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JOHNSON WINS 2015 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

NORTH BRUNSWICK, N.J. - Defending champion Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, already may be in the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame, but she was able to add another huge accomplishment to her legacy Sunday with a win at the 2015 Bowlmor AMF U.S. Women's Open.

The 41-year-old righthander defeated her Team USA teammate Shannon O'Keefe of O'Fallon, Illinois, 190-189, to claim her fourth U.S. Women's Open title, breaking a tie for second place on the event's all-time win list behind fellow USBC Hall of Famer Marion Ladewig, who won eight times.

Johnson earned \$50,000 and the coveted green jacket for the win, while O'Keefe took home \$25,000 as the runner-up.

Johnson also became the first bowler to successfully defend a U.S. Women's Open title since hall of famer Dorothy Fothergill accomplished the feat in 1969, and she joins three-time U.S. Women's Open winner Kelly Kulick (2010) as the only bowlers to win the USBC Queens and U.S. Women's Open in the same year.

Sunday's finale at Brunswick Zone Carolier was a rematch of the 2007 title tilt, and O'Keefe had



a chance at redemption with two strikes and seven pins in her final frame. After she left a washout and failed to convert, Johnson covered a 4 pin and got seven on her fill ball to escape with the win.

"I made the best shot I could in the 10th, hoping to strike, so I didn't have to worry as much," said Johnson, who also won the U.S. Women's Open in 1996, 2007 and 2013. "I shanked the last shot, but it was enough. This is going to take a while to sink in, for sure. When the Tour folded in 2003, we had no idea all of this would come back. It has been an incredible year, and I'm very grateful."

Johnson's win at the

2015 Queens in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in May kicked off the 2015 Professional Women's Bowling Association schedule. That victory secured her spot in next week's season-ending The Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship promoted by GoBowling.com, where she'll be seeded right into the semifinals as the 2015 PWBA points leader.

"This has been an amazing year, to say the least," said Johnson, who won last week's PWBA Detroit Open, too. "I haven't made the Queens show when I've won the U.S. Open, and I didn't make the U.S. Open show when I won the Queens (2009), so I was pretty happy just to get here. But once you're there, you want to take advantage. I didn't make the best shots I could have or should have, but I got it done."

On the way to the championship match, Johnson used just one double and a flawless spare effort to top four-time first-team collegiate All-American and 2015 PWBA Lubbock Sports Open winner Jazreel Tan of Singapore, 199-177. Tan was the

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Glenn Allison Finally Gets His 900 Ring

By Andrea Gage-Werren, La Habra 300 Bowl



LA HABRA - On July 1st, 1982, a liquor store clerk from Whittier, California made history on lanes 13 and 14 at La Habra 300 Bowl. It was there that Glenn Allison shot the first perfect 900 series in league play.

With much controversy, the then ABC (now USBC) denied his 900 and deemed the lane oil gave him an unfair advantage. For the following three decades, there have been thousands of signatures

on petitions and countless news articles written on the matter, but one thing there hasn't been is the famed 900 series ring. That is until now.

After realizing that the USBC would never overturn their original 1982 decision, La Habra 300 Bowl contacted the company that makes the 900 rings for the USBC. They had a ring custom made for Glenn Allison celebrating his accomplishment. Because the USBC did

not sanction the series, the ring had to be customized to remove their logo. In place of the USBC's logo, is the La Habra 300 Bowl logo, the facility where he bowled his legendary series, and where he has worked the front desk for the past two decades.

On September 3rd, Glenn Allison finally got his well-deserved and long overdue ring.



BOWLING Tang & Frankos Win PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Doubles

SAN JOSE - Amateur Michael Tang of San Francisco and partner Jeff Frankos of Daly City, Calif., posted a 6-4 match play record and a combined 18-game total of 8,487 pins Sunday to win the PBA Tony Reyes Memorial Member/Non-Member Doubles presented by Brunswick at 4th Street Bowl in San

Jose, Calif. Tang, a member of Junior Team USA, and Frankos defeated Jake Peters of Henderson, Nev. and amateur Adam Ishman of Las Vegas, who had a 9-1 match play record and 8,329 pins. Tang and Frankos shared the \$4,000 first prize. Peters and Ishman earned \$2,000.

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Iconic 'Girls With Balls' Team Is Finally Deflated By Its Rival

By Fred Eisenhammer



"Changing Lanes" trophy-winning members: Tim Egan, Mike Tarantino, Brad Uselmann and Lance Coury.
Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

"Girls With Balls."

No one seems to know who coined that name for the four-women San Fernando Valley-based bowling team. But one thing is certain. The name has stuck.

"It's just a mystery to all of us," Stacey Tarantino says. "We don't know who came up with it."

Four longtime friends – Tarantino, Laura Coury, Ann Egan and Jaye Rettedal – have used that team name for more than 15 years while they've bowled together in the L.A.-based "Guys and Dolls" league each summer. The four-some parlayed that catchy and hilarious team name with its free-spirited cheer-leading style to gain local media attention through the years.

The four women first competed as "Girls With Balls" at AMF Rocket Bowl in Chatsworth. When Rocket Bowl closed in 2009, they moved to AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills. When the league moved to Winnetka Bowl this summer, they moved along with it and they just completed their first season in their new bowling center.

Things, however, didn't quite go as planned this season for "Girls With Balls." Its longtime and

bitter rival, "Changing Lanes," finished ahead of it in the standings for the first time.

How big of a deal was this?

League official Mike Rice announced this flip-flop was "the Miracle of the Century" at last week's awards presentation.

"Changing Lanes" started out being comprised of the four husbands of the "Girls With Balls" members – creating a fun-filled competitive situation.

The roster for the men's team changed after Ed Rettedal suffered health problems and later died at the beginning of this year. Brad Uselmann was brought in to take Ed's spot a few years ago to join holdovers Tim Egan, Mike Tarantino and Lance Coury.

This season "Changing Lanes" used a meteoric start en route to finishing second in the 14-team standings.

"Changing Lanes" shockingly edged out "Girls With Balls," which finished third. Suddenly, "Changing Lanes" owned bragging rights over the women's team for the next nine months – an unusual position.

"I have no idea how it happened," said Lance, the team captain, about his

team's one-win edge over the women's team. "We were looking to win the [last-place] 'crying towels' again, and for some reason, we did all right."

Here's some perspective on how topsy-turvy this season was.

Stacey said summer league bowling "always had been a girls' night out. Then the boys said, 'We should have a team too,' and then the competition began."

So the men's team was born and "Changing Lanes" joined its wives in the "Guys and Dolls" league. Not only were the men out-bowled by their wives summer after summer after summer, but they often finished dead last – thus, earning the end-of-the-season booby prize of "crying towels."

Until this year.

In the opening week, "Changing Lanes" showed this season might be different by demonstrating its muscle and sweeping the girls team. Buoyed by the unexpected sweep, "Changing Lanes" jockeyed among first, second and third place the entire season. Meanwhile, "Girls With Balls" wallowed near the bottom early in the season.

But "Girls With Balls"

staged a spirited charge during the season and actually pulled ahead of its rival with one week left. But the men's team won three of four points the final week; meanwhile the women got swept to fall behind the men's team.

"That put us over the top," said Lance, who averaged 144 (195 high). Anchor Mike Tarantino led the men's team with a 153 average (196 high). Tim averaged 145 (194 high) and Brad averaged 119 (149 high).

For the women, Stacey had the team's highest average with a 159 and a high game of 207. Laura, who blistered a 213, averaged 149. Jaye averaged 129 and Ann 112.

As second-place finishers, "Changing Lanes" earned league trophies for each of its bowlers. It marked the first time the men's team had finished so high. The women had earned trophies for the first time last year when they placed second.

"Our trophies this year are bigger than the trophies they won last year," Lance clucked.

Apprised of husband Lance's remark about the trophies, Laura responded, "They're just going to love it; they're going to hang it over our heads."



Members of the iconic "Girls With Balls": Laura Coury, Ann Egan, Stacey Tarantino and Jaye Rettedal.
Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

Inaugural PBA Team Challenge Roster Features Fish, Couch Potatoes, & More

The inaugural PBA Team Challenge, inviting PBA players and all comers to put together a roster of five players for a team battle never before seen in the United States, has already produced some interesting combinations of players.

Among the first 15 teams entered are Team Fish, the Couch Potatoes, the unnamed "super team," another unnamed team with a distinct international flavor, teams with pronounced regional ties, others with lots of collegiate experience, and it's rumored an all-women's team will be in the field.

Team Fish, as previously announced, includes five PBA players who like to have fun: Dick (FishStick) Allen, Kyle (AfroFish) Troup, Connor (FishFord) Pickford, Anthony (TwoFinFish) Simonsen and Kris (WickedFish) Prather while PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch's Couch Potatoes includes fellow lefty Ryan Ciminelli, Denmark's Thomas Larsen, Ryan Shafer, Dave Wodka and Couch himself.

The so-called "super team" without an official name features Chris Barnes, Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones, Wes Malott and Bill O'Neill – owners of a combined 13 major championships among their 63 total PBA titles. The "internationals" includes England's

Dom Barrett and Stu Williams bowling with Sweden's Martin Larsen, Finland's Osku Palermaa and token U.S. player Patrick Allen.

Team Brunswick is in the field with Sean Rash, Parker Bohn III, Tom Smallwood, Jason Sterner and the king of PBA title winners, Walter Ray Williams Jr. South America will challenge the field with Colombia's Andres Gomez, Jaime Gonzalez, Jaime Monroy, Manuel Otorola and Venezuela's Ildemaro Ruiz.

If experience counts, look to the McCorkle Real Estate team which includes PBA50 Tour stars Tom Baker, Bob Learn Jr., Ron Mohr, Amleto Monacelli and Pete Weber.

The PBA Team Challenge will include six full qualifying games by all five team members at 9 a.m. PT on Saturday, Oct. 24, followed by 12 Baker format qualifying games at 5 p.m. After 18 combined team games, the top eight teams will advance to a Baker format round-robin match play at 9 a.m. Sunday, and after a combined 26 team games, the top four teams will bowl a Baker format stepladder final round at 3 p.m. All PBA Team Challenge competition will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel.

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only amateur in the top five and one of nine Team Singapore members in the field this week.

Before facing Johnson, Tan overcame a 28-pin deficit to slip past Team USA member Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 172-165. McEwan held the commanding lead at the halfway point, but three consecutive opens starting in frame six proved to be her undoing.

Tan started the day with a clean 195-190 victory against nearby Union, New Jersey's Kulick. Despite a late open frame, Kulick had a chance to double in the 10th frame for the win but left the 2-4-5 combination on her second shot, allowing Tan to advance.

All competitors at the 2015 U.S. Women's Open bowled 24 games over three days, while the top third of the field had eight more games to fight for a spot in the top 24, who advanced for 24 games of round-robin match play.



A few years ago, CJ and I had the privilege of doing the publicity for Gary Beck's Killer B Promotions, and we were allowed to attend the Teen Masters National Finals in Orlando in 2006 and in Las Vegas in 2007 where we worked alongside Gary, Kirk and Mary Von Krueger, and many more to stage the national finals. This year, when we learned that the 2015 TM National Finals would be at the beautiful new South Point Plaza Arena immediately following Bowl Expo, we decided to extend our trip to find out how the TM is doing today. We were very impressed with the progress and some of the interesting new aspects of the event. We learned one thing for certain . . . we are all a bit older and wiser, and we still have a strong passion for the sport, and especially for the young people who will hopefully love it as much as we have for all these years. -JG

BNN: I have known you for a long time and I know you are a guy who pays attention to the business world both inside and outside the bowling industry; so I know you have paid attention to the fact that companies like Apple and Starbucks have earned loy-

al customers by creating a culture surrounding their products and services – is that what you now strive to do with the Teen Masters program?

GB: Absolutely we have a culture. We have a tribe. We have first and foremost a group of kids who are willing to set their egos aside. They want it to be all about them; not in the selfish 'I want attention' way, but in the 'I want to learn more about me' way. They do that by putting themselves into a competition that is both mentally and physically challenging. And when they emerge from the other side, they are definitely different people.

BNN: How are they different?

GB: They learn that they are capable of more than they thought they were. They learn that they are able to persevere when things are not going as planned.

BNN: I know you tell them to do that – you sit them down with their parents for a half an hour in a squad meeting before they start competition . . . but do they truly listen to your message and look within themselves for solutions?; or does it take a while for them to know that they really are

responsible for themselves and their results and behavior? And do the parents listen to your message that their kids need positive feedback? As a former school teacher, I know how important these things are to you and your mission.

GB: It is all about having them look at themselves in a way they never have before. It is why I ask them in those meetings 'Why are you here?' – why would your parents spend all this money to bring you to an event that is hard, that is challenging, that is not as much fun in terms of high scores – it is either because they don't like you, or because they believe in you; and every kid figures out real quick it is the latter. I am a firm believer that anyone, especially kids, will live up to almost any expectations you place on them. If you expect a lot, they will give it to you; if you don't expect much, they will respond in kind. We put very high expectations on these kids about their behavior and attitude, about how they treat others around them. We really strive to plant the thought that they are capable of more than they think. You prepare them for challenge by teaching them that virtually nothing ever goes as planned in bowling or

life. Anything worthwhile is hard. College is hard; marriage is hard; work is hard – and that is why all of them are worth the effort it takes to find success. I see a lot of kids come to this event and fail miserably; people don't like that word, but they just fail. But many of them come back the next year and win. We have a history of kids going from worst to first. It is an event where you are on your own. You can't just reach into your bag and find a new ball that moves differently – you have to manipulate it yourself. So there are not as many resources available to them except those that are internal.

BNN: Do the parents get it before the kids?

GB: An example – Brittini Hamilton's parents . . . Steve Hamilton said to me recently 'It all started with you;' but what really happened is that Brittini found within herself the ability to meet the challenges, and she won. And then she started to see herself differently. Talk to Danielle McEwan's mom. Before Teen Masters, no one knew Danielle. And Danielle didn't know Danielle. But when she won, she learned what she was capable of, and she is now a very accomplished bowler.

Her attitude and expectations of herself changed because of what she went through here. We have other kids who are just starting out finishing near the bottom of the list. The question for them is not 'Did you win?' it is 'Did you learn?' And the kids push each other in a positive way. Someone told me that Magic Johnson talked about what Larry Bird did for him by pushing him to get better. That is the key thing here. I want these kids to desperately want to beat each other – but I want them to learn to do it with respect. And I want the parents to encourage everyone. I've seen parents cheer when a kid bowling against their kid missed. That is not acceptable here. It is not the kind of behavior we foster or accept. I want heated rivalries, but they must learn to respect their competition because that is what makes them better.

BNN: I know that many years you had bigger entry numbers for this event. This year, you have 160 boys and 80 girls. Are you OK with those numbers, or do you need more to make a profit and keep this event going forward? Maybe it is not a good comparison, but I hear the folks at USBC

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'Sparemeisters' Abound In This Family

By Fred Eisenhammer



Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

League bowler Bob Adams of Canoga Park has established himself as one of the most prolific spare artists around.

He's rolled three games with spares in every frame and he's earned the nickname "Sparemeister."

But Adams isn't the only "Sparemeister" in town; in fact, another one resides not too far away.

And that's Bob's wife, Candy, who registered an all-spares game herself last month in Winnetka Bowl's 39'ERs senior league.

Candy, who averages about 160, finished with a 186.

Candy said she wasn't sure if it was her first or second all-spares game. In

any event, Candy ranked the game as one of the most memorable performances in her 41-year bowling history, which includes a 255 game and 617 series.

"I was really sweating it on the 10th frame," she said with a smile.

Candy said she couldn't remember which pin or pins she knocked down for her final spare, but her husband, who was watching, said it was the six pin.

"I know it wasn't the 10 pin, because I would have missed that," Candy joked.

Incidentally, Bob logged his third all-spares game last year. He talks passionately about his determination to convert spares but he's no

slouch with his strike ball either. He's blistered a high game of 279, which is an 11-strike game. And he's smoked a flashy 770 series.

Still, Bob is proudest of his ability to knock down spares. He says he and his wife often confer about bowling strategy.

"I have a saying," Bob said. "'Strikes are for show and spares are for dough.' When it comes down to the end, you can lose a lot of matches if you don't make your spares."

Bob's reputation as a "Sparemeister" is so renowned that elite bowler Johnnie Englehart sought him out for his league team at Winnetka Bowl. Since then, Bob Adams and Englehart have joined forces to win four league titles.

Englehart once joked about Bob with this line: "Missing a spare to him is like losing a limb, especially the 10 pin cause he takes pride in making that."

Said Bob: "I rely on spares heavily. I don't get a lot of strikes. Spares are my game."

They apparently are his wife's as well.

SARAH HARTMAN Singles Champion

by Frank Weiler

League Champion Sarah Hartman by two tenths of a point.

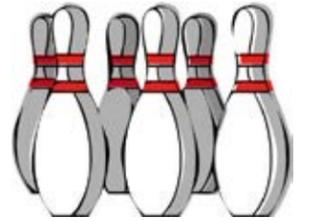
Lorri just missed a title the last time around and has to settle for second again. Jackie Dead finished third not far behind Hartman and Scott.

The Ladies Club is a singles match game league which always makes for exciting bowling. It is no surprise that Lorri is always at the top of the standings because she is mentally strong and physically imposing. She has the physical tools to win matches and has the mental game to win. Lorri knows how to win.

Congratulations to Sarah, Lorri and Jackie and my thanks to the BOWLING NEWS for supporting California women bowlers. One more thing, it would be nice to see a roll-off between the top players of the IELC and the SoCAL Women's Club.



SAN BERNARDINO - Lorri Scott, Inland Empire Ladies Club (IELC) President, has just missed another Club singles title. She just missed catching



PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube

Australian two-handed star **Jason Belmonte** gave PBA fans a preview of things to come when he won the Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic in West Babylon, N.Y., in March 2009, leading to his selection as PBA Rookie of the Year. You can revisit Belmonte as a PBA rookie and re-live his first PBA Tour victory, earned on a pair of lanes

featuring different lane conditions on each lane, by watching the newest addition to the PBA Modern Classics Library on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ApZeNeIxFus>.

Coming soon to the PBA Modern Classics collection will be the 2009 National Bowling Stadium Championship from Reno, Nev., where **Patrick Allen** ran the

table, winning the title over PBA Hall of Famer **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** in a match that wasn't settled until a dramatic 10th frame.

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ORANGE COUNTY USBC NEWS....

By Joy McGregor

Our retiring Orange County USBC Association Manager, Cheryl Huntington is officially retired. A retirement party was held in her honor August 22 at Fountain Bowl. Sooooo many friends, board members and Cheryl's family attended. We had a very tasty luncheon provided by Fountain Bowl and many laughs, lots of tears and quite a few "friends" who stood up and shared a memory or two.... Cheryl introduced her family and especially her new beau, Marty; I think she will be well taken care of and we all wish her a long, happy life in Globe, Arizona. **HAPPY RETIREMENT, MY FRIEND!!!**

Our new Association Manager is Andrea Fredericks and we all wish her success in her new undertaking. Welcome, Andrea!

The new office hours are as follows: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 8AM - 1PM, Wednesday - 11AM - 4PM. The office will be closed on Friday as usual.

Please, all league sec-

retaries, read your "Welcome to 2015-16 year" letter. There are many changes and please pay particular attention to getting all membership applications in to the office as soon as possible; the association only has 30 days to enter ALL memberships!

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FYI: The Annual Mixed Doubles Tournament will now be held at Linbrook Bowl, same date: Nov. 7 and 8 Flyers will be in ALL Orange County centers shortly... look for them and get your entries in quickly.

Enjoy your Labor Day festivities and be ready for all your new leagues to begin!!

See y'all on the lanes...

The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

STUMP THE READERS

Part 4 of 5

31. Where is lane 27?

- A. Directly behind lanes 25 & 26 in a twenty-six alley house. It's the bar!
- B. 6100 South 36th Street, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72908
- C. Between lanes #26 and #28.

32. Where can I get a book on, "How to Bowl?"

- A. The library, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com and anywhere books are sold.
- B. The office of The Californian Bowling News.
- C. Your favorite restaurant. Many eateries use bowling books to keep their tables from wobbling.
- D. Pet shops. Look at the bottoms of the bird cages.

33. If my ball gets caught in the ball return, what should I do?

- A. Buy a new one and change lanes.
- B. Contact the person in charge of the center immediately. Ball retrieval is extremely dangerous and must never be attempted by anyone lacking proper training.
- C. Throw another ball. When it returns it will knock your ball back up to you.

34. Does weather make pins react differently?

- A. Yes.
- B. No. Bowling centers are climate controlled buildings.
- C. No. The thick plastic shell makes pins impervious to weather conditions.
- D. No, but weather does make bowlers react differently.

35. How much does a pin weigh?

- A. 3lbs-6ozs to 3lbs-10ozs.
- B. The weight of a pin depends entirely on the weight of the ball being thrown at it.
- C. On a bad night, a pin weighs five tons.

36. What is a tenpin made of?

- A. The most aggravating combination of materials known to man.
- B. Surgical stainless steel.
- C. Synthetic material (injection-molded plastic).
- D. Hard maple body, plastic cover and base.

37. How long does a pin last?

- A. Until it breaks.
- B. Standard pins should survive 1,000 impact-games; synthetics should withstand 2,000.
- C. Regulations require pins to be replaced each year.
- D. 5,000 impact-games.

38. Where do old pins go?

- A. Good pins go to "Tenpin Heaven"; ringing ten-pins can go to Hell!
- B. Souvenir shops.
- C. Fireplaces.
- D. Nobody really knows; it's one of the great mysteries of our time!

39. Is Carol Mancini a pain in the buttocks?

- A. No. She's a pain in the neck!
- B. No. She's just frugal and misunderstood.
- C. No. She's sincerely kind, generous and has earned every award bestowed upon her. (Now, how about that raise? NO?!)
- D. Yes, she is!

40. How wide is a lane?

- A. 12 feet.
- B. 48 inches.
- C. 41-42 inches, 39 boards.
- D. 36-24-36 = Lois Lane.

Bonus question: How many pins are required for a pair of lanes?

- A. 10-11
- B. 20-22
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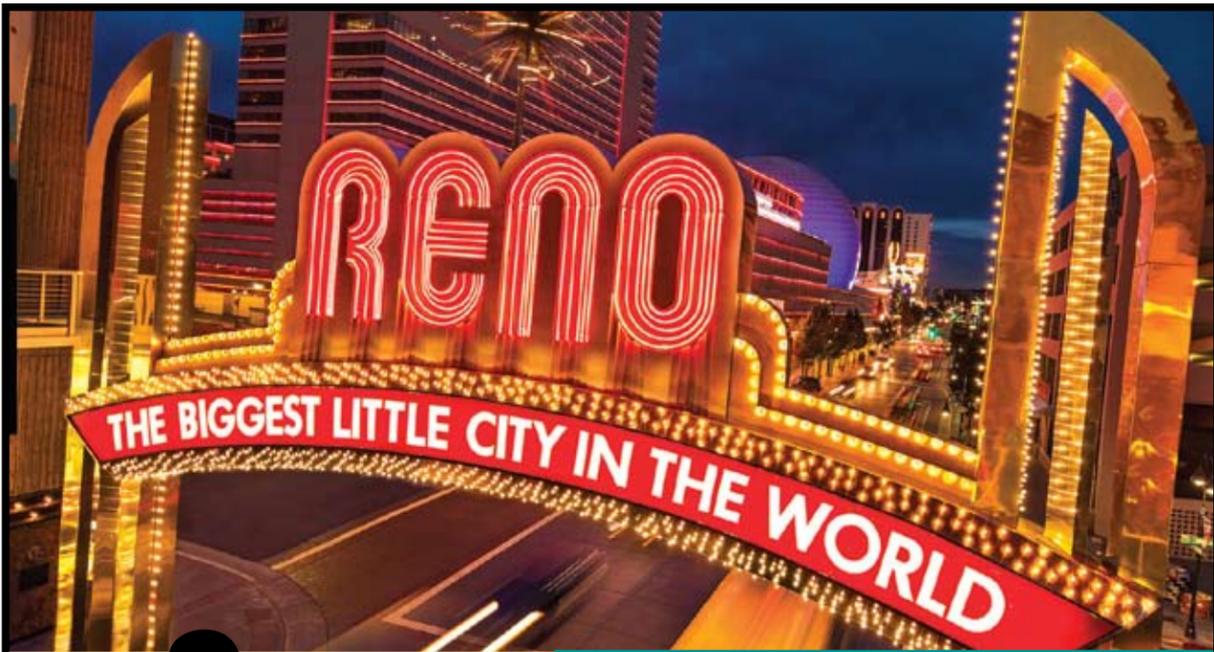
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Two gentlemen in the Summer Scratch Doubles League at Gable House Bowl chalked up season high 7s.

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Interview with Gary Beck: Part 1 continued from page 3

talk about smaller membership numbers being OK because it has become more about delivering quality. Yet their Junior Gold event is going bonkers with over 3000 entries. What are your thoughts on the numbers?

GB: I have never aspired to have the biggest tournament. We started in 1997. The last time we were in Vegas, we actually sold out at 360, and then I had four kids show up from Puerto Rico unexpectedly so we ended up with five on a pair. We recognize that there are limits. Overall, youth bowler numbers continue to fall dramatically. Our numbers are off this year from last year because I lost my mom in the fall and we canceled all of our qualifying events this year. I knew I would take a hit at the national finals because qualifiers get the word out. I care how many show up, but if I get just one person that I can have an impact on as far as how they view life and themselves and how they interpret failure, then I'm fine. But, we introduced this new environment two years ago, and our entries went up 26% the first year, and 41% the second year after the balls and the lane patterns had been in the market a year.

our deep condolences. My next question is that when unexpected things happen, will the event be able to continue even if you are not available? I know you have Kirk and Mary Von Krueger and several volunteers, but this has pretty much been a one man show - have you given that much thought in planning for the next 10-15 years that you say you want to continue doing this?

GB: When you don't follow the same path as everyone else, it is hard to gather resources. Most people have advised me to not to do what I am doing. 'They are just kids,' they say. I should make it easy; just let them strike and have fun. I have no plans to retire but I do have a plan. We just in April received designation from the IRS as a 501c3 organization called First Tee, and we are beginning funding operations for that.

ing here in Vegas, and all of the little side events that are priced at only \$10 - they are not to make money; they are only to get the kids and their families together off the lanes; to build unity.

BNN: Seeing what you spend for this event, it is obvious you are not getting rich; but do you at least make a profit?

GB: I am sustaining right now, but with all of this coming together, I need to monetize the event by getting some sponsors outside the industry; non endemic sponsors.

BNN: Which companies have been your primary industry sponsors?

GB: Dexter shoes has been the longest; Bud Clapsaddle understands what we are doing. Kegel - John Davis was a personal friend who was a very strong advocate; in fact the environment was inspired by him and something we hashed over several times in his living room. We talked philosophically about if it should be one ball or two balls. John made his living selling lane oil and machines, but he was genuinely concerned about how much oil had to be put on a lane.

BNN: The environment you describe is made up of challenging oil patterns and special bowling balls for each player - correct?

GB: Yes. Every player gets two Teen Masters Logo bowling balls with their entry fee. One is urethane, one is polyester; they have neutral cores, they do not flair. If you don't make it hook, it does not hook. I think the oil distance is 36 and 30 this year; flat patterns with less than eight milliliters of oil. These balls don't consume the oil like modern balls, so it is tough, but playable.

BNN: You mentioned that your mom passed away . .

BNN: Like the Golf Organization First Tee?

GB: Yes. I have been to First Tee headquarters three times. I met with the guy in Boise, Idaho who wrote the First Tee curriculum. Everything is laid out. I have the balls done; I have the oil patterns done; I have a tribe of people who are passionate about the event; and now I have to build an organization that can sustain it with or without me.

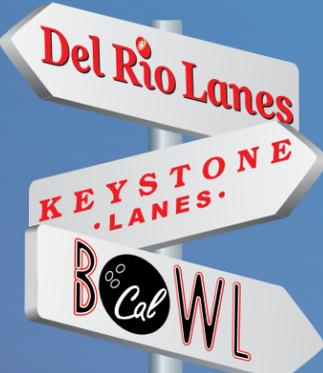
BNN: You call it a Tribe; and we often hear the words 'bowling family' - what you have really created is a small community within a much larger bowling community?

GB: Family is the word most used by the parents. The YouTube video we did last year that is on our website the word family keeps being repeated; as it is in previous videos over and over again. One of the reasons why we have all of the ancillary events like the Blue Man Group out-

BNN: I well remember his One Ball One World project. He recruited me to get the bowling writers to come to Sebring for the demo several years ago. He was a great host and very passionate about that project although it never got off the ground.

GB: He couldn't get past the politics of it. It took me several years to persuade Ebonite that making the Teen Masters would not cannibalize their sales. It is not mainstream, but the bottom line is that the kids like it. They like that it is all about them.

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1946 — THE WAR IS OVER

NORWALK — Quite a number of our current readers were born in the forties and can recall returning loved ones and new lives being built. Our papers reflect more prosperous times and following the careers of the great-and near great.

New center — "Pan Pacific" on Beverly Blvd. kicked off the new year.

Pot games and match games were running 24 hours a day — at one center or another. They even "advertised" POT GAMES. We will probably discover later when the rule changed. Are "Pot Games" really gambling? If they weren't sanctioned, why should the A.B.C. care? Or was it a gambling law in general that put the stigma on the OPEN SINGLES.

Even today "Pot Games" are considered illegal. You can smoke pot but you can't have a good competitive game?

Big news flash from the Milwaukee Bowling Assn. They published a 177 page book listing all bowlers, averages and leagues. They urged other associations to do the same.

This is the first time an average book was mentioned. If anyone knows of an earlier book — anywhere — let us know!

More Centers Popping Up — Beverly Hills Bowling Courts, Temple City Bowl, Royal Bowl, Ventura Bowl, Downey Bowling Center, Olive Rec., Jensen's Rec., South Gate, and Tarzana Bowl. There must have been a bowl in every block!

If you remember these names you probably voted for TRUMAN. PUG LUND, ALAN POST (owner of Pacific Bowler), MEL BEUTHER, BUDDY BOMAR, MAX GARDENS, DORIS RUDELL, MILDRED HOPPING, STEVE NAGY, JACK QUINN, HORSEY DUNN, ROY BADE, HAROLD LLOYD, and JEEP JEPPSON. DON CECIL was a Jr. All Star.

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Congrats to the winning team came from all 96 member centers of the Proprietor Assn. Besides L.A. and Hollywood new cities were listed; Ocean Park, Culver City, San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Fresno, Hermosa Beach, and Costa Mesa.

Team names have always been fun. Here we go again folks. "Slap Happy Four", "Live Wires", "Family Feud", "Foolish Four", "Wyatt Earps", "Credit Memos", "Nick's Micks", "Cats and Rats", "Stanley Stinkers", "Feather Merchants", "We're Stinkers", and the popular "Splitaculars".

The Bowling News was forced to increase from 12 pages to 16 pages and add 3 more reporter/writers. 4 more newspapers went to press in California alone. Bowling IS the biggest membership sport in the U.S.A!

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WINNETKA — We hope everyone had a nice Labor Day holiday/weekend. It was perfect weather for all to enjoy. Now we all have to wait until November for another 3-day holiday, Thanksgiving Day.

Our weekly column is a little short this week, but the scores are just as important to all. We have a lot of Sweeper Scores to report.

Welcome to all the new league bowlers. To the bowlers who have supported us all these years, we're happy to have all of you back and wish great scores for this Fall season.

River Maniacs: Elizabeth Fonvergne 243/668, Mike Olson 247/651, Frank Martinez Jr. 236/651, Johnnie Englehart 632, Scott Englehart 230/617, Vernon Smith 254/606, Monise Kelly 536, Shavondra Miller 201/510, Marsha Martinez 450, Dan Kline 236.

470 Scratch Daytime Travel: Cindy Dominguez 226/574, Kelly Gold 520, Petra Kaun 509, Candy Adams 500, Ileana Tober 201/484.

Guys & Dolls: Sweeper Scores—Len Comden 262/647, Diane Weed 520, Jeff Stitz 264/633, James Heylek 224/625, Mike Robinson 589, Gregory Kolski 236, Shannon Renee 200. Fall league starts September 8th.

Wednesday Night Rollers: Sweeper Scores—Stan Salter 225/618, Kathy Brening-Ray 215/608, Brian Czerniak 225, Richie Gardner 209/596, Steve Mikuni 215/577, Steve Singerman 573, Hogan Shrum 565, Jill Williamson 200/552, Stephanie Geitgey 205/539, Lynn Snyder 510, Wayne Eisen 213. Fall league starts September 9th.

500 Classic: Sweeper Scores—Nancy Kato 222/596, Carol Ellis 211/570, Petra Kaun 293/560, Candy Adams 204/537, Patti Ehart 211/522. Fall league starts September 10th.

Thirsty Nite Out: Sweeper Scores—Bill Lew 263/666, Danielle Schilling 235/633, Chris Ivey 233/646, Adam Lew 227/645, Eddie Van Daniker 604, Carl Comrie 598, Nicole Van Daniker 213/594, Becky Harrold 514, Liz Rogers 499, E C Robles 225, Bucky Buckley 220. Fall league starts September 10th.

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Funtimers: Sweeper Scores—Mel Neiditch 215/603, Al Reising 225/597, Ed Wannomae 575, Richard Greenzweight 214/557, Bill Volkert 550, Liz Rogers 500, Karen McDonald 479, Bob Walker 210, Marv Baker 210. Fall league starts September 9th.

49'ers: Sweeper Scores—Richard Greenzweight 265/686, Carolyn Scherzberg 213/617, Mel Neiditch 218/617, Gary Faught 241/594, Robert Adams 212/549, Bob Husby 519, Bev Zietz 211/524, Karen McDonald 201/520, Mary Lauer 489. Fall league starts September 14th.

39'ers: Sweeper Scores—Carolyn Scherzberg 546, Al Reising 227/544, Curtis Litzenberger 239/614, Arlene Bonino 187/532, Richard Greenzweight 235/635, Bill Robb 213/600, Jerry Kanowitz 233/587, Candy Adams 499. Fall league starts September 10th.

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LAKEWOOD — This week we congratulate the winning teams in the various leagues that we are reporting on from Cal Bowl. And here they are...

Grandma's/Grandpa's: "2 Nice Ladies" are the champs of this league...Sharon Greene and Roycie Murren. High scores from wwek 18: Walter Milsap 247/611, Larry Cosgrove 244/611, Bob Sneed 208/578, Al Dimas 215/556, Marc Kashinsky 525, Paul Morrison Jr. 209/515, Yvonne Clarke 187/508, Sharon Greene 438, Roycie Murren 382.

Vegas Crackpots: Team #19, champs for this league by 1 1/2 games, Dawaun Lucas, Sheila McKissen, Kevin Watts, Ondra Lucas Jr. High scores from week 15: John Doval 256/707, Nate Williams 247/651, Ronald Lewis 225/636, Carl Stokes 122/634, Ecarum Sumpter 244/625, Kevin Watts 621, Curtis McCann 233/620, Andre McNeal 615, Alexis Hamond 232/566, Janet Love 513, Teka Williams 507, Tippy Thornton 504.

Mega Vegas Sun: James Matthews 236/635, Carlos Mejia 228/628, Derrick Whitlock 246/587, Bob Johnson 207/576, Travis Morris 226/569, Terrance Allen 550, Kevin Chamberlain 549, Faye Weaver 456.

Senior Men's Trio: Ed Cabs 705, Sonny Dew 268/688, Herman Ferguson 687, Larry Gray 681, Archie Stull 680, Henry Redman 299, Conrad Venasse 260, Steve Dagle 259, Steve Ritchie 259.

Captain & Crew: Shirley Dohrman 214/566, Tua Sula 526, Mel Leach 487.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Vernon Adams 298/757, Paul Staff 244/671, Tony Kellum 247/652, Eric Bell 248/648, Jello Gray 647, Anthony Maxwell 642, Tony Menefield 623, Crystal Barker 204/547, Felecia Tripp 543, LaJeana Harris 529, Teya Woodman 523, Yolanda Rhodes 518, Stephanie Jones 515, Diann Donaldson 200/514.

Alley Oops: Becky Carroll 494, Shirley Davis 391.

Cal-Mega Vegas-Tues: Tony White 226/614, Maurice Alexander 215/599, Rob Lee 217/595, Clarence Wynne 231/591, Mark Fowler 226/582, Wayne Brown 223/579, Greg Mobley 2024/575, Gerrick Myers 218/573, Le'Star Walker 211/573, Tom Hillig 219/571, Kenny McCartney 206/566, Billy Williams 212/563, Bob Johnson Jr. 219/555, Marcel Van Dorff 227/553, Nickey Burruss 217/599, Stacey Erickson 526, June Armstead 503.

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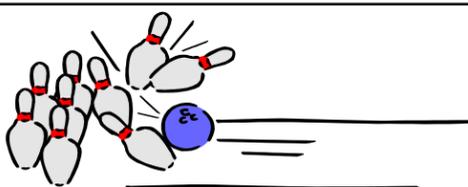
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