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SUELEE SANTERO Tops Inland Empire Women's Club

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – A couple of weeks ago SUELEE SANTERO rolled a 269-scratch game enroute to an 873 (184-215-269-205) four game scratch series. The series was the high score for the month in the Inland Empire Women's Club. The ladies compete once a month, on the third Sunday, at EMPIRE BOWL.

It's no surprise that Suelee bowled the top score of the month because she carries the league high average of 196. Suelee generally averages 200 but the Women's Club competes on a more challenging oil pattern then most leagues and the bowlers roll each game on a different pair of lanes. No matter, Suelee is up for the challenge.

The Women's Club features a Match Play Format for good money, for "BUCKS". The ladies

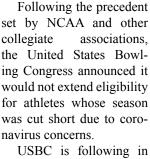
bowl one game on a pair of lanes then move to another pair of lanes for each following game. Each game won is worth a point. The competitive format and competitive nature of the league attracts some of the top female bowlers in the area. Suelee is one of those top bowlers.

Years of practice pays off. Every time I stop by Empire Bowl, I see Suelee and her husband Dennis practicing. DENNIS SANTERO is the engine that drives Suelee to be her best. He is a sparkplug of enthusiasm and energy. He is always there supporting Suelee and is the main reason why she is one of the top female bowlers in the area and the "TOP BOWL-ER" in the Women's Club.

Congratulations to Suelee and kudos to her husband and number one fan: DENNIS SANTERO.

USBC Will Not Extend Collegiate Eligibility Amid Pandemic

by Lucas Wiseman



USBC is following in the footsteps of the NCAA, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), all of which offered an eligibility waiver to only spring sports.

Bowling is considered a winter sport and no winter sports have been given eligibility waivers for athletes.

Just days before USBC Collegiate Sectionals were scheduled to take place, USBC postponed the events indefinitely on March 12. Just six days later, USBC officially canceled the Intercollegiate Team and Singles Championships, ending the season early.

The feedback on social media in the short time



since USBC's eligibility decision has been announced has been harsh and emotionally charged, as expected.

"As a senior bowler I must say I'm disappointed with this decision and was hoping to actually retire under my terms," UNLV senior Matt Dobbs posted on Facebook. "It's a shame but I hope there is real consideration to reverse this call. Bowling is a sport that doesn't get the respect and recognition that other sports get, with some not even considering bowling a sport. No wonder why with

leadership like this making these kinds of decisions."

However, the reality is USBC had little choice but to make the decision to not grant waivers. College bowling is made up of club teams as well as teams from NCAA, NAIA and NJ-CAA institutions. It would have been an administrative nightmare and created fairness issues had USBC granted some players waivers but not others.

Gary Sparks, the president of the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, addressed the issue on Facebook.

"While I certainly understand the sentiment, with the NCAA and NAIA not providing an extra year for their athletes. USBC Collegiate basically had no choice but to follow those decisions," Sparks said. "Had USBC Collegiate allowed an extra year, the athletes/teams that were members of the NCAA and NAIA would not have been able to use it, therefore the non-affiliated teams would have gotten an extra year when the other athletes would not."

Sparks went on to say continued on page 3

Former ABTA Director Leo Tartamella Passes

Our Friend and ABTA Director Leo Tartamella passed away Tuesday evening March 24 due to a second stroke that he could not survive.

He initially had a major stroke at home 2 weeks earlier and was admitted to St. Jude Hospital in Fullerton where he stayed in an induced coma for two more weeks until passing away in the hospital.

Leo was a good honest man who will be surely missed by all who knew him. He was 88 years old.

Thank you to the many people who expressed their concern and get well wishes at that time.

I met Leo when I came to California and bowled in the Downey Masters League at Del Rio Lanes, and we remained friends ever since!

In 1992 I was operating the ABTA Tournament

at Keystone Lanes, and he approached me of being an ABTA Director, and in two weeks, I took him in, and we never looked back as he was with us ever since to 2018. 26 years!

We, ABTA, had grown to a Very Successful Tournament Club and he surely was a big part of that. Leo was the creator of the "Horses" which was fun for our members and he also did our Average Books and the personal handicap of our members.

When in season Leo brought fruit to the tournaments for our members. Notably persimmons and guava.

He will be missed by ALL who met him or knew him. He truly enjoyed the SPORT of bowling, being a director, and he did a fine honest job.

He is survived by his family, daughter Mary

Jane Tartamella of Lemon Grove CA, a son John Tartamella of Mentone CA, two Grandchildren, four Great Grandchildren and numerous friends and relatives

Due to the Corona Virus, a funeral could not be planned, but in the future

a Celebration of Life Ceremony is a strong possibility. I will post in Facebook and the California Bowling News the date and time!

Thank you all for your concern and love given at this time!

Sincerely, Bob Smith, & ABTA Staff



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Bowlers Truly Say the Darndest Things

by Fred Eisenhamme

It's so true. Bowlers are not only some of the strangest and most wondrous creatures, but they also say the darndest things. So, let's present some of my favorite bowling quotes through the years:



No way would Art Rosenberg let injuries keep him from the game.

Dustin Markowitz, on Art Rosenberg's continuing to bowl through a myriad of injuries: "Bowlers who love to compete find a way to compete because of the love of the game. It doesn't matter how old you are and how broken you are, the heart of a champion lives on forever."

"Rockin' Ray" Miller, who composed the iconic song, "Grab Your Balls, We're Going Bowling," summarizing the game in his final verse:

"We'll add up all our scores in just a blink.

Then we'll buy ourselves another drink.

We'll spend an hour trying to explain.

Why we didn't bowl a better game."



"Rockin' Ray" Miller loved to bowl, and he put his feelings about the game in an iconic song.

Bob Adams, who lost sight

from his left eye because of glaucoma but has built a reputation as a prolific spare bowler, on converting the daunting 5-7 split: "I closed the good eye."

Adam Lew, on the United States Bowling Congress commemorative 300-game ring he received in 2017 for his first perfect game: "Some people ask me why I wear it on my wedding finger and I'll say, 'It's because I got married to the game.' "



Tom Martino endured a harrowing incident

Veteran bowler **Tom Marti- no**, who survived a harrowing car accident in which his auto was slammed into a free fall on the Hollywood Freeway before it stopped on the diamond lane facing oncoming traffic: "I was driving on the freeway one moment and the next moment I'm fighting for my life."

Jillian Wiseman, who sported a 110 average before claiming the title of a Corbin Bowl no-tap doubles handicap tournament in 2017 with partner **Nicholas Huang:** "It was shock and awe. It will never happen again."

Carol Mancini, the editor/publisher of the California Bowling News who's witnessed five weddings at bowling centers: "I've never seen one that ever lasted."

Professional Bowling Assn. Hall-of-Famer **Chris Barnes**, giving advice to league bowlers: "You can throw a bad shot, but don't throw a bad shot from the same place. Throw the same bad shot from a different spot on the lane."

Jerry Simmons, on using his Brunswick "Black Beauty" rubber bowling ball for more than 55 years: "I don't wash it. I don't get it de-oiled. I don't put it in a machine that polishes it. I don't wipe it down and I don't even use a cloth. It is what it is."

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New York resident **Tommy Pisano**, then-104 years old, on why he continues to bowl: "I can't play baseball anymore."

Brian Lane Duke, on receiving his commemorative 300-game ring a trifle late because of a San Diego United States Bowling Congress mix-up: "I was presented with my 300 ring for a game I bowled at Valley Bowl [in El Cajon] on April 8, 1996. It only took 21 years, but I finally got it."

North Dakota resident **Kathryn Pinke**, making light of her 82 average in league play after rolling a 50 on her birthday: "As my husband, **Nathan**, has said on a few occasions, 'There are a lot of things you are good at, Katie, but bowling has never been one of them.'"

San Diego's **Michele Carter**, who considered herself "just a league bowler and not much else," on turning in a stunning performance in the 2016 National Golden Ladies Classic in which she won all four of her matches in the stepladder finals, including a 300-256 victory over Hall-of Famer Tish Johnson in the championship match: "It was just surreal. It felt like an out-of-body experience. I just tried to take it one shot at a time and not look out at the crowd."

Bob Edwards, a former longtime bowling general manager, remembering how his 40-year career began: "I wanted to be in the bowling industry, which my father was in. He told me, 'If you want to run a bowling business, you have to know how to do everything yourself. So, this week, you're going



Bob Edwards knows what it's like to start at the bottom.

to be the janitor.' And he handed me a mop."

Ace bowler and bowling coach **Mike Weekley**: "I would like to say that anyone who has confidence in what they are doing can get a 300 whenever they want."

Top women's bowling pro **Diandra Asbaty**, standing up for her sport: "I've been practicing since I was 5 years old and I've been playing tournaments. I sweat. I throw a 15-pound ball. I fail and I win. I want bowling to get the respect it deserves."

Greg Kolski, on whether he would consider a repeat performance of what he did eight years ago: bowling a whopping 100 practice games in one day at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills: "Possibly, but I'd probably need a sponsor because I couldn't afford to bowl 100 games."

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PBA50 Season Tentatively Set To Start May 31

by Lucas Wiseman

The 2020 PBA50 Tour season, which had been scheduled to start in mid-April, will now tentatively begin May 31, according to the new schedule posted on PBA.com this week.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the PBA announced last month that all PBA50 events in April and May had been postponed.

Now, the season is scheduled to start June 1 with the first day of competition at the PBA50 Lubbock Sports Cup. Practice rounds for the event would be May 31. All PBA50 events are broadcast live on FloBowling.

The PBA did note on the schedule, however, the following: "Until further notice, all tournament dates are tentative subject to COVID-19 public health updates."

Two events have been canceled with the PBA50 Mooresville Open and PBA50 Fountain Valley Open dropping off the schedule.

The USBC Senior Masters, one of the PBA50's majors, and the USBC Super Senior Classic have yet to be rescheduled. Those events are organized by USBC, not the PBA.

Here's a look at the tenatative PBA50 schedule:

PBA50 Lubbock Sports Cup, May 31-June 3
Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, June 7-12
PBA50 Northern California Classic, June 14-17
PBA50 National Championship, July 12-16
PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, July 19-22
PBA50 River City Extreme Open, July 28-31
PBA50 South Shore Open, Aug. 3-6
PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic, Aug. 8-11
PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Aug. 14-17
PBA50 David Small's Jax60 Open, Aug. 19-22
PBA60 Dick Weber Classic, Aug. 23-25
USBC Super Senior Classic, TBA

Collegiate Eligibility continued from page 1 the decision was all about consistency.

USBS Senior Masters, TBA

"This is keeping consistency across the board with ALL sanctioning bodies as NCAA, NAIA and NJCAA all 3 decided against giving the extra year to winter sports," Sparks said. "For USBC Collegiate to try and give an extra year for the non-affiliated teams would have created chaos in eligibility."

For those wondering why USBC didn't just postpone the Intercollegiate Singles and Team Championships until later in the year, IBC Youth Development Managing Director Gary Brown addressed the issue in a press release a couple weeks ago.

"We had hoped to find a way to conduct the Intercollegiate Championships within the 2020 academic year," Brown said. "In speaking with the USBC Collegiate Advisory Committee, it was clear schools would not be able to send athletes to compete after May and, therefore, conducting Sectionals and Nationals became unworkable. Unfortunately, scholastic events simply don't have the flexibility to move back later in the year."











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by A.A.Turtle

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Some have even done some wall damaged to their parent's homes trying to get those bowling fixes in. We are still at this point hoping to open the center soon. Then all the leagues can meet and figure out if they will want to extend their leagues or end. Just let us know what you would like to do. We will be more then happy to work with you during these difficult times.

We hope all our bowlers & friends are safe and in good health and everyone is checking in on each other as much as possible. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back and hope that we don't have a bunch of germophobics when this is all over with.

Hope you are all taking this time to do all the things that you have been wanting to do around your house that we always say we don't have time to do because we are never at home. I know I am and unfortunately, it's still taking me forever to still get it all done.

We also want to thank all those that are essential workers that are still working out there, doctors, emergency workers, retailers (Wal-Mart, Target, Sam's Club, Costco, etc.) pharmacy, nurses, police officers, firefighters, etc. having to put your life on the line to still keep the world going and save the lives of those that are sick with this virus that have us in lockdown.

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"WHAT TIME IS IT" -**COVID-19** and **BOWLING'S "END TIMES"**

by Frank Weiler

CORONA, CA - During the mid-20th Century the Howdy Doody show was the most popular children's show on television. The co-host of that show, Buffalo Bob, would open each episode by asking the kids in the peanut gallery "what time is it"? In response the kids would yell "it's Howdy Doody time". Then Howdy Doody would appear on screen and the show would begin.

So "what time is it" in the Bowling World? As we experience the Bowling World being shut down, does this portend the end of Bowling as we know it? Will our sport change? Is Bowling done? Is this Bowling's "End Times"? What will be the "new normal" for our lives, for our bowling lives?

Right now, Bowling is hibernating! Every bowling center in the Corona, California area and the Inland Empire are closed and shuttered. There is no bowling. There are no leagues, no tournaments, no practicing and no fun. I guess this is a little like what the Bowling World will look like at the end of time.

Right now, all of us are huddled in our homes, some working on home-improvement projects and some just glued to a television set or computer screen. The days and weeks are passing in a meaningless blur. Is it Monday, Thursday or Sunday? Does it matter? At least, unlike the real end times we still have access to food, water, gasoline, electricity and other necessities. I was even able to secure a six pack of toilet paper after a half-dozen trips to the grocery store.

We all know that this Bowling season is over. Canceled out. Teams leading their leagues at the time the quarantine was imposed will be declared league champions. Sweepers scheduled for Las Vegas and Laughlin will be canceled. If there are any sweepers at all they will be held at home. Bowlers who only compete in winter leagues won't be seen again until next fall. And who knows what else.

I'm frustrated, I miss bowling. I miss my teammates; I miss the competition. I miss the fun. I hope everything is back to normal soon. But what will bowling look like when we return to the lanes? What about the long-term

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future of Bowling? What might change? What will the "brave new world" of bowling look like? What will the "new normal" be?

I believe the first things to go and be consigned to the trash bin will be the HI-5 and the hand-slap after a strike or spare. These age-old gestures of camaraderie only chance of surviving will be if all bowlers wear rubber gloves! I don't see that happening.

What else may change?

What about changes to the USBC rulebook? What "pandemic rules" could be instituted to protect bowlers? Are mandatory face masks, hand wipes and disinfectant spray in our future? What about taking bowler's body temperature before bowling? What about social distancing? Could bowlers be required to stand six feet apart from each other? What about limiting the number of bowlers on the approach. Maybe a bowler on the approach will be given a two-lane clearance. That is, with no other bowlers allowed on the approach two lanes to a bowlers left

or right

Another possible rule change might require bowling centers to disinfect all seats, chairs, approaches ball racks, lockers, doors and counters before and after every league.

Are any of these changes feasible and possible? Are they draconian? Would any be infringements on our Constitutional Right of privacy? Time will tell.

The human element and financial fallout from all of this will be major factors guiding our leader's decisions. Decisions that might change the course of Bowling history.

We need to get the Bowling industry up and going again for the well-being and mental health of our country. However, this CORONAVIRUS situation is obviously bigger than Bowling. Bigger than anything else right now. People's health and lives are at stake and these must take precedence over everything.

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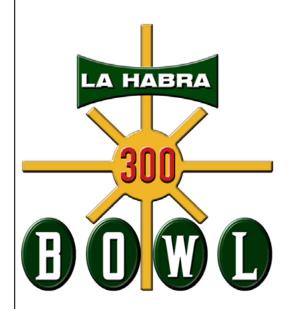
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The Professional Approach Sweep Again, Increases Lead

DOWNEY - Following up a record setting week where we saw six perfect games and two 800 series, the league was able to continue its record setting ways, however, The Professional Approach did manage to stay nearly perfect, winning again, 5-0 to expand their lead for the fifth and final round to 4 games moving to 18-2 on the round. Tonight it was Billy Myers Jr. and Jared Lawrence leading the way with 258/720 & 279/709 respectively. They swept past Blizz Yogurt who were topped by David Cogswell with 685. Moving into 2nd place was Threadworks, who also gained a sweep, brushing aside Pino's Pizza 5-0. Eric Snow 278/733 & Butch Jackson 276/724 paved the way for the winners, while Joshua Tajiri shot 678 for Pino's.

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Power House Video Games stayed in contention with a 4-1 win over Los Altos Trophies, despite 3 700 series from the Trophy troop. Lee Liu 278/754 and Nicole, not Eddie VanDaniker, 246 paced Power House, while Los Altos got strong efforts from PJ Yarns 719, Jonathan Huezo 714, and Buddy Lucas 710. Team DV8 overcame a game 1 loss and came back to win 4-1. Leading the comeback was Sam Hitchcock with 693, while Mikey Villarreal paced Herzog Insurance with 673.

Tonight's top scorer was Joe Jimenez who had 279/278/803 for CASAMIGO'S Tequila, but it was only good for two wins, as Alhambra Coin Center used a huge game I to maintain Total Series by 7 pins, and finish 3-2. George Gaucin led Alhambra with a pair of 268 games to end with 762. Linder Insurance swept past Tifco Industries 5-0 as it was Ladies Night on their pair. Michelle Tran 279/710 and Jamie Rovner 677 led Linder, while Kevin Gagnon also shot a 279 first game on his way to 726 to lead Tifco.

The night's highest scoring match occurred on 11-12 where the top two seeds squared off, going toe to toe for 30 frames. #1 Seed Keystone Lanes came out swinging, shooting a huge 1048 team game to build a lead over Erickson Foods, who shot quite well themselves with 970. The next game the scoring slowed, Keystone winning 912 to 858, but then Erickson came alive, two guys shooting 279 to pair with 246, 256 for a league high 1060 game to not only win that game, but coming from 132

were David Brown 279/770, Chris Marquez 279/733, Bobby Campagnale 717 for Erickson, while Keystone was paced by Andre Rounds 287/732, Charles Zelaya 265/731, and Herbert Jones 719.

Moving into the #3 Seed was SYSCO, as they took down Forest Lanes 4-1 in very close finish, the Team Series being decided in the 10th, SYSCO holding on to win by 9 pins. Charlie Kinstler shot 279/753 to lead SYSCO, while Mason Man O' Lantern Sherman carved out a 726 for Forest Lanes. Dave Kovach shot a perfect 300 last game to end with 736, leading BOWLIUM to a 4-1 over J.A.T. whose captain David Yamauchi led the charge with 663.

Also sweeping was American Harvest Vodka, who shot the night's second highest team series with 2877 as three bowlers broke 700. Ramiro Garcia 300/760, Mike Mellick 275/725, and Kevin Jones 267/723 were the scorers for American Harvest, while GJC Services got a 707 from Joey Hanna. Cook's Bowling Supply also won 4 games as Steve Boring 268/689 and Matt Mosley 687 led the way.

Sidepot winners were Game 1 - 3 way tie: Kevin Gagnon, Mikey Villarreal, and Mason Sherman all with 279, Game 2 -Ramiro Garcia 300, good for both 2nd Game and 1st in Financial Advisor's pot. 2nd place was another 279 tie splitting \$100 were Joe Jimenez and Jared Lawrence. Game 3 Super Pot went to David Brown with 279, as all sidepots were won with 279 or 300. The TRUE ANCHOR award once again goes to Ricardo Baca with 482, as he was low "man" again.

Four weeks gone in Round 5, four weeks to go. Next week will be humbling after the past two, as we take on the US Open pattern, which typically turns out to be the league's toughest challenge. Honor scores are not likely to happen, but that won't deter the intensity as teams battle for position, or even a roll off spot. We are nearing the end, only 4 weeks to go, so if you haven't watched it live before, come down to Del Rio in Downey next Monday and see the best bowlers in So Cal get it

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 5

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The Pro Approach	18	Sysco \$\$	12
Threadworks	14	DV8	12
Erickson Foods \$\$\$	13	Linder Insurance	11
Power House Video Games	13	Pino's Pizza	11
Blizz Yogurt	13	Alhambra Coin Center	11

TOP 10 LAST WEEK

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Joe Jimenez	803	Eric Snow	733
Ramiro Garcia	760	Andre Rounds	732
Lee Liu	754	Charles Zelaya	731
Charlie Kinstler	753	Mason Sherman	726
Dave Kovach	736	Kevin Gagnon	726

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1st - 300 Ramiro Garcia 2nd - 279 Joe Jimenez 279 Jared Lawrence



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