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Eric Ott Named League Leader at PINZ

by Fred Eisenhammer

STUDIO CITY – Surprise! It was announced last week that PINZ Bowling Center has a new director of leagues and league operations.

What's the surprise?

The surprise is that PINZ has sported a flourishing array of leagues throughout its 60-year existence. That fact is overshadowed by PINZ's reputation as one of the most vibrant bowling centers in the country – one that caters to the party and dating crowd and celebrity scene.

But the upscale center tucked inside Jerry's Deli on Ventura Boulevard in Studio City also has quietly distinguished itself with 16 diverse leagues comprised of about 1,000 bowlers. It's now the job of Eric Ott to oversee the leagues' operation.

That might not be too difficult for Ott because he has witnessed the leagues' popularity firsthand. He once participated in three PINZ leagues in one season and now serves as president of the Tavern Guild Bowling League. Ott, 54, carries a 172 average in the league, one of three gay leagues at PINZ.

PINZ is more than just leagues and celebrity appearances. This month, for example, the bowling center staged the three-day 2017 World Police & Fire Games.

"We literally had people

from all over the world," said Ott, a resident of Valley Village who has been associated with PINZ for the last 10 years. "I met people from Australia, Philippines, Malaysia and England. We even had a squad from the Disney Fire Department."

Ott's promotion isn't the only new thing at PINZ. "Last July, we put in brand-new lanes. It's only a year old," said Ott, a North Los Angeles County United States Bowling Congress board of director. "And we put in brand-new pins seven weeks ago. We try to put in new pins every 12-14 months."

PINZ also added a travel league, which Ott says is a daytime and scratch league. Those league bowlers will alternate competing at four local centers – which will include PINZ.

Ott says the key to PINZ's success is its employees – from its front desk to its management. And he doesn't leave out the key role played by Jerry's Deli, which furnishes the center's food and beverage.

He says it's "not just the bowling" that makes PINZ special, "but the food that comes with it."

As for taking over his new position at PINZ, the former Gelson's Markets manager put it succinctly:

"I am completely excited," Ott said.



Eric Ott is the new director of leagues and league operations at PINZ Bowling Center in Studio City. Ott averages 172 in PINZ's Tavern Guild Bowling League.

STEFANIE JOHNSON CAPTURES PWBA ORLANDO OPEN TITLE

PLANO, TX – Missing the first eight events of the 2017 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season didn't keep Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, from punching her ticket to the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship.

Returning to the PWBA Tour following maternity leave, Johnson didn't skip a beat as she climbed the stepladder to claim her second career PWBA title with a 189-184 victory over Germany's Birgit Poppler in the title match of the PWBA Orlando Open.

The Johnson family grew to four in March, as Stefanie, her husband, Chris, and their son, Levi, welcomed Kenzie in March. Two months after



her daughter was born, Stefanie was cleared to bowl and made the PWBA Orlando Open her first competitive event because it, too, represented family.

Qualifying and match play rounds were held at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, Florida, with the step-

ladder finals taking place at Plano Super Bowl, where Johnson is the center's group sales manager. The finals aired on CBS Sports Network.

"I'm kind of at a loss for words because I started it in Orlando, which was my first tournament back, and

where I really fell in love with bowling at UCF (University of Central Florida)," Johnson said. "I worked there, I bowled there ... I lived there. To start it there and finish it here, my new home, I just don't know how it could be any better."

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Sean Rash Wins 12th Career Title in PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic

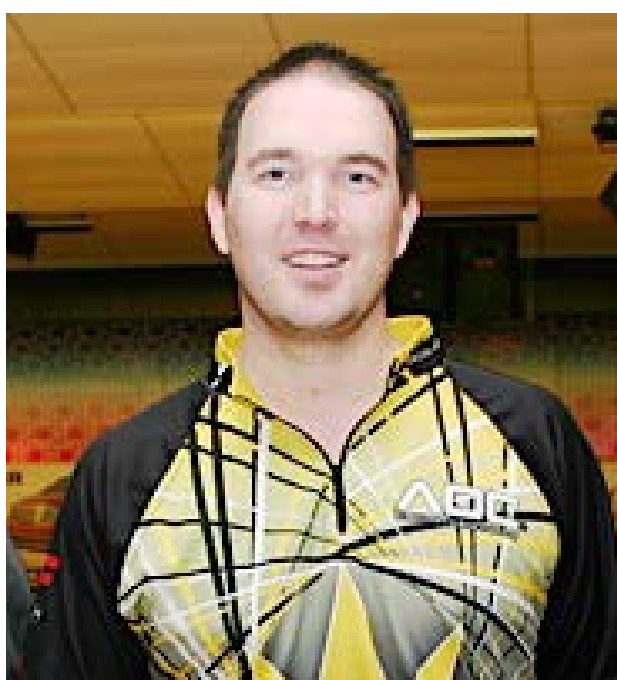
EJ Tackett solidifies hold on Xtra Frame Storm Cup points lead with second-place finish

WILMINGTON, Del. – Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., used a string of seven strikes to defeat reigning PBA Player of the Year EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., 257-223, to win the Professional Bowlers Association's Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic title Sunday at Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment Center for his 12th career PBA Tour title and first of the 2017 season.

Rash, who got a break by carrying a crossover strike in the middle of his string, earned \$15,000 and 25 points in the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup points race, which moved him into fifth place heading into the season's final event next weekend. Tackett solidified his hold on first place in the Storm Cup points race with 83 points, nine ahead of England's Dom Barrett.

"EJ's a great champion and he's going to be for a long time," Rash said of his opponent, noting his "Brooklyn" strike was a mistake.

"I got a little slow on



that shot and grabbed it," he said, "but I threw some good ones when I needed them. Winning never gets old."

In the first stepladder match, Tackett escaped with a 206-204 win over Alex Cavagnaro of Massapequa, N.Y., when Cavagnaro left a 10 pin after striking on his first shot in the 10th frame. Cavagnaro, in his PBA Tour stepladder debut

at age 33, was a member of the "Dead Money" team that won the PBA Team Challenge in Las Vegas in 2015. Tackett, who left three 7 pins on pocket hits – missing one of the spares in the fifth frame – struck out in his 10th frame to put the pressure on Cavagnaro to double in his half of the final frame.

In the semifinal match, Tackett started with three

strikes and jumped out to a 45-pin lead when PBA Tour rookie Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich., left 3-6-7-10 split in the fifth frame followed by the 2-8-10 in the sixth, failing to convert both. Despite missing a 2 pin spare in the seventh frame and a late four-strike rally by Anderson, Tackett raced away to a 223-200 victory.

The Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic was the sixth tournament in the seven-event PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that will award \$50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders. Behind Tackett and Barrett (74 points) in the race for the top five spots are Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash. (69); Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C. (59) and Rash (54). Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., is five points behind Rash.

The Storm Cup series concludes with the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes in Coldwater, Ohio, continued on page 7

Before the introduction of Limited Distance Dressing (LDD), or “short oil,” in 1988, rolling a perfect 300 game in bowling was quite rare. In fact, the all-time leader prior to the lane conditioning procedure change was Elvin Mesger of Sullivan, Missouri, with 27 perfectos. The author of the article below was often looked upon as the heir apparent to Mesger’s records. At the tender age of 33, Dave Williams had racked up an astonishing 18 sanctioned 300’s and 10 three game series of 800 or more.

But as Chuck Pezzano wrote in an article entitled **Rookie Has Dazzling Credentials** (The Sporting News Magazine, June 5, 1976), “If he doesn’t make it big on the PBA Tour, few will recall him, and fewer will remember his 300 and 800 sprees that deserve a spot in bowling history.”

Here now is a thoughtful tale written by Williams in 1978, when he journeyed to St. Louis for the annual American Bowling Congress tournament and attempted to track down the illusive Mesger.

Dan McDonough - Sports Reporter

Visions of St. Louis, and Elvin Mesger – “The Bowling Machine”

by Dave Williams

It’s difficult to admit never having bowled in the greatest of all tournaments, the American Bowling Congress (ABC) National Championships. But what better way to begin a relation with this great event than in St. Louis, the bowling capitol of the world.

Flying into St. Louis, one thinks about life in this splendid city – the Gateway Arch, the Mississippi steamboats, the famous breweries. And yet, after an “enlightening” drive up Grand Avenue, one decides that it would be better to stay right where I am in delightful San Diego, thank you.

But what about the real St. Louis – the famed Floriss Lanes, Crossroads Bowl and Arcade Lanes. And Elvin Mesger... would I finally get to meet the greatest bowler of all time?

What? You never heard of Elvin? Well, what he has done in his career overshadows the feats of every professional bowler – even Dick Weber and Earl Anthony. Mesger, of Sullivan, Missouri, has recorded more sanctioned 300’s (27), more 299’s (11), more 298’s (4), and more 800’s (21) than any bowler in the history of the game.

But who is he? Sure, most serious bowlers recognize the name. The fine print of any tenpin magazine lists him as the premier 300 shooter. But because Mesger is not seen on Saturday afternoon television shows, many tenpin followers envision him as a one house artist.

Essentially, he is just that. Mesger has rolled his amazing total of perfect games on only ten different pairs of lanes in five different establishments. And his 800’s have been recorded in only two centers. But as a famous bowling writer once said, “even on a no-tilt pinball machine, this record would be hard to match.”

After settling in my hotel room, the task of meeting Elvin Mesger began. My first stop was one of the fabled establishments that Elvin has been known to frequent.

Upon entering the doors of this unique looking complex, my wish was that the lanes could speak to me and relate some of the great moments recorded by such bowling masters as Don Carter, Dick Weber, and of course, “The Machine.”

As I approached the control desk, I noticed a rather portly man with years of bowling lines etched upon his face. Having worked in a bowling center most of my life, I felt somewhat concerned about interrupting his endless chore of recording (cash receipts, inventories, etc.).

But my immediate question was one that had been pressing upon me since this trip began some 2,000 miles ago in California.

“Say, have you seen Elvin Mesger bowl here?” I asked.

“Who?” came the inquisitive reply.

“Elvin Mesger,” I said.

“Never heard of him,” responded the veteran of the recording game, as he continued his daily assignments.

“He’s had a few 300’s here. Isn’t this the famed “House of 300’s?”

“Yeh, we’ve had a few 300’s here. I think there was one a couple of nights ago, down on 23 & 24, or 25 & 26.”

Well now, being from a small town in Northern California, where 300’s are supposedly a dime a dozen – this was an amazingly brash statement.

“Hey, ask the desk man down the way. Maybe he can help you find that guy,” said my friend of the recording wars.

Yes, maybe he might know of the timid tenpin ace who is the peaches of summer in the snow of winter. Elvin Mesger... one of those people who always seems to be passing by on days when the shade is green under tunnels of oaks, and his face shifting with bright shadows until he is all things to all people.

“Elvin who?” asked a little old man.

There before me stood a typical all-American desk person – a man of late 50’s who had lost most of his hair, and what remained was a threadbare grey, black and white. There was a certain knowledge of illness written upon his face, for a desk person travels in a sunless land.

“I’ve only been working here since September and I’m not a bowler. But I think that fella you’re lookin’ for might bowl on Thursdays, in the Blue-Chip Stamp League.”

Could this be St. Louis, home of the most famous keglers of all time? Was this really the famed “House of 300’s?” Maybe this was all just a dream, and I would awaken to discover the real St. Louis, and “The Machine.”

But then, for Elvin Mesger, the idea of being renowned must be an unknown commodity. Elvin could never be called a boastful man, and yet one seems to realize that his timidity is a pretentious element of his overall nature.

Proving his ability is not a big concern for Mesger. Sure, every bowler dreams of having his picture on the cover of Bowlers Journal, the standard of the bowling world. We all dream these things. But for Elvin, the distortion must be close to insurmountable.

The question of what one must do to attain greatness in the hearts of Americans must truly have entered Mesger’s thoughts at certain moments in his illustrious career – like one memorable day in June of 1967, when he rolled three perfect games (in three different 3 game blocks).

Surely “The Machine” has cast aside the beliefs of an estranged group of indolent fanatics whose all-American teams have become all-PBA teams, primarily due to television.

If you’re a bowler, you spend a good deal of your life gripping a bowling ball, and in the end, it turns out that it was the other way around all the time. For Elvin Mesger, proof of his ability is not of concern, for people do not want to hear about labor pains, they just want to see the baby.

Bowling is a welcome distraction for this unknown “Hall of Famer,” in an otherwise tedious life.

(Elvin Mesger died in 2001. What an incredible change has taken place in the sport of bowling since 1988, and the introduction of Limited Distance Dressing. Perhaps USBC should asterisk Mesger’s records, but that’s a subject for another day).



Photo of Elvin Mesger provided by Matt Cannizzaro of USBC

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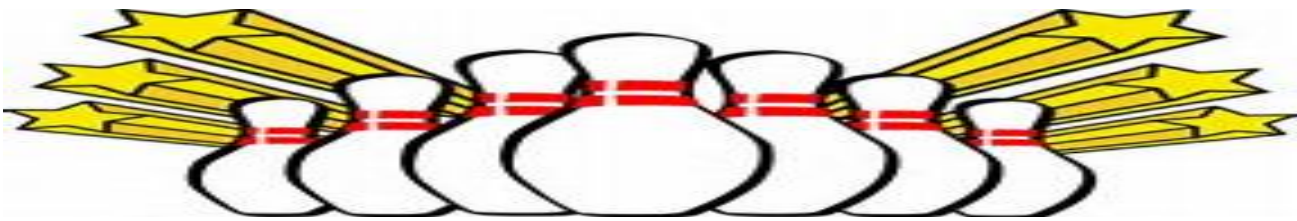
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Beatrice Darlene Hoffmann

Beatrice Darlene Hoffmann passed away surrounded by family on August 6, 2017 after an illness brought on from Dementia/ Parkinson’s disease which she battled for 10 years.

Bea was born in St. Charles, Missouri on July 6, 1937 to Lawrence W. Meyer and Mildred Skinner. Her father commissioned to Marinship Sausalito brought the family to California in 1942. Bea attended grade school in San Anselmo and graduated from Drake High School in 1955. She went to work waitressing at Cafe 101 where she met Al Hoffmann. They were married April 26,1959. While raising a family Bea worked as a waitress, cocktail waitress and or bartender at The Gold Clown, The Old Fashion and Country Club Bowl. She announced bowling scores on a daily broadcast for KTIM San Rafael eventually becoming the office manager of Hoffmann Construction Inc.

Al built their “family home” bringing them to Novato in 1974. Bea was very active in the community having been President of the Novato Federation of Women, President of the Novato Garden Club, President and Secretary of Marin County Women’s Bowling Association, and Secretary of Marin County Men’s Bowling Association. She served on the Marin Grand Jury. Her hobbies included all and any kind of crafts, gardening, spoiling her grandchildren and of course bowling. She was a bowling coach to many kids in Marin.

Bea is survived by her husband; Alfred J. Hoffmann, Daughter; Lisa (Mark) Hutchinson and sons Jeffrey and David (Doreen) Hoffmann, Granddaughters; Sarah Hoffmann and Anna Hoffmann and Nephews Joe Fust and Willy Hudnell. She was preceded in death by her parents Lawrence and Mildred and her younger sister Patricia Hudnell.

The family will be holding a Celebration of her Life at Marin Country Club, Sept. 16th from 11am - 3pm @ 500 Country Club Dr. Novato. Arrangements were made by her family & Neptune Society of Novato.



Bowling Calendar

by Bette Addington

August:

- 27 – HammerPins Fall Classic Scratch 10-Gamer, Travis Bowl, TravisAFB
- 27 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 8, 10am, Action Lanes, El Monte

September:

- 1-3 – PBA Tony Reyes Memorial, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose
- 1-2-3 – Xframe Tournament Club, Labor Day Special, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
- 3-6 – PWBA Tour Championship Season Finale, Richmond Int. Raceway, VA
- 15-17 – PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West, Ukiah
- 16 – Xframe Tournament Club, 4pm, 6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood
- 17 – Scratch 6-Gamer, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, Wayne – 209/524-9161
- 23-24 – Earl Anthony’s Memorial Jr. Fall Classic Scholarship Tourn., Dbls.-Sat.; Singles-Sun., Dublin Bowl, earlantonysdublinbowl.com
- 24 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 9 Finals, 10am, Deer Creek Lanes, Rancho Cucamonga
- 30-1 – 10th Don Glover Scratch Masters, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield

October:

- 1-2 – West Coast Bowling Conv., Coconut Bowl, Sparks, NV, wcbowling.com
- 5-11/5 – Storm Festival of Bowling Mxd. Tourn., NBS, Reno, 800/304-2695
- 6-8 – PBA Battle at Black Oak, Toulumne, CA
- 9-12 – Senior High Roller, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV
- 13-15 – Pam Buckner Open Tourn., NBS, Reno
- 14-26 – Stockton USBC’s Open Reno Mxd. Dbls./Singles, Grand Sierra Resort
- 14-15 – CUSBC CA State Singles, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com
- 17-22 – 40th ABT Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com
- 21-22 – 48th CSSBA Open Champs., Modesto, (five weekends), 925/757-2695
- 29 – HammerPins Scratch Doubles 8-Gamer, 10am, AMF Rocklin Lanes

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1973 – PART 2

by Carol Mancini

Shake out the cobwebs and get ready for some flashbacks!

- Some of the best women bowlers in the San Gabriel Valley included: JEANNETTE SHARP, MABLE McDONALD, LUCY GROTH (Corey’s Mom), LUCKY FLORES, MARY ALPINE, MARGE FINLEY and LORIE SCHMIDT.
- BILLY MYERS “Ragtime Doubles” was in its 12th year at **LA PUENTE LANES**. BILLY made you feel good by his welcome and the Coffee Shop - - - the best.
- CHIEF HALFTOWN and RON DAVENPORT were on the Brunswick Promotional Staff for Junior bowling.
- JAE ETCHEVERY was elected State 600 Club Director.
- JUNE COLLINS and FLOYD BEEDY became permanent pardners. JUNE’s laugh made YOU laugh.
- WALLY POON, manager of **MONTEREY PARK LANES** was a funny guy — his idea for a “prize” was a BETTA FISH!! If he gave away a “tang” indeed, would it be a POON-TANG???
- LOU KASNICK, was the “Domo” of instruction. Kids, Kats and Wives all caught the bug after a few lessons. He gave away more balls, bags and flowers than he sold.
- DON DROOKER started at **CANOGA PARK** and worked his way up with A.M.F. He loved to dress up and be the Master of Ceremonies of most anything.
- HAL ACUFF (San Diego) became the State Men’s Ass’n. President. He was a real likeable guy with a healthy handshake.
- Brunswick Billiard Mart offered 4 Dodger tickets with the purchase of a billiard table.
- RAYMOND BURR (Ironside) learned to bowl from his wheelchair. His instructor was BOB VAN DECAR, a wheel-chair bowler. Both were in the movie filmed at **MAR-LIN-DO LANES**.
- **RHYTHM BOWL** (what?) (where?) was a great place for birthday parties. All league bowlers were given a B-Dayparty!! FRANK WHITEHEAD was owner.
- **ROSSMOOR BOWL** ad read: “Junior Singles Sweeper” - 3 Divisions (Boys and Girls).
- Wheew — I found the address of **RHYTHM BOWL!** 9115 South Vermont in Los Angeles. (I can sleep tonight - zzzzz.)
- ART GODDARD’S 10 Gamer at **KEYSTONE LANES** paid out three places, \$150 - \$75 - \$50. Sign ‘em up ART!
- DICK WEBER and DON CARTER were in town to tape a T.V. show with JERRY LEWIS for his Telethon.
- E. G. MOCK broke the 6 game “world record” at the PCB **BOWLING SQUARE** Open. His 1589 was great but LEE Taylor the tournament. DICK STROBRIDGE picked up \$100 for a 300. TIM ALBIN rolled 279 and 289 the last 2 games.
- **RODEO BOWL** had a complete make over; machines, lanes, paint, carpet and seating. BOB BRITT was the proud proprietor.
- **WEST PICO BOWL** was updating with underground ball returns, auto-scoring and pin setters. Twas the era of upgrade or get out!!
- One of every four of the 3.3 million members of the W.I.B.C. won an award in 1973. We were soooo proud to show them off!
- DAVE EDIS put on a strikefest at **SANTA ANITA**. His picture looks like High School album. DAVE, are you still in the bowling biz? Pro shop type??
- LEE TAYLOR, San Diego, averaged 251 for 16 games in the P.C.B. Arcadia Open at **BOWLING SQUARE**. More facts keep rolling in!
- **GRAND CENTRAL BOWL** had over 4,000 league bowlers the winter of 1973. The combo of NICK MANCINI and DICK MARQUIS was unbeatable.
- The first 300 game rolled by a woman was in 1929 in Buffalo, New York.
- August 17, 1973 the first Bowlers Horoscope column appeared. STARR GAZZER’S insight was an immediate hit! TREESA SPENCER wrote the weekly advice to each sign of the Zodiac. More bowlers read their horoscope than their league sheet! She made

- believers from doubtful bowlers. They lived life better, bowled better and shared positive thoughts with friends.
 - JOHN KLARES was manager at **EAGLE ROCK LANES**. MITZI ANDERSON scheduled bowlers are **WONDERFUL DOWNEY**. DON CECIL was G.M. at **BAHAMA LANES**. He was king of “hop scotch”, jumping the reigns at **CLARK CENTER, CLAIREMONT BOWL** in San Diego had KENNY HUBBARD at the helm.
 - BARNEY TANIDA was top gun at **JEFFERSON BOWL**. BUD HORN blew the pins down at **PARK BOWL**. GEORGE SNOW (job) at **BOWLING SQUARE** hosted all the big games. Want a KWIKIE? Call COLE or GOLDSTEIN.
 - HARRY! Grant me an entry into your singles tourney.
 - MAC McALLISTER was “all-in” at **SANTA ANITA**. “Aaahhh yes, we remember them well.”
 - CONNIE PICK smiled ear to ear as she accepted the winners check — **CANOGA PARK**’s proprietor. NAT ROSENFELD had bigger smiles.
 - WOMEN’S WEST COAST ELIMS” was on the check. CONNIE, “Are you still wearing mini-skirts”?
 - Any “left foot” Louie’s bowling in your league? Why would you put a raw potato on your thumb? Why carry a plastic shower cap in your ball? When did “rolling” bowling bags hit the market?
 - MIKE BONTA won the California State Masters. Other cashers included Dwayne Hicks, Bob Weller, Hal Adkroyd, Bob Lester and Dick Braasch.
 - The top two in the KWIKIE Elims changed balls for the first match. DANNY DAVIS chose a MANHATTAN and RICK ROBERTS opted for a Jubilee.
 - BARRY GURNEY was the “Baron of Bowling”, also banking big bucks.
 - BILL MARKS was the “rascal” of the San Gabriel Valley. Fight, fight, fight - - hit ‘em, beat ‘em and then join ‘em for a beer.
 - Many high average female bowlers were traveling to Japan to compete; DEBBIE STEWART, VESMA GRINFELDS, VIRGINIA PARK, TERRY DROOKER and VICKIE MYERS.
 - HAL ACUFF, San Diego was elected Cal State President. OLABRAHEME was C.W.B.A. Pres.
 - The 1973 KWIKIE Tournament had 10,008 entries at \$5.20 per entry. 50 Squad Organizers made money. 390 places were paid in the main prize fund. Total paid out? \$66,625.60. This included pots and early birds. The top ten got \$1,000.00 each.
 - The hot name in ball drilling was TONY KOWALCZYK. His clients were popping 300’s all over California. He put TOM LONG, BACH, FESSLER, HOPSON, MARZICH, ROBBY, BADE, EASTWOOD, PAYNE, LEE and RILEY on notice.
 - Who can forget FRANK BABORE rolling a reverse hook from the left side? It looked as unnatural as the two-handed looks now.
 - BERT STRAIN passed the bartenders course and became the day gal at **GRAND CENTRAL BOWL**. Did she WOW ‘em!
 - On the list of Junior Traveling All Stars was LARRY GRAY, MARK READY, PHIL AMEN-TA, CHUCK HANSON and PHIL KAPSIMALLIS.
 - JOE CIRAULO was “King of the Hill” at **SANTA ANITA** for 6 weeks - - - did he last longer? Read on. Oops, now 8 weeks.
 - 8 weeks.
 - Bowlers were car parking due to the gasoline shortage.
 - MANNY PERKISS - How did he get a job as Manager at **MONTEREY PARK LANES**?
 - Oh lordy -- the P.B.A. returns to **BOWLING SQUARE** in January 1974. Naturally I’ll give those ole’ timers their due!
- Hope you enjoyed our trip through the second half of 1973. Of course I’m always happy to hear from you!

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CHARLIE EMMONS: Great Bowler - Better Family Man

by Frank Weiler

LAUGHLIN, NV – Many bowlers who bowl in Laughlin consider Charlie Emmons to be the best bowler to ever compete along side the Colorado River. Even “ZAM” admits Charlie is surpassing his honor score numbers. While Charlie’s honor score totals are huge, he has also rolled the highest series (290 - 300 - 278 = 868) ever bowled at Riverside Lanes.

More important though is family. Charlie Emmons is old school or “OLD FASHIONED” when it comes to family. His wife (Jackie) and children (Kayla and Tyler) come first. Charlie has cut back the number of leagues he bowls in to spend more time with the three most important people in his life.

Back to the beginning. Bowling has been a big part of Charlie’s life since he was seven years old. Now, twenty-six years later he has only one goal left: bowl 900! His 868 came close, featuring 34 strikes and two solid “taps”. So close to 900.

As a kid Charlie lived behind a bowling center and went bowling regularly with his neighbors. He loved everything about the sport: being with his buddies, the competition, and always trying to score better. In addition to the bowling itself, Charlie was interested in every aspect of center operations. From an early age he knew that the bowling industry was to be his career. Today Charlie is Head Mechanic at Riverside Lanes in Laughlin.

Charlie started with a 10 pound green plastic bowling ball he received as a gift from local league bowlers. The ball was a gift and used by Charlie to win first place at a Arizona State Youth Tournament.

Who makes the best bowling balls in the world? According to Charlie, it’s Brunswick. Brunswick balls are Charlie’s weapons of choice because they are even rolling and controllable. They have a more consistent reaction and hold up better. Charlie’s favorite ball is the Brunswick Destruction because it has all of the qualities mentioned above and has so much hitting power. Charlie used the Destruction to roll his record setting 868.

So was is Charlie’s secret to scoring? “BE CONSISTENT”. Consistent approach, consistent timing and consistent delivery. Also, you have to learn how to read lane conditions and adjust quickly.

Charlie’s consistency has resulted in 50 perfect 300 games and 46 near perfect 800 series.

What does Charlie like about bowling? He loves competing and having fun with the bowlers around him. He enjoys helping others fine tune their games and become better bowlers. What does Charlie not like about bowling? He hates bowling with grumpy bowlers. “GRUMPY OLD MEN”? Yes. And grumpy old women too!

Emmons has won several local and state tournaments. He has cashed in PBA Regional Events and follows the PBA on television. His favorite PBA professional is Norm Duke. According to Charlie, Norm has a great personality. He is fan friendly, always willing to chat, listen and sign autographs. At the same time, Norm is among the most CONSISTENT and focused bowlers Charlie has observed. Best of all, Norm is humble.

I have observed Charlie and am happy to say that like Norm Duke he to is a great guy. Charlie is a man of integrity who is friendly, personable and conducts himself with class.

Charlie is a KINGPIN fan. When it comes to bowling movies, Charlie’s favorite flick is KINGPIN. He loves Bill Murray and who can forget the 15 frame game! Hey, we all could average 260 if we had fifteen frames.

Most important of all Charlie is a man of faith. When asked about what is most important in life he quickly responds with GOD, family and country. When asked about those he would like to thank for his successes on the lanes he started by thanking GOD for the talents bestowed on himself. He then followed by saying he was grateful to his parents, his wife and his children for their support. He then concluded with saying he was grateful to all those who voted and supported his induction into the Colorado River USBC Hall of Fame.

I would like to conclude by writing that Charlie Emmons is one of the finest men I have met in the bowling industry. Our sport is lucky to have him and hopefully he will be involved for years to come. Charlie, If you read this, I need you to help me fine tune my game. Finally, thank you to the BOWLING NEWS for supporting our CALIFORNIA and NEVADA bowlers.




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Stepladder Results:
Match One – Tackett def. Cavagnaro, 206-204.
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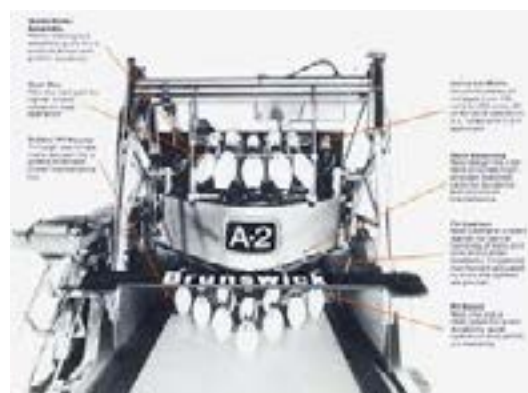


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The title match saw Johnson and Poppler match strike for strike in the opening frames, before Johnson left the 4-9 split in the fourth frame and failed to convert it. A 7-10 split for Poppler in the fifth fame allowed Johnson to get right back in the game.

In the eighth frame, Poppler left the 3-4-6-7-9-10 combination, getting only three more for her second open frame, and Johnson took advantage with back-to-back spares. She would step up in the 10th frame needing just eight pins for the title.

“It was the lowest scoring of the matches, but I love having to be up and know what I need to do,” Johnson said. “I knew at that point, if I got count, I was OK. Having it in your hands is more special to me, because you are holding your fate.”

As the No. 4 qualifier, Johnson opened the stepladder finals against two-time reigning PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Deerfield, Illinois, who was coming off her sixth U.S. Women’s Open title. Strikes in frames five through nine allowed Stefanie to advance with a 210-176 victory.

Her next match against Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, was close through the first seven frames. While McEwan would close with back-to-back strikes, a spare and nine-count, Johnson rolled five consecutive strikes to win, 245-216, and advance to the title match.

Johnson said the finals were a great opportunity to showcase the PWBA to her friends. “My support here (at Plano Super Bowl) goes beyond my family,” said Johnson, who earned a spot in the 16-player Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship field with her victory. “It’s just exciting to be able to perform at that level in front of them, so they can see first-hand how it actually is. I’m glad they got to sit under the lights, see the emotion, the back and forth, the tension, the quietness – all the factors.”

Competition at the 2017 PWBA Orlando Open included two six-game qualifying blocks to determine the 32 players for the six-game cashers’ round. The top 12 players then advanced to round-robin match play based in their 18-game pinfall totals.

The final round of the Orlando Open was one of three PWBA standard-event finals taped for broadcast at Plano Super Bowl in conjunction with the U.S. Women’s Open.

The PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open will air Tuesday, Aug. 22, at 11:30 p.m., and the Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open will be televised on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 11 p.m., both on CBS Sports Network.

Qualifying and match-play rounds of PWBA Tour events are broadcast on Xtra Frame, the exclusive online bowling channel for the Professional Bowlers Association.

PWBA ORLANDO OPEN

Final standings

- 1, Stefanie Johnson, McKinney, Texas, 644 (three games), \$10,000
- 2, Birgit Poppler, Germany, 184 (one game), \$5,000
- 3, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 216 (one game), \$3,500
- 4, Liz Johnson, Deerfield, Ill., 176 (one game), \$3,000

Stepladder results

- Match One – S. Johnson def. L. Johnson, 210-176
- Semifinal – S. Johnson def. McEwan, 245-216
- Championship – S. Johnson def. Poppler, 189-184

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Journey to PBA50 Player of the Year Became a Nail-Biter for Brian LeClair

New York native finally realizes potential as PBA50 Tour resurrects 52-year-old's professional career

CHICAGO – For Brian LeClair, the quest to winning 2017 PBA50 Player of the Year honors turned from a relatively sure thing into one of those “I can’t bear to watch” moments that characterized his earlier PBA Tour career.

LeClair, the 2017 season’s only two-time winner, held off challenges by two of the PBA’s all-time greats – Norm Duke and Parker Bohn III – who took the PBA50 Player of the Year race into the stepladder finals of the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship presented by Pro Bowl West and Ebonite in Fort Wayne, Ind., the final PBA50 Tour event of the season.

“I honestly thought they were going to do it,” LeClair said, referring to Duke and Bohn’s late-season challenge for the crown. “I thought the handwriting was on the wall for another disappointment in my career. I didn’t even stay for the finals to find out what happened.”

LeClair, from Delmar, N.Y., spent nearly two decades competing regularly on the PBA Tour without a win but his lengthy career was finally rewarded when he won PBA50 Player of the Year honors on the strength of his wins in the Pasco County Florida Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick, and a runner-up finish in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by Storm.

“The best thing about it is I finally have my name on something,” LeClair said. “I’m just as happy for my friends and family who supported me because I think they wanted it as bad as I did.”

Heading into the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship, LeClair held a substantial lead in player of the year points but because of the PBA50’s point structure which awards points for both qualifying and final finishing position, Bohn and Duke still had a chance to catch LeClair. It was a tall order for the pair of hall of famers because one-or-the-other needed to win and qualify either first or second. If Bohn had won, LeClair would have to finish second to clinch the crown. If Duke had won, LeClair would have had to finish third.

LeClair left the door open when he finished seventh in the tournament and 19th in qualifying. But in the end, Bohn finished fourth, losing to Duke in the second stepladder match, 224-217, and Duke’s chances were then dashed when he lost to fellow hall of famer Pete Weber in the title match, 279-255.

“I was concerned heading into Fort Wayne because I was going to have to make the show at a center I really didn’t have a good handle on if I wanted to clinch it,” LeClair said. “Every time I bowled (in Fort Wayne) it seemed like I would come out of the gate just killing it in every round but then I’d lose it in the middle of the round. I could never figure it out.”

Competing on the PBA50 Tour has resulted in a resurgence of LeClair’s career. A big weight was lifted off his shoulders in his rookie season in 2015 when he won his first PBA national title in the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open. He had another quality season in 2016, without a title, but he was back in the winner’s circle right away in 2017.

“What makes winning (PBA50) player of the year so rewarding was doing it an era when so many of bowling’s all-time greats are competing,” said LeClair, who now owns three PBA50 Tour titles. “Just look at the finals in Fort Wayne as an example – Pete, Norm, Parker, Walter Ray (Williams Jr.) and Amleto (Monacelli) – and then all the other great bowlers who bowl week-in and week-out. I think that’s what means the most to me.”

Five-time PBA Tour winner **Michael Haugen Jr.** of Phoenix earned PBA50 Rookie of the Year honors. Haugen won the Senior U.S. Open defeating LeClair, 173-158, in the title match. He had three other top-five finishes including a third in the PBA50 Players Championship.

Ron Mohr of Las Vegas successfully defended his PBA60 Player of the Year crown, winning the PBA50 South Shore Open for his first win against the 50-and-older generation in five years as well as winning USBC’s Super Senior Classic for 60-and-older players. He had three other PBA50 top-five finishes during the season and a second in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open.

Finishing in the top eight in PBA50 competition points were LeClair, Duke, Bohn, Bob Learn Jr., Williams, Haugen, Monacelli and Mohr who earned the opportunity to compete in the PBA50 Challenge which will be held in conjunction with GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties this November in Reno, Nev. All eight also earned paid entries into WSOB IX.

PBA50 players will vote on the Dick Weber Sportsmanship award at a later date.

EDITOR’S NOTE: The top 20 in earnings, averages and competition points are listed in the attached Word document. Complete stats can be found by clicking on <https://www.pba.com/SeasonStats/TotalWinnings/106>



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LAKEWOOD — The Summer leagues are ending so we want to congratulate the winning teams. It was a fun Summer and now we look forward to the Fall leagues where there always seems to be more competition. We hope everyone is signed up to get the new season started. If you still haven't chosen the league of your choice and need help inquire at the control desk where they'll be happy to help you. Do it now, you don't want to be left out.

Let's take a look at this week's Bowling Report of high scores.

Grandma's/Grandpa's: Wayne Moon 204/549, Jim Burke 192/531, Al Romero 509, Walter Milsap 504, Joanne Burke 189/507, Yvonne Clark 485.

Fil-Am: Bob Selner 257/717, Vic Santos 258/680, Chris Abing 242/674, Rey Santos 254/673, Chris Eguilos 656, Rick Llaneta 245/655, Ike Topacio 235/651, Dan Monzon 246/643, Cesar Usi 244/635, Dan Martinez 257/630, Joe Knapp 232/615, Darrell Pascual 604, Abe Morales 593, Beth Colian 199/563, Beth Austria 538, Maria Directo 204/532, Tess Santos 500.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: "BLEED BLUE" are the champs of this league. Team members are Melanie Scott, Manny Torrez, Greg Scott. High scores from week 13 are: Jonathan Gale 239/665, Marcel VanDroff 201/534, John Wells 531, Paul Wells 529, Elaine Harmon 471, Bea Hackler 468, Sharon Saig 219.

Vegas Crackpots: Jacob Culpepper 643, Nathaniel Hampton 234/638, Maurice Garrett 236/623, Clarence Wynn 253/617, Michael Holmes 241/610, Bobby Prince 604, Willie Wilson 239/597, Armand Ivory 278/596, Wendell Rising 595, LaDrena Boyd 264/667, Marlana Rodgers 212/608, Alexis Hammond 214/595, Naimah Williams 244/586, Michelle King 217/568, Kim Taylor 208/561, Tippy Thornton 544, Tekka Williams 211/544, Sophia Owens 520.

Young at Heart: It's tight at the top—3 teams have a chance to be crowned champs. Scores: Rey Santos 233/652, Bob Sneed 244/651, Rich Heid 231/635, Cleveland Johnson 245/625, Jimmy Hamilton 257/623, Fale Sula 227/580, Horace Kinney 206/562, Earl Hullett 547, Tua Sula 556, Linda Kinney 526, Margo McClain 506.

Pin Heads: 3 out of 4 teams have a chance to grab the crown. Scores from week 15: Chuck Appleberry 481, Tom Komadina 480, Kevin Farrell 464, Audrey Louis 428, Pamela Johnson 411.

Cal Bowleros: Carolyn Rousseau 523, DaRhonda Reed 511, Carol Hovis 511. Side-pot winners—Game One: Pat Bates 227; Game Two: Leona Belletti 183; Game Three: B. Santa-Marina 251.

Sierra Bugs: 6 out of the 10 teams have a chance to capture 1st or tie for a roll-off. Week 14 scores: Cathy Anderson 519, Connie Wood 213/509, Shonna Hernandez 506. Side-pot winners—Game One: Connie Wood 220; Game Two: Cathy Anderson 189; Game Three: Pat Roberts 206.

Senior Men's Trio: Steve Ritchie 757, George Harper 257/736, Emmeron Wafer 722, Larry Gray 705, Chauncey Brown 253/695, Harold Dubose 279, Steve Ritchie 279, Dan Monzon 258.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Will Young 279/"802", David Fitzgerald 258/716, Art Jones 674, Jello Gray 265/661, Tony Kellum 654, Lester Sells 253/650, Alicia Ferguson 261/655, Daryllynn Davis 211/591, Diana Giles 222/590, Teya Woodman 234/589, Cheryl Durden 212/576, Phylissia Smith 220/563, Nataki Williams 554.

Funsters: This league had an early start on their Winter league. Here are the scores from week 2: (Good luck to all.) Chris Abing 702, Dominic Antonio 593, Boylee Inocente 571, Beth Austria 575, Divina Buhay 534, Luz Cruz 533, Jim Plante 230, Paul Wells 225, Jorge Fernandez 223, Odetta Dalton 214, Yvonne Clarke 210, May Toledo 204.

Here are JUNIOR scores from week 11.

Youth: Kameron Agulto 528, Kevin Tate 465, Andy Arsenault 397, Natalie Ahumada 495, Kendra Wilson 417.

Mini Bees: Joseph Brown 192, Rafael Iniguez 164, Donovan Eskridge 58, Ari Munroe 141, Nellie De La Cruz 119. Thanks for bowling at Cal Bowl. Have a fun time.

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SUNDAY – Summer Rollers: Chris Goar 243, Andrew Martinez 236, Phil Padilla 227/620, Celso Alhambra 608, Gilbert Gissendaner 602. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** League meeting for new season August 20th at 6:30pm, bowl at 7:10 pm.

MONDAY – Golden Awards: Gary Wallis 256, Rob Roberts 245/666, Jerry Rudd 236/618, Vince Palmer 617, Sharon Honn 223, Jenny Campbell 200, Randi Hein 200. **Adult/ Junior:** Jerry Vertigan 268/716, Ed Saleh 247/661, Jerry Rudd 243/652, Joshua Tan Torres 226/612, Chris Moran 216.

TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors: John Cockayne 210, Raul Ortega 209, Larry McCurry 199. **Guys & Dolls:** Bill Kessler 269/710, Larry Bennett 235/629, Donald Wiemer 220.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Eric Will 229, Ray Danfield 224, Bob Crabtree 224/602, Gary Hein 224, Donald Wiemer 211, Alan Pencille 211, Bev Heston 200. **American National Can:** Ray Mankins Jr. 256/660, Roger Stites 243/609, Kirk Keith 243/680, Kathy Boyett 216, Mary Beth Thompson 206, Karen Balicki 198.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Mary Beth Thompson 229/610, Karen Balicki 215. **Sunset Rollers:** Willie Keith 223, Bob Jacobi 213. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Gordon Long 300, Marlow Dinger 290, Mike Mellick 279/976, Rick Vanderhaar 998, Roger Stites 961, Emily Cormmesser 265/853, Jordan Kraye 252/636, Tee Delgado 231/846.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Kirk Keith 289/756, Brandon Kraye 279/732, Ken Maxey Jr. 277/735, Shelly Maxey 245/598, Shannon Smith 220, Kim Goodrich 200, Lauree Bennett 200.

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Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr: 648 Tyler Salverda, 626 Chris Gilbert, 627 Shellie Camarata, 562 Yong Gilbert, 236 Gerry Chen, 234 Austin Wasielews, 209 Clara Lotton, 202 Karen Wt-terhus .

Club 55: Scr: 652 Raul Medina, 635 Tony Thousand, 481 Mary Hoagland, 234 Tim Harris, 209 Albert Delos Santos, 166 Carmen Barron.

Calvary Chapel: Scr: 485 Fernando Esquivel, 297 Grace La Fargo, 174 Sam 153 Lorraine Lujan.

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The rules cannot be changed on a whim, or when someone discovers they aren't happy. Rules will stand and only a 100% vote of the leagues membership can change anything!

Another note: any rules that are not covered in your leagues rules revert to the USBC rule book for coverage. New bowlers, there is no such thing as a silly question! Ask about anything you don't understand. I'm wishing all a very productive, enjoyable and high scoring winter season.

Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Mike McMahon 248, Sharon Brown 172, Sylvester Foster 705, Danica McMahon 523. (hdcp) Sal Najera 284, Eneida Spangler 231, Ryan Hinchliffe 729, Cynthia Estrada 694.

Senior Swingers: (scr) Rick Langer 180, Kim Rasmussen 161, Winston Gorriceta 508, Seiki Tluczek 447. (hdcp) Raymond Garcia 230, Cres Cruz 221, John Pemberton 636, Josie Pemberton 619.

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There you have it! Until next time...keep the ball rollin'!

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