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## Sam Cooley Wins PBA West Casino Morongo Open

by Frank Weiler

CABAZON—Sam Cooley, the pride of Australia, won his first PBA Regional Title last weekend at Canyon lanes. Sam averaged 239.63 to place second after eight games of qualifying and eight games of Match Play.

After Robert Smith defeated VanDaniker in the opening game of the step-ladder finals he faced Sam Cooley. Sam was just weeks past winning his first National Title and was brimming with confidence. He showed it firing a 260 game at Smith. “Rapid Robert” showed no fear of one of the hottest bowlers in the world and might have won had he not fanned on one ten pin early in the game.

In the championship game Cooley rolled 10 consecutive strikes to defeat Butturff 288 to 257. Butturff was the hottest bowler throughout the tournament and was rolling strikes with ease frame after frame. However, it didn’t take the “Australian Dream” long to face Jakob down by opening the game with his 10 bagger. Sam Cooley has developed one of the strongest mental games in the sport of Bowling and now that he has won, he will win many more PBA titles.

In addition to Sam Cooley and Jakob Butturff the field was loaded with PBA stars including P.J. Haggerty, Marshall Kent, Robert Smith and Darren Tang. Nine of the top 10 finishers in the tournament are PBA champions, on the National Tour or at the regional level.

Perfect 300 games were rolled by Eric Hatchett, Eddie VanDaniker Jr., and Darren Tang. Hatchett started Match Play with an 838 three game set to take the tournament lead. He went on to finish in seventh place averaging 237 and compiling a score of +723.

Tim Cagle II averaged

**Match Play ended with four bowlers advancing to the step ladder finals:**

1. Jakob Butturff	243 average	+931
2. Sam Cooley	239 average	+814
3. Eddie VanDaniker Jr.	239 average	+788
4. Robert Smith	237 average	+773



Sam Cooley

234 and finished in tenth place with a score of +616. Tim has the most unique style in professional bowling. He is a two hander like Jason Belmonte but releases the bowling ball differently than any other two hander. Tim pushes the ball out from his chest and not from his side.

Reigning PBA West Region Rookie-of-the-Year Deo Benard finished in ninth place averaging 231 and compiling a score of +629. Deo is a bowling prodigy having just turned 17 years of age! He is a smooth rolling left handed two hander. Deo has the composure of a man ten years his age and I predict him becoming a star on the PBA National Tour.

Buddy Lucas, a local bowler from Montclair, held his own in Match Play against some of the best bowlers in the world, PBA National champions. He exhibited poise under pressure and finished in eleventh place with a four and four won-lost record. He averaged 225 and scored a +526. I would like to see Buddy compete on the PBA National Tour because he has the power game necessary for success at the next level.

The tournament was an overwhelming success thanks to Canyon Lanes manager Dave Barmore and Tournament Director Josh Blanchard.

I’m looking forward to the next PBA West Regional Tournament at Canyon Lanes.

## STEFANIE JOHNSON REIGNS AS EMPRESS OF THE INAUGURAL PBA KING OF THE LANES: EMPRESS EDITION

*Dethrones 25-time PWBA champion Liz Johnson to leave Portland as Empress*

by Jef Goodger

PORTLAND, Maine—Stefanie Johnson defeated Liz Johnson to claim the throne as Empress of the Lanes following the fifth and final telecast of the PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon held at Bayside Bowl. Stefanie Johnson, a three-time PWBA Tour champion, rolled 216 to Liz Johnson’s 189 to earn the crown.

“Liz Johnson is an icon,” said Stefanie Johnson. “Just to be in her presence alone is incredible, and to beat the best of the best is just awesome.”

To get a chance at Liz Johnson in the Empress match, Stefanie Johnson first had to win her contenders match against Verity Crawley. Stefanie Johnson began with the front nine, but a 10 pin on her



Stephanie Johnson

first shot in the 10th ended her run at perfection.

“I got close,” said Stefanie Johnson, “but the task at hand is always to win the match and that was my goal.” Stefanie Johnson finished with 278 to get past Crawley, who rolled six consecutive strikes late in the game to finish with 222.

“This crowd is absolutely electrifying,” said

Stefanie Johnson. “It’s enlightening. I fed off of it. Obviously I can hear them, but I have to stay laser-focused on what I’m doing. I wear my heart on my sleeve and I work really hard and to have the fruits of my labor pay off is amazing.”

Liz Johnson became the Empress in the first of two telecasts on the evening by winning two matches by

large margins. First, she defeated Ashly Galante in the contenders match, 248-187, then dethroned Empress Missy Parkin with a 232-181 victory. Parkin earned the title of Empress on the first night of competition by defeating Daria Pajak, who reigned for two telecasts after defeating inaugural Empress Kelly Kulick.

## JASON STERNER REIGNS AS PBA KING OF THE LANES

*Seizes the crown from Parker Bohn III and successfully defends against Tom Daugherty*

by Jef Goodger

PORTLAND, Maine — Jason Sterner is the PBA King of the Lanes presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon at the conclusion of the 2021 PBA King of the Lanes Series. Sterner took the throne from PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III, then defeated Tom Daugherty to retain the crown.

“I’m a humble guy, but this might make me puff my chest up a little bit,” said Sterner. “I’m going to hold onto it as long as I can and they’re going to have to come get it.”

Sterner followed a spare in the ninth with all three strikes in the 10th to force Daugherty to get two strikes and nine to win.

Daugherty left a single pin on his first shot in the 10th, leaving Sterner the



Jason Sterner

reigning King.

“I really liked the move on that 4 pin,” Sterner said of his ninth frame. “I knew that gave Tom the opportunity, but I also knew I got to finish on the lane I wanted to, so I went up there, stuck to my routine and made three great shots.”

On his way to the crown,

Sterner first beat Portland Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack in the contenders match, rolling the front eight on the way to a 267 game, the highest game by any player in the King of the Lanes Series. Sterner then dethroned Bohn, 245-215, to advance to the final telecast as King.

“I grew up watching Parker on TV, wanting to bowl him,” said Sterner, “and now I have the opportunity.”

He’s an inspiration. Every time I bowl him, it’s a tough match.

I hated to take the crown from him, but I love him.”

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# KOVALOVA SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS TITLE AT 2021 PWBA LOUISVILLE OPEN

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova became the first player on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour since 2017 to successfully defend a title after capturing the win Saturday at the 2021 PWBA Louisville Open.

The 26-year-old right-hander capped a dominating performance during the week at Executive Strike and Spare with a 225-202 title-match victory over Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California, to earn her second win of the season and fourth career PWBA Tour title.

The win garnered Kovalova a \$10,000 top prize, and the championship round was broadcast live on [BowlingTV.com](#).

She led all but the first round this week in Louisville, and she earned the top seed for the championship round by 274 pins over Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, who qualified second for the stepladder after 24 games.

Kovalova became the first player since Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, at the 2017 U.S. Women's Open to successfully defend a title. Johnson captured her fourth consecutive green jacket, and sixth overall, with her win at the major championship in Plano, Texas.

Kovalova's win at the 2019 Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open included a perfect game in the title match to defeat Johnson, 300-163. The performance made Kovalova just the fourth player to record a 300 game in a championship-round appearance.

"Being able to defend my title here really means a lot," said Kovalova, the 2019 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion. "I had the same opportunity at the Queens this year, and I let the pressure get to me and struggled. This week, even though the pressure was on, and I was nervous, I was able to do it. I'm proud of myself."

In the title match, Kovalova set the tone and took the early lead with three consecutive strikes. An open frame in fifth from Parkin gave Kovalova a 33-pin lead after she responded with her fourth strike of the match in the sixth frame.

Parkin bounced back with three consecutive strikes, starting in the seventh frame, to put pressure on Kovalova heading into the final frames.

Finishing the match first, Kovalova tripped a 4 pin in the ninth frame for a strike and followed with another strike to start her 10th frame, giving her the opportunity to shut out Parkin.



Dasha Kovalova

Needing a third consecutive strike, or nine and a spare, to secure the win, she left a 4-7 combination and converted it, but that allowed Parkin the chance to roll three strikes in her final frame to force a tie. Parkin's first delivery was left of target, and she left the 3-6-10 combination.

"I was very nervous heading into the match and was relying on my ball reps to tell me what to do," said Kovalova, who also defeated Parkin to win the 2021 PWBA Twin Cities Open in April. "I tried to shut off my brain and just focus on not overthinking things and executing good shots. I threw some really good shots at the end and knew I did the best I could, so I was ready to accept whatever happened and roll with it."

Kovalova credited her support system in helping her during her title defense. She admitted to feeling anxious during the week and noted there was some additional pressure after her performance through qualifying, where she averaged more than 231 on the 44-foot oil pattern used during the event.

She was proud to be able to persevere through those moments to collect the title while posting a second consecutive season on tour with multiple wins.

"I'm not sure how I did it, because inside, I felt the most anxious I've ever been," said Kovalova, who made her fourth championship-round appearance of the season. "I had great help with me, though, and I just tried to stick to my process. Chuck (Gardner) gave me a book - 'Learn To Win: One Shot at a Time' - and even though it's about golf, I read it, wrote down

notes and kept rereading it and going through the cycle that was described, which really helped a lot.

"I'm afraid to disappoint people, so I felt very anxious because I had been leading for most of the week. I start to wonder what will happen if I throw it bad during the title match, but I know I have to just enjoy the journey."

Parkin, the No. 4 seed for the stepladder, advanced to the title match by defeating Bond in a tightly contested semifinal, 232-224. Bond delivered three strikes in the final frame to force Parkin to knock over at least nine pins on her first shot for the chance to move on and face Kovalova.

Parkin, who was looking for her first title since the 2011 Queens, rolled a strike and toppled seven pins on her second shot to collect the win.

She recorded her third runner-up finish of the 2021 season in her fourth championship-round appearance. In addition to the second place finishes to Kovalova, she also lost to Bond in the title match of the Queens in May.

Bond was looking for her third win of the 2021 season. Along with the tiara at the Queens, Bond claimed the win at the PWBA Hall of Fame Classic in January. She was making her third championship-round appearance of the year.

Parkin began the stepladder with a 236-212 victory over two-time reigning PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois.

O'Keefe was making her third consecutive championship-round appearance, and fourth this season, after a runner-up finish at the PWBA Albany Open and third-place finish at last week's PWBA Greater Nashville Open.

O'Keefe won her 14th career title to start the 2021 season at the PWBA Bowlers Journal Classic.

The 73-player field in Louisville bowled 12 games Friday, before the first cut to the top 32 athletes. Advancers bowled an additional six-game block Saturday morning, with the top 12 competing in a final six-game round to determine the four bowlers for the stepladder, based on 24-game pinfall totals.

The 2021 PWBA Tour season now will take a brief hiatus, with competition resuming at the end of July with the Professional Bowlers Association/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event in Houston. The tournament will take place at Copperfield Bowl from July 29 - Aug. 1.

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## PARKER BOHN III TAKES PBA KING OF THE LANES PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON CROWN

by Jef Goodger

PORTLAND, Maine — PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III reigns as PBA King of the Lanes presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon after the first of two days of competition. Bohn dethroned Chris Barnes to earn the crown, then successfully defended against Anthony Neuer and will advance into tomorrow’s action as the King.

“It’s awesome,” said Bohn. “Anthony and I had control of the pocket and the fans here in Portland didn’t come here to watch us shoot open frames. The fans here know all about bowling and we are the show, but the fans make the show.”

Bohn needed two strikes and nine pins in the 10th frame to clinch the victory over Neuer, which is exactly what Bohn did.

“Whenever you have an opportunity to shut someone out, you’d better take advantage of it,” said Bohn. “When I got the double I knew I needed just another great shot and hit the pocket and I’m going to get enough to win.”

In the first of three consecutive telecasts, Chris Barnes defeated AJ Johnson in the contenders match, then went on to dethrone reigning King Kris Prather, 245-225. The reign of King Barnes was short, falling to Bohn in the second telecast. Bohn defeated 10-time PBA Tour champion Jesper Svensson in the contenders match to get to Barnes. Bohn triumphed in the battle of Hall of Famers by the score of 253-233.

“Jesper and Anthony have so much power,” said Bohn, “and when that power is under control, they’re unstoppable. And then another titan like Chris Barnes, you’d better be on your A game, and fortunately for me today, I was right there.”

Bohn will return tomorrow to defend the crown, facing either Tim Mack or Jason Sterner, who will be competing in the contenders match at 2 p.m. ET.

“Only I control my own destiny,” said Bohn, “so I’m going to be back here tomorrow with a couple more great games and hopefully walk away with everything.”

**PBA KING OF THE LANES**  
Bayside Bowl - Portland, Maine

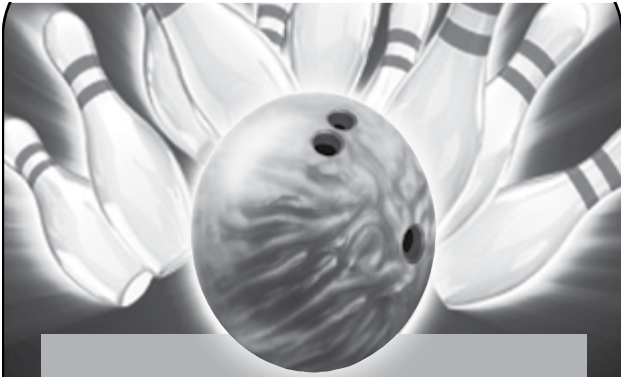
**Saturday, June 19 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Chris Barnes def. AJ Johnson (earns \$3,000), 196-190  
Chris Barnes (\$10,000) def. Kris Prather (\$5,000), 245-225, Barnes becomes the new King

**Saturday, June 19 – 3-4 p.m. ET**  
Parker Bohn III def. Jesper Svensson (\$3,000), 212-193  
Parker Bohn III (\$10,000) def. Chris Barnes (\$5,000), 253-233, Bohn becomes the new King

**Saturday, June 19 – 4-5 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Anthony Neuer def. Chris Via (\$3,000), 210-187  
Parker Bohn III (\$10,000) def. Anthony Neuer (\$5,000), 247-245, Bohn remains King

**Sunday, June 20 – 2-3 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Jason Sterner def. Tim Mack (\$3,000), 267-204  
Jason Sterner (\$10,000) def. Parker Bohn III (\$5,000), 245-215, Sterner becomes the new King

**Sunday, June 20 – 3-4 p.m. ET on FS1**  
Tom Daugherty def. François Lavoie (\$3,000), 237-204  
Jason Sterner (\$10,000) def. Tom Daugherty (\$5,000), 225-194, Sterner remains King



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# MISSY PARKIN REIGNS AS EMPRESS AFTER FIRST NIGHT OF PBA KING OF THE LANES: EMPRESS EDITION PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON

by Jef Goodher

PORTLAND, Maine—Missy Parkin claimed the title of Empress of the Lanes when she defeated Daria Pajak, 209-193, to take the crown into the final two telecasts of the PBA King of the Lanes: Empress Edition presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon.

Parkin won her contenders match against Diana Zavjalova in the third telecast of the evening to earn a match with Pajak, who had already won and successfully defended the Empress title in the first two telecasts.

“My ball, especially on the left lane, was starting to burn up a little bit,” said Parkin of her win over Zavjalova. “Between games, I decided to switch balls. I used a stronger asymmetrical ball on the left lane and a stronger symmetrical ball on the right lane, and it worked out really well.”

Parkin, the 2011 USBC Queens champion, looked like she might be in trouble against Pajak, but Parkin converted a 3-6-7-9-10 split in the fifth frame to shift the momentum in the match.

“I like picking up splits,” said Parkin. “I just told myself to make the right move and make a good shot. That’s what I did and luckily all the pins fell down.”

After the split conversion, Parkin struck on five of her last seven shots to clinch the victory.



Daria Pajak

Pajak opened the King of the Lanes: Empress Edition series by winning a contenders match over Clara Guerrero, then beating inaugural Empress Kelly Kulick to earn the crown. Pajak then defended the title with a win over Danielle McEwan in the second telecast, keeping Pajak on the throne until falling to Parkin. In total, Pajak earned \$25,000 for her three-telecast run, picking up \$10,000 for each win and \$5,000 for her loss to Parkin.

Reigning as the Empress after three telecasts, Parkin will have up to two more chances to defend her crown. She’ll face the winner of Liz Johnson and Ashly Galante.

“I’m going to keep an open mind,” said Parkin. “The lanes transitioned pretty quickly, so I’m going to stay on top of that. The games I got tonight definitely gave me some great information for tomorrow.”

## PBA KING OF THE LANES: EMPRESS EDITION PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON

Tuesday, June 15 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1

Daria Pajak def. Clara Guerrero (earns \$3,000), 245-219  
Daria Pajak (\$10,000) def. Kelly Kulick (\$5,000), 203-187,  
Pajak becomes the new Empress

Tuesday, June 15 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Danielle McEwan def. Maria José Rodriguez (\$3,000), 235-204  
Daria Pajak (\$10,000) def. Danielle McEwan (\$5,000), 214-213,  
Pajak remains Empress

Tuesday, June 15 – 10-11 p.m. ET on FS1

Missy Parkin def. Diana Zavjalova (\$3,000), 207-152  
Missy Parkin (\$10,000) def. Daria Pajak (\$5,000), 209-193,  
Parkin becomes the new Empress

Wednesday, June 16 – 8-9 p.m. ET on FS1

Liz Johnson def. Ashly Galante (\$3,000), 248-187  
Liz Johnson (\$10,000) def. Missy Parkin (\$5,000), 232-181,  
Johnson becomes the new Empress

Wednesday, June 16 – 9-10 p.m. ET on FS1

Stefanie Johnson def. Verity Crawley (\$3,000), 278-222  
Stefanie Johnson (\$10,000) def. Liz Johnson (\$5,000), 216-189,  
Stefanie Johnson becomes the new Empress

# Looking Back 2012

January thru June

**2012 seems like “The Good Ole’ Days” right? “Looking Back” is an up and down exercise for the memory. We should all keep a diary to record our history. Ready to go? Read on!**

by Carol Mancini

- Check the honor roll box on the front page every week for the stars of the week...
- 37 centers were listed on the directory page.
- A farewell to Don Carter.
- The Tournament Clubs ran weekly competition - more didn’t advertise!
- What bowl advertised a “College Night“ special? What city?
- The PBA Pros invaded **Fountain Bowl** January 20-22, 2012. Winner at Fountain was Eugene McCune. Whatever happened to him?
- What does “GUNG HEY FAT CHOY” mean? (Check page 2 January 2012)
- February highlights: Charlie Kinstler (Del Rio Lanes Owner) shot 666 in the Mighty Monday Night Ebonite League.
- So. Cal’s Tish Johnson won the \$10,000 WBA Vegas event.
- February 9, 2012 – who rolled a 367 No-Tap game? Check the Weiler story.
- A young Belmonte was pictured on cover of February 16. What ever became of J.B.? What is the design on his spare ball?
- Check every week for the Frank Weiler columns! Year’s come and go - Frank is still here. Bless you!
- You can replay an old Sudoku.
- Brat Pete Weber wins number five, Surpassed his dad “Dick’s” record of four US Opens.
- Week after week we bid “Happy Trails” to our friends who went to bowl on Gods Team. Every time it thunders, someone got a heavenly strike. (I believe it!!!!)
- April 12, 2012, page 2. The interview with Steve Felege was conducted (tongue-in-cheek). Thanks to him I have given away over 200 books (only five left as of May 2021)
- Missy Parkin was making headlines week after week. 2021 she’s still at it.
- If you can read this on your device. You can read every weekly edition from 2005 to 2021 and on and on and on.



Drew Parkin Jr & Empress Missy



# The Worst of Days, The Best of Days

by Dave Williams

Carol Mancini, the Editor/Publisher of the California Bowling News, issued an assignment to all of her writers for this week: “What was your worst day on the lanes, and what was your best day on the lanes?”

While this might sound like a sequel to *A Tale of Two Cities*, the epic novel by Charles Dickens; and the circumstances of our COVID-19 economy might resemble the political unrest that led to the American and French Revolutions of the late 1700’s depicted in Mr. Dickens work, here’s hoping that we can put a positive “twist” on Carol’s task.

Beginning with the worst of days, I can think of only one that has forever haunted me (and my back) ... that uneventful day in 1991 when the pain in my back and sciatica was so great that I could not even finish my league session at Don Bickford’s Cordova Lanes in Rancho Cordova, California.

That was the last day that I strapped on a pair of bowling shoes... 30 years ago! Of course, it didn’t hurt a couple of years later when I went to work for Nationwide Bowling in New Jersey, and owner Irwin Kaplus made it very clear that he did not like management position employees that were also bowlers. I assured him that he had nothing to worry about with me, because the pain was so great in my lower back and sciatica, that I had no desire to bowl.

As for the best of days, I can think of so many wonderful moments that have been etched upon my mind, and in association and tournament record books from coast to coast. I’m sure that most of you are familiar with my exploits, as I have referred to them perhaps too often over the past decade; so rather than repeat the obvious, I would like to salute the individuals that helped me in achieving all of those “300” milestones on the lanes.

First and foremost, would be my parents, **John and Maybelle Williams**. I don’t think that either of them understood the game of bowling, or exactly what I was doing all those years, but they never prevented me from my dream. Their only stipulation was that I graduate from college, something that neither of them was ever allowed to accomplish, primarily because of World War II. A funny anecdote that I remember is that whenever I would call home with news of a 300 game or 800 series, my mom would exclaim, “Oh, that’s wonderful!” Then a moment of silence, and she would ask, “That is good, isn’t it?”

The next person on my list of mentors would have to be **Primo Liberatore**, the owner of L & L Lanes in Sebastopol, California, that came west from the bowling hotbed of Chicago. I could sit and listen to Primo’s stories for hours... about his friendship with Connie Schwoegler, the inventor of the fingertip grip; or bowling at the Petersen Classic Bowling Tournament at Archer and 35th in Chicago; or the all night pot games at Westlake Bowl in Daly City, California, where he managed for many years before purchasing L & L Lanes.

Next in line would be **Jim Decker**, father of the current Bowling Proprietors Association of America (BPAA) President, Jim Decker III. Jim (the father) had the insight to sponsor me on the Pro Bowler’s Tour, while utilizing me as an employee at his four bowling centers whenever I was back at home. It was excellent training for me, as I learned every facet of bowling center management, while at the same time recording five 300’s and three 800-plus series at his properties.

When the lane conditions were changing at both L & L Lanes and Holiday Bowl, I began searching out new locales. One was **Bill Nave’s** bowling center in Novato, California, known simply as Nave Lanes. While bowling in a North Bay Holiday Doubles Tournament, I checked in with a 300 game; and then just two weeks later, another 300 in league play.

Just a couple of months later, I found the lanes to my liking at **Jerry Marsh’s** McHenry Bowl, located in Modesto, California. I bowled in the Best 3 Out of 4 Tourna-

ment at McHenry just a handful of times but came out with many 300 and 800+ series. A 300 game at McHenry Bowl was worth more than \$3,000 in cash and prizes from local merchants! I probably should have moved to Modesto based upon those few visits to roll in the Best 3 Out of 4.

The next year, I was still not comfortable with the conditions around home, so I ventured to **Rich Croci’s** Boulevard Bowl in Petaluma, California. During the course of that season, I connected for another 300; and for the year, I was able to set a California state record for the all-time highest individual average in a 5-man team league at the time... a 230 for 75 games in 1976.

I had always rolled well at **Quee Prentice’s** Golden Gate Lanes, but nothing could compare to what happened at a regional pro event in 1976, where I averaged a nifty 250 to win the event, including a 300 game and 814 series, with 26 strikes in a row over the course of three games; the 300 game falling in the middle of 5 strikes to end game one, followed by the first nine strikes in game three. I knew that I had done something special when Ed Bourdase came over to shake my hand following the 9 strikes in game three!

Sandwiched in between all of those scoring accomplishments were a 300 game in a pro tournament at **Bob Feuchter’s** ARC Fiesta Lanes in Hayward, California, in 1974; and an 811 series that same year while competing in league play at Greenbrae Lanes in Greenbrae, California (can’t remember the owners name but the center was capably handled by **Terry DeYoung**).

One of the first places that AMF sent me after I secured a position with them was to AMF Cascade Lanes in Portland, Oregon. Based upon the success that I had seen at McHenry Bowl over the years with the Best 3 Out of 4 Tournament, I fashioned an event to resemble the one offered by Mr. Marsh. **Jacqui Gard**, wife of Regional Supervisor **Tom Gard**, asked me if I would like to bowl with her in the event. The result was a 300 game and 833 series!

After that my bowling time became limited, as AMF was sending me all around the United States and I was not in one place long enough to join a league. That all changed when I was promoted to the AMF Headquarters in Westbury, New York. It was almost impossible to join a league there in January of 1982, as mid-season leagues were not yet necessary. I remember the numbers: 67,000 men were sanctioned by the Nassau-Suffolk Bowling Association, with more than 50 bowling centers... and yet, I could not get into a league!

In the fall I was fortunate to latch onto a spot at Deer Park Bowl through my association with fellow AMF employee **Roy Ryan**, that had owned the location with **Betty Luccisano** before joining AMF. This was perhaps the greatest bowling center, in terms of bowling conditions, in which I had ever bowled. I had four really impressive seasons there, including many 300’s and 800’s, and the highest 5-man team individual average in the history of New York state at that time... a 235 for 84 games in 1984.

What’s most impressive about all of those owner/managers is their calm demeanor, and attention to detail. My guess is that those are two criteria that make successful individuals in almost any business setting. It has been an incredible journey along the way. It’s as though I have been guided by another force that has led me to success wherever I was sent. And it continues today, for if it were not for Carol Mancini and Dean Lopez of the California Bowling News, I would never have pursued this new gig of sharing my experiences in bowling newspapers across the nation on a weekly basis. Many thanks to Mr. Lopez for your persistence!

*While the above numbers may not seem so impressive when compared to the absolute telephone numbers that are being recorded today, one also has to consider the time and circumstances; similar to the PBA prize money from the 1970’s and 1980’s, after being adjusted for inflation.*



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