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Rash Gets First WSOB Title At Cheetah

by Lucas Wiseman

CENTREVILLE, Va. – When the 2020 PBA World Series of Bowling resumed last week, Sean Rash knew he had one shot to get his first WSOB title. He made the most of that chance, winning the PBA Cheetah Championship in a show that aired October 4th.

Rash defeated EJ Tackett, 229-215, to win the Cheetah at Bowlero Centreville. Although the win is the 16th of Rash's career, it is his first World Series title in the 11th iteration of the event.

The WSOB began in March but was eventually postponed due to the coronavirus. All qualifying for the animal patterns event was held in March but the match-play rounds took place last week. The only event Rash advanced in was the Cheetah Championship and he did so as the No. 16 seed in winning a rolloff.

Rash was able to win three consecutive matches to climb the ladder and take down Tackett, who had earned the top seed.

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Belmonte Wins Chameleon For 2nd Straight Year

by Lucas Wiseman

CENTREVILLE, Va. – In what may end up being the last PBA Tour title ever won with bowling balls with weight holes, Jason Belmonte claimed his 25th career title at the 2020 PBA Chameleon Championship.

Belmonte, the defending champion in the event, defeated Brad Miller, who was seeking his first career title, 232-202, at Bowlero Centreville.

Because the 2020 PBA World Series of Bowling started in March before the ban on weight holes began, players were able to use that equipment when the events concluded last week. The WSOB was postponed back in March due to the coronavirus.

Belmonte used a pair of Storm Pitch Black urethane balls, which he actually plugged because of the rule change. Once he found out the previous rules applied to this event, he drilled the weight holes back into the balls.

Belmonte led the championship match by double digits

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Hansen Wins Scorpion For 2nd Career Title

by Lucas Wiseman

CENTREVILLE, Va. – Denmark's Carsten Hansen doesn't compete often on the PBA Tour, but he was able to take advantage of his opportunity to win the 2020 PBA Scorpion Championship.

Hansen defeated BJ Moore, 216-193, at Bowlero Centreville to claim his second career PBA Tour title in a show that aired Monday night.

Hansen, who got his first PBA Tour title at the 2019 Lucky Larsen Masters, took the lead after three frames and held on the rest of the way.

By the time the final frame came around, Hansen needed just a mark and eight pins to secure the win. That final frame was an adventure, however.

Battling nerves, Hansen pitched the ball wide right and was fortunate to leave the 1-2 on his first shot. He was able to convert the spare and then left an eight pin on the fill for the shutout.

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A Tribute to Charles 'Chuck' Floyd Reese 11-1-40 – 9-11-20

by Reigh Roelofs

My mentor and friend for 45 years. Chuck was born in Ohio on November 1, 1940. When he was a young child his family moved to Torrance, California.

As a child he grew up with a variety of life choices that could lead him down different paths.

While going to school he worked part time jobs, once as a furniture mover, somewhere else he learned how to work on cars because after he learned to drive, he built a 4-cylinder rail that he raced at Lions Drag Strip. Some of the classes he took were to help him become an accountant.

He always said he was good with numbers. After graduating he got a job as an accountant but quit af-



Chuck Reese

ter about 2 weeks because it was too boring "just working with numbers!" Chuck was a people person and liked to socialize with anyone around.

Chucks father was a tree topper for the City of Torrance and talked Chuck into getting a job with Street Maintenance. He

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Portland Survives Tough Test To Win Elias Cup Again

by Lucas Wiseman

CENTREVILLE, Va. – Pushed to the limit, the Portland Lumberjacks were able to overcome a tough challenge from an expansion team to win the PBA League Elias Cup for the second consecutive year.

Portland took down the Las Vegas High Rollers, 3-2, in the best-of-five championship match at Bowlero Centreville.

The Lumberjacks dropped the first game 252-197 but rallied for wins of 278-218 and 235-210. Las Vegas was able to even it up with a 235-220 win in Game 4, but Portland took the title with a 257-197 win in the deciding game.

It's the third time since the PBA League started in 2013 that a team has won back-to-back titles. The Silver Lake Atom Splitters did it in 2014 and 2015, while the Dallas Strikers won back-to-back in 2016 and 2017.



Wes Malott, the anchor for Portland, did make history becoming the first player to earn MVP honors in back-to-back years. He helped bring the trophy home to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, where the PBA League will be held next year.

Portland won the Elias Cup for the first time last season at Bayside Bowl and the fans stormed the

lanes after the victory. The event was scheduled to be held there again this year but due to coronavirus restrictions in Maine the event was relocated to just outside Washington, D.C.

"I'm just so happy that we get to take this cup back to Portland and defend our title where we should have been to defend this with the crowd and craziness," Malott said. "I can't wait to get

there next year and do it the way it was supposed to be done."

In the fifth and deciding game, Las Vegas actually got out to a quick lead, starting with three strikes in a row but Andrew Anderson left a 2-4-10 split for an open in the fourth frame.

Portland, after starting with a spare from Martin Larsen, then went on a

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Bigfoot, BOWLING, Our Sports Carbon Footprint and The Future

by Frank Weiler

A few nights ago, I jumped out of bed at 3 AM nearly scared to death. I awoke when a woman calling herself Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and a young girl named Greta, from Sweden, were telling me that I was guilty of the crime of bowling in a nighttime bowling league! I was guilty of "A GREEN NEW DEAL" misdemeanor.

In my dream it was 2035 and nighttime bowling was illegal. Nighttime bowling was forbidden, banned and against the law. Clergy in the future agreed that nighttime bowling was sinful. A sin against humanity. It was determined that nighttime sports, because of the excess electricity they use, unnecessarily contribute to global warming.

Therefore in 2035 it was determined that there should be no more nighttime bowling leagues. No more nighttime baseball, nighttime football or nighttime basketball. They will all be illegal. Carbon-based and nuclear fuels will be illegal. No more coal, oil or nuclear energy. In 2035 is all about solar panels and windmills.

That's what our "PROGRESSIVE" leaders proclaimed after rejoining the Paris Climate Accords in 2021. Eventually, in 2050, other G-7 nations will be joining the United States in eliminating fossil fuels and nuclear power. For now, America is the only signee of the Paris Accords who has to meet strict carbon emission standards! Our leaders believe if we are to save the planet America must lead the way. China and India have signed the Paris Climate Accords and promise they will meet the same emission standards within a few years of the 2050 deadline. In the meantime, America will bear the burden of saving the planet and the sport of Bowling will do its part and shut its doors every evening.

While the "PANDEMIC" shutdown of 2020 didn't seem irregular or significant at the time, it will play a huge part in the changes facing our country in 2035. The pandemic shutdown of 2020 "CONDITIONED" Americans to accept future shutdowns and controls. The 2020 shutdown conditioned the Bowling industry and all sports to accept future shutdowns. Hence, the shutdown of 2035 will be nothing new. Everyone will willingly forfeit part of their freedom for the common good. The attitude will be that at least we won't have to social distance or wear masks this time.

My dream included rumors circulating about the United States having been "played" in the name of saving the planet. However, United States President Ocasio-Cortez assured us that such rumors are "FAKE NEWS". She promises we will know if we save the planet by the year 2060!

I confessed that I was guilty of the crime of bowling at night. I was guilty of contributing to power blackouts. I was guilty of denying children the ability to do their homework on their computers because of the power blackouts caused by my nighttime bowling. I didn't know solar panels and windmills are energy weaklings. I didn't know solar panels and windmills wouldn't produce enough power to keep our homes lit at night. Of course, "IGNORANCE OF THE LAW" is no excuse.

Just a nightmare? Don't kid yourself. Our "BRAVE NEW WORLD" is just around the corner. California's governor just signed an executive order banning the sale of new gasoline powered automobiles in the Golden State by 2035.



So, what about "BIGFOOT"? Did you know that every individual bowler on earth has a larger "CARBON FOOTPRINT" than Bigfoot? That means every individual bowler uses more energy than Bigfoot and the use of more energy means the release of more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and more global warming. While Bigfoot weighs 800 pounds, stands 8 feet tall and has a size 24 foot his carbon footprint is smaller than a five-foot 100-pound junior bowler. That means any one bowler contributes more to global warming than Bigfoot. You see, Bigfoot doesn't drive a vehicle or use electricity like bowlers do. Us bad bowlers burn electricity to light our lanes and run our pinsetters.

BIGFOOT GOOD, BOWLERS BAD, that's what the year 2035 will look like. That's where our "PROGRESSIVE" leaders are taking us. Now you know why I was nearly scared to death when I awoke from my dream. I should say nightmare.

We are told our future is all about global warming and saving the planet. Or is it actually about control? I think it's about control and conformity. Our freedoms and the pursuit of happiness are at stake now. Should everyone on the planet be regulated and limited to 1000 watts of electricity daily or should we be allowed to invent, innovate and prosper. Our Progressive brothers and sisters tell us it's time to tighten our belts and sacrifice for the good of mankind. They tell us to screw Bowling, screw sports and screw the pursuit of happiness. Eventually they will not tell us to screw Bowling but instead order us to screw Bowling.

Is Global Warming for real? We don't know for sure. However, if global warming is real, is it primarily caused by us or by the Sun? Is the release of CO2 into the atmosphere by humankind a significant factor in the big picture or are Sunspots a bigger factor? There is data supporting both theories but only the CO2 theory is allowed in the public square.

That means by the year 2035 BOWLING may be considered a contributor to our planet's "DOOMSDAY". That means our "CANCEL CULTURE" may have to cancel Bowling. At least cancel nighttime bowling.

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Bigger Is No Longer Better

by Dave Williams

While growing up in the tiny California town of Sebastopol, one of my first bowling adventures away from home involved a trip with the L & L Traveling Preps to Westlake Bowl in Daly City (near San Francisco). We were escorted by a rather famous couple, Joyce and Charles M. Schulz, the creator of the Peanuts comic strip.

Three of the Schulz children (Monte, Craig and Meredith) were enrolled in the youth bowling program at L & L Lanes, which consisted of a mere 12 lanes, while Westlake Bowl comprised fifty-two lanes in four distinct sections. To a young nine year old lad like me, Westlake was really big!



The L & L Traveling Preps (l-r): Meredith Schulz, Craig Schulz, Dave Williams, Monte Schulz and Laura Anderson (photo from 1961)

As my career in bowling continued, I was fortunate to see many big bowling centers along the way, which leads me to the topic at hand in this article... Bigger Is No Longer Better. During an interview earlier this week with Tony Franklin, owner and publisher of The Bowling News in Frisco, Texas, one of the questions that he asked was where I was currently living.

"Edison, New Jersey," was my reply. "Once home to the largest bowling center in the world (Edison Lanes), when it was constructed." I recalled in my conversation with Tony that while working for AMF in Westbury, New York, I made a special trip to Edison just to see the place before it closed.

I then went on to mention my visits to Japan, where I visited many really big bowling centers on behalf of AMF, including the granddaddy of them all, the Tokyo World Bowling Center, with over 500 lanes. There was a deafening silence on the other end of the line, reminiscent of when someone tells you something that you know can't be true.

Once we concluded the interview, I began to comprise a list of all of the really big centers that had been a part of my bowling journey. It's interesting that today, many of the really big bowling centers have closed, while boutique bowling centers, more in line with the 12 lane center of my youth, have become all the rage.

There's no question that the cost per square foot of operating a large bowling center has completely overwhelmed the advantages of additional lanes to maximize payroll considerations. There's just too much underutilized space when compared with other retail options that maximize every square foot; like the Burlington Coat Factory that replaced Westlake Bowl, or the 99 Ranch Market (and other retail) that supplanted Edison Lanes.

Now I don't know if Mr. Franklin doubted me, or if he was even aware of the Tokyo World Bowling Center, but for my own sanity, and with the assistance of a computer, I've listed below some of the really big bowling centers (80 lanes or more) that I can remember. If there's any that I've missed (or corrections that need to be made), let us know so that we can add them to the list!

It should be noted that while I did visit the Tokyo World Bowling Center in the mid-1980's, it was a shadow of its former self, with less than 100 lanes. Many have speculated that the Tokyo World Bowling Center was actually an association of sites that included the World Lanes. If that's the case, then Nagoya Grand Bowl would have been the largest individual bowling center ever constructed, with 260 lanes.

Largest Bowling Centers Worldwide

(80 or more lanes)

- 1) Tokyo World Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan 512 lanes*
- 2) Nagoya Grand Bowl, Nagoya, Japan 260 lanes*
- 3) World Lanes, Tokyo, Japan 252 lanes*
- 4) Hata Sports Center, Yokohama, Japan..... 200 lanes*
- 5) Aoki Bowl, Hokkaido, Japan 126 lanes*
- 6) Shinagawa Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan 120 lanes*
- 7) Willow Grove Park Lanes, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania 116 lanes*
- 8) Inazawa Grand Bowl, Inazawa City, Japan 116 lanes
- 9) Edison Lanes, Edison, New Jersey..... 112 lanes*
- 10) Kanagawa Toyo Bowl, Yokohama, Japan 108 lanes*
- 11) Castaways (Showboat Lanes), Las Vegas, Nevada 106 lanes*
- 12) Yutai Bowling Center, Beijing, China 100 lanes
- 13) Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Michigan..... 90 lanes
- 14) National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nevada 88 lanes
- 15) RollHouse (Freeway Lanes), Solon, Ohio..... 84 lanes
- 16) Stardust Bowl, Addison, Illinois 84 lanes
- 17) Bowlero Carolier, North Brunswick, New Jersey 82 lanes
- 18) AMF Timbertown Lanes, Saginaw, Michigan 80 lanes*
- 19) Boardwalk Bowl, Orlando, Florida 80 lanes
- 20) 30 Strikes, Stratford, New Jersey 80 lanes
- 21) Royal Pin West (Western Bowl), Indianapolis, Indiana 80 lanes
- 22) Royal Pin Expo (Expo Bowl), Indianapolis, Indiana 80 lanes
- 23) Imperial Lanes, Clinton Township, Michigan 80 lanes

*indicates bowling center has closed



Carol's Corner

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Don't you hate it when your golf average and your bowling average are the same?

Or..

The miles per gallon in your favorite old car is the same as your shoe size?

Or..

Your bank balance is the same as your house #?

Or..

Your silver collection is on top of your head.

Or..

You are positive that not all the lanes in every center are the same length.

Or..

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Theory #1. We can do it ourselves; we don't need to pretend.

Theory #2 When our PBA stars are in action, we can watch them in our living rooms.

Theory #3. Can't find an actor that really bowl or bowlers that can really act.

Theory #4. Movies include love affairs, cheating, violence or intrigue. I'm Bowling! Can your name four or more 'Bowling Themed Movies'?

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I have some simple questions this week. Should "2 Handers" and "One Handers" compete in the same venue?

Do 2 handers have an advantage?

Can they roll the first ball with 2 hands and pick up spares with one hand?

Are they left-handed or right-handed or two-handed?

I've heard a lot of "Who Cares" and "What's the Rule" over the past year.

What is your opinion?

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didn't stay with that very long either because he described it as one man works while three supervise. Another part time job Chuck tried and actually liked was working in a machine shop, this is where Chucks path in life changed.

Chucks father had a friend from back east who moved to South-ern California to open a business and make a good living for himself. That friend was Burt Bach. The machine shop Chuck worked in was Burt's.

Chuck once told me that Burt was 6th man on one of the fabled beer sponsored teams in the 1950's. Burt was an exceptionally good bowler. In 1958 Burt decided to open a free-standing bowling pro shop. Bach's Bowling Supply is where Chuck first learned how to drill a bowling ball. Burt, with his machinist's background came out with the Bach oval thumb hole and later Bach's Master Grips, soft rubber inserts for better lift on the fingers and grip on the thumb. You need a milling machine to drill the oval thumb hole and a key cutter to install the grips as they have a lock ring and do not need glue to stay in.

After working for Burt for a number of years and even helping expand the business by opening a second shop, Chuck needed to make more money than Burt was paying because he had married his sweetheart Karen and was raising a family.

Chuck changed life paths and got a job as a foreman at U.S Steel. For a while everything went well. Then the company decided to close the steel plant in Southern California. They offered Chuck a similar position in a plant back east, but Karen did not want to move back there. So, Chuck asked Burt about getting back into the pro shop business. Burt had hired Gary Wilson and Bill McCallister to work at the new shop, while he and Bill Doland held down the fort at the original store. Burt recommended that Chuck open his own shop in the San Fernando Valley. Burt wanted Chuck's shop at least 30 miles away so it would have less impact on the business of Burt's shops, and Chuck knew the wisdom of being able to feature the Bach Oval Thumb hole.

Chucks life path came back to Bowling when he scouted locations in the San Fernando Valley and spotted a vacancy sign in a build-ing on Sherman Way between Corbin and Quartz avenue **VALLEY BOWLING SUPPLY** located at 19745 Sherman Way Canoga Park; California opened for business March 15, 1973. At that time there were at least 18 thriving bowling centers in the valley with 6 more just a short drive away.

I first met Chuck in his shop on Sherman Way when I brought in a caramel Colombia White Dot that I had purchased from Gary Wilson at Bach's Bowling Supply in Torrance to have the thumb hole re drilled because I still was not coming out as clean as I'd have liked to. I would have taken it back to Gary, but he moved to Kent, Wash-ington to open a wholesale Bowling Supply Complete Bowling Service. I liked the result of the redrill and became a loyal customer. That was the Summer of 1975.

Chucks shop was getting busy and he was looking for part time help and hired me in April of 1976 and after a while started teaching me to drill balls I had some automotive machine shop experience as well as some instruction at body and fender work at a trade school so working on bowling balls with a Bridgeport milling machine and using orbital sanders was easy. The hard part was learn-ing to fit properly.

I learned the right way (Chuck's way!) and by Summer of 1979 Chuck's confidence in my abilities led to us opening a freestanding pro shop in Thousand Oaks on Thousand Oaks Blvd. We had heard rumors that Brunswick wanted to open a new center in Newbury Park and Chuck thought that a shop in Thousand Oaks. Would help all the customers coming from Ventura, Simi Valley and the areas surrounding Thousand Oaks. He also thought it might ease the workload at the shop on Sherman Way.

After a couple of years in Thousand Oaks we looked at the books and determined the shop was paying my wages and the rent and even making a little profit, but the shop on Sherman Way was getting too busy for Chuck to handle by himself so we closed the shop in Thousand Oaks. The summer of 1981 and I returned to give Chuck a hand.

The shop on Sherman Way was about 1400 square feet and by 1983 we we're climbing over stock to get to the customers. That's what it felt like anyway. We needed more room, in late Spring of 1984 the lady who ran the dance studio next door moved out of the double wide space she was renting. Chuck talked to the landlord and we moved right next door to 19747 and 19749 Sherman Way. It was eye opening to see two guys move the Bridgeport milling machine next door. Chuck bought a second milling machine to use as backup to the Bridgeport. We had two ball spinners, two sanding boxes, and a twenty-foot stub lane with a working ball return (gravity).

Chuck built a huge storage area for balls and shoes. Covered with pegboard to hang all the bags on. He also built a ball display unit that held 54 balls (all the models and colors being made at the time) with a fitting bench at one end.

He did all this while in a wheelchair after breaking his ankle while playing volleyball at a family gathering. We now had about 2800 square feet to work in.

Our best years were the middle 80's but Chuck was always trying to improve business and help customers. If you wanted to carry more than one ball you had a choice of a double suitcase bag or a double tote bag. If you wanted to go first class, you'd get a Colonel Double Bag made out of Naugahyde covered with clear plastic. You still had to carry it.

Robby Robinson came out with a wheeled bag called the Stacker. A single T handle with about a 12-inch wheelbase. Good idea, but Chuck thought he could make one better. He came out with the K C Carrier, (K= Karen C= Chuck) a molded plastic 3 ball bag on wheels with a better shoe compartment. The weight of the balls kept the front opening doors closed and the shoe compartment shut. He had them made here in the Valley and later altered the mold to make a two-ball roller. The wheelbase remained the same at 18 inches. Different things that have had a negative effect on the bowling industry include other businesses shutting down, earth-quakes, and mostly real estate prices increasing.

When the GM plant in Van Nuys closed in 1992, I seem to recall league bowler count dropped for many houses. Then the 94' Northridge quake hit. Granada Lanes, the house I learned to bowl in, went down permanently because of asbestos contamination and the lease was up at the end of the year. Matador, the worst structural damage, lost a wall and had water damage. It took until November to reopen. Corbin Bowl in Tarzana wens down for a while, Rocket Bowl in Chatsworth had some structural damage, and Canoga Park Bowl had disruption of water service.

Chuck was still selling his KC Carrier rolling bags locally through the shop and back east through a wholesaler. Because of the quake the outfit making them for Chuck lost one of their two furnaces. They informed him that he would need to increase the quantity of bags being made in order to continue production. He didn't have enough room to store that quantity, so he was forced to discontinue production.

Another idea Chuck had to help customers was to make a video about choosing a ball suitable for your style and the lane conditions you bowl on. Back in the 1960's bowling ball manufacturers came out with new models of balls infrequently, mostly changing

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after six frames and built a 31-pin lead going into the final frame. Needing a mark, Belmonte fired a strike to secure the title. Miller hit his stride in the semifinal match when he defeated EJ Tackett, 248-247, to advance.

Miller started the match with the front six before leaving a 10 pin, but Tackett was able to hang with him, starting with the front five before leaving a 10 pin of his own.

In the final frame, Tackett struck out and forced Miller to get nine, spare, strike for the win. That's exactly what Miller did, converting a 10 pin and then tripping a four pin for the win. In a tight match in which he didn't lead until the final frame, Miller took down Anthony Simonsen, 203-197, to open the stepladder. Simonsen had a chance to win the match in the final frame with a strike and eight pins but left a solid nine pin on his first shot. Miller tossed a clutch double in his final frame to put the pressure on Simonsen.

In the seeding round to open the show, Belmonte earned the No. 1 seed with a 225 game and was followed by Tackett (223), Simonsen (203) and Miller (171).

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Poor shot-making doomed Moore's chances down the stretch. In the seventh frame, he left the 1-2 and followed it up in the eighth by leaving the 1-5-7 combination.

In a bit of a strange semifinal match, Moore overcame a 35-pin deficit to come away with a big 255-213 win over Darren Tang.

Tang started with a spare and strung four strikes together in a row but then the wheels came off. Tang missed the 6-10 not once but twice in the fifth and seventh frames. Moore got it going down the stretch, striking from the fourth frame on to lock up the win.

Although he trailed by a pin at the halfway point, Tang was able to defeat Jakob Butturff by a wide margin, 214-160, in the opening stepladder match.

Butturff collapsed down the stretch, leaving and missing the 3-9 spare in the sixth and the 4-7-8 spare in the eighth. Tang, meanwhile, tossed a double in the seventh and eighth frames to take advantage and pull away.

In the seeding round to kick off the show, Hansen outdueled the other players to earn the top seed with a 224 game, while Butturff earned the fourth seed with 191. Moore and Tang tied for second with 217, but Moore got the third seed with a 10-8 rolloff win.

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striking spree to put the game away.

Packy Hanrahan, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather and Malott all struck in the second through fifth frames to build a 13-pin lead. The striking continued through the ninth frame, when the match was already locked up.

Although Malott earned MVP honors, Larsen was a big part of Portland's success in the championship match. Larsen, who was drafted by the Lumberjacks earlier this year, struck on nine of his 10 shots on the night.

"First off, the MVP award is not only about knocking down pins, it's about being a great teammate and a strong leader," Larsen said. "I don't think it was a wrong choice of them to get Wes in there. He means a lot for the team."

Las Vegas, meanwhile, enjoyed tremendous success in its first season in the PBA League. Team manager Amleto Monacelli drafted his team with an eye on the future and his squad delivered results immediately.

The High Rollers were the first team this season to even win a game against the Lumberjacks, which won both of its previous matches 2-0 in the best-of-three points format.

Las Vegas had the early momentum with a 252-197 win in the opening game, which wasn't close after Portland had two opens in the first four frames.

Portland rallied in Game 2, however, starting with eight consecutive strikes to win with ease. The Lumberjacks then coasted to a win in the third game.

Although Las Vegas was able to win Game 4 when AJ Johnson made the 3-6-10 spare in the final frame, they were unable to keep it close down the stretch in the deciding game.

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OCTOBER

by Bette Addington

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USBC Women's Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, NV—CANCELED, bowl.com (2021 will be in Reno, NV)

- 6-9 – Camp Bakes, Sunset Station, Vegas, markbakerbowling.com
- 9 – Bowlero Corp. CCO Colie Edison featured on TV's Undercover Boss, 9/8c
- 9-11 – 2020 Nor Cal BC Nugget Resort Summer Jubilee Team Tour. (2nd weekend), Coconut Bowl, Sparks, 925/485-1855, cindys@norcalbowling.com
- 10-11 – 645 Anchor Girl Trios Handicap Tour., Sat.-9:30 & 1:30; Sun.-9 & 12:30, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 645anchorgirltrios@gmail.com
- 10-16 – Columbus Day Senior Team Tour., The Orleans, Las Vegas, 800/257-6179, high-roller.com
- 12-15 – Camp Bakes, Sunset Station, Vegas, markbakerbowling.com
- 17-18 – CBT Doubles/Singles, Sat.-10/12/2/4; Sun.-10/12/2, Bowlero Mesa, Mesa, AZ, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
- 17-18 – Elite Bowling Club tournament, TBA, 909/450-9415
- 18 – October Beast Eliminator #8, 10am, La Habra Bowl, La Habra, tbebowling.com, TheBeastHandicapEliminator@gmail.com
- 24-25 – CBT, Sunset Lanes, Sat.-12/2/4/6; Sun.-10/12/2, St. George, UT, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
- 24-25 – Elite Bowling Club tournament, TBA, 909/450-9415
- 24 – 51st CA State Senior (CSSBA) Open Championships, Sacramento--CANCELLED
- 25 – Valentine Any Age Scratch Tour., 8am, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 645anchorgirltrios@gmail.com
- 30-1 – Cal Bowlers Tour Team 4 Gamer, Fri.-2pm; Sat.-10am/2pm; Sun.-10am/2pm, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 925/757-2695, CalBowlersTour@aol.com, Venmo: @CBTGina
- 31-1 – CBT Doubles & Singles, Sat.-9/11/1/3; Sun.-10/12/2, Sunset Station, Henderson, NV, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com

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Chuck Reese

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colors and cover stocks a little. In the early 1990's reactive resin cover stocks and hi-tech cores started a race by the manufacturers to see who could make the newest model that "gets through the head", has a strong mid lane read, and "has a devastating back end" with each new model doing better than the previous one for the past 25 years.

Choosing the right ball was difficult because there were so many choices. Chucks idea of video was great, but the timing could not have been worse. It was filmed 1 week and 1 day before the 94 quake. The studio where it was to be edited and produced was just the 1 mile from the epicenter of where the quake hit.

It took about 6 months for the studio to get back up and running. Chuck marketed the video even though the balls on the tape was getting outdated by the onslaught of new releases from the manufactures. The delay of introducing the video cost him sales. The overall market was so depressed that Chuck decided to downsize to a single wide shop. He built a new work area against the west wall, put a wall up the middle of the two store fronts and moved everything that would fit to the 19749 shop.

After the downsize, from 1994 through 2002, sales in the pro shop declined to the point that the wholesale bowling equipment company that Chuck dealt with most often informed him that pro shops inside bowling centers were doing better than free standing shops.

A fortuitous turn of events happened in 2002. One of the bowling centers remaining in the Valley got new owners They enticed a pro shop operator from another center to move into their center. That left another local house without anyone in the pro shop. Chuck talked to the manager of the house, as well as a regional supervisor for AMF and in July 2002 after 29 years on Sherman Way, Valley Bowling Supply moved into AMF Rocket Bowl. That same year AMF had the opportunity to purchase the land and building to keep Rocket Bowl thriving, but they opted for signing a five-year lease with the old owner who then sold the land and building to a real-estate developer.

The new owner thought he could do a quick flip and sell it to inter-ested Bowling Proprietors. For reasons unknown he backed out of the deal and got sued for breach of contract. That soured him on bowling so that when AMF wanted to sign a new lease in 2007, in-stead of 5 years he limited it to 2 years and more than tripled the rent. In 2009 he wanted even more, and AMF said no thanks and closed Rocket.

Luckily Chuck was on good terms with AMF and they owned another house in the Valley, Woodlake Bowl in Woodland Hills, less than 3 miles from his home.

In talking with AMF, it seems the young proprietor of the pro shop in Woodlake only devoted about a week's worth of time to working the entire month of December 2008. The customers there were not happy AMF was not happy either. They terminated his lease at the end of January 2009.

Chuck started moving in around the middle of February, but not into the old pro shop, it was definitely too small. He talked the man-ager into cleaning out a "storage room" that used to be a kiddee room, it was slightly bigger than the shop at Rocket. Fortunately, Chuck met a lot of nice people at Woodlake, you know who you are, because Chuck made this move just after losing his beloved sweetheart Karen.

After the Bridgeport mill got moved in March, Chuck got into the habit of going to Michael D's restaurant at Woodlake because he liked the food and the people. He enjoyed being at the center enough to join a league, and when his teammates, who drove all the way from Ventura asked him to bowl with them at Buena Lanes he said yes. A while later he organized a benefit tournament for Mark Roth who had suffered a stroke,

Well, Chucks good times at Woodlake came to an end when Bowl-mor bought AMF in 2013. The head-honcho of Bowl-mor said "We aren't going to change anything".

The 3rd week of September Chuck walked into Michael D's to have breakfast and Michael asked "Chuck, what are you doing here so early?" Chuck replied, "I'm here to have breakfast and then open the pro shop". It was about 10:00AM. Michael said "The bowling alley doesn't open till 4:00PM.

Bowl-mor didn't tell Chuck anything about the change of hours of operation.

Chuck didn't waste any time, he found out that the pro shop inside Brunswick Matador Bowl had been empty for 10 months. It was less than 2 weeks later that we had moved into Matador.

After we had the shop up and running the Regional Supervisor for Brunswick commented to Chuck, don't worry, we (Brunswick) are here to stay. In 2014 Bowl-mor bought all the Brunswick houses except the one in Simi Valley that they built in the 1980s when the location in Newbury continued on page 7

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Chuck Reese & Reigh Roelofs

To The Editor

Response to "HELP" WE NEED BOWLING by Frank Weiler

Unfortunately, I am also suffering from the loss of my freedoms, along with bowling, too. I have anxiety and depression. I am gaining weight back that I worked very hard to lose over two years. But, most of all, I am ANGRY.

No, I do not think this was a "dress rehearsal" for WWII. I do, however, think that it is a TEST. And, we failed.

By complying with these UNCONSTITUTIONAL lockdowns and mask mandates beyond the first 6 weeks when we didn't know how severe the virus was or if it was something weaponized from China, we gave up our freedoms for "safety". By the end of April, we KNEW it was only the sick and elderly that were the most vulnerable. We also knew because we were told by some of our top scientists during President Trump's "inject bleach" hoax press conference (April 23rd) that UV light kills the virus in 90 SECONDS in temps above 70-75 degrees. And, we COMPLIED with the Communist California government in closing parks and beaches? You can't get a bigger clue that they didn't care about "stopping the spread" than that. What's healthier for people? Being closed in your house? Or, going outside in the fresh air and enjoying some exercise? And, the churches are closed but Marxist riots are okay? Yep, NO Commie agenda there. And, let's not get into the stupidity of homemade, cloth, and paper masks with no seal!

The anger I'm feeling, however, is mostly towards the business owners who ALLOWED the Commies to do this to ALL of us. The Commies are predictable. I have contempt for them. But, I'm not angry at them for being who they are.

I wrote to the corporate office of Bowlero more than once. I asked their "guest services" to escalate my concerns to their legal department so that I could entreat them to look at the legalities of these FORCED mandates and shutdowns. Did I get a response? No. I guess keeping the bowling centers closed indefinitely in certain areas is cheaper (and SAFER) than "fighting city hall".

In the end, this WILL end. November 4, 2020. Because everything a Communist does has a political end. Once the election is lost for them, they'll have no reason to continue their Iron Fist "governing". So, there is an end in sight. But, this episode has colored my opinions unfavorably of most regular Americans forever. Especially business owners. None of them are who I thought they were. We've lost the fight. America has fallen. And, that's a crime against humanity.

Juli Barrett - Ontario, CA

Very sad that the articles about centers closing because of the virus have turned so political. If these authors have a need to blame someone or something then let them blame the virus. They should ask themselves this question. If you were Governor what would you do? How would you feel if you opened things up to soon and as a result many people lost their lives? I miss bowling and am willing to wait until it is safe.

I am 69 and have been bowling since I was 8. I grew up in Mar Vista and bowled bantams and juniors at Mar Vista bowl.

Regards, Alan Meyerson

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for publishing Frank Weilers' article. It is very well stated and reflects a huge amount of so many unheard assessments of this ridiculous political situation.

Thanks again, Dan Starkey

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Park didn't pan out, and the one I consider the newest and most earthquake safe after its renovation in 1994, Matador Bowl.

Chuck and I are not sure why these two houses were offered to entrepreneurial proprietors, but we are glad to be in one, especially considering it is one of only six houses left in the San Fernando Valley, if you count Woodlake as an actual center, which is now a party house with no leagues.

Chucks favorite thing to do at the shop, after he got his tea or coffee from the snack bar was to go out on the lanes when someone asked for help. He would tell them where to stand and what board to use as their target, get them to relax and focus, and then get strikes! When he was in the shop, he would help customers pick out the right ball for the best performance and a comfortable pair of shoes. He was continuously thinking of something to try in the shop to help sales or to help people bowl better. When there weren't customers in the shop his favorite thing to do was watch Japan and Ko-rean Women's Professional Bowling on YouTube.

His favorite bowler to watch was Urara Himeji, one of Japans greatest competitors. He really wanted to meet her, but he was excited and pleased when one of our customers attended a women's professional tournament in Orange County and got a picture of her on his phone which he then sent to Chucks phone. He was proud to show that picture to anyone. Something else Chuck was always proud of was his grandson Justin who shot 300 in practice at a very young age and then went on to become an exceptional competitor in Junior tournaments where he managed a feat very few bowlers ever achieve with back to back 300s in one qualifying event. Chuck is also proud of Justin for following his dream of flying. He is now an international flight attendant for a major airline.

I'm sure that anyone in Chucks family who was a non-smoker asked him to quit. Many of his friends, myself included asked him to or told him he should quit smoking but once an addictive substance is in your system it takes more than coaxing to get someone to quit. Chuck quit smoking the day that COPD symptoms hit him hard enough that he couldn't draw in enough breath to light a cigarette after which he spent at least 6 weeks in the hospital.

The last 2½ years Chuck was on oxygen at home and took a portable unit with him wherever he went. He would ask new customers if they smoked, if they did, he would warn them they could end up like him, out of breath walking more than 40 feet.

Chuck was still a positive influence as his last words to me on my voice mail was "What are you doing with all your spare time?"

He will be sorely missed.

Your Friend
Reigh Roelofs

P.S. John Villa – quit smoking!

P.P.S. To all Bowling Center Managers and Proprietors. After the Covid 19 pandemic passes, the key to keeping your center thriving, League Bowlers COMMIT to going out of their way to bowl with friends for the DURATION of a league season. Open play bowlers DON'T!

PBA Cheetah continued from page 1

In the title match, Tackett got out to a 20-pin lead after three frames but could not figure out the left lane, which ended his hopes.

Tackett struck on every shot on the right lane, however, on the left lane he struck once, left a washout, a two pin, a 2-4-10 split and an eight pin. Despite making all of those spares, it wasn't enough to keep up with Rash.

Rash did take advantage of a couple breaks along the way, tripping a two pin in the eighth frame for a four-bagger. Needing nine pins on his first shot in the final frame, Rash tripped another two pin and secured the win.

In the semifinal, Rash moved on with a 218-191 win over lefty Packy Hanrahan, who had the lead for the first seven frames. Hanrahan made it to the eighth frame with the lead but left the 2-4-7-10 split and missed it to trail by six pins. Rash stepped up and struck in the eighth and ninth frames to all but secure the win.

Rash advanced out of the first stepladder match with an easy 268-190 win over Darren Tang, who was seeking his first career title. Rash left a wicked eight pin to open the match but struck on nine of his next 10 shots to coast to the win. Tang, meanwhile, left five single pins in a row from frames four through eight as he never got lined up.

The championship round began with a seeding round with all four players bowling one game to determine the seeding for the stepladder. Tackett earned the top seed with 247, Hanrahan was second with 225, Rash was third at 207 and Tang took the fourth seed with 202.

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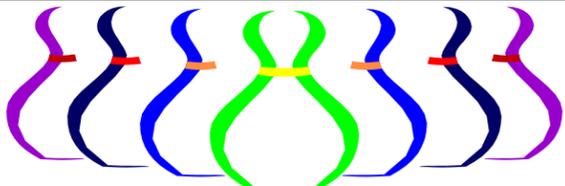
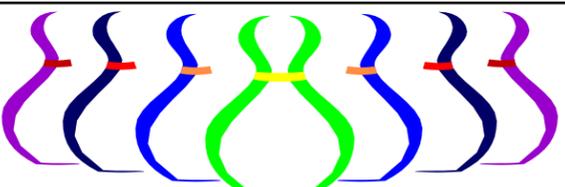
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