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STEPHANIE ZAVALA GOES GLOBAL SIGNS WORLD BOWLING CONTRACT

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY – On March 28, Stephanie Zavala of Downey, Calif. signed a World Staff Member contract with Global Manufacturing, LLC, which allows her to professionally throw equipment manufactured by 900 Global, 3G and AMF bowling.

Zavala, 23, is a familiar face around the Southern Los Angeles County USBC region, bowling multiple leagues at Del Rio Lanes, Keystone Lanes and Cal Bowl, and also drilling for The Professional Approach pro shops located at the three centers.

Her resume is quite impressive. She is an alumna of Sam Houston State University's (Huntsville, Texas) bowling team, where she competed from 2015-18, finishing with multiple all-tournament selections over the collegiate career. Her team was national semifinalists in 2015, 2017 and 2018. In 2017 she earned a spot-on bowling junior and adult Team USA bowling squads at the 2017 USBC Team USA Trials. After placing second place in qualifying with a 218 average for 30

games across five days, she would narrowly fall to Julia Bond in the women's amateur finals.

She returned to California and kept adding on to her list of feats and accomplishments, throwing seven perfect games and three 800 series. Perhaps the icing on the cake was when she shot an **859 series on July 7, 2019** during the Mexican-American Bowlers Association league at Del Rio Lanes in Downey, posting games of 279, 300, 280, a new house record; but most importantly, the high set of 2019 by any female bowler in the USBC.

Zavala is one of eight bowlers from California to bowl in the PWBA tour when it resumes (as of publication of this article, there has been no indication as to when the tour plans on competing). But the interesting thing is that she joins just Tish Johnson and Missy Bellinder (now Parkin) as bowlers known to hail from Southern California. The former from Northridge, and the latter from Fullerton (now Laguna Hills).

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BPAA Cancels Bowl Expo Amid Pandemic

by Lucas Wiseman



To Our Bowling Community:

The COVID-19 pandemic has created a truly unprecedented situation around the world. The pandemic has affected our industry drastically over the last few weeks. As we navigate these difficult times, we want you to know that our community is important to us - you are important to us.

Bowl Expo 2020 will not take place. BPAA will continue to focus on helping our members through this time. Please click here --> <https://bpaa.com/cv19> to see the various resources that BPAA is providing to help our members through this difficult situation.

Once again, we are grateful for each and every member of our Bowl Expo community. Your passion and our passion will make #bowlingstrong and drive us into the future.

Bowl Expo 2021 will be in Louisville, Kentucky on June 20-24 and it will be off the charts! Please save the date, and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you have already registered for Bowl Expo, you will be refunded.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me, Frank DeSocio, Executive Director, at 817-385-8447, or Justin Moore, Director of Meetings and Events, at 817-385-8449. Thank you for your support and stay safe!

Sincerely, Frank DeSocio Executive Director, BPAA

Battle Of The GOATs Event Postponed Due To Coronavirus Concerns

by Lucas Wiseman

The highly anticipated Battle of the GOATs event scheduled for May has been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The matchup of three of the sport's greatest players – Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber and Norm Duke – will be held at a date to be determined.

In a statement to Flo-Bowling, event organizer Blanchard Granville said:

"The main reason for postponing the Battle of the GOATs is that the N.C. governor, Roy Cooper, put out an order to close, among several other businesses, all bowling centers from today until May 15 – with the possibility of change.

"I spoke with Billy De



Walter Ray Williams Jr. - Norm Duke - Pete Weber

Cicco, proprietor of Sandhills Bowling Center, and he did not want to take a chance with keeping the date. Even if the governor changed the order by May

7, it may very well be that no spectators would be allowed. Ticket sales were scheduled to start next week and a decision had to be made before printing"

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Here's Another Reminder About Bowling Etiquette

by Fred Eisenhammer

When will bowlers learn?

One can never remind players enough about bowling etiquette. This may be an appropriate time for that reminder because bowlers are generally on hiatus and might have the time to brush up on manners.

Remember, you're not bowling in a vacuum. There are bowlers all around you. If you forget everything else, just remember this: Be considerate.

So, do you have a pet peeve about etiquette and courtesy when you bowl?

I have one.

When I release the ball at the foul line, oftentimes a bowler on an adjoining lane will thunder to my side and rifle his or her ball while I'm still tracking my shot and anticipating my upcoming pin action (or lack thereof).

It's easy to get startled by such an ill-mannered bowler . . . and annoyed. Why can't that bowler just wait a few seconds and allow me to watch my electrifying shot (thinking positively) before I triumphantly return to my seat?

The fact is that rudeness often prevails in a bowling house. It's rarely intentional, but it can produce a heart-stopping – and irritating – moment or two.

On the same topic, *perfectbowling.com*, a nifty website that provides bowling tips, advice and other interesting data, came up with its list of nine bowling rules for etiquette and courtesy.

So here goes – the etiquette rules from *perfectbowling.com*:

- 1 – The first rule in bowling is to never bother another bowler while they are in the process of bowling.
- 2 – Bowlers on the right-hand lane have the right-of-way to bowl first.
- 3 – Never pick up your ball from the return rack while another bowler is preparing to bowl and is in his/her starting position.

Fred Eisenhammer: Also, don't start cleaning your ball while climbing onto a lane next to another bowler who is getting ready to bowl. It can be extremely distracting. In other words, don't be so eager to take your shot. The pins will still be standing!

- 4 – Refrain from using obscenities or vulgar gestures.
- 5 – After your shot, let others bowl.

Fred Eisenhammer: In other words, don't linger on the lane after your shot.

- 6 – Wear proper shoes.
- 7 – Keep food and other refreshments off the approach.
- 8 – Remember, there are others waiting to bowl.

Fred Eisenhammer: In other words, don't wander off aimlessly . . . or socialize too long when your turn is about to arrive.

- 9 – Above all else, have fun.

I'll add Rule No. 10 to the list:


- 10 – Let the bowler next to you complete his or her turn and walk back to his or her seat before you start your approach.

Of course, it's inevitable that some bowlers will slip up from time to time, so it's important not to get flustered if someone violates one of these rules.

No slamming your bowling ball on the lane in disgust. Distractions happen – even when pros are bowling.

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Bowling Bummer: 'On a Scale of 1 to 10, It's Been an 11,' Says Greg Kolski

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – “Frustrating.” It was the first word Greg Kolski used to describe his feelings about missing four weeks (so far) from his league bowling season because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For Kolski, an absolutely dedicated bowler, the sting of missing time has been greater on him compared to other bowlers because he takes part in *three* leagues – two at Winnetka Bowl and one at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana.

“Not bowling is like a vacation,” said Kolski, adding quickly that it’s definitely a vacation that he didn’t want.

Kolski was contacted for this story to provide an example of how bowlers are handling the loss of their favorite activity because of the rapidly escalating coronavirus outbreak. Winnetka Bowl, like many other California bowling centers, closed temporarily about the second week of March and it’s uncertain when it will reopen.

Kolski minces no words about his loss. “On a scale of 1 to 10, it’s been an 11,” Kolski said with a laugh.

Kolski, a 36-year-old resident from Canoga Park, is actually faring quite well. He says he’s “anxious to get back,” but denies that he’s going stir-crazy. He fills in the time gap with increased use of his TV, PlayStation 4 and Internet.

“I’m occupying my time. I’m not completely nuts,” said Kolski, who engages in frequent phone conversations with friends and family while following his social distancing practices. “I talk a lot of bowling,” he admits.

It can be said that other athletes are not quite as fortunate as Kolski. Some athletes have been downright despondent about the loss of their activities. For instance, pro tennis star Roger Federer tweeted he was “devastated” about the cancellation of Wimbledon. “There is no GIF for these things that I’m feeling,” he added.

Like Federer, Kolski is a shining light in his sport. Kolski has been bowling for 12 years and is averaging about 200 in each of his leagues. A popular figure among his cohorts, Kolski has rolled a high of 289 along with seven 279s and has blasted a 761 series.

Kolski first made a name for himself a little more than seven years ago when he performed a herculean task of bowling 100 practice games in one day at AMF Woodlake Lanes, now called Bowlero Woodland Hills.

That day, the right-handed Kolski took over Lane 30 and didn’t give it up until he worked on his game for 13 hours, 10 minutes. Not once did he take a break to eat. At the time, he was averaging 163 so he’s padded his average by almost 40 pins since then.

Kolski knows what it’s like to be on an extended layoff from the game. He missed five weeks of action about three years ago when he suffered a freak bowling injury and suffered a fracture to his right ring finger.

How much did that lost time affect his game? Not much apparently. Fresh off that layoff, Kolski fired three games close to 200 upon his return.

So now Kolski is eagerly awaiting the signal that league season is resuming. “I’ll be very ecstatic,” he said.

He’s been chasing his first 300 for several years, one of his early goals. He’s been close so often and he was asked what it would feel like if he reached that milestone the first week he returns to the game.

“That would be a great story,” he said. “I’d love it.”



Ace bowler Greg Kolski is not going stir-crazy without bowling, but he does miss it greatly. He is eagerly awaiting word that the league season is resuming. “I’ll be very ecstatic,” he said. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer



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by A.A.Turtle

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GARZA SEZ: VIDEO GAMES WILL MAKE YOU A BETTER BOWLER

by Jonathan Garza

Video games are taking over the world by the day, and thanks to the heinous coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, they are also playing heroes to not only our time spent during the day, but also our muscle memory.

Games such as Wii Bowling (a part of the Wii Sports and Wii Sports Resort bundles) and PBA Bowling Challenge, or even Bowling by Jason Belmonte, feature some of the best bowling physics around in a video game.

A casual person might see a bowling game as an opportunity to throw the ball as fast as they can and hope to kill the pins (I work at five different centers and see people of ALL ages asking for six-pound bowling hoping to achieve this). Guess what? You're just going to leave splits all day if you don't know what you're doing!

Thus, here's what you can do. Go to YouTube and learn how to throw the ball. Then research how to strike and learn a spare targeting system. Then repeat over and over again. I mean, what else are you doing during this pandemic? They say that now is the time to take up a hobby you might not have had before, or really solidify a skill and master it.

Ever watch the movie Hoosiers? Gene Hackman doesn't even let his team touch a basketball, focusing instead on fundamentals, ingraining the "little things" into his players' heads. The same goes for bowling. The more you know about your bowling game on the lanes, the better off you'll score, react and in the long run, win.

Every day you're hearing of a new story emanating from the professional ranks of baseball, basketball, football, soccer and many other professional sports, and how athletes have video games to thank for training their mentality while on the field. Baseball gamers have MLB: The Show to thank; basketballers rely on NBA 2K, while EA Sports has blessed football players with Madden and soccer players with FIFA.

One of my favorite modes in each of these games is a career mode. I was a former football and basketball player back in the day, playing left guard and nose tackle on the gridiron, and center on the courts. But my video games back in the 90s could hardly train me to excel at those games. Not true anymore. Look at the graphics and the physics! Wow!

I got into bowling at 9 years old, joining the junior league at Del Rio Lanes in Downey, and I was instantly hooked. I looked forward to bowling my Saturday league all week. The only way I could play a video game back then was to purchase a Super Nintendo I didn't have and play Brunswick World Tournament of Champions on the SNES. But my parents weren't about to shell out \$59.99 plus tax, especially

when league fees cost just around \$10/week. They wanted me to go outside and play "like a normal kid!"

Well, times are different, and I haven't competed in any of my three leagues in about three weeks now, and I miss bowling. Well the physical aspect of it. That's because video games keep my brain sharp.

That might sound silly to the majority of readers but hear me out.

Wii Bowling might not have the aspect of a sport pattern or reactive ball, but it does offer a bowler the opportunity to hook the ball or throw it straight. To even throw at and convert some of the dreaded spares we know and hate so much. Here's a thought. Hate the 10 pin? Keep practicing on Wii Bowling and see which board you have to roll the ball over to convert it. Pro tip: move left! I don't know how many times I watch people try throwing at a 10 pin while standing on the 10 board. How about standing 35? Roll it up 20 and see what happens. But watch what your ball does en route to converting that pesky pin. Remember that and take it to the lanes.

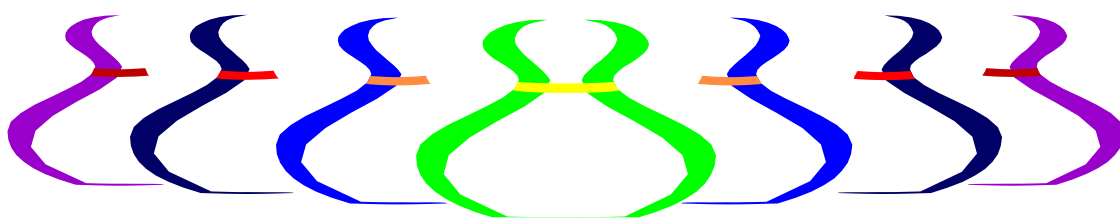
PBA Pro Bowling is available on Android, iOS, PlayStation 4, XBOX 1 and Nintendo Switch, and lets you bowl on house shot or sport patterns. Play with the blue oil on, and practice throwing into different spots of that oil. Learn to read the lane, and throw, throw, throw. Guess how much extra games cost you? Nothing! Just the \$19.99 to purchase it on any of the consoles. You can unlock lots of fun balls in the game, which act just as balls in real life, with different components added to the game.

Just like Wii Bowling you can practice that spare line, or split conversions, or whatever it is you want. But the beauty of this game is to learn how to read lanes through a video game.

Bowling by Jason Belmonte gets the most in-depth of the three games, allowing bowlers to customize the layouts of their ball throw statistics assigned to each ball. This helps you to learn what you want going into your arsenal. Are you looking for something to go a little further down the lane? The game could do that for you. Want it to snap early? Fine. As you play you build up reputation points and develop more speed and revs, and eventually can unlock the "pro mode" a two-handed approach, just like Belmo, himself.

I've seen many people on social media taking up these games to pass by the time. I say follow along with them. Set up an online tournament and post your scores. Have fun with it! I promise you it won't hurt your game when we return to league in the near future.

Until then, have a great and productive day, and don't forget to live up to your fullest potential! See you soon.



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Ever the bold person, Zavala has set quite the goal for herself. “My goal is to get out on the PWBA tour and make a name for myself by becoming PWBA Rookie of the Year,” she said.

Should she do that, she would become Southern California’s first ever PWBA Rookie of the Year. She would definitely make a name for herself, joining other notable PWBA bowlers such as Daria Pajak (fellow Global staffer; 2017), Kelly Kulick (2001) and Liz Johnson (1996).

It should be noted that the PWBA tour ceased operations in 2003 and was relaunched in 2015 by the USBC and Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America. For those wondering, the PBA entered into a partnership with the PWBA as a result of this, and it was because of this partnership that women are allowed to bowl in PBA tournaments, themselves.

Next time the PWBA tour is in town, go check them out – chances are Zavala will be there bowling and representing her new sponsors. Best of luck to Stephanie on all her future endeavors and keep making Southern California proud!

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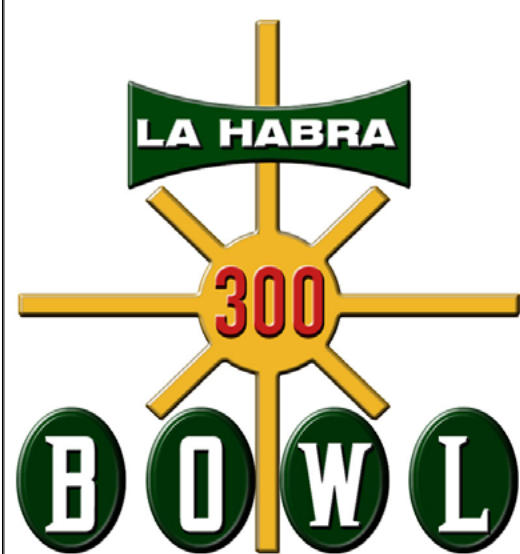
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DOWNEY — It was a HUGE change from last round as we had 6 Perfect games and 2 800 Series shot tonight as the lanes played a little more favorable for the bowlers. Leading the way was Eric Snow with 300/824, but despite his heroics, his team was taken down 4-1 by The Pro Approach as there were plenty of honor scores shot. The Professional Approach was led by Jared Lawrence who also shot 300 on his way to 791, part time teammate Frank Barefoot contributed 706. Blizz Yogurt blended their way to a fruity sweep job of Linder Insurance as Greg Neuer paved the way with 699. Lots of high scores tonight so IF you don't shoot 700, don't ask me to be impressed!!!

The Pro Approach and Blizz Yogurt square off next week, both at 13-2. Next up is Pino's Pizza who swept past Tifco Industries to move to 11-4. Pino's was led by Leonard Ruiz Jr. who posted 300/772 and Ramon Torres with 723, while Tifco's top gun was Albert Chen with 719. Power House Video Games remained in contention, going 3-2 over Team DV8. Eddie VanDaniker and Lee Liu once again led the winning Power House team, shooting 731 & 704, however it was Brent Ilagan gaining top honors for the pair with 300/775 to lead DV8.

Another perfecto was turned in by Buddy Lucas, he shot 300/736 to lead his Los Altos Trophies team to a 4-1 win over a struggling J.A.T., who were led by DeeRonn Booker with 641. Paced by the great bowling of Jonathan Gale, Herzog Insurance edged by CASAMIGO'S Tequila 3-2 to end the night at 9-6. Jonathan shot 758 to dominate the pair, as he ended over 100 pins higher than Vernon Adams who was tops for Tequila for 654.

Alhambra Coin Center didn't have any honor scores, but did manage to shoot the Team High Series for the night, combining for a huge 2862, or an average of 238 a game per

man. T. J. Abahazy 781 and Steven Gaucin 733 led the way, while Matt Schermerhorn shot 759 to lead Cook's Bowling Supply. BOWLIUM took down GJC Services 4-1 as Christopher Sutton led the way with 668. Joey Hanna shot 698 as the top scorer for GJC to lead his team and the pair. American Harvest Vodka pulled out 4 wins as Mike Mellick led the way with 695 and helped move his team out of the basement. In a matchup of the Top 2 seeds, nobody managed to shoot 700, but Bobby Campagnale went one better as he finished with a perfect 300 game to end the night with a second honor score of 800 series to lead Erickson Foods to a 4-1 over Keystone Lanes. Arnold Cheesman topped the Keystone crew with 681. Our last match featured the #3 & #4 seeds going head to head, with SYSCO coming out on top 4-1 in a close match, as Charlie Kinstler led the way with 707. Topping Forest Lanes was Mike Nakunz with 668.

Sidepot winners were Game 1 – Leonard Ruiz 300, Game 2 –Eric Snow 300, good for both 2nd Game and 1st in Financial Advisor's pot. Matt Schermerhorn got 2nd for \$100 with 279. Game 3 Super Pot went to Bobby Campagnale with another 300, as all sidepots took perfection. The TRUE ANCHOR award once again goes to Ricardo Baca with a respectable 540, as he was low "man". Tiana Tipton struggled to 527, to be low for the ladies...

I told you right here last week, if you are a fan of Honor Scores, you needed to come down to Del Rio. Last night provided plenty of strikes as we had a record tying 6 Perfect Games shot along with two 800 series. There was plenty of action all around, as the whole league averaged 218.7 as only 7 bowlers failed to reach 600. Next week we will try to break the record and have 7 different bowlers hit the coveted 300, come down to Del Rio in Downey next Monday and see if we get it done. Have a blessed week everyone!

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

The Pro Approach	13	Power House Video Games	9
Blizz Yogurt	13	Los Altos Trophies	9
Pino's Pizza	11	Herzog Insurance	9
Erickson Foods \$\$\$	10	Sysco \$\$	8
Threadworks	9	DV8	7

TOP 10 LAST WEEK

Eric Snow	824	Leonard Ruiz Jr.	772
Bobby Campagnale	800	Matt Schermerhorn	759
Jared Lawrence	791	Jonathan Gale	758
T.J. Abahazy	781	Buddy Lucas	736
Brent Ilagan	775	Eddie VanDaniker	731

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1st - 300 Eric Snow 2nd - 279 Matt Schermerhorn



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