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## Kris Prather Wins Inaugural PBA Playoffs Takes Home \$100,000 First Prize

PORTLAND, Maine – Kris Prather of Plainfield, Illinois, made critical shot after critical shot in defeating Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, 226-215 and 216-185, to win the inaugural Professional Bowlers Association Playoffs Championship and its \$100,000 first prize Sunday at Bayside Bowl.

The championship match aired live on FOX, concluding a 13-tournament qualifying series leading into a 24-player match play elimination competition. A calm and confident Prather, who entered the

Playoffs as the No. 9 seed, was in complete control in claiming the championship.

"It was a lot easier thinking that no matter what happened, I was going to help my family financially," Prather said after the biggest win of his career. "I told myself last night I couldn't be disappointed no matter what. But after watching Bill's ball motion not being that great, and me throwing a few good shots that loosened my arm swing really helped.

"When I came out on tour, I didn't treat it as a

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Inaugural PBA Playoffs Champion Kris Prather

## Mike Dias Beats Parker Bohn III to Win PBA50 Northern California Classic for Third PBA50 Tour Title

by Jerry Schneider



BRENTWOOD, Calif. – Mike Dias of Lafayette, Colorado, defeated PBA Hall of Famer and fellow left-hander Parker Bohn III

of Jackson, New Jersey., 227-217, in the title match to win the PBA50 Northern California Classic presented by MOTIV at Harvest Park Bowl Tuesday for his third career PBA50 Tour title.

Dias, who was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals, had trouble with pin carry in the first half of the

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## Ng Catches Parkin To Win 2019 PWBA Sonoma County Open

ROHNERT PARK, Calif. – Shayna Ng spent each round of the 2019 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Sonoma County Open trying to catch tournament leader

Missy Parkin, without success.

Ng had one last chance as she faced Parkin in Saturday's title match at Double Decker Lanes and took full advantage of the opportunity by striking on her first seven shots in a 259-237 victory to claim her second PWBA title.

BowlTV.com provided live coverage of the event.

Missy Parkin, from Laguna Hills, California, was dominant throughout the event, finishing 288 pins ahead of Ng to take the



Local Gal Missy Parkin



Shayna Ng

top seed for the stepladder over the last two days, finals. Ng finished second "Finally, on the last in each of the four rounds continued on page 8

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JULIA FRIAS	718	04-29-19	WINNETKA BOWL
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MICHAEL FARJADO	300	05-01-19	PICKWICK BOWL
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## Sysco & Buddy's Bowling Supply Battle It Out at 7pm

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY – The stage is set for the Brunswick Invitational grand prize next Monday, as Buddy's Bowling Supply earned the opportunity to become the first sponsor to repeat as champion, since 1994, having defeated Century 21 - PEAK on the house pattern, and Cal Bowl on short, and will now defend its crown against top-seeded Sysco in the best-of-five game championship match.

A year ago, it was Buddy's Bowling Supply earning a clean sweep of Cal Bowl in the final. With a win it becomes only the second sponsor in league history to repeat as champion (Dish Doctors stands alone for now). Owner and the lone returning member

of last year's championship team, Buddy Lucas, has an opportunity to become the first bowler to repeat as champion since Leonard Ruiz, Jr. and Steve Gurrieri won the league four years in a row, stemming from 2002 until 2005. The team qualified for the roll off by winning the fourth round, playing on the flat pattern used at the 2018 Team USBC Open Championships Final.

Lucas (a one-time champion) is joined this season by former champion Bobby Campagnale (2015, Erickson Foods) and first-timers to the league Ramsey Basurto and Tony Velasco.

Buddy's Bowling Supply's climb to the top a second time will not be an easy

one as it will play against three quarters of the 2017 league champions, Sysco – the top seed of the league and winners of the first round, played on the Del Rio Lanes house pattern.

Charlie Kinstler and Paul Barraco won their first Brunswick Invitational championship together in 1999 while sponsored by Paradise Embroidery and waited 12 years until 2011 to do so again, but this time as Sysco. The wait for their third crown together wasn't as long; only six years – but the story there was the addition of two-time champion Gabriel Martinez, who picked up his third with the duo. Kinstler won his first crown while sponsored by Robby's Axle

in 1996. The Sysco trio added the up-and-comer J.T. Diso for their latest attempt at Brunswick glory, and it paid off to a tune of 111.5 victories this season, second-most in the league behind Keystone Lanes' 113. For those wondering, Sysco clinched its top seed because Keystone Lanes did not win one of the first four rounds.

The team that comes up short in the roll off will still split a cool \$10,000. However, with the top prize at stake, all eyes will be on the main prize and a newly-embroidered crown on the back of their jerseys for next season. Action begins at 7 p.m. Come early, cause it could be standing room only Del Rio Lanes.





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# National Bowling Day

The bowling industry returns to the set of that popular program on Saturday, Aug. 10, and [GoBowling.com](#) again will offer a coupon for a free game of bowling on its web-site.

Go Bowling supports National Bowling Day, celebrated on the second Saturday of August each year, and will provide consumers with free-game coupons that can be redeemed at participating centers across the country throughout the month of August.

For 2019, Go Bowling has teamed with “FOX & Friends” to again feature bowling throughout the show’s broadcast on Aug. 10.

Additionally, Go Bowling at The Glen — the NASCAR race at Watkins Glen International sponsored by Go Bowling — runs Sunday, Aug. 4, and National Bowling Day will be heavily promoted through the Go Bowling social media channels during the race that will be televised on NBCSN.

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# Where Will Bowling Be in 45 Years?

by Dave Williams

It’s always fun to look back at bowling to see where we have been, and where we may be headed in the next 45 years. Why do I focus on the number 45, you might ask? It’s all in response to an article that John Mazey wrote for the Bowlers Journal way back in 1988, entitled “Wither Bowling in the Next 75 years?” In the article, John interviewed bowling stalwarts of the day asking where bowling would be in the year 2063.

Mazey, an advertising genius with AMF for many years, was one of my mentors at the venerable AMF headquarters in Westbury, New York, before the breakup of the Fortune 500 Company in 1986. Although I was one of only 60 individuals that elected (and was chosen) to make the move to Richmond, Virginia, John decided to stay on Long Island and accepted a position with SUNY College at Old Westbury, teaching advertising and media research courses.

Mr. Mazey’s article was actually written as a research project for a Graduate Communication Arts course. The reason that I remember the article so well is that John had asked me for my bowling expertise in editing the essay, since he was indeed an advertising genius, but not even a casual bowler. John elected to interview a number of bowling’s heavyweights from that era to get an idea of what they saw in their crystal ball future for bowling.

It’s interesting to look back now, almost halfway to Mr. Mazey’s 75-year forecast, to see just what some of bowling’s leading visionaries had to say about the future. While some thoughts are completely out of step, others are surprisingly accurate. We will zero in on the accurate.

The panel members were given a survey by Mazey and asked to respond to a series of questions, and then invited to use their imagination and provide their own “blue sky” ideas of what bowling might be like in 2063. Not surprisingly, almost everyone agreed that bowling would still be with us and that its popularity would continue to grow around the world.

Most of the surveys also agreed that the American Bowling Congress and the Women’s International Bowling Congress would merge within 75 years. It actually happened in 2005, with the formation of the United States Bowling Congress (USBC), just 17 years after the survey took place.

How about the price for a game of bowling? Yvonne Hines, then President of the local Bowling Proprietors Association (BPAA), and owner of Port Jeff Bowl on Long Island, predicted that her current top open play price of \$2.25 per game would zoom to an amount well above \$10. By utilizing the Smart Asset Calculator to determine the value of a dollar over time in the United States, the average price for a game of bowling in 2019 would equate to \$5.00 per game, and \$8.50 per game in 2063.

Nick Wallace, whose first project at AMF when hired as Facilities Designer, was the East Meadow Bowl modernization in 1986, felt that bowling centers would be “multi-use and multi-level structures, with more of a resort or en-



A Mazey Miracle! Every year at Christmas Mr. Mazey would send out a unique "homemade" card, like the ti-fold example that appears above. I have carried on his tradition in Mazey style for the past 32 years.

tainment atmosphere.” Sonny Frantz, President of the national BPAA that year, also agreed that “more total fun and recreation-only programs” would dominate.

Gene Greystone of Computer Sports Systems (creators of the AMF AccuScore and AccuTrac Systems), said that “people in 2063 will not be willing to commit to a long league season or league structures as we know them.” Ron Wood, another AMF executive at the time, felt that “casual open play would dominate the market and competitive leagues would become almost non-existent.”

Perhaps one of the greatest visionary prophesies came from Dick Davis of Fair Lanes, which was acquired by AMF in 1995. Mr. Davis predicted that “if bowling does not prosper, it will cease to exist in areas with higher value alternative uses for real estate.” He went on to say that “what has happened in Nassau and Suffolk Counties in New York (Long Island), Bergen County (New Jersey) and Los Angeles would be repeated in other major markets.” Davis also predicted that chain operations would grow from 20% to at least 60% of the industry.

Not to be outdone, Mazey opined that magazines such as the Bowlers Journal would no longer be published each month, but instead be provided to your own home via a “chromafax” machine. Mazey said that “the still-to-be-invented chromafax machine would print pages in both 3-D and full color in less than five seconds a page.”

Now while email existed in 1988, it did not become widely used until 1995, when AOL, Prodigy and CompuServe were the early promoters of the system. John’s prediction was perhaps the most “blue sky” idea of them all, with only the vehicle for obtaining the information slightly askew.

What other predictions in John Mazey’s article might come true? Unless a new miracle drug is invented that will prolong the average life span, we’ll have to leave the 2063 prognostication to another bowling historian...

# PBA Players Committee Recommended Playoffs Not Count As A Title

PORTLAND, Maine – When Sean Rash, Bill O’Neill, Kris Prather and Anthony Simonsen bowled in the PBA Playoffs finals this weekend, they compete for one of the highest payoffs in years on the PBA Tour. One thing they won’t compete for, though, is a PBA Tour title.

In an interview with FloBowling on Friday night on the eve of the PBA Playoffs semifinals, PBA Commissioner and CEO Tom Clark said he put the decision to the PBA Players Committee earlier this season and they recommended it not be a title.

When reached by FloBowling on Friday night, PBA Players Committee Chairman Brad Miller declined to explain why the committee recommended it not be a title. Members of the committee include Miller, Dom Barrett, Rhino Page, Andrew Cain and Chris Barnes.

Clark said his understanding from the committee is they wanted the PBA Playoffs to be something bigger than a title, similar to the FedEx Cup in golf.

With a \$100,000 first-place prize, the 2019 PBA Playoffs ranks as one of the richest top prizes in the history of the PBA Tour. The final four will battled in the semifinals Saturday on FOX for U.S. audiences and FloBowling for international audiences.

Clark said the discussion surrounding the event not counting as a PBA Tour title takes away from the big picture – the fact that the bowlers are competing for big

money on network television in front of what is sure to be one of the highest-rated telecasts of the season.

“People thinking about what it’s not is a mistake when there’s so much going on,” Clark said. “It’s almost bigger than a PBA title. It’s the champion of the PBA Playoffs on network broadcast television for \$100,000. We are going to make a banner that says ‘2019 PBA Playoffs Champion’ for that person that’s going to go around the whole tour so that’s always the goal of every season moving forward. This is the first one.”

Since it’s a new event, Clark said he wanted to put it to the players committee because it was first looked at as a special event. He was surprised when they came back and said they recommend not counting it as a title.

“We wanted to know their opinion on it,” Clark said. “I really thought they would come back and say it was a title and they didn’t.” Ultimately, the discussion around whether or not this year’s PBA Playoffs count as a title may not matter as Clark said it could be recognized retroactively. He said those discussions would be held later when the event’s status is determined for 2020.

Clark said he personally believes the event should count as a title. “I think it should be (a title),” Clark said. “I don’t have to do what the players committee says, but I respected their wishes. No one had seen this thing before. No one knew how it was going to play out.”





# WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. TOPS FLOBOWLING’S PBA50 “POWER RANKING” LIST

After kicking off the 2019 PBA50 Tour season with three consecutive victories, boosting his career total to a record-tying 14 PBA50 Tour titles, it’s no surprise that PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. earned the No. 1 ranking in FloBowling’s unofficial ranking of “senior tour” players.

Rounding out the top 10 in the power rankings after five tournaments and leading into the PBA50 Tour’s second and third major tournaments of 2019, is a Hall of Fame-dominated field. The players’ ranking position prior to last week’s Northern California Classic are listed in parenthesis. The PBA50 power rankings are arbitrarily selected by FloBowling announcers who regularly cover PBA50 events:

- 1) Walter Ray Williams Jr. (1);
- 2) Norm Duke (2);
- 3) Michael Haugen Jr. (3);
- 4) Amleto Monacelli (4);
- 5) Parker Bohn III (7);
- 6) Ron Mohr (6);
- 7) Brian LeClair (5);
- 8) Bryan Goebel (14);
- 9) Lennie Boresch Jr. (8);
- 10) Danny Wiseman (9).

Previously unranked Mike Dias, the NorCal Classic winner, just missed the top 10, earning the No. 11 ranking. Among the top 10, all except Haugen, LeClair and Boresch are not members of the PBA Hall of Fame.

Next up for the PBA50 Tour are the USBC Super Senior Classic (for players 60-and-older), the USBC Senior Masters and the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm – all in Las Vegas. The Senior U.S. Open and all regularly-schedule PBA50 Tour events are covered live, from start to finish, by FloBowling. The USBC Super Senior Classic and Senior Masters will be live streamed by USBC’s BowlTV premium service. Visit [Bowl.com](http://Bowl.com) for details.

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# Bowling Calendar

**JUNE** by Bette Addington

Now-7/7 – 2019 USBC Open Championships, South Point, Las Vegas, bowl.com

Now – Registration open for 2020 USBC Open Championships that will be held at the National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV, Bowl.com/OpenChamp

Now-6/30 – 2019 CUSBC 14th Adult State Championships, Tyme to Bowl Lanes, Oroville, calusbc.com

Now-6/29 – 2019 USBC Women’s Championships/Celebrating 100 Years, Wichita, KS, bowl.com

Now – Registration open for 2020 USBC Women’s Championships in Las Vegas, NV, bowl.com

2-9 – USBC Senior Masters, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas, pba.com

6-8 – PWBA Tucson Open, Golden Pin Lanes, Tucson, AZ, pwba.com

6-8 – Baker-Barnes Clinics, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, 714/287-2996

7 – CA Bowling Writers Annual Meeting, 6:30pm, Room 310, Ontario Gateway Hotel (2200 E. Holt Blvd.), calbowlingwriters.org

7 – CUSBC Youth Committee “Mystery Doubles” Tourn., 6pm, Bowlium, Montclair, 562/449-4527, calusbc.com

8-9 – 2019 California USBC State Convention, Ontario Gateway Hotel (2200 E. Holt Blvd., Ontario), calusbc.com

8 – EBI Int. Scratch 6 Gamer, 6pm, Harley’s Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018

8 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 10:30am check-in; bowl at 12, KC Bowl, Hanford, 559/381-0356

8 – PWBA Tucson Open, 5:30pm, BowlTV

9 – Bowling Complete Events 2019 Women’s Phoenix Open, 9am, RH Johnson Lanes, Sun City West, AZ, Theo Douthit

9 – CBT Winnetka Beat the Board, 10am, 12 noon & 2pm, Winnetka Bowl, cbtbowling.com, 661/418-8007

9 – Carnival Eliminator (USBC Adults), Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 702/298-2535, x5160

9 – JAT, 9am, San Diego Challenge, Parkway Bowl, El Cajon, bowljat.org

9 – NCJET Youth Tourn., 10am, Albany Bowl, Albany, norcaljrelitetour@gmail.com

9-14 – Suncoast PBA Sr. US Open, Suncoast Bowling Ctr., Las Vegas, pba.com

13-15 – PWBA Fountain Valley Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, pwba.com

15 – Gold Pin Scratch 6 Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, 925/828-7550

15 – PWBA Fountain Valley Open, 5:30pm, BowlTV

16 – Father’s Day Adult/Youth Doubles Smackdown, 10am, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, 323/252-7904, info@bowlinsocal.com

16 – HammerPins Summer Scratch, 10am, Stars Recreation Ctr., Vacaville, Hammerpins.net

16 – Father’s Day

18-21 – 2019 Weber Cup, Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, info@matchroom.com

18-23 – US Women’s Open, Texas Station, Las Vegas, pwba.com

21 – Application deadline for 2019 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, pba.com

21-23 – TNBA Tri-Senates Senior Tourn., Palm Springs Lanes, Palm Springs, 310/762-9589, erichardson2@sbcglobal.net

22-23 – Cal Bowlers Tour Handicap Doubles Tourn., Delta Bowl, Antioch, 925/757-2695

22-24 – US High School National Championships, Indianapolis, IN, ushsbf.org

23 – US Women’s Open, 5pm, CBS Sports Network

23-27 – Bowl Expo, Paris Hotel & Las Vegas Conv. Ctr., Las Vegas, 888/649-5585, bowlexpo.com

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# The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to two individuals who took time from their busy lives to respond to the article, “Never Give Up!” published in The California Bowling News, May 2, 2019 edition.

One is Timmy Smith, the other is Deborah (Bora) Dubose. I always find it amazing that this game can turn total strangers into friends. My new friends are responsible for what you are about to read. Thank you both from the bottom of my heart.

**My phone rang at 7:58 PM EST, on Monday, May 6, 2019**

**Me:** Hello....

**Caller:** Hello. I’d like to speak to Steve.

**Me:** That’s me.

**Caller:** I have some information about Glenn Allison you need to know. I know why his 900 didn’t get sanctioned!

**Me:** ..... uh, sir, you’ve got my attention. Let me grab some paper and a pencil.

**Caller:** My name’s Timothy Smith, but my friends call me “Timmy.” I know who Glenn Allison is; I bowled a couple lanes away from him in a Western Seniors Tournament at Norwalk’s Keystone Lanes.

I sat two tables away from him at the last National Convention in Las Vegas. I knew Nick Mancini, too. He told me why Bob Ramirez refused to sanction that 900.

**Me:** How did you know Nick Mancini?

**Timmy:** He managed The Vista Entertainment Center, a 40-lane house. Back in 1986, I started working in the Pro-Shop there and that’s how we met. We bowled together but weren’t really close friends. We’d occasionally get together and talk about stuff.

**Me:** So, what did he tell you?

**Timmy:** He told me this: “This whole thing about Glenn’s 900 was a political sham!” Those were his exact words. The highest series on record at the time was an 886 thrown by Allie Brandt way back in 1939.

He died in April 1982, just a few months before Glenn broke his record. Allie had been friends with a couple of the ABC’s Board members. Those friends did not want Allie Brandt’s series beaten by anybody, so they told Bob Ramirez to keep Glenn’s 900 off the record. It was like a “good-old-boys” club back then. You didn’t mess with the ABC.

**Me:** Did Nick tell you who those Board members were?

**Timmy:** Oh yeah! He laid it all out for me, and he would have known because he was good friends with Ramirez.

**Me:** Can you tell me who they were?

**Timmy:** It’s been so long that I don’t remember their names. But what I just told you is the truth!

**Me:** You would swear to that in a court of law?

**Timmy:** Absolutely! I’m in my seventies now.....what are “they” gonna do to me? Take my card away?

**Me:** Your card?

**Timmy:** Yeah. I earned my pro card on February 5, 1998. As a matter of fact, I still hold it along with my USBC card.

**Me:** Timmy, what made you call me with this story?

**Timmy:** I’m tired of people in power not being held accountable! When I picked up a copy of the Bowling News and read, “Never Give Up!” it was like I heard Nick Mancini inside my head saying, “Timmy, it’s time you did something about this.” Back then, he’d say to me, “Timmy, this is bigger than both of us!” It was like he was giving me a warning.

**Me:** To a lot people it’s still a pretty big deal.

**Timmy:** I know. Robert Bruce Smith used to tell me, “When you see someone doing something wrong, and you know it’s wrong, you’re as guilty as they are if you do nothing about it.” That article made me realize this has gone on long enough, and it was time I did something about it.

**Me:** Who was Robert Bruce Smith?

**Timmy:** My father.

**Me:** What would you like to see happen as a result of your story being made public?

**Timmy:** I would like the USBC to say, “In the past, mistakes were made. We screwed up by doing nothing about it. Now, we’re going to fix this!”

Amen!

And then there was the email the Bowling News published in their May 9th edition. It was from Debora Dubose and she nailed it with her statement:

“To deny Mr. Allison an acknowledgment of three 300 games is absurd and outright insulting - not just to Mr. Allison, but to our sport and all of us who enjoy the camaraderie of it. This story must stay relevant and not be pushed aside any more than it has.

Mr. Allison has earned and deserves his name to top The List of 900 bowlers.”

Well stated “Bora.” With all due respect to Chad Murphy and Jason Overstreet, all bowlers who know Allison’s story feel the same way. Many believe, regarding this issue, the USBC is on the wrong side of history.

I also like her idea for posters being made and displayed in bowling centers around the country. I would gladly donate \$1,000 to help get that ball rolling (pun intended). Any serious takers?

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Finally, there are three levels to this sport; casual bowling, league bowling, and professional bowling. All three view this game through different lenses. Most casual bowlers have never even heard of Glenn Allison. Of all the league bowlers with whom I’ve spoken, support for Glenn Allison topping the list of 900-bowlers is unanimous. But what do the professionals think? It’s time to find out.

Timmy Smith had suggested that I contact Mr. Tom Clark, President of the PBA. When I called the PBA Headquarters, the phone was answered by a delightful lady named Mary. She recommends that I send an email to her. She said she would then present it to Mr. Clark. The result shocked me!

# The Email May 9, 2019

Dear Mary, thank you for taking my call regarding Glenn Allison. Here is the email I promised to send for you to present to Mr. Clark.

Dear Mr. Clark,

My name is Steve Felege and I write a column for the California Bowling News called, *The Perfect Game*. The publisher of that journal, Carol Mancini, is passionate about the Glenn Allison story and occasionally asks me to write yet another article about it. Every time I do, new facts come out. My last column prompted a call from Timothy (Timmy) Smith. He suggested that I contact you.

The reason for this query is that I would like to know how you, and professional bowlers in general, feel about the Glenn Allison issue. I understand that you may not be able to answer some of the following questions.

1. Generally speaking, most league bowlers are unaware of Glenn Allison, his accomplishment, or the controversy surrounding the night of July 1, 1982. Would you say that most professional bowlers are:

(A) familiar with the story? (B) unfamiliar with the story?

Mr. Clark: I think most, if not all, PBA bowlers are familiar with the story.

2. Of those familiar with the controversy, would you say most PBA members:

(A) believe the ABC made the right decision.

(B) believe the ABC did not make the right decision.

Mr. Clark: I think most PBA members believe the ABC did not make the right decision.

3. Does the PBA, as an organization, stand in favor of having Glenn Allison atop the list of bowlers to roll a perfect series in league play? As an organization, the PBA:

(A) believes Glenn Allison belongs atop that list.

(B) believes Jeremy Sonnenfeld belongs atop that list.

(C) has no opinion on that subject.

Mr. Clark: If the USBC decided to retroactively award Glenn Allison his 900, the PBA would support that decision.

4. Do you personally support the USBC decision to keep Glenn Allison off the list of bowlers who have achieved the 900 milestones?

(A) Yes (B) No (C) Haven’t given it much thought.

Mr. Clark: I personally consider Glenn Allison as the first person to bowl a 900 series. I wouldn’t expect or try to tell USBC how to make a decision on how it is recorded officially by the organization.

5. At La Habra 300 Bowl on the night of July 1, 1982, if it had been you, instead of Glenn Allison, would you feel that you had been treated fairly?

(A) Yes (B) No

Mr. Clark: I don’t know enough about what happened during that time to say whether the fact it was Glenn Allison had anything to do with the decision, so I can’t answer that question with certainty, but I assume I would have been treated the same way Allison was.

6. Now that you have transitioned to Fox Sports (Congratulations!) are there any plans to re-introduce and highlight some of the old-timers like Glenn Allison?

(A) Yes (B) No

Mr. Clark: We reference past PBA greats as often as we can and usually in conjunction with records, locations, events. We name some tournaments and things like oil patterns after legends. If opportunities present themselves and make sense editorially for our program, we would tell as many stories of the greats of the game, such as Glenn Allison, as we can.

7. Do you have any personal comments you would like to add concerning Glenn or the PBA? Readers of The Bowling News would love to read them. Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to answer these questions.

Mr. Clark: It seems to me that Glenn Allison was a perfect person to have bowled an historic series like 900, because he was accomplished, incredibly talented, a great ambassador of the game and his feat was witnessed by a diverse group of people in a regular, sanctioned league in a sanctioned bowling center.

In retrospect, the fact Allison accomplished his 900 using a bowling ball with less technology than what we see today makes his accomplishment even more impressive. I understand it is far more difficult to retroactively award the score official status than most people think it could be.

But no one can take away the fact he bowled the score. He knows he did it, everyone else knows he did it, and he will always be Mr. 900. Thank you and good luck.

Mr. Clark, thank you for your candor, honesty and rapid response. May I have your permission to send these answers to The California Bowling News? I believe a lot of people would love to read them.

Mr. Clark: Yes, thanks.

There you have it. Every time we look inside the Glenn Allison box, new information pops up, like the advisory above from Timmy Smith. There’s probably a lot more. For instance, here’s a piece of trivia: Glenn Allison did not deliver 36 consecutive strikes that night; he actually rolled 43. The first three came in the 10th frame of his last game in the previous league. After shooting the 900, he kept bowling and threw 4 more.

Then there’s this little gem: On Nov. 22, 2014 the USBC issued a statement titled, USBC CONCLUDES RE-EVALUATION OF GLENN ALLISON 900 SERIES. Paragraph #2 ends with a statement which seems to be the major reason for their decision to deny Glenn Allison immortality. It states, “*The ABC’s decision was litigated before the United States District Court, Central District of California which upheld the ABC’s determination in all respects.*” This quote is misleading, to say the least.

That statement makes it sound as though the two sides (Allison VS ABC) got together in a court of law, presented evidence and made their arguments before a judge, who then made a decision based on that evidence. The real story is quite different. “*After his original appeal was denied by the ABC, Allison filed a lawsuit, but the case never made it to court. The judge explained that Allison was a card-carrying member of the ABC and had to abide by its governing decisions.*”\*

If you believe what Timmy Smith reported, and I do, Mr. Allison never stood a chance because that governing body was a “good-old-boys” club and had stacked the deck against him. **Have an opinion? You can express that opinion by contacting the USBC directly using the following: Mr. Chad Murphy, USBCED: 817-385-8469, or email: chad.murphy@bowl.com or Mr. Jason Overstreet, USBCDED: 817-385-8380, or email: jason.overstreet@bowl.com**

\*From an article in the LA Times, ROLLING ALONG: Glenn Allison’s Bowling Story Has a Perfect Ending, By CHRIS DUFRESNE, Times Staff Writer, July 2, 1989

**Note:** Prior to publication, I always send copies of these articles to Chad Murphy and Jason Overstreet, at the USBC, for fact-checking purposes. They have never responded so I assume they have no objections to anything I have written. The folks at the USBC no longer answer the phone when I call or return my calls when I leave a message.

It is regrettable that they continue to believe they have “closed the door” on this issue because a wise man once told me, “When you see someone doing something wrong, and you know it’s wrong, you’re as guilty as they are if you do nothing about it.” - Timmy Smith

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match leaving four nine counts in the first five frames, but after making what he called a minor adjustment, struck on the next four shots.

“I was getting to the pocket fine but needed to make a small adjustment with my hand position,” said the 62-year-old Dias. “I started getting a little more aggressive by getting my hand around the ball more at release and just moved one board to the left to get a better angle and that helped solve the carry problem.”

After striking on his first shot of the 10th frame, Bohn, trying for his fifth career PBA50 Tour title, had an opportunity to win the match with another strike on the second shot of the frame but left a solid 7 pin which gave Dias the victory.

Bohn, who qualified second for the finals, beat No. 3 qualifier Skip Pavone of San Jose, California, 280-256, in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

“You know you’re going to have your hands full trying to beat a great bowler like Parker,” said Dias, who advanced all the way from the cashers round earlier in the day to take the top qualifying spot. “Even though he was coming off a big game, I knew he was going to have to adjust to some transition. I thought it might take something like 220 or 230 to win and it turned out to be pretty close to that.”Dias’ last PBA50 Tour win came in the 2014 PBA50 Grants Pass Open but he did win the USBC Super Senior Classic for players 60 and over in 2018 for his first PBA60 title.

“I always thought I could win on the PBA50 Tour again,” Dias added. “You just never know how many opportunities you’ll get but you try to make the most of every opportunity like I was able to do today.”

In a match between two hall of famers, five-time PBA50 Tour winner Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida, beat 2017 PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship winner Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas, in the opening stepladder match 268-212. In the second match, Pavone, making his first championship round appearance, beat Duke 245-228 to advance to the semifinal against Bohn.The PBA50 Tour heads to Las Vegas for the USBC Super Senior Classic May 29-June 2, where Dias will defend his title, to be followed by the USBC Senior Masters June 3-9. Both events are hosted by Sam’s Town and will be streamed live on bowltv.com.

The Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm, the season’s third major, follows the Senior Masters June 10-14 and will be streamed live by FloBowling.

**PBA50 NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CLASSIC**

Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif., Tuesday

**Final standings:**

- 1, Mike Dias, Lafayette, Colo., \$7,500.
- 2, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., \$4,000
- 3, Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., \$3,000.
- 4, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$2,500.
- 5, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., \$2,000.

**Stepladder Results:**

Match One – Duke def. Goebel, 268-212.

Match Two – Pavone def. Duke, 245-228.

Semifinal – Bohn def. Pavone, 280-256.

Championship – Dias def. Bohn, 227-217.

If you are interested in the Glenn Allison saga, tune in next week for the trial of the century... Glenn Allison vs ABC & USBC. The Perfect Game will report the trial that Glenn Allison was denied. Steve Felege

Xframe Hosted by Bowlero West Covina Lanes June 15 \$3,000 1st Place with Bonuses

Xframe Bowling Tour will observe a two-week bye June 1 and June 8 and then will visit popular West Covina Lanes June 15 and June 22 following last weekend’s exciting event at Cal Bowl. June 15 will have 3 Qualifying squads at 2:00 4:00 & 6:00 PM the Semifinals will take the floor at 8:15 PM.

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The Match Games are in store at West Covina as Games 1, and 3 were not matched at Cal and they start at \$1,305 each. Game two is estimated at \$700+. Games 1 and 3 will go for over \$2,000 each. Only three Qualifying Squads so check in early.

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7	2	1	4	8	9	5	3	6

# A Tribute to the life of Constantino "Connie" Marchione

by Ed Abakumoff

NORWALK – Connie Marchione was a well-respected man in the Deaf bowling community and various bowling writer’s association. He promoted deaf bowling in many ways, like writing a weekly column for the California Bowling News, encouraging deaf bowlers to be the best that they can be. Connie is originally from Detroit, Michigan, he moved to Southern California in the early 1940"s. Within a few short years Connie met the love of his life Dorothy. Shortly after they got married, Dorothy gave Connie an ultimatum, he was involved in two sports bowling and golf, she told him to pick one. He chose bowling, all of us deaf bowlers have to thank Dorothy for her ultimatum.



Constantino Louis Marchione

Throughout his association with bowling Connie accomplished many things. He had a hand in establishing the National Deaf Bowling Association and the Southern Nevada California Deaf Bowling Association. He created the Pacific Coast Deaf Bowling Association Masters event which was modeled after the ABC Masters. The PCDBA Masters is now Called the Connie Marchione Masters tournament. He started both the PCDBA and NDBA Halls of fame. In 1960 he established his Pride and Joy the Southern California Deaf Travel League. He was the Secretary-Treasurer for 50 consecutive years. the league just completed its 59 year and it is going for 60 years. The League has voted to change its name to the Connie Marchione Deaf Travel League.

He served as a tournament director, chairperson or advisor to such events as the World DBA Championships, Pacific Coast Deaf Singles Championships PCDBA Senior Masters and the National Deaf Masters. He was the bowling chairperson for the USA Deaf Sports Federation, He fielded the best team for the USA for the Deaflympics in 2001 in Rome Italy. The team took gold in every event, singles, doubles, trios, team and match play, the team set records and some still exist today.

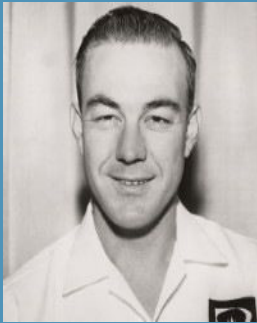
As a bowling writer, he started the Pacific Coast Deaf Bowlers newsletter, the Deaf Bowler magazine - the official publication of Nation Deaf Bowling Association and wrote a column for deaf bowling for the California Bowling News. Connie became a member of the Southern California Bowling Writers Association. He was elected to the SCBWA Hall of Fame and a new annual award was named after him, Connie Marchione Deaf Bowler of the year. Connie is in the PCDBA and NDBA Halls of Fame.

The overwhelming honor that Connie Marchione received is his induction in to the USBC Hall of Fame in 2007 for meritorious service, in Nashville, Tennessee.

I made the announcement of Connie's passing on Facebook. I received many comments, one stood out above the rest, it was from Mike Cammarata, manager at Del Rio Lanes. He replied, "bowling has lost a Legend".

On behalf of the Marchione Family, we want to thank all who came to the funeral services Saturday.

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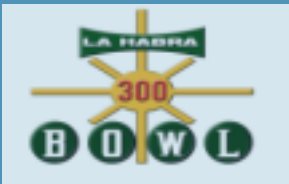
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one,” Ng said about catching Parkin. “She bowled great all week and was very, very consistent. I had my ups and downs, but when it comes down to just one final game, it’s really anybody’s game and I was fortunate to have matched up to the lanes better and earlier.”

While Ng was striking on her first seven shots in the title match, Parkin had a 10 pin wiggle, but not fall in the second frame, picked up a 2-8 leave in the fifth and a single-pin spare in the seventh.

“I bowled really well all week long, was happy with my execution, and the last game I threw all the shots really well,” Parkin said. “That’s all you can do. Shayna bowled really well in the stepladder finals and all week long.”

As the No. 2 seed, Ng averaged 263 in her two matches of the stepladder. In the semifinal against No. 3 seed Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, Ng closed out the match with seven strikes. She was quite aware she was on a run of 14 consecutive strikes over the two matches.

“There were nerves,” said Ng, who won the 2018 PWBA Las Vegas Open. “I was really, really quite nervous. But I guess I managed to overcome it.”

Johnson made the semifinals match with a 227-179 victory over Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake, Michigan. Bercier couldn’t convert a 2-10 split in the second fame and Johnson stayed clean in the victory.

Saturday’s stepladder was the PWBA Tour’s fifth of the season – a total of 21 spots – and once again each of the stepladder participants were making their first finals appearance of the season. No bowler has made two stepladder finals in 2019. Ng won’t have a chance to make another stepladder as she will return to Singapore with the rest of the team. The Singapore national team has been on the PWBA Tour for the last five weeks as part of their training for the Singapore Open. “It’s been a long trip, but it is sweet to go back with this win,” Ng said.

Competition at the PWBA Sonoma County Open started with two eight-game qualifying blocks on Friday to determine the 32 players for Saturday’s Round of 32. An eight-game block on Saturday morning narrowed the field to 12 players, who bowled six more games with total pinfall from their 30 games determining the stepladder finalists. The 2019 PWBA Tour now heads to Tucson, Arizona, for the PWBA Tucson Open at Golden Pin Lane, with the action starting June 7, and [BowlTV.com](#) will have live wire-to-wire coverage of the event.

California’s Ty Dawson Wins Super Senior Classic

LAS VEGAS – Google might be working overtime this weekend with bowling fans trying to learn more about Ty Dawson of Sunnyvale, California, who outlasted nearly 200 of the top United States Bowling Congress members age 60 and older at the 2019 Super Senior Classic.

The 66-year-old right-hander and first-time participant at the Super Senior Classic was the top seed for the star-studded stepladder Sunday at the Sam’s Town Bowling Center and wasted no time showing his desire for the coveted title and \$8,500 top prize, striking on the first five shots of his 227-214 win over Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Washington.

Though Dawson faltered briefly, missing the 3-6-10 in the sixth frame of the title tilt, he rallied back with three more strikes to pull away from Miller for good. Miller, a seven-time PBA Tour champion and the lone left-hander in the championship round, collected \$7,000 for the runner-up finish.

"I can't believe it, but I can, because I threw the ball really well," Dawson said. "I worked hard to get this far, and I'm excited about this. The adrenaline and emotions were really high. I shed a few tears. I had a bunch of my friends come up and congratulate me afterwards, so it feels really good knowing your peers appreciate all of the hard work." All rounds of the Super Senior Classic were streamed live at [BowlTV.com](#).



Ty Dawson

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job and it showed,” he added. “I hope people can see how much I’ve matured over the past five years, and it’s really having an impact on the success I’m having.”

Prather, a 27-year-old five-year PBA Tour veteran, used a string of four strikes to build a lead over the struggling O’Neill in the first game but had to convert a 3-4-6-7-10 split in the 10th frame to win the first in the “race to two points” match.

“I threw the ball about as bad as I could in that situation, and it showed,” Prather said. “On the spare I told myself I make that split all the time, so I just wanted to hit the pin in front and if I made it, it was meant to be.”

O’Neill, who didn’t throw back-to-back strikes until the sixth and seventh frames, had a chance to win by a pin with three strikes in his 10th frame but left the 2-8 on his second shot.

“I was unsure of what I was doing,” O’Neill admitted. “In hindsight I should have played the lanes a lot straighter. It was more a tactical error on my part. That second shot in the 10th frame I thought was pretty good, but that’s what happens when you’re not playing the lanes properly.”

Prather, who won his only PBA Tour title earlier in the season in the PBA Scorpion Championship during the PBA World Series of Bowling X, retained control in game two with a string of three strikes after O’Neill failed to convert the 4-9 split in the first frame and again struggled to put together consecutive strikes. When O’Neill finally put together a double, he left the 3-6-9-10 in the eighth frame and failed to convert, basically sealing the victory for Prather.

“This was the first time, in the whole playoffs, I had the lead early. In every other match, except one, I had to come from behind,” Prather said, noting he was surprised by how well the Bayside Bowl fans embraced him considering he’d never bowled in Maine before this year. “These fans are incredible. I never thought I’d be accepted into a place I’m not from, like I have been in Portland. You hear about how enthusiastic these fans are, but you don’t really know until you experience this place.”

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour will resume competition June 28-30 when the Lubbock Sports Shootout presented by Ebonite at South Plains Lanes in Lubbock, Texas, kicks off the PBA Summer Tour and USBC Cup points competition. The PBA Summer Tour will be livestreamed in its entirety by the PBA’s online streaming partner, Flo-Bowling.

PBA PLAYOFFS CHAMPIONSHIP

(A Go Bowling! PBA Tour event)  
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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. We are taking sign-ups for the Glenn Allison Anchor Girl Trio Tournament on Saturday, July 13, 2019. Call for more details.  
**SUNDAY – Summer Rollers:** Starts Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:20pm. **Wally’s Vegas Cruise:** Off.  
**MONDAY – Golden Awards:** Off.  
**TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors:** Richard Mada 213, Ron Levondoski 208, Larry McCurry 205. **Guys & Dolls:** Jong Sablan 243, Shawn Quinn 226, Justin Salaises 224, Nate White 649, Celso Alhambra 601, Denise Chavez 202.  
**WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes:** Carl Brooks 257/664, Ed Jamison 231/614, Jeff Heston 230, Starla Battiest 217. **American National Can:** Grant Walter 245/607, Mike Thompson 238/641, Wayne Gaither 227, Brian Parker 611, Kathy Boyett 205.  
**THURSDAY – Sunset Rollers:** Willie Keith 216, Greg Calinan 211, Jim Ragsdale 203. **Frank’s Gold Cup Trios:** Kevin Jensen 299, Jim Hutchinson 289/923, David Pisani 266, Dexter Harrod 977, Mike Fowler 918, Suzanne Allison 200.  
**FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers:** Joe Jimenez 268/726, Dexter Harrod 260/704, Brandon Kraye 256/713, Jordan Kraye 263/696, Stacie Davis 224, Carie Morgan 214.  
Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!



PARENTS – MAKE LIFETIME MEMORIES  
Enter Your Kids In The 2019 California State Youth Championships

by Frank Weiler

OROVILLE – “I STILL REMEMBER”. The fondest memories of my youth are bowling memories. I still remember the times I bowled in youth tournaments with my friends and my parents cheering me on. Bowling youth tournaments make lifetime memories for kids and parents.

One of the best parts of my early youth tournaments were the many conversations I had with my parents over the years about what happened at those tournaments. We shared many laughs and a few tears over my wins, my losses and the oddball events that occurred at those tournaments. “I STILL REMEMBER”. I still remember my parents cheering me on. I still remember my dad coaching me about the adjustments that led to my first triple. I still remember my mom sewing my name on my first Tournament shirt. Do you want to make lifetime memories for you and your kids? You can.

You can make memories that will last a lifetime by entering your young bowlers in tournaments now. Why not start by entering your kids in this season’s CALIFORNIA STATE YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS. You won’t regret it.

This season’s California State Youth Championships will be held in July. Now is the time to enter and make plans for your kids to compete in this wonderful event. Some important details follow:

- WHAT: California State Youth Championships
- WHEN: July 13-14, July 20-21, July 27-28
- WHERE: Tyme To Bowl Lanes, Oroville, California
- EVENTS: Scratch Singles, Doubles, Team and All-Events (All within Average Divisions)
- AWARDS: Scholarships and Symbolic (Last year \$32,000 in Scholarships were awarded)
- COST: \$35 per Event and \$15 for All-Events
- ENTRY FORMS & INFORMATION: Download at [CALUSBC.com](#)



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BURBANK – Summer bowling is a unique time of year. I’ve heard that in some of the eastern states, centers actually shut their doors for the season!

Sounds incredible to us, but those areas finally have the weather where they can take out their boats, go hiking, fishing & do everything except bowl! Unthinkable! For us, we relish the short season and plan vacations around our bowling schedule. Many this time of year, are bowling away tournaments: Nationals, State & other specialty competitions.

I, myself, look forward to going with the Youth bowlers for their State tournament. Especially when we get to go north since it then becomes a mini vacation! I wish all of you good summer bowling whether it be practice, league or competition. Here comes the sun!

**Senior Swingers:** (scr) Marv Poretta 148, Kim Rasmussen 149, Bob Shimp 418, Josie Pemberton 397. (hdcp) John Pemberton 210, Shirlee Wolf 224, Rick Lnger 605, Seiki Tluczek 629.

**Wed Night Hdcp:** (scr) Justin Perez & Shain Duff 256, Amber Ball 225, Bill Moser 719, Olivia Tilleard 565. (hdcp) Roger Webb 288, Alexis Arnold 256, Tommy Kientzy 803, Stephanie Rakers 719.

**Thursday 910:** (scr) Woody Gillis 247, Peggy Eklund 205, Ryan Hinchliffe 680, Suzanna Martinez 538. (hdcp) Drew Skinner 277, Rose White 249, Saul Coreas 765, Stephanie Rakers 678. Until next time...keep the ball rollin’!

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# 1990 – PART 3

by Carol Mancini

***Between looking at the pictures, remembering the good times and trying to pick out interesting “stuff” to write about, part three may take a while!***

- Well known Joe Norris of San Diego bowled his 61st consecutive ABC in Reno. The 82 year old had a 195 average for the 61 years!
- **Stark Center Lanes** was located at the Long Beach Navel Station.
- Question!!! Why??? EVERY weekly issue of the news had want-ads for mechanics. 2019 is no different. At least 6 centers are in need of mechanics. Maybe women should take a few lessons! They do everything else. There ARE actually a couple in So. Calif. now.
- Los Angeles WBA named four to their Hall of Fame: Tish Johnson, Phyl Knoll, Willa Grable and Carol Joyce.
- Robby Robinson-inventor of the “Robby’s” wrist positioner rolled his first 300, using his glove. All strikes were Brooklyn! When asked about it....”If its workin’, don’t change anything!”
- **Chino Bowl** got a nice write up announcing the results if their scratch tournament and thanking the 9 guys that entered!
- The HOINKE CLASSIC paid out over 2 million dollars in prize monies. Another great one that hit the dust later on!
- Familiar faces in the ABTA weekly photo - April 6, 1990; Champ Pat Danforth, Bob Smith, Jacquie Bennett, Charles Willison, Marlow Dinger, and Paula Vidad.
- I’ll bet Bob Smith (ABTA) had his picture in the paper more often than ANY other person!!! 1978-2019, that’s years, not times!
- David Eisenhower (distant relative of the General) tossed a 300 at **Friendly Hills**.
- The center in Banning changed its name from **Edgehill Lanes** to **Baraga Bowl**. Jerry Vale was the league coordinator.
- The Deaf Travel League on Sunday headed up by Connie Marchione had 14 mixed teams of 4.
- 240 Bumper Bowlers (K through 3rd grade) competed at **West Town Square** in River-side.
- Lee Taylor---San Diego’s finest---won the WSBT in San Jose.
- Robin Romeo was named “Bowler of the Year” by the National Bowling Writers.
- The P.B.A had over 3,300 members. 32 Smiths, 31 Johnsons, 16 Browns, 11 Davis’, and 10 each of Baker, Martin and Thomas. (Aren’t you glad to know this?)
- More P.B.A. info- other interesting last names: Hooks, Bowles, Bohling, Balls, Strike, Frame, and Tapp. Missing was Spare, Bucket, and Washout.
- Joung Ho was the “Happy Bowlers Tour” Easter no-tap winner.
- Pictured at Donkee “bank”. Winner Keith Kenworthy accepted the check from Nacho Negrete. Keith was the inventor of the Rollin’ Donkee!!
- Over 10,000 bowlers attended the July 3 Dodger game on “Bowlers Nite” to watch the Cubs “Get beat”.
- The MID STATE BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIPS moved from Fresno to Vallejo. Later on we’ll find out when they moved back to Fresno. Fifty years in Fresno is a tradition.
- California bowlers raised \$265,303.89 for B.V.L. Orange County raised the most-again.
- Glenn Allison picked up his first 7-10 split in San Jose while bowling the W.S.B.T.
- Another tournament club popped up. The Quality Bowlers Association was directed by Marc and Richard Friedland. Their first big ad blasted \$5000 guaranteed 1st Place.
- Does anyone remember who was operating the **Cal Bowl Pro Shop** in 1990??
- **Baraga Bowl** invited all bowlers (especially braggers, criers, and sandbaggers) to try their doubles league for the summer.
- Another question...Where was **Catalano’s Sports Bowl**?? Anaheim??
- The first meetings by associations, EVERYWHERE, to discuss “consolidation” of ABC and WIBC was scheduled across the U.S. (We all predicted it was the “Beginning of the end.”)
- **Ponsetta Bowl** in Ventura installed new auto scoring and synthetic lanes.
- Harry Grant was begging for squad organizers for his Grant Classic.
- Want ads- Desk person, Bartender, 4 mechanics, 2 Pro Shop operators, Fry Cook, Waitress, Janitor, 3 Central Deskpersons, League Programer, and Cocktail Waitress, C.P.R. classes and a whole center for sale!
- Mike Taylor- San Diego- won 2 PCB titles in the first 4 months of 1990.
- New inductees into So. California Hall of Fame were Jerry Burdick and Joe Norris.
- For sale- License Plate frames that read “Born to Bowl”. \$10 each.
- **Rocket Bowl** floored five Senior Citizen Wheelchair Leagues June 1st for the Summer, plus 24 night leagues.
- Ed Lubrin won the \$25,000 offered at **Mission Hills** for a 300 in the Thursday 900 Majors.
- **Brookstone Lanes** in Lake Elsinore made the best pizza around. Is there a lake any-more in Elsinore?
- The A.B.T. had a huge Memorial Weekend. The 4 divisions bowled at **Rossmoor Bowl, Arena Bowl, Fountain Bowl, and Cal Bowl**. Thats a LOTTA bucks!
- Ed Atkinson, Manager of **Mira Mesa Lanes** in San Diego died of a heart attack while in Vegas handling League Sweepers.
- Roy Karnowski rocked the pins at **Eastland Lanes**! After the three games the crowd raised the roof. Roy had games of 279-253-298/830!
- Kevin Cogan, son of Jack Cogan, owner of **Gable House** qualified fifth in the 1990 Indianapolis 500, averaging 217.73 miles per hour. He finished 9th.
- Local Mark Baker won the PBA Oregon Open by beating Steve Wunderlich.
- Arnold Cheesman averages 238 for 28 games (2 300’s) to win PCB Whitlock at **Del Rio Lanes**. Alex Cheesman Sr, Alex Jr, and Arnold Cheesman all have 300 games. A Royal bowling family.
- **Linbrook** offered an unusual league. The winning team would receive a 2 day fishing trip! “Brook” Trout???
- Pretty Denise Massad was named General Manager at **Mission Hills**. Bowling News photographers didn’t charge for the ride north!
- Remember Frank Bellinder? Phil Kapsimallis? Scott Kraye? Chuck Reese? John Law? Barry Asher? Dick Braasch? Lorenzo DeCohen? Ken Puleston? Doug Johnson? Ron Winger? Chris Olmos? Rusty Bryant? Fred Berger? ALL Pro shop owners and ball drillers. What would they think of conditions, balls, oil patterns, and bowlers today??

*That’s it folks for part three of 1990. Takes us to June 30th with a whole lot more to come. I’m always available on Mondays at the Bowling News office to chit chat. Thanks for reading and sharing a jog down memory lane.*

## The Most Difficult Split to Convert – and ‘The Split Killer’ Did It

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Ho-hum.  
It’s the most difficult split to knock down and Bruce Zietz, alias “The Split Killer,” lived up to his nickname last week by collapsing all five pins of the so-called “Greek Church.”  
Zietz had previously been chronicled on these pages for establishing an impressive standard of excellence in “split splat-tering.”  
In late March, the 79-year-old Zietz showcased his uncanny split-making ability by ambushing two foreboding spares in back-to-back frames of his Funtimers senior league at Winnetka Bowl.  
Zietz knocked down the extremely difficult 4-10 in the seventh frame of his final game and then he picked up the equally troublesome 4-7-10 in the following frame.  
The following week, Zietz put on another impressive display of split-making by converting two more splits within three frames.  
But Zietz saved his best for last week.  
First, some context:  
Ben Blatt of Slate.com reported in a 2015 story about the most difficult splits to convert – based on the information he gathered from the Professional Bowlers Assn.  
The most difficult?  
It’s the “Greek Church,” the 4-6-7-9-10 combination that’s converted at a 0.3 percent rate. That means pro bowlers convert that split a mere three times out of 1,000 shots. And that’s the spare Zietz knocked down.  
The 4-6-7 was rated the second-most difficult split at 0.6%. The famed “railroad” or “bed posts” was listed No. 3 at 0.7%. Fourth was the 4-6-10 split at 0.8%. Fifth was the 3-7-9 at 0.8%. Sixth was the “Big Four,” or the 4-6-7-10, at 1%.  
Curiously, the other “Greek Church” with three pins on the left – the 4-6-7-8-10 – was listed seventh at 1.3%.



Bruce Zietz, alias the “Split Killer” knocked down the “Greek Church” split in another impressive display of split making.

The right-handed Zietz nailed the tougher “Greek Church” during his Monday league outing at Winnetka Bowl. “I threw from the left – cross-alley – like I was throwing at the 10 pin,” Zietz said. “And I threw the ball hard, about 12 [m.p.h.], and sent the 6 [pin] flying and it hit the back of the 7 and the 7 came forward and hit the 4.”  
It marked the first time Zietz had converted that split, he said. Or was it?  
“My wife Beverly said I had done it before but I don’t remember. I don’t remember a lot of things,” he said with a laugh.  
Zietz, who has bowled a 279 and averages in the low 170s, said he knows for sure he has never picked up the 7-10. “I’ve never hit that, but I try not to [leave] it,” he joked.  
As for his bowling scores, he recently smashed a 665 but he cratered to a 499 a few days ago.  
“I’ve been picking up splits regularly,” said Mr. “Split Killer,” “but I’ve been getting too many of them.”



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CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT

by Heather Dawson

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LAKEWOOD — It's June already! And we definitely have some of that gloomy weather....but don't despair! These scores are anything but!

**Pin Heads:** Fact you don't care about....one half of the team names start with a T. Don't look for that question on Jeopardy! Damon Flewelen 215-212/604, Phil Lykins 212/533, Gary Kelly 207/538, John Feriazzo 202/521, Chuck Appleberry 195/537, Ashley Brown 234/553, Stacy Kelly 225/581, Diane Robles 203/566.

**Funsters:** Chris Abing 652, Randy Antazo 640, Boylee Inocente 582, Beth Austria 518, Divina Buhay 512, Tua Sula 498, Jim Plante 234, Roland Sanchez 233, Vic Santos 223, Dorothy Ruggiero 195, Leona Belletti 194, Vancie Keith 182.

**Sierra Bugs:** This league is all "Lady bugs!" Pamela Johnson 199-173/516, Ann Weiss 195, Darlene Waken 173/467, Ginny Lindsay 173/475, Gay Walker 169/456, Kristi Wilkinson 168, Connie Wood 482, Priscilla Lees 477, Christine Ewaskey 461.

**Recycled Teens:** Boylee Inocente was "guilty" of Abusing the pins this week....235-224/634, and Lu Anthony didn't give them liberty...she "billed" those dang pins! Jorge Fernandez 238/582, Roland Sanchez 210/552, Ed Hansen 205/527, Ron Leidholdt 200/520, Joe DeJesus 190/546, Lanore Knudson 204/496, Lu Anthony 192-175/524, Joanne Burke 184-180/509, Vancie Keith 498.

**Fil-Am:** "Fil-Am" is sometimes "Flim-Flam" but you can't fool the pins! Freddy Zamora 706, Tres Catalasan 693, Marcel V 692, Bheth Alcayde 642, Susan Ebilane 591, Beth Austria 556, James Borillo 278, Rey Santos 259, Joe Knapp 258, Emily Burchman 220, Emma Trinidad 204, Annie Yonemura 200.

**Grandmas/Grandpas:** If you turn the league sheet upside down, "Creams on top" is on the top! Walter Milsap 222-211/608, Stan Murren 195-191/550, William Scott 188-186/549, Rinze Dykstra 181/519, Chris VanDeven 177/493, Esque Donnell 177/504, Del Stewart 195-171/490, Lu Anthony 193-181/542, Donna May 187/506, Vancie Keith 177/452, Betty Green 175/455, Elena VanDeven 171/502.

**Young at Heart:** Having a "good" heart is great. Young OR old. Clarence Williams 252/643, J.J. Scott 229/559, Bob Sneed 223/556, Fale Sula 216, Rich Heid 211/581, Phil Hylton 209, Jimmy Hamilton 206/561, Carla Dean 213-179/551, Tua Sula 182/497, Sherise Stephens 179/466, Doll Liggio 174/469, Dee Phipps 173/477.

**Cal Bowlers:** Sidepot winners: Game 1- Gale Vervantes 233, Game 2- Bheth Alcayde 245, Game 3- Jessica Alcayde 264. LaWana Clark 585, Carolyn Rousseau 584, Gale Cervantes 501, Carole Fischer 245, Renee Johnson Scott 212, Divina Buhay 197.

**C.A.U.L:** Contest running in June. What does C.A.U.L. stand for?? (We know, we just want a new twist.) Eli Vega 248/573, Rich Dahmen 248/602, David Regul 248/670, Allan Lee 245-237/665, Derek Spann 233/633, Lori Gilmre 211/500, Yosemite Hamilton 199-176/500, Teri Friend 188-160/500, Jessica Seastead 161/470.

**Senior Men's Trio:** Kevin Gannon 709 "Shades of 1983"!!! What a memory! Mark Rametta 289/699, Chuck Blais 276-269/659, Arnold Cheesman 266/688.

**Gobs and Gals:** Three teams have come up with clever names. How about the rest of you???? Ryan Huff 763, Emerson Wafer 299/716, Chris Abing 687, Jon Reyes 300, Manny Antonio 275, Marife Catalasan 225/621, Della Douglass 234/621, Donna Owens 242/614.

**Vegas Crackpots:** This great 18 team league has the best snacks! Shawdee Wilson 256/659, Carl Stokes 247/648, Ernie Perryman 237/594, Nathaniel Hampton 234/641, Jacob Culpepper 227, Charles Sumling 223, Alwyn Woods 595, Christopher Purnell 591, Ellen Myers 246-202/641, Arleen LaVasser 220/563, LaDrena Boyd 211/547, April Allen 204/563, Lashonda Taylor 203, Pristeen Rickett 201/554, Alexis Hammond 201/573, Kathy Dees 200,

**Laughlin Bowler Bears:** Jonathan Gale thought week one was a sweeper! No, no, can't collect for your 675. Ashlee Ravaglia had a great 3 game set of her own....212-174-171/557. Jonathan Gale 237-228-210/675, Katwuan Sauldsberry 218, Paul Wells 214/558, Ray Grabinski



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by A.A.Turtle

DIAMOND BAR — We will be starting a monthly business card drawing each month in June all you have to do is drop your business card in the fish bowl at the desk. At the end of each month, we will draw a card for a FREE 2 lane party.

Our Youth bowlers will be having a Rummage Sale on Saturday June 22, 2019 from 6:00 am to 3:00 pm you have 2 ways to help. Donate items for the sale and/or come and purchase items from the sale. Drop off items at the bowl or call and ask for Annette Anderson our Youth Director.

Go onto [www.leaguesecretary.com](http://www.leaguesecretary.com) and download your league sheets every week before coming bowling

Now onto this week's scores:

**Vegas Bound:** Scr: 714 Tyler Salverda, 692 Bryce Wilson, 601 Margie Acevedo, 543 Shellie Camarata, 215 Kelly Manuel, 215 Jennifer Chai, 268 Bobby Maleskey, 267 Mike Jennings and Team: 2786 Team 7.

**Club 55:** Hdcp: 748 Denise Woods, 625 Marietta Simonson, 699 bob Marcelo, 656 Tom Barron, 244 Tony thousand, 243 Raul Medina, 242 Karen Wade, 238 Malou David and Team: 1956 No Problem.

**Chamber & Friends:** Scr: 650 Peter Ruiz, 596 Keith Bowden, 545 Clara Lotton, 480 France Mackessy, 174 Pat Mitas, 173 JoAnne Clark, 226 Jim Sawkins, 212 John Clark and Team: 2087 Huggers.

**Laughlin Nites:** Scr: 466 Lynn Williams, 407 Dawn Renner, 574 tony Guzman, 572 Scott Muholland, 231 Duane Smith, 208 Jerry Lemus, 172 Irene Mulholland, 151 Virgie Sena and Team: 1874 Team 7.

**Let it Ride:** Scr: 665 Jeff Vanthiel, 661 Bobby Nakatani Sr, 4765 Sancha Acevedo, 463 Linda Tippings, 177 Stephanie Row, 172 Cece Vanthiel, 256 Shammon William, 247 Trevor Brown and Team: 2417 Shyts Weak.

**Pinheads:** Scr: 468 Debi Moore, 388 Sylvia Moriel, 575 Don Lindsay, 510 Ace Chelsea, 153 Gloria Garica, 141 Anna McArdie, 205 Richard Garcia, 194 Richard Lotz and Team: 1808 The Royal Team.

**Happy Strokers:** Scr: 406 Lance Clifford, 281 Shirley Rogers, 141 Julie Melendrez, 117 Jim Foote and Team: 908 Team 8.

**Fil-Am Keglers:** Scr: 700 Mark Mauna, 650 David Jones, 559 Vanessa Huertas, 490 Florence Sullivan, 209 Kelly Manuel, 188 Beth Rabaja, 267 Mark Huertas, 236 Anthony Magpali and Team: 2274 Team 7.

**Vegas On Layaway:** Scr: 498 Julie Orriny, 481 Jull Grummett, 682 Luis Damian, 595 Ron Hancock Sr, 241 Garran Hein, 215 Mike Grummett, 172 Ashley Calles, 165 Corinne Ruff and Team: 1841 Schweddy Balls.

**TBYBP Pin Heads:** Scr: 319 Ariana Chavez, 354 Kyle Yonezawa, 1112 Erynne Jones, 53 Drew Cook and Team: 354 Mario Bowl.

**TBYBP Rug Rats:** Scr: 74 Zachary Harlow, at the age of 3 bowling his high game of 37 we have Nathan Dorn this week and Team: 74 Sonic Ninjas.

**TBYBP Pin Pals:** Scr: 171 Harley Murga, 269 Neel Kan-kariya, and Team: 269 Wet as Water.

**TBYBP Jr/Adult Strike Force:** Scr: 589 Dante Montoya, 150 Jason Weed, Adult: 528 Nicholas Scalise and Team: 1385 Our Bowlogna has a First Name.

**TBYBP Jr Gold:** Scr: 746 Tim LeCount, 608 Bella Roseli, 193 Maverick Dirossa and Team: 772 Bowling Master.

Check our website [www.oaktreelanes.net](http://www.oaktreelanes.net) for more information and all of our specials and our youth website [www.tbybp.com](http://www.tbybp.com). Keep the great scores a rolling.

The California State USBC will be holding their bowling convention in Ontario this coming weekend and there is a Mystery Doubles at Bowlum on Friday night check in at 5:30 pm bowl at 6:00 pm cost is \$15.00 a person open to all bowlers go on down and support your bowling along with the Youth and learn more about what your State is doing for you and have your voice be heard. The main meeting is Sunday from 9 am to 12 pm go on their website at [www.calusbc.com](http://www.calusbc.com) to learn more.

209/587, James Ward 209/546, Steve Ravaglia 206/556, Roxanne Torrez 179, Toi Sauldsberry 179/477, Anita Ward 178/455, Gina Radcliffe 176/502, Elaine Harmon 490, Sharon Saig 464. That's all for this week.

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WINNETKA – Hello from Winnetka Bowl! We'd like to thank everyone for bowling with us this season and congratulate all of the winter league champions. Summer leagues are now underway. We have a few openings remaining if you would like to join us. Please call us at 818.340.5190 for summer league info. Here are some of the many high scores for the month of May.

**PHIL-AM:** Christopher Marcos 244-656, Alvin Bailon 228-620, George Cunanan 227-593, Helen Ventenilla 229-559.

**VAN NUYS EAGLES:** *THE DREAM TEAM* won the league – Chris Menendez, Manny Rodriguez, Jonathan Ruzic and Vincent Hall. Final week highs: Matt Berger 237-632, Matt Hall 235-617, Aaron Story 609, Manny Rodriguez 225-606, Roxanne Leigh 176-455.

**49'ERS:** Les Pease 226-664, John Drew 246-631, Gary Bricker 236-612, Chuck Alexander 227-609, Darlene Redman 209-563, Buenafe Holbrook 184-542.

**MONDAY NITE MADNESS:** The champs are Team#2 Joan Yacavone, Irma Haldane and Dean Dempsey. High sweeper scores were turned in by Steven Schulkin 263-643, Wayne McClean 216-635 and Arlene Dempsey 222-525.

**RIVER MANIACS:** Robert Pellicci 279-801, Justin Pluchino 277-772, Jesse Chastain 278-769, Joe Macklin 256-754, John Englehart 279-748, Julia Frias 257-719, Monise Kelly 235-597, Rachel Lenhoff 211-570.

**470 TRAVEL:** Sylvia Hedding 238-614, Marcia Logan 223-560.

**ELLEN'S COMEDIANS:** League Champs – *WHAT THE XXXX!!* Brittny Gonzalez, Sun Buffington, Jay Buffington, Dolly Householder and Michael Mughadam. Top scores: James Heylek 250-709, Drew Stern 257-699, Michael Pollack 258-696, Michael Mughadam 267-695, Sheryl Tschap-pat 193-547, Sun Buffington 205-530.

**GUYS & DOLLS:** League Champs – *SOME STRIKE IT HOT!* Anne Barnett, Zack Barnett, Jude Niles and Bill Leonardi. Rick Stine 299-743, Mark Basore 257-699, Jude Niles 243-680, Tracy Stine 203-568, Buenafe Holbrook 197-554.

**LEAGUE OF OUR OWN:** Josh Ellis 286-787, Edwin Ser-rano 734, John Ritchie 300-733, Adam Lew 288-708, Gab-bie Angeles 187-538, Joy Sharma 199-527.

**FUNTIMERS:** Bill Lind 232-638, Mike Paganelli 243-638, Don Constable 632, John Drew 255-630, Larry George 256-621, Pam Lind 213-535, Connie Wannomae 192-525.

**C.C.A.:** League Champs – *I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT GUTTER* - Bree Campolong, Abdullah Dahlawi, Cindy Castillo & Devin Dye. High Scores: Jim Davis 222-632, Shelly Rick 257-608, Marcia Logan 235-587.

**MIXED CLASSIC:** Josh Taylor 300-788, Mark Porter 300-773, James Bower 300-770, Johnny Rojas 290-763, Jesse Chastain 759, Scott Critchfield 279-757, Scott Baldwin 279-756, Barry Borses 755, Lou Yerage 268-753, Tom Cowley 299-750, John Ritchie 300-742, Julia Frias 259-722, Christine Drew 256-658, Kathy Bejar 243-648, Jennifer Kennick 228-641, San Mitchell 234-636, Dorothy Bell 226-617.

**COPPER BUCKET:** *STICKY ICKY PINZ* is the winning team – Lindsey Sherman, Rudy Villa, Tim Edwards, Steven Felix. Top scores: Steven Felix 242-682, Mike Morrell 231-635, Tim Edwards 278-625, Vincent Hall 248-617, J.T. Porras 617, Judy Yeager 183-449.

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by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – Del Rio Lanes hosted the playoffs for the Brunswick Invitational this past weekend. It marks the 33rd year for the league that boasts a very proud history of its past champions, payouts, and league members.

The top six teams made the playoffs this year. Four qualified through traditional rounds. One more qualified as the wild card round winner. And the final team, 3 Olives Vodka, got in as the wild card team based on their total wins for the season.

The matches got started on Saturday afternoon with the #6 seeded 3 Olives Vodka taking on the Keystone Lanes team. Keystone Lanes was the #5 seed based on their win in the fifth round, the “wild card” round.

Each of the matches in the playoffs bowled on one of the four patterns used throughout the year. The first match drew pattern #4, which replicates the USBC Nationals pattern for team event. All matches, up until the championship, were two out of three format.

The first game of the match saw 3 Olives Vodka get off to a fast start, largely in part to a six bagger to start the game from Ryan Cunningham. Keystone trailed by more than 100 pins at this point. Keystone started to rally in the 8th with three strikes, including a double from Herbert Jones. In the ninth, Brandon Golden struck for a double, and Herbert struck again for a three bagger, getting the game within reach if they had a big tenth frame. You could definitely see the momentum changing. The first two bowlers in the 10th frame for each team matched spares. Stephanie Zavala bowls third for Keystone Lanes and got a double to cut into the lead. They gained even more ground when Eric Snow chopped the 3-9 for an open. It came to the anchors, with Keystone still down 14 pins. Mikey Villarreal, anchoring for 3 Olives Vodka, went first and came in very high, leaving the “big four”. Herbert Jones then struck, to cap off the comeback, giving Keystone a 1-0 lead for the match, 735-726.

In game two, 3 Olives Vodka got off to a big early lead again. Ryan Cunningham and Mikey Villarreal both had four baggers, and Eric Snow added a three bagger to open the lead. There was no miracle comeback in this one though, as Cunningham strung four

more later in the game for a 242. Villarreal outdid him by a couple pins with a 244 of his own thanks to a late turkey. The final in this one was 854-695, evening the match at 1-1.

The final game saw both teams struggle early, with five opens per team in the first three frames alone. In the fourth frame, all eight bowlers marked. Three of the marks for Keystone were spares, while for 3 Olives Vodka three of the marks were strikes, which created an opportunity for 3 Olives Vodka to open a lead in the fifth frame if they could get some doubles. Instead, Brandon Golden doubled for Keystone, while only Ryan Cunningham was able to double for 3 Olives Vodka, keeping the game within a mark. 3 Olives Vodka eventually opened a bit of a lead in frames seven and eight, with a double from Eric Snow and a couple of opens from Keystone Lanes. In the ninth frame, 3 Olives Vodka stayed clean and Eric Snow extended his strikes to three in a row. Keystone suffered a couple more opens, opening up the lead for 3 Olives Vodka to over 60 pins. In the tenth, Stephanie Zavala got a double for Keystone and Herbert Jones struck out, but all that did was close the final margin of victory, as the match was sealed when Mikey Villarreal got a nine count on his first ball. The final score was 717-700. Ryan Cunningham easily topped the pair with his 231-242/645.

The next match pitted 3 Olives Vodka up against Century 21—PEAK. Century 21—PEAK got into the rollofs by winning the second round of the season. This match would be bowled on our third round pattern, the long oil. Quite the opposite of what Century 21—PEAK won on.

The opening game was close throughout, as neither team ever opened up a lead of more than a couple marks. Nicole Van Daniker started the match with a double for Century 21—PEAK on her way to a clean game of 194, the only clean game on the pair. The game came down to the 10th frame, essentially even. It was won by Century 21—PEAK when the first two bowlers of the frame, Jon Huff and Nicole Van Daniker, both marked, and the first two bowlers for 3 Olives Vodka had opens. There was still a chance for 3 Olives Vodka heading into the anchors, but three strikes from Eddie Van Daniker sealed the game as he finished with a 222. Century 21—PEAK takes

an early 1-0 lead, 709-684.

The second game was similar to the first in that neither team ever pulled away. Through five frames, Mikey Villarreal was the only bowler to manage a double. In the sixth frame Villarreal got some help with a double from Eric Snow. In the back half of the game, Jon Huff got lined up after a rough start for Century 21—PEAK, posting a seven bagger for 225. He was matched in every frame by Villarreal though, as he had a five bagger of his own into the 10th frame finishing with a 229. The margin of victory for 3 Olives Vodka wound up being 72 pins, 770-698, but the game still seemed in doubt into the 10th frame.

In the finale, things got away from 3 Olives Vodka pretty early in the game, and for the first time in either match we were looking at a blowout. The only big score in the game came from Jon Huff of Century 21—PEAK as he continue where he left off in game two. Jon only missed on three shots in this game on his way to a 253. Between that, and some struggles on the other side, Century 21—PEAK won easily, 772-632. With the win, Century 21—PEAK advanced to face Buddy's Bowling Supply on Sunday.

The first round pattern was on the lanes for the Sunday match between Century 21—PEAK and Buddy's Bowling Supply. With that pattern on the lanes, scores would naturally be quite a bit higher for this match, with carry percentage often being the factor in winning and losing.

Buddy's Bowling Supply was able to open a good lead through seven frames, based largely on Ramsey Basurto striking in every frame. Bobby Campagnale and Tony Velasco all had four baggers at different points to help him out. Late six baggers by both Nicole and Eddie Van Daniker kept Century 21—PEAK in the game, and even had them within range in the tenth frame, but when Buddy Lucas struck out, it shut them out for the game. Ramsey Basurto wound up throwing the front ten for 289. Tony Velasco added a 227 for Buddy's. The Van Daniker's topped Century 21—PEAK, as Eddie shot 258 and Nicole had 237. Jon Huff, the star as yesterday's match, added a 224. 927-887 was the final as Buddy's Bowling Supply goes up 1-0.

Century 21—PEAK had a decent start to the second game, holding a small lead after four frames. Momentum shifted in the fifth and sixth, as all four members of Buddy's Bowling Supply doubled. Ramsey Basurto and Bobby Campagnale extended those doubles to triples in the seventh frame to open a bit of a lead. Two opens by Century 21—PEAK in the seventh frame seemed to seal their fate, but they rebounded with doubles in the eighth and ninth frames from Huff, Buenviaje and Eddie Van Daniker. In the tenth frame though, Basurto and Tony Velasco both doubled for Buddy's Bowling Supply to put the game out of reach. Ramsey Basurto finished with 262, giving him 551 for the two game match. Campagnale added a 235 in the clincher.

With the win, Buddy's Bowling Supply advanced to face Cal Bowl in the semi-final match. The pattern drawn for that match was the second round short oil shot.

The trend of all games coming down to the tenth frame continues with the first game of this match. Ramsey Basurto got Buddy's Bowling Supply off to a quick start with strikes in four of his first five frames on his way to a 189 game. Buddy Lucas started slow but threw five out of six in the late frames to finish with a 203. Still, even with that good bowling, Cal Bowl stayed with them. Carl Labayan, Ramon Torres and Leonard Ruiz Jr. only had two opens total to keep Cal Bowl in the lead. If Campagnale had doubled in the tenth, he could have forced Ruiz to mark, but a big split ended the game, and made the pin count look bigger than the game played out, 746-707. Ruiz and Torres both had 198 to lead Cal Bowl in the opener.

The trend of all games coming down to the tenth frame ends. This one was over early. Buddy's Bowling Supply got a six bagger from Basurto and five of the first six from Tony Velasco. Basurto finished with 223 and Velasco had 229. To pad the lead, Buddy Lucas strung five strikes late for 222 and Bobby Campagnale added a clean game for 203. The 877 total is huge for this pattern and it led to a win by almost 200 pins.

In the final game, all the members of Cal Bowl struggled... except Leonard Ruiz Jr. Leonard single handedly kept Cal in the game from the second frame on. After sparing in the first, Ruiz put together eight strikes in a row heading into the tenth frame. Unfortunately for Leonard, nobody else on his team had a single strike heading into the final frame. They did spare enough to keep the game within reach. Ramsey continued to bowl well for Buddy's Bowling Supply, starting the game with a spare and a triple. He would have a couple of opens that brought him back to 192. Buddy added a 192 as well. Campagnale had an early double and a late four bagger to post a 223 game. And, with all of that, Cal was still in it heading into the anchors in the tenth frame. Leonard would need to strike out for 290 AND Buddy would need to open for the miracle finish. Ruiz got the first strike. Lucas then matched with a strike of his own that sealed the game and the match. Ruiz would finish with a heartbreaking 289 in defeat.

Buddy's Bowling Supply now has to wait eight days for the championship match against Sysco. That match will take place on Monday, June 10th, at 7:00 p.m.

The match will be a best of five game set with all four patterns from the season in play. In the meantime, sweepers were Monday as we wind up the 33rd year of the Brunswick Invitational.



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