we did not mention it to each other until we were done. It was very special because we all had grew up bowling with and against each other and have been friends through bowling for many years. I don’t think any of us knew how similar we were in our extreme competitive nature until we started bowling together. We found we love bowling together because of this and our competitiveness as a unit, I believe, culminated in setting this word record score. We were all bowling for each other not wanting to let each other down and that is what I believe made us have the ability to all throw good shots when it counted,” said Hood.

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Go onto www.leaguesecretary.com and download your league sheets every week before coming bowling.

Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr: 693 Bobby Maleskey, 667 Garran Hein, 659 Kelly Manuel, 573 Leona Ruiz, 231 Karie Dawood, 200 Bonnie Valladares and Team: 2891 F.O.B.

Club 55: Hdcp: 678 Frank Franklin, 665 Nearney David, 659 Delores Lyle, 634 Tami Miller, 240 Anita Salvador, 225 Denise Woods, 257 Ken Ngow, 243 Bert Deleon and Team: 1912 Cool Cats.

Laughlin Nites: Scr: 610 Jim Chastain, 534 Duane Smith, 465 Jackie Sanchez, 452 Virgie Sena, 168 Lynn Williams, 154 Stephanie Dean, 213 Mike Sambas, 210 Rick Freese and Team: 1941 Team 3.

Crazy 4 Vegas: Scr: 694 Lance Clifford, 471 Jullie Stricker, 186 Linda Leahey, 235 Jim Lowe and Team: 1971 Hang Ten.
Chamber & Friends: Scr: 656 Peter Ruiz, 605 Chris Gilbert, 582 Clara Lotton, 467 Pat Mitas, 222 Brian Behounek, 221 Steve Dolphin, 190 JoAnne Clark, 170 Deana Bass and Team: 2265 Huggers.

Young @ Heart: Hdcp: 663 Mike Ingram, 649 Jim Harrison, 646 Linda Amparan, 638 Christine Choi, 262 Rhina McCall, 243 Sandy Fine, 259 Rafael Ayala, 251 Tom Barron and Team 1947 Smoke a Bowl.

Pinheads: Scr: 459 Debi Moore, 424 Christina Herrera, 518 Ace Chelsea, 504 Alfonso Salcido, 206 Rick Lotz, 191 Richard Lotz, 161 Brianna Jauregui, 148 Sara Ponce and Team: 1892 Ballers.

Let it Ride: Scr: 573 Desmond Warren, 572 Randal Kvenbo, 549 Jennifer Chai, 463 Mary Wood, 195 Linda Tippings, 190 Margie Acevedo, 211 Diyego Chavez, 204 Larry Lindsley and Team 2174 Silvovitz.

Happy Stokers: Scr: 339 Raye Washington, 269 Gloria Hess, 189 Warren Dean, 146 Mary Cellian and Team 992 Team 4.

Fil-Am Keglars: Scr: 727 David Jones, 726 Jeff Vanheil, 623 Wendy Kwan, 578 Eleanor Carandang, 247 Vanessa Huertas, 225 Rowie Jucal, 277 Ian Benevidez, 268 Jem DeJesus and Team 2881 Bags of \$and.

TBYBP Pin Heads: Scr: 341 Ariana Chavez , 400 Kyle

Yonezawa, 131 Jacob Oliva and Team 741 Mario Dancer.
TBYBP Rug Rats: Scr: 151 Nathan Dorn, 96 Bailey Phipps, 20 Micah Jordan and Team: 151 Bam Bam.
TBYBP Pin Pals: Scr: 414 Caden Sham, 257 Harlequin Murga, 119 Ethan Ruiz and Team: 745 Blasters.
TBYBP Jr/Adult Strike Force: Scr: 499 Jai Kankariya, 299 Jazzy Ruiz, 189 Nicholas Dorn, 139 Camille Jackson, Adult: 710 Will Kolbow, 234 Jennifer Dorn and Team: 1511 Life Bowlers.

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by Ed Saleh

LA HABRA – Weekly High Scores. Check out our weekly Sr. No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am. The next Beast's Eliminator Tournament is Sunday, March 15th at 10:00 am..
SUNDAY – Vegas Rollers: Joseph Gamboa 245/696, Andre Ontiveros 243/627, Paul Wadley 224. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Albert Valdez 258, Leo Moreno 235/641, Juan Arevalo 224, Erin LaBrada 239/659, Ashley Johnson 204.

MONDAY – Lake Parkers: Larry McCurry 247/636, Al Scudellari 235, Bob Simon 212. **Golden Awards:** Ray Dangerfield 257, Rick Moffat 249/633, Bob Ward 246, Carl Brooks 614, Carolyn Dean 204, Sharon Honn 202. **Whittier Elks:** Jason Amaro 205, Winston Kaya 202, Marcia Buettner 206, Lea Lippincott 205. **Gamblers Fun:** Andy Jeske 259/687, Ray Lozano 257/670, Bill Kessler 245/670. **TUESDAY – Glenbrook Gals:** Penny Bird 201. **Friendly Seniors:** Andy Bott 238, Jay Knight 212. **Pedagogues:** Bob Ward 212. **Ageless Wonders:** Mike Chapman 236, David Warren 222, Vince Ferracioli 214. **Guys & Dolls:** Jeff Black 234/631, Greg Garcia 226/635, Bill Moore 220, Denise Chavez 234, Tee Delgado 231.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Rick Moffat 264/678, Larry Green 225/606, Fred Reinecke 223. **American National Can:** Brian Parker 256, Mike Thompson 256/721, Greg Yeager 245/631, Rick Scialla 665.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Ann Rubin 217, Bridgette Pinsky 207. **Sunset Rollers:** Gabriel Romo 207, Bret Lavold 200. **All Schools:** Larry Bell 201, Belinda Crowder 224. **Frank's Gold Cup:** Richard Tucker 290, Brandon Kraye 279, Joe Wilhite 258, Roger Ferris, Scott Kraye 724, Kirk Keith 714, Dave Rough 712, Laura Solorio 224, Jordan Kraye 217/638, Tee Delgado 215.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Alvin Camba 260/670, Steve Koontz 254, Leo Moreno 249/685, Joe Jimenez 693, Jordan Kraye 231/627, Laura Solorio 223, Stacie Davis 222/643, Carie Morgan 609.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

WILL JUNE Reports on The Wednesday Co-Ed Singles League

by Frank Weiler

MORENO VALLEY – Another great bowling idea emerges from Bowlero Moreno Valley Bowl. Will June reports that on Wednesday evenings the “House in The Valley” hosts a Co-Ed singles league. It's the first Co-Ed singles league I have ever heard of.

Singles leagues are rare today and Co-Ed singles leagues are unheard of. What a great concept, women versus men, head-to-head, bring it on.

The league features three games of Match Play each week with points awarded for each game won and for the series won. It is a handicap League which allows bowlers averaging from 81 to 223 to compete against each other.

So far the women are doing quite well, holding their own against the guys. There are 47 bowlers in the league, 17 women and 30 men.

So far, the TOP women are:

			Wins	Average
1.	2nd Place	Tiffany Edwards	42	191
2.	7th Place	Collette Brinkman	38	138
3.	14th Place	Christin Doolen	35	190
4.	20th Place	Rachel Knight	33	130
5.	28th Place	Lindsey Aguon	31	128

The TOP scores by the women so far:

High Games:	279	Tiffany Edwards
	243	Christin Doolen
	235	Jaclyn Kenaston
High Series:	653	Tiffany Edwards
	652	Christin Doolen
	635	Melinda Neal

Oh, by the way, there are **MEN** in the league, and they are led by Jason Stanley who sits in first place with 42.5 wins. Jesse Correa leads the guys with a 223 average.



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Cal Bowl - Lakewood

4/5 - USBC Nationals Chal.
Del Rio Lanes - Downey

4/26 - PBA Challenge #4
Bowluim - Montclair

5/24- Memorial Day Event
Parkway Bowl, El Cajon

6/7- Closing Day
Saddleback Lanes
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 8
PBA Challenge #3
Harley's Valley - Simi Valley

Sunday, March 29th
Adult/Member Doubles #3
Three Divisions:
345 and under handicap
346-400 handicap
400+ Scratch
Scratch sidepots and brackets
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Sunday, April 5
USBC Open Challenge
Del Rio Lanes - Downey

All events: Check in at 8:30 a.m.
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2/23 JAT Open Division
Champion Josh Karnes
2nd - Brandon Howard



2/23 Preps Division
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Ethan Chambers, 3rd - AC Domantay



2/23 JAT Farm Club
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In those two years he bowled six games, three in Seattle, and three more in the Brunswick International at Del Rio Lanes, while visiting.

In April 2017 he decided to come back to the game as a coach.

Struckman returned to La Habra “300” Bowl, where he volunteered to help the youth program once more.

He was so invested in his job with Enterprise that he felt that he would never bowl again. Always willing to help others, Struckman offered all his equipment to Jones. But Kevin wasn’t having it, telling Struckman that he couldn’t quit the game he loved.

So, he kept bowling.

One night while speaking with his wife Kristie, she said something that stood out to him and helped another door to open, “You’re always going bowling with the guys (Booker and Jones),” and a business name stuck, “The Bowling Guys,” the name of Struckman’s coaching business.

La Habra 300 sponsored Struckman as he earned silver-level certification with the United States Bowling Congress.

Once a week he would hold a Bowling Guys Sport Shot Practice Night, where for \$10 bowlers played for two hours, with instruction included on various different patterns.

As this was going on, both Del Rio Lanes and the Professional Approach pro shop was watching Struckman’s progress, and six months after Bowling Guys had gotten off the ground, Struckman was offered a position as the general manager of the Professional Approach’s three pro shops (located inside Del Rio Lanes, Keystone Lanes and Cal Bowl), in addition to marketing and promotions. He would run the pro shops while coaching in two others (Forest Lanes and Saddleback Lanes).

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Despite the new beginning, Struckman always knew how much he owed to La Habra 300.

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bowled there for a year before moving on to La Habra “300” Bowl, a place that he owes so much of his success to.

“La Habra 300 was a huge part of my success,” he said, “I owe many thanks to everybody over there, and especially to Dexter Harrod, Ed Saleh, Scott Kraye and Glenn Allison”.

There wasn’t much Struckman didn’t do at La Habra 300. He worked the front desk, was customer service and even spent some time as assistant manager on the weekends.

In 2009 he became a level 1 youth coach, helping to shape the future of La Habra 300’s bowlers. This was a venture that would open another door even though Struckman didn’t know it at the time. He capped off this year by being named La Habra 300’s Bowler of the Year.

“I became passionate about the game and the culture of the center (La Habra 300), and I wanted to be part of it, and I vowed to become a better bowler and person around the center,” Struckman said.

That passion led Struckman to bowl Nationals with former PBA bowler and Hall of Famer Glenn Allison, who also known as Mr. 900 (if you don’t already know, it was at La Habra 300 that in 1982 Allison shot the first-ever 900 series, a controversial one that was never sanctioned) and former PBA bowler Scott Kraye. It also led him to bowl in many Junior Amateur Tour events, where he met two of his best friends DeeRonn Booker and Kevin Jones. He would bowl in JAT events until he and his friends aged out in 2012.

Six months before Nationals, Struckman injured his thumb squeezing the ball too much, and was forced to either rethink his approach quickly or not bowl. The second option was not a serious thought, and another door opened for Struckman: two-handed bowling.

It was a huge difference for him. His 217 average suddenly dipped to 170. He wound up bowling decently at Nationals.

When his thumb healed, he decided to stay with his new approach, and worked hard at it. “It’s a lot harder than it looks,” he said, “It (two-handed bowling) takes a lot of practice, dedication and commitment,” he said.

His motivation to continue with it were his favorite PBA bowler Jason Belmonte, and local standout Wesley Low Jr. He figured he would give himself an opportunity to try it.

Hard work wasn’t just put forth on the lanes though, he did so in the classroom too. Originally, as a Fullerton student he wanted to become a teacher in physical education. He graduated in 2009 from Fullerton High School before getting an associate degree in social behavior from Fullerton City College. However, that changed in the university, where he obtained a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing and certificate in professional sales in 2015 from California State University, Fullerton.

Two of his favorite things met each other when Struckman became a marketing intern for Belmonte’s International Art of Bowling, where he helped Belmonte and Diandra Asbaty with the brand’s website and social media content. His duties included Skyping with the bowlers, helping them to plan blog posts and to give tips to bowlers.

As he was ready to graduate from school, his internship also wrapped up, and Struckman made a decision to move from Fullerton to Seattle to pursue a career as a sales manager with JCPenney. It didn’t last long. He wound up back in Orange County, where he worked with Enterprise Rent-a-Car in its Management Trainee Program, helping customers in the Anaheim-Disney district and John Wayne airport.

In those two years he bowled six games, three in Seattle, and three more in the Brunswick Invitational at Del Rio Lanes, while visiting.

In April 2017 he decided to come back to the game as a coach.

Struckman returned to La Habra “300” Bowl, where he volunteered to help the youth program once more.

He was so invested in his job with Enterprise that he felt that he would never bowl again. Always willing to help others, Struckman offered all his equipment to Jones. But Kevin wasn’t having it, telling Struckman that he couldn’t quit the game he loved.

So, he kept bowling.

One night while speaking with his wife Kristie, she said something that stood out to him and helped another door to open, “You’re always going bowling with the guys (Booker and Jones),” and a business name stuck, “The Bowling Guys,” the name of Struckman’s coaching business.

La Habra 300 sponsored Struckman as he earned silver-level certification with the United States Bowling Congress.

Once a week he would hold a Bowling Guys Sport Shot Practice Night, where for \$10 bowlers played for two hours, with instruction included on various different patterns.

As this was going on, both Del Rio Lanes and the Professional Approach pro shop was watching Struckman’s progress, and six months after Bowling Guys had gotten off the ground, Struckman was offered a position as the general manager of the Professional Approach’s three pro shops (located inside Del Rio Lanes, Keystone Lanes and Cal Bowl), in addition to marketing and promotions. He would run the pro shops while coaching in two others (Forest Lanes and Saddleback Lanes).

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He bowls amateur events once a month and is working toward bowling on the PBA Regional Tour. In 2018 he attended trade shows for Master Industries, Storm and Roto Grip.

His coaching program is known as “Bowl Better,” a catchphrase he lives by on a daily basis. It’s about bowling better and taking that bowler and their fundamentals to the next level. Rather than change them and doing “cookie cutter” work, take their strengths and make them stronger.

Some students who have learned from him hail from Mexico, Saudi Arabia and South Korea. Out-of-state students include some from Colorado, Hawaii and Nevada.

“John is very knowledgeable about bowling,” Donna Siemann, a bowler at Del Rio Lanes said, “I like his coaching style with our grandson David and look forward to his next lesson.”

His students can always call or even text him for advice on what they should do while bowling. He is ready to help bowlers of all skill levels.

“As a 200-plus average house shot bowler, I am below 190 on sport-shot patterns,” Clinton Meche, a bowler at Keystone Lanes said, “before throwing my first ball, John and I talked about what I was looking to improve on. He immediately diagnosed my balance and ball release issue. A lot of lessons consisted of “classroom” work and understanding the game. I look forward to more sessions with John as I prepare for the Brunswick Invitational next season,” he said.

The support he has gotten from family, friends and employees of all bowling centers is tremendous.

He is currently bowling in the Brunswick Invitational at Del Rio Lanes, sponsoring his own team with Bowling Guys. His practice regimen is three days per week consisting of about 20 games, keeping him sharp for competition and to one day bowl in the PBA Regional Tour.

One thing Struckman has noticed about bowling is that some people see it as a game, while others appreciate it for the science that it is. He feels it should be appreciated for all sides of it, but also the love of the game.

“Everybody should bowl to have fun and to knock over the pins the best way they can,” Struckman said.

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MULTIPLE TEAMS SWEEP THEIR WAY UP BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL STANDINGS IN WEEK 3 OF ROUND 4

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNNEY — Lots of sweeps this week as we are just about halfway home in Round 4. Are there any pretenders left hanging around in the field? After Week 3 there may not be. A few teams made their statements heard.

In the “A” matchup this week is **Forest Lanes**, which is the top of five teams with eight points, and also the Wildcard leader by seven points over Tito’s Vodka. Their opponent is **US Foods**, which has 71 points for the season.

Another week, another new bowler for Forest Lanes. Out is Sam Hitchcock (following Bobby Hormacek) and in is Brian Jones. Welcome to the league and the “A” match, Brian.

The going was rough for Forest Lanes in the first game, as it was all US Foods in a 64-pin win. Game 2 was close, and a 209 game by Jon Diso helped Forest Lanes get on the scoreboard with a 19-pin win. Finally, Game 3 saw Forest Lanes rise as a team, pulling out a 74-pin win and totals for four points and a leap to 12 points on the round. Stephanie Zavala was cool and consistent all night, shooting a 608 to lead Forest Lanes. Gabriel Martinez led US Foods to their ninth point behind his 588 series.

Captain Morgan and **3 Olives Vodka** were the “B” match of the evening; both teams a way back of the Wildcard lead, and both with hopes of climbing atop the pack in Round 4. The advantage tonight went to Captain Morgan in a clean sweep. Game 2 saw Captain Morgan shoot 857. Ramiro Garcia led the way for Captain Morgan, which goes to 13 points for the round; he shot a 610. Eric Snow was high bowler for 3 Olives Vodka, shooting a 532. 3 Olives Vodka remains at eight points for the round.

In the battle of Vodka vs. Tequila, a rematch of the “A” match for the Round 3 crown, it was **Don Julio Tequila** with a sweep, pouncing **Tito’s Vodka** behind sub Chris Hefner’s 611 series. Memo Rosales was leader for Tito’s Vodka with a 563 series.

DV8 is all locked up with its Round 1 win, but at six points squared off with **Kingpin Pro Shop**. The round winners flexed their muscles in this one, sweeping their way past Kingpin Pro Shop and jumping up to 11 points for the round. Jonathan Huff was impressive, shooting a 686 to lead the way for DV8. It was Mike Villarreal’s 594 that led the way for Kingpin Pro Shop, which stays at six points.

A nice 246 game by sub Armando Zavala, Sr. helped **Century 21-PEAK** eek out one win to go to seven points against **Bowling Guys**, which came out shooting fire. Bowling Guys was led by Antonio Palangio’s 674 series. Bowling Guys goes to 10 points for the round. Century 21-PEAK was led by fellow sub Ray Minter’s 605 series.

The battle of **Junior Amateur Tour** and **Buddy’s Bowling Supply** went **Del Rio Lanes 7502 Florence Ave., Downey CA 90240 • (562) 927-3351**

to Junior Amateur Tour. What a match. A 101-pin Game 1 win by Buddy’s Bowling Supply typically paralyzes teams. Not Junior Amateur Tour. Wins of 68 pins and 70 pins helped Junior Amateur Tour get four points and go to nine for the season. Anthony Santos led the way with a 717 for Junior Amateur Tour. Bobby Campagnale shot 628 for Buddy’s Bowling Supply, which goes to six points for the round.

Saddleback Lanes swept its way past **Bowlum** in a matchup of the top bottom teams with five points apiece. Each game was close in this one — Saddleback Lanes pulled out wins of 19 pins, 40 and 41 pins. Leading the way for Saddleback Lanes was John Vallin with his 594. Butch Jackson was the lead bowler for Bowlum with a 608.

Two bowlers were absent for **Professional Approach**, but it made no difference as two-win **Cal Bowl** smashed its way to a sweep of the three-win Professional Approach. Leonard Ruiz Jr. led the way for Cal Bowl with a 592. Cal Bowl goes to seven points for the round. Sub Justin Garza was high man for Professional Approach with a 473.

Keystone Lanes got out in front in the first game against **Team Hu\$tle**, squeaking out its third point of the round by 24 pins. But the rest was all Team Hu\$tle, which rolled its way to four points, jumping to six for the round. Jello Gray led the way for Team Hu\$tle with a 548. Bill Heffern was the leader for Keystone Lanes with a 535.

Your final match of the evening saw **Rednil Insurance Brokers** forfeit this match, which meant **Threadworks** would match up against the team above it in the standings for the round, **Keystone Lanes**. It was an easy sweep for Threadworks, which jumps up to six points for the round. Threadworks was led by Arnold Cheesman’s 556.

Sidepot winners for the night included Kevin Jones (265) for \$49 and Brandon Golden (236) for \$20 in the upper division for Game 1. Anthony Santos shot a 289 to win \$33 in the lower division.

Kevin Jones took Game 2 as well, shooting a 214 for another \$49 in the upper division. Ramsey Basurto shot 209 for \$20 and second place. Bobby Campagnale’s 224 helped him earn \$33 in the lower division.

The third game saw Jon Huff shoot 265 and earn \$122. Mikey Villarreal and Vernon Adams each shot 224 for \$20 apiece. Anthony Santos was a \$54 winner, shooting a 213.

Ramiro Garcia is \$190 richer for shooting a 248, winning the weekly Financial Advisors Pot. Kevin Valmonte was the runner up, shooting a 234. He gets \$90.

The excitement of the Brunswick Invitational is so much better in person. Don’t believe us? Come see for yourself! Bowling starts at 8 p.m.

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 4

Captain Morgan	13	Bowling Guys	9
Don Julio Tequila \$\$\$. .	12	U.S. Foods	9
Forest Lanes	12	Junior Amateur Tour . .	9
DV8 \$	11	Tito's Vodka	9
Saddleback Lanes	10	3 Olives Vodka	8

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Anthony Santos	717	Bryan Osborne	615
Jon Huff	686	Ramiro Garcia	610
Antonio Palangio	674	Butch Jackson	608
Kevin Jones	633	Stephanie Zavala	608
Bobby Campagnale . . .	628	Brandon Golden	600

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