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Liz Johnson Makes PBA History

by Fred Eisenhammer

RENO, NV – It was huge. It was inspiring. It was historic. And people yawned. Well, that part may not be totally accurate. Many sports fans just didn't seem to be aware of it.

When Liz Johnson defeated Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 220-206, to claim the Professional Bowlers Assn. Chameleon Championship on November 18th at the National Bowling Stadium, she chalked up another treasured victory for women athletes.

Johnson, of Palatine, Ill., joined Kelly Kulick as the only women to claim titles on the PBA Tour.

Kulick won her championship amid considerably more fanfare, scoring a spine-tingling 265-195 victory over Chris Barnes in the finals of the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions in Las Vegas. Tears were flowing at the end of Kulick's match.

Even Barnes showed his appreciation by standing and clapping as Kulick finished her meaningless 10th-frame shots, which happened to be two strikes and a nine count.

"History has been made in women's sports," Kulick proclaimed to herself as she prepared to throw her final shot. Seven years later, Johnson's victory didn't quite get the same public reaction. Most media outlets didn't mention her memorable triumph.

Eric Forkel, who has won five national PBA Tour titles and 27 PBA regional championships, weighed in on Johnson's victory and the paltry coverage in the media.

"When it comes to Liz, she could possibly be the greatest woman bowler of all time," said Forkel, who co-hosts Bowling Evolved videocasts with Dustin Markowitz. "Nothing surprises me when it comes to her."

"Sadly in bowling, just like when Kelly won the TOC, the media coverage was OK, but nothing earth-shattering. It's sadly the nature of the way the sport of bowling is perceived in the regular sports world."

"The World Series of Bowling is a big event but, to me, because it's not carried on a major network, it gets lost. So when an oddity like a woman winning an event happens, the coverage is minimal."



Liz Johnson scored a historic victory in the Professional Bowlers Assn. Chameleon Championship, but it got scant attention.

Although Johnson's title didn't match Kulick's in newsworthiness (Johnson's championship didn't come in a major and it wasn't the first women's triumph on the PBA Tour), it still represented a colossal accomplishment for women bowlers – and women athletes overall.

"The sad part or irony is that [Liz] will get more noise from the fact that she now has come out as an openly gay athlete."

And it was another big-time laurel for Johnson, the three-time reigning Professional Women's Bowling Assn. Player of the Year.

And Johnson acknowledged it.

"It feels absolutely amazing," said Johnson, who also has won three Professional Women's Bowling Assn. titles this year (including two majors). "It's officially one of the best bowling days of my life and probably the icing on the cake as far as my career goes."

"I've been very lucky to have the career that I've had. I never thought having the chance to win a PBA title would come when it did. It's been an awesome journey."

Twelve years ago, Johnson also made history by becoming the first woman to make a televised appearance on the PBA tour. That took place at the PBA Banquet Open and she finished second to Tommy Jones.

What's interesting about Johnson's Chameleon Championship victory is that it occurred in the same year as the movie release of "Battle of the Sexes" – a biographical sports film that is based on the celebrated 1973 tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs at the Houston Astrodome. At the time, the 29-year-old King was a top women's player and the 55-year-old Riggs was a far-over-the-hill former men's champion.

King gave women's sports a huge shot in the arm by controlling the match and delivering a 6-4, 6-3, 6-3 victory.

The nationally televised match was viewed by an estimated 90 million curious people – unsure whether King could play with a male opponent, even one who was much older and out of shape.

In the case of Liz Johnson, sports fans are now accustomed to women playing close to the same level as men in certain sports.

So Johnson's victory over Pepe didn't resonate the same way as King's and Kulick's triumphs.

It's a sign that the gap between men and women in many sports is closing.

Liz Johnson proved it again last month.

Xframe at Bowlum Saturday Dec. 9th

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We return to Bowlum with 3 Qualifying Squads at 2:00pm - (\$1,000 Bonus) if winning, 4:00pm (\$1,000 Bonus) if winning & 6:00pm with Beat the Board Finals to follow at 8:15 PM.

Also if you bowled at 2 or 4 and qualify at 6 and

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The \$10 Xframe Bonus pays top 3 places. Bonus-

es: \$500 1st, \$250 2nd and \$125 3rd.

Men and Women. No membership fee at this time! New members are welcome at up to 220 average. Senior Men 62+ and Ladies 55+ qualify for the senior board.

Bowlum is located at 4666 E. Holt Ave. in Montclair. Phone is (909) 626-3528. For info call Bob (562) 228-3960 or Jeff (909) 702-3369.

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LAS VEGAS – Sam's Town is new all over again! The Bowling Center and Hotel have been remodeled. Bowlers need to check out the new digs.

Sam's Town has been in the bowling business for decades. The Lanes have hosted numerous PBA, LPBT, PWBA and Hi-Roller events. The Center is part of the rich history of Vegas bowling.

Last week I was in SIN CITY for the World Bowling World Championships. While there I stayed at my



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DEC 10	USA vs. The World	1 PM
DEC 17	PBA Chameleon Championship presented by Reno Tahoe	1 PM
	PBA Shark Championship presented by Xtra Frame	2 PM
DEC 24	PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge	1 PM
	Pepsi PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Go Bowling!	2 PM
DEC 31	PBA World Championship	1 PM

2018

JAN 7	WRT Men's and Women's Finals presented by PBA	1 PM
FEB 4	State Farm CPS PBA Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling!	2 PM
FEB 11	PBA Tournament of Champions	1 PM
FEB 18	Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic	1 PM
FEB 25	Barbasol PBA Players Championship	1 PM
MAR 25	Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Bowler X	2 PM
APR 15	USBC Masters	1 PM
APR 22	PBA League Quarterfinals	1 PM
APR 29	PBA League Quarterfinals	1 PM
MAY 6	PBA League Semifinals	1 PM
MAY 13	PBA League Elias Cup	1 PM



all times ET

PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME TO UNVEIL NEW “PBA LEAGUE VENUES”

Concrete Software’s wildly-popular PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game, which has been downloaded to more than 19 million mobile devices since its introduction, is adding another new element to capture the excitement of the PBA League program that has taken on a life of its own at its new “home” at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

The PBA Bowling Challenge game has offered a variety of unique venues for users, but the new addition is a series of venues tied to PBA League teams. Along with the new PBA League venues, which will debut on a weekly schedule beginning on Thursday, Dec. 7, the game will offer a special PBA 60th Anniversary venue.

The new PBA League venue schedule will include the Dallas Strikers venue on Dec. 7; Silver Lake Atom Spliters, Dec. 14; L.A. X, Dec. 21; Portland Lumberjacks, Dec. 28; Motown Muscle, Jan. 4; Philadelphia Hitmen, Jan. 11; Brooklyn Styles, Jan. 18; New York WTT KingPins, Jan. 25, and the Elias Cup Finals venue on Feb. 1.

Everyone with a mobile device is invited to join the fun. The PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game app is a free download at Google Play and Apple App stores. Use these links: Google Play: <http://bit.ly/PBABowlingChallengeAnd> or Apple App Store: <http://bit.ly/PBABowling-ChallengeiOS>

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BPAA-member bowling centers are reminded that as part of the new 2017-18 Go Bowling! PBA Tour umbrella sponsorship package, they are eligible for complimentary Xtra Frame subscriptions, allowing them to make PBA’s exclusive online bowling channel available to their customers at no cost.

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JASON BELMONTE LEADS QUALIFIERS FOR 2018 DHC PBA JAPAN INVITATIONAL

JAPAN – The PBA Tour’s top 10 players in 2017 earnings based upon events open to all players have been finalized, and those players – plus defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind. – have been invited to participate in the 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational Jan. 26-28 at Tokyo Port Bowl.

Earning invitations are: Jason Belmonte, Australia; Jesper Svensson, Sweden; Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash.; Rhino Page, Orlando, Fla.; Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y.; Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand; Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., and Dom Barrett, England.

If any of the invitees is unable to attend, the “alternate” list is headed by Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa., and Francois Lavoie, Canada.

In addition to the 11 players from the earnings list, the international field also will include three PBA members, one woman and one Korean PBA player invited by tournament sponsor DHC. Those players will be announced as soon as they have confirmed their intent to participate.

The tournament itself will feature a new format, beginning with the invited field and 32 Japanese players (a starting field of 48) bowling two six-game qualifying rounds on Saturday, Jan. 27 to cut the field to the top 16 for 16 games of head-to-head match play on Sunday. The top five after 28 games will advance to the stepladder finals on Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. Japan Standard Time (3 a.m. EST). The entire DHC PBA Japan Invitational, which will pay the winner US\$45,000, will be live streamed on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel ([visit xtraframe.tv](#) for subscription information).



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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: SEAN LAVERY-SPAHR WINS DECISIVE GAME FOR TITLE

BEAUMONT, TX – Sean Lavery-Spahr from Pasadena, Texas, defeated former PBA Southwest Region Player of the Year **Shawn Maldonado** of Houston, 221-211 in their decisive position round match, to win the 16th annual PBA Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, Sunday. The victory was Lavery-Spahr’s fourth career PBA Regional title.

Lavery-Spahr led the tournament after qualifying and through most of the match play finals, before Maldonado grabbed a 13-pin lead entering the final game. With the 30 bonus pins awarded for winning the match, the title was in doubt until the final frame when Lavery-Spahr left a 7-10 split, seemingly handing Maldonado the victory. However, Maldonado failed to convert the 2-4-5-8 spare in his 10th frame and Lavery-Spahr claimed the \$3,000 first place check.

Nathan Bohr of Austin, Texas, moved into second place when he defeated **Anthony Lavery-Spahr** (Sean’s twin brother), 255-207, in their position round match to pass Maldonado. Sean Lavery-Spahr finished the event with 4,986 total pins, including the match play bonus pins. Bohr followed with a 4,791 pinfall total, 12 pins ahead of Maldonado.

- PBA Regional action in December gets underway this weekend with the PBA MJK Pro Shop/Knob Hill Lanes Challenge presented by Brunswick, an event for non-title winners, in Manalapan, N.J.; the PBA/PBA50 Decker Appraisal Services Baker Doubles at Valley Lanes in Harrisonburg, Va., and the DHC/DHC Women’s Scorpion Open tournaments in Ryugasaki, Japan.
- The Dec. 8-10 PBA Regional calendar includes the Petro TA South Open at Beltline Lanes in Columbia, S.C.. and the McKinley Lanes Central/East Challenge for non-championships in Niles, Ohio.
- Closing out the PBA’s pre-holiday regional season schedule will be the PBA/PBA50 Houston Southwest Open Doubles presented by Bowling Dynamix at Emerald Bowl in Houston, Texas.
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTE:

- Josh and Aimee Blanchard welcomed baby girl Piper on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 11:08 a.m. Piper arrived at 8 pounds and 21 inches long.

The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

The Perfect Coach: Part 8

Earlier, we mentioned that coaching is a process and is synonymous with changing. This article will deal with the basics of that process, which involves asking the proper questions of yourself before modifying your technique.

Begin by answering the following question: Does my equipment fit well? It’s nearly impossible to develop consistency if it doesn’t. Shoes should be snug for secure footwork, and always make sure the soles are clean and dry. Clothing should be comfortably loose for freedom of movement. The ball must be able to roll smoothly off your hand. A proper fit is essential, so make this a priority above everything else*. When you can answer the above question with a “Yes,” it’s time to go bowling.

Once at your favorite bowling center, take a few moments to warm up prior to actually rolling the first shot. A few stretches, swings of the ball, and slides at the foul-line (to check for problem areas) will go a long way toward prepping for your first delivery. Even with these exercises, it still takes a few frames to “work out the kinks.” Don’t take things too seriously until the third or fourth frame of the first game. At this time, it is extremely important to ignore scores; they are meaningless during practice sessions. Remember, you are there to learn about modifying your delivery; nothing else matters.

Now, take a few shots using the skills learned from the previous articles. Remember to be smooth and deliberate. Ideally, you want to maintain your balance and posture after releasing the ball. If you can’t, you are throwing the ball too hard. Tell yourself to, “Slow down!” To be consistent, you must bowl within your own abilities. Trying to perform beyond them is a recipe for disaster.

Once you are “warmed up,” it’s time to get serious. Pick up your ball, take your starting position and get into the stance you have developed. As you take the first step, remember to push the ball directly toward the target-arrow you have chosen. Continue this push-away until the elbow is straightened. As soon as the arm is fully extended, initiate the arm-swing by letting the ball just DROP**. As it does, maintain a firm grip and keep the hand under, then behind the ball. Do not let the wrist rotate throughout the arm-swing. When the ball begins to move forward, focus on the release point***. The instant the arm is perfectly vertical, relieve the pressure exerted by the thumb against the ball. You will feel the weight of the ball transfer to your fingers. Use the strength in your fingers to lift the ball out onto the lane. Keep your eyes glued to your intended target until the ball is beyond it!

The next question you must ask yourself is, “Did I make a good shot?” How would you know? If you think the indicator is whether or not the ball rolled over the chosen target, you might be mistaken. The true indicators of a successful shot are: the ball came off the hand cleanly, you maintained good balance/posture at the foul-line, and the follow-through did not waver from the target-line****. It’s possible your new delivery chose a different target than the one at which you were staring. That’s not unusual after making any modification to your approach. Don’t fight it; change your focal point to that target. Adjustments become much easier if you do, and those will get the ball where you want. You are “golden” when you can make a good delivery AND the ball rolls over its intended target.

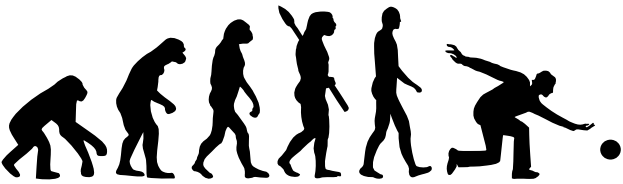
Join us next week when we will discuss some of those adjustments.

* Thumbholes can be modified with sandpaper or bowler’s tape; your local pro shop can be a most valuable asset for this issue.

** This initiates the arm-swing.

*** This is the point in the forward-swing at which the arm becomes perpendicular to the floor.

**** The arm-swing consists of four parts. The down, back and forward segments are a crucial skill. Once the ball is gone, the final segment, which you know as the follow-through, becomes an indicator. It indicates whether or not the entire swing kept the ball on its target-line. Consider this; the arm should swing in an invisible plane which rises up from the target-line. If the follow-through remains in that plane, the whole arm-swing did as well.



Bowling Calendar

by Bette Addington

DECEMBER

9 – HammerPins Mxd. Team Tourn., 1pm, West Lane Bowl, Stockton, hammerpins.net

9 – Xframe Tournament Club, 2pm, 4pm & 6pm, Bowlium Lanes, 909/860-3558

9-10 – WCST at Riverside Casino, Laughlin, NV, 760/363-1164

9-10 – West Coast Challenge Scratch Tourn.--\$10k for 1st—9am & 4pm on Sat., Stars Recreation Ctr., Vacaville, 707/330-7165

10 – USBC Lane Inspection Workshop, 11am-3pm, Fountain Bowl

10 – December Handicap Eliminator, 10am, La Habra Bowl, La Habra

10 – 6th Tony Reyes Youth Bowlers Tour, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, youth-bowlers-tour.com

10 – 2nd Central Valley Masters/Bak. TNBA “Christmas for Kids” Bowling Tourn., 12 noon, Regency Lanes, centralvalleymasters@gmail.com

10 – PBA USA vs The World on ESPN, 10am\

10 – JBT 1500th event, open to all alumni, 10am, AMF Deer Valley Lanes, Phoenix, AZ

15 – 14th California Bowling Writers Phone Card Drive for the Troops donation deadline, calbowlingwriters.org

16 – HammerPins Mxd. No-Tap Scotch Dbls., 1pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB, hammerpins.net

16 – Gold Pin Scratch 6 Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl

16-17 – CBT Anniversary Cup, \$3K, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, cbtbowling.com

17 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto (must have bowled at least 2 this year to be eligible), 209/524-9161

17 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourn., Rodeo Lanes, Clovis, Jason – 559/385-8837

17 – PBA Chameleon Championship on ESPN at 10am; PBA Shark Championship on ESPN at 11am

18 – PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award Nominations due, pba.com

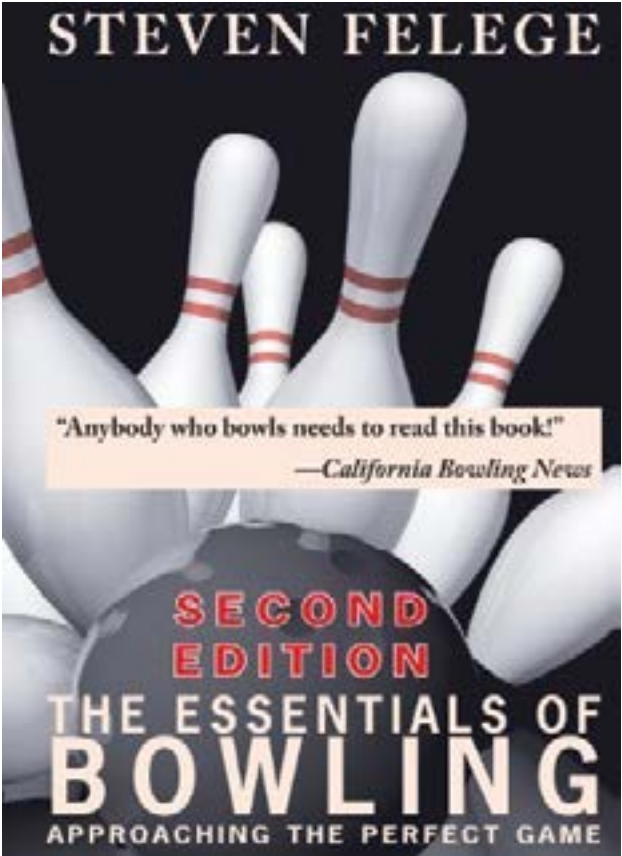
24 – PBA Cheetah Championship on ESPN at 10am; PBA Scorpion Championship on ESPN at 11am

26-30 – JBT (Jr. Bowlers Tour) Southwest 2017 Main Event, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, bowljbt.com

30 – End-of-the-Year 2-Pattern Scratch 12 Gamer, 11am, AMF Arrowhead Lanes, San Bernardino, 909/889-0355

31 – PBA World Championship on ESPN at 10am

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Xframe Bowling Tournament Club

Quitangan Wins First Xframe Title at Oak Tree \$2,500

Next Week at Bowlm Lanes Saturday 12/9 • Match Game Carryover est. \$1,500

\$2,500 1st qualify at 2:00 or 4:00 pm \$1,000 if bowled at 2:00 or 4:00pm but if re-entering and qualifying at 6:00 pm. You will still receive a \$500 bonus.

DIAMOND BAR – One of the Good Guys, Don Quitangan won his first Xframe title topping the field in the Beat the Board Finals taking home a nice top prize of \$2,500 for his performance at Oak Tree.

The turnout was light, 118 entrant’s due to Las Vegas and Palm Springs events. But the bowlers were still compensated with a \$3,421 prize fund plus \$875 in bonus rewards totaling \$4,296.

28 bowlers took to the lanes for the finals with the cut score on the medium side: Men +69, Women +61, Seniors Men +51, Women +39. Making the finals here +61 Men and +55 Ladies. They advanced to the Beat the Board Finals. Where you finish is where you Place/Cash!!

I do not have the game by game scores this week, but Don Quitangan lit up the lanes in the final two games to post +177 to win the event. Due to his Bonus at 4:00 PM, took home a nice \$2,500.

Second place went to Darrow Tiongco +146 good for \$750. 3rd was Freddy Zamora +125 \$375 with nice bowling. 4th was Floyd of the “Bowling Toros” +107 \$150, 5th went to Jaimee Pamintuan \$125 with smooth bowling! 29 bowlers cashed in at Oak Tree.

The Match Game \$555 was drawn by Quitangan and a 119 un-matched so we will estimate the Match Game at \$1,400 Saturday at Bowlm.

Don Quitangan, resides in Walnut. This is his first Xframe Championship. He’s a gentleman, married with two kids and a loyal Xframe supporter. He used a Hammer/Low Flare drilled by Memo Rosales at Chaparral Lanes.

Darrow Tiongco is one of the nicest men you’d ever meet. He’s single and bowls with us regularly. He used



Don Quitangan Wins First Xframe Title at Oak Tree at Oak Tree \$2,500

Don Quitangan was the best Saturday night as he won his first Xframe title at Oak Tree Lanes. Darrow Tiongco bowled well as the runner-up and Freddy Zamora was 3rd. There were 29 cashers at Oak Tree. (L-R) Director Bobby Campagnale, Floyd Toro 4th \$150, Freddie Zamora 3rd \$375, Don Quitangan. Champion \$2,500, Darrow Tiongco 2nd \$750, Jaimee Pamintuan 5th \$125 and Jeff Taino Xframe Director.

a Global/Inception drilled by Buddy Lucas at Bowlm Lanes.

Freddy Zamora is from Torrance and also single. He used a Hammer/Purple drilled by Ben Mach at Westminster Lanes. He has three pretty daughters the pride and joy of his life, being Heart, Nicole & Charlene. Freddy is truly one of the good guys.

Bowlm Lanes is our host Saturday Dec. 9, located at 4666 E. Holt Ave. in Montclair. (909)626-3528. Near intersection of Holt and Ramona. Accessed from the 10 or 60 freeways. It’s popular, so check-in early please.

The following week Dec. 16 we are hosted by popular Cal Bowl in Lakewood. It’s a Friday / Saturday Event with One Big Squad Friday at 9:45 PM. There is a \$1,000 Bonus bowling on Friday and winning the event. Saturday Squads are 4:00 & 6:00 PM with the Elimination Finals at 8:15 PM.

CHECK IN EARLY AT BOWLMIUM PLEASE!!! Thanks for being an Xframe member. Until then!!

Oak Tree - Dec. 2, 2017

	Name	Score	Prize	Bonus
1	Quitangan, Don	777	1000	1500
2	Tiongco, Darrow	746	500	250
3	Zamora, Freddy	725	250	125
4	Toro, Floyd	707	150	
5	Pamintuan, Jaimee	706	125	
6	Umana, Carlos	687	100	
7	Flores, Patrick	676	90	
8	Navarro, Bernie	675	85	
9	Borillo, Leah	671	80	
10	Garza, Gabriel	670	75	
11	Garcia, Jessica	669	70	
12	Jo, Young	668	65	
13	Chavez, Benjamin	664	60	
14	Marcella, Cezar	655	55	
15	Contreras, Jun	651	55	
16	Manuel, Kelly	644	55	
17	Barcelona, Mien	643	55	
18	Carandang, Eleanor	643	55	
19	Serrano, Sylvia	639	28	
20	Del Mundo, Edmond	636	55	
21	Caldoza, Leonardo	621	55	
22	Chavez, Galdino	620	55	
23	Pascual, Darren	615	55	
24	Anonas, Edward P	610	55	
25	Soo Hoo, Wendy	603	55	
26	Sundara, Sun	599	55	
27	Brooks, Troy	589	28	
28	Bailon, Alvin	581	55	
29	Chan, Eldous		NS- Free Entry	

FINANCIAL REPORT

CUT SCORES:

Saturday December 2nd

Men: + 69 Women: + 60

Seniors:

Men: + 51 Women: + 39

HIGH QUALIFER (FREE ENTRY)

Men: Sun Sundara +142

Women: Jaimee Pamintuan +82

MATCH GAME: 119 - \$555 - NO WINNER

Prize Fund	\$5,296.00
Sidepots	\$720.00
X-Frame Bonus	\$875.00



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Xframe Bowling Tour

SATURDAY Dec. 09, 2017

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Contact: Jeff Taino (C)909-702-3369

Contact: Vuong Do (C)714-622-0842

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2. HIGHEST USBC COMPOSITE AVERAGE LAST 5 YEARS.

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1. NO CURRENT OR FORMER PBA/PWBA ALLOWED.

2. MAXIMUM AVERAGE IS 220. HANDICAP IS BASED ON 90% OF 220.

3. MAXIMUM HANDICAP IS 60 FOR MEN OR WOMEN. EXCEPT FOR SOME SENIORS IS 65.

4. SEPARATE QUALIFYING FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND SENIOR.

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5. SOME LOCAL TOURNAMENT AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT FOR APPROVAL.

6. ONLY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS CAN MAKE DECISIONS AND RERATE BOWLERS ANY TIME.

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RENO – The overall skill level of the 195 PBA members who competed in GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties, was illustrated in an end-of-event statistical summary by LaneTalk, PBA's stats partner for the event:

- Overall, tournament players bowled 9,041 games and knocked down 1,951,511 pins.
- For all four animal pattern events and the PBA World Championship, the entire field averaged 215.85.
- The full field threw strikes on 57.37% of all first shots, hitting the pocket 73.46% of the time.
- Players threw consecutive strikes 59.01% of the time.
- Of the non-strike shots, the field left "makeable spares" (non-splits) 33.03% of the time, and converted those leaves 86.97% of the time.
- As a group, the players left single pins 23.24% of the time. Within that stat were 6,366 10 pins which were converted 91.4% of the time and 2,810 7 pins which were converted 91.1% of the time.

**PBA STARS
CHRIS BARNES, TOMMY JONES
WIN WORLD BOWLING
DOUBLES GOLD MEDAL**

LAS VEGAS – Long-time PBA competitors and friends Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes, who have combined for 25 appearances as members of Team USA, bowled as doubles partners for the first time in the World Bowling Men's Championships Tuesday at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas, and captured the World Bowling men's doubles gold medal with a 420-409 victory over Hong Kong's Lau Kwun Ho and Eric Tseng.

Barnes and Jones, who were members of the gold medal U.S. teams at the World Championships in 2008 and 2010, are competing in the multi-event World Bowling Men's Championships along with fellow PBA members Marshall Kent, Jakob Butturff, AJ Johnson and Chris Via. The team did not medal in singles earlier this week.

"Obviously, anytime you get to win for Team USA, it means a lot, and being able to win with one of my best friends makes it even more special," Jones said. "It's also really nice to get this gold medal early in the tournament to show the younger guys what it's all about and what it means to us and hopefully spark something for later in the week. We're here for one key thing, which is to win the team event, and it's nice to have that momentum."

Tuesday's doubles win was the sixth World Championships gold medal for Barnes, who will be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in Indianapolis in February. Barnes won World Bowling Masters gold medal in 2010 and all-events in 2013 to complement two team titles and a previous doubles victory.

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LAKE ELSINORE – The Saturday Sport league members came back from the Thanksgiving bye this week to a new oil pattern: Mexico City. More specifically, the league is bowling on the 2017 World Bowling 43 foot version.

This pattern is made up of 25.5 ml. of oil in a wide, flat shape that resembles a Mayan Temple. Typically on this pattern, anything outside of about 8, 9 or 10 is out of bounds. However, at PnP, it was possible for rev-dominant players to get it back from 7 board.

As is usually the case, week one on a new pattern is about gaining experience to determine your best strategy for success over the next two weeks. By far, the most common experience among the bowlers was carry-down. Nearly every bowler I spoke with after league told me of noticing significant carry-down in game three usually between frames three and six. Our bowler of the week, Fred Casassa, killed it in games one and two but his scoring fell off a bit in game three as he battled the carry-down.

As mentioned previously, week one on a new pattern generally sees fewer over-average scores and this time was no different. Nonetheless, there were some notable games bowled this week: Jimmy Casassa +30, Shammon Williams +35, and Kira Sanders +55. Mike Pulsipher had a consistently good set with games of +27, +22, and +12 for a pins-over-average series of +61. Another consistent performer was Steve Lertpaichaiyon who was barely edged out for bowler of the week. Steve's games were +33, +16, and +50 to come up just shy of a century series at +99.

Now back to our bowler of the week, Fred Casassa. Fred was on fire shooting +51 (224), +47 (220), and +17 (190). Fred exceeded the century mark with a fantastic series of +115 (639). He came straight to bowling this week after working his graveyard shift job all night. Before we started, he expressed concern that he would be too tired to execute properly. Maybe he should always skip sleep before bowling. After league, he told me that he had found our previous oil pattern, Beijing, to be quite difficult. Apparently, he doesn't feel the same about Mexico City. Great bowling Fred!

The next 13-week Saturday Sport league begins January 6, 2018. The meeting will be at 9am with league play to follow. Weekly league fees are \$7. Member benefits include 4 free games daily (weekdays before 6pm; week-ends before noon), free pizza and beverage on week 13, free coaching from USBC Bronze coaches Ken Clay or Cheryl Robinson, and, of course, the challenging fun of sport bowling! You can find us at facebook.com/groups/PinsSaturdaySport.



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by Tish

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Socks! Get your favorite bowler a pair of cool bowling themed socks! (The underwear with falling pins on it won't show for the rest of us to enjoy...I hope). There's always shoelaces. Maybe some with bells.

Whatever you come up with, it's the thought that counts and my thoughts are always about bowling!

Senior Swingers: (scr) Kelly McDonough 183, Cres Cruz 154, Raymond Garcia 509, Bonnie Holcomb 424. (hdcp) Marv Poretta 234, Seiki Tluczek 221, Fred Lampa 694, Kim Rasmussen 615.


Monday 690: (scr) Tom Duncan 235, Joyce Hill 183, Dylan Jimenez 707, Marlene Mendola 496. (hdcp) Bob Hazzard 257, Judy Lamb 231, Dave Brubaker 741, Cheryl Mikels 619.

Disney Bowling League: (scr) Ryan Pantages 186, Christine Nelson 166, Robert Ferragamo 589, Melanie Fushi 477. (hdcp) Eric Girndt 248, Lisa Patino 243, Jose Marquez 694, Colleen Hotz 680.

LA Metro Telco: (scr) Ron Bularz 213, Judy Kearney 170, George Vanderveen 563, Peggy Eklund 555. (hdcp) Jimmy Jebejian & Patrick Present 261, Malena Tappan 261, Richard Andersen 729, Michelle Marx 692.

Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Dan Pilgrim 253, Julieta Ward 198, Steven Warren 759, Alexis Arnold 540. (hdcp) Nanding Cotangco 285, Jo McMahon 280, Erick Olango 805, Amber Ball 697.

That does it for this week. Until next time...keep the ball rollin'!



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ANAHEIM – Rich is not “Heid”ing his prowess on the lanes as he proves his worth on games of 218-248-267 for 733 and added 190 to post the league-leading series in the 590 Classic with 923. Congratulations on re-certifying your 900 Club membership! Have you been taking some refresher courses...? Just sayin'...

Ryan Sargent, our current hi-averager at 217, is still showing off and ever-so consistent as he turned in games of 221-246-235 for a 702 and added a 203 to claim 905.

So close to joining the elusive Club this morning: Lefty Rob Roberts burned up the lanes on games of 233-213-225 and 224 for a great 895. Hang in there Rob, the ‘Force’ is with you!

Honorable mentions: Hong Kha 233-884, Terry Brent 238-870, Dick McKenzie 228-869 and Mark Guillaume 246-867.

More Hot Series: Norm Walker 240-847, Carl Adinolfi 225-837, Juan Sandoval 213-835, Chris Hefner 239-833, Steve Sparks 214-820, Willy Bordenave 234-816, Don Gardner 236-810 and Frank Bellinder 212-806.

Hot Games: Nick Lam 239, Cheryl Munson 230, Al Lara 223, Alan Bloom 223, Larry Green 221, Karen Bagnall 216, Louie Juarez 216, Orlando Vanegas 214, Rita Sparks 211, David Yeoman 208, Teri Hefner 208, Rod Cantrell 204, Janet Anderson 203, Andrea Fredericks 201, Dahana Klerer 201 and Ron Douglass 200.

Hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving and now on to Christmas...oh my, already?
Until next week...



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by Ed Saleh

LA HABRA – Check out our weekly No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am. The next Beast's Handicap Eliminator is Sunday, December 10th at 10:00am. Congratulations to Kevin Jones on his 809 series during the Frank's Gold Cup league and Brain Bendt on his 300 game during the Vegas Gambles league!

SUNDAY – Vegas Rollers: Ryan Huff 253/653, Derek Lee 246, Steven Brogdon 245/671, Phil Padilla 682, Traci Gioia 215, Alexis Gioia 211. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Off.

MONDAY – Lake Parkers: Brian Parker 233/631, Carlos Wilken 211, Larry McCurry 206, Cathleen Heimann 192, Jo Burrup 191. **Golden Awards:** Bob Esler 269/629, Martin Enderle 257, Willie Keith 224, Larry Green 614, Carl Brooks 607, Jenny Campbell 210, Carolyn Dean 194. **Whittier Elks:** Dave Thomann 205, John Wackeen 201. **Gamblers Fun:** Andy Jeske 256/672, Dennis Hathaway 225, Beverly Hathaway 193.


TUESDAY – Glenbrook Gals: Naomi Rex 180, Rosie Nicol 177. **Friendly Seniors:** Andy Bott 247/610, Larry McCurry 226, Irv Cravatt 203, Nillie Taylor 199. **Pedagogues:** Larry Bell 225, Vern Harmon 204, Gayle Harmon 180. **Guys & Dolls:** Bill Moore 235, Bill Kessler 234/638, Michael Keeton 234, Steve Grossman 619, Tee Delgado 230, Sandy Jan 191. **Ageless Wonders:** Mike Chapman 220/617, Randy Cervantes 212, Tom Eckes 200, Kathy Burdett 185.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Mike Drohan Sr. 267/654, Bill Edwards 244, Bob Crabtree 232/642, Ed Jamison 654, Jenny Campbell 215/600, Randi Hein 202. **American National Can:** Brian Parker 248, Michael Thompson 230/646, Mike Unfried 230, Roger Stites 638, Ray Mankins Jr. 622, Karen Balicki 204, Mary Beth Thompson 202.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Mary Beth Thompson 212, Kathy Boyett 189, Ann Rubin 189. **Sunset Rollers:** Bill Scherger 209, Laura Oyster 179. **All Schools:** Tony Ellis 177, Kathy Greenwood 184. **Frank's Gold Cup:** Kevin Jones 299/809, Dave Rough 290, Erik Sanchez 279, Scott Kraye 751, Kirk Keith 722.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Brian Bendt 300/712, Kevin Jones 287/734, Dexter Harrod 280/721, Tee Delgado 219, Sharon Westerhold 213, Jenny Clawson 210.


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Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr: 719/256 Peter Ruiz, 665/267 Keith Bowden, 564 Shellie Camarat, 520 Leona Ruiz, 223 Tyler Salverda, 217 Mike Jennings, 200 Karen Wetterhus, 195 Pat Mitas .

Club 55: Scr: 648 Mike Jennings, 537 Gilbert Thorne, 469 Kathy Williams, 329 pat Copeland, 222 Gary Brink, 193 Ron Canterel, 147 JoAnn Cunningham.

Chino Mixed 4: Scr: 510 Sam Vander Veen, 473 Sid Wind, 412 Barbara Johnson, 409 Marilyn Randall, 180 Joe Codorniz, 163 Frank Vander Veen, 162 B.J. Schoner, 153 Cindy Lower.

XFrame - TAT: Scr: 687 Jason DeJesus, 676 Thom Bragger, 590 Tess Dizon & Kelly Manuel, 276 Dom LaGuardia, 256 Bedell Vasquez, 256 Lala Alcasid, 236 Cecile Cruz.

Crazy 4 Vegas: Scr: 687 Alex McKendall, 584 Lance Clifford, 437 Lisa Lowe, 399 Lynn Floria, 226 Phil Stricker, 200 Jon Stein, 169 Jody Greenwell, 149 Gaby Zuniga .

Chamber & Friends: Scr: 651 Mike Adams, 567 Jim Harrison, 550 Clara Lotton, 481 Heidi Boothe, 242 Frank Haislip, 225 Peter Ruiz, 169 Yong Gilbert, 165 Jo Clark.

Young @ Heart: Scr: 570 Bob Marcelo, 551 Pierre Prudhomme, 502 Lauri Moir, 457 Penny Martinez, 212 Bill Rugh, 204 Albert DeLo Santos, 203 Amy Abalos

Let it Ride: Scr: 616 Scott Cocherell, 566 Chuck DeWinter, 457 Bad Kitty Helgeson, 450 Nasty Split Acevedo, 222 Mike Samarzich, 202 Desmond Warren, 141 Malibu Butler, 132 I Quit Harlow

Fil-Am Keglers: Scr: 708 Mark Huertas, 668 Jun Contreras, 573 Vanessa Huertas, 557 Tess, Dizon, 277 Anthony Magpali, 258 Cip Villanueva, 205 Kelly Manuel, 195 Eleanor Carandang..

Jr/Adult Turtle Crew: Scr: 382 Nicholas Dorn, 158 Mathew Wang, Adult: 532 Bryan Dorn.

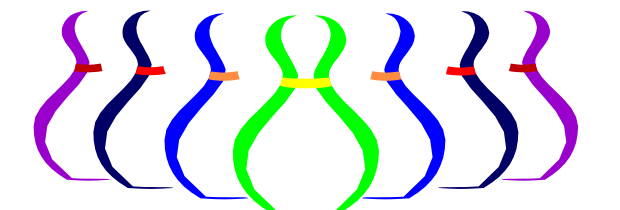
Pin Heads: Scr: 466 Andrew Maston, 358 Erynne Jones, 197 Kyle Yonezawa, 146 Mia Maston.

Rug Rats: Scr: 114 Da.oem Donlucas, 92 Harley Murga, 46 Ethan Ruiz, 31 Danica Hawkins.

Pin Pals: Scr: 343/164 Jazzy Ruiz, 278 Logan Murga, 123 Alyssa Moriel, 78 Alex Lopez.

Jr/Adult Strike Force: Scr: 452 Eyan Lotton, 404 Bella Roseli, 220 Leoj Chin, Adult: 530 Patrick Peters

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LAKEWOOD — It certainly feels like winter is here and that also means that Hanukkah and Christmas will be here in no time. It's been a busy year so we have to get those shopping days done. And what is next on the calendars? Of course it's something we all like, welcoming in the New Year!! Gosh, 2017 went by so fast. Where did the year go?...

Let's take a look at the leagues and see how they are doing.

The **"Bowling Buddies"** League is small but those are advantages. If you bowl, you make the TOP SCORES list and you have to show up or you might miss the fun. There is a possibility that all four teams could be tied for first on sweeper! Dan Ewaskey 530, Rich Ewaskey 216, Christine Ewaskey 471, Betty Major 278, Mike Slagey 468 all made this week's honor roll.

Recycled Teens: We have a nice list of high scores this week so here they are...Chris Abing 225/614, Victor Santos 238/600, Rick Seneris 208/599, Jojo Quicho 216/572, Boylee Inocente 225/568, Jojo Jasmin 246/567, Walter Milsap 222/546, Joe DeJesus 529, Ron Leidholdt 534, Joanne Burke 213/552. I haven't talked to one Senior who would like to be a teenager again. They just wish to enjoy today!

Young At Heart: Hard to believe so many Seniors are averaging over 200. You have to bowl 250 scratch to win a sidepot. Just look at these great scores: Jimmy Hamilton 265/688, Rey Santos 208/60, Anthony Leavell 214/607, Andra Gibson 241/603, Clarence Williams 209/580, Johnny Humphrey 212/580, Walter Millsap 576, Carl Steel 24/565, Josh Hudson 550, Wayne Moon 532, Ron McClain Sr. 528, Carla Dean 222/567, Frances Walker 526, Tua Sula 505.

Monday 10 For 10: Team 8 has a new name, maybe their luck will change. Even if they don't win a game they get a new ball just like everyone else. Each bowler pays \$10.00 a week for 10 weeks. Short and a great value. High scorers are: Lawrence Austria 504, Aaron Beck 481, William Scott 466, Erma Lowe 441, Priscilla Harper 424.

Pin Heads: Look at their scores: Chuck Appleberry 534, Tyler Zuelke 199/526, Bruce Brown 504, Larry Taylor 504, Frenchie Reese 195/485, Ashley Brown 232/576, Mel Leach 205/542, Julie York 492. This league has too much fun!!!

Sierra Bugs: Super Sub Ruthie Jones rolled a nifty 605 series and won the scratch game side-pot along the way. High score for the week: Ruthie Jones 224, Cheryl Hilton 469, Annie Maae 468, Mel Leach 468, Myra Kremen 467, Liz Maddy 463, Becky Salcedo 462. Side-pot winners—Game One: Joan Lumpford 225; Game Two: Ruthie Jones 224 scratch; Game Three: Liz Maddy 216.

Cal Bowlers: The top scores for this week: Carole Fischer 623, Leona Belletti 509, Nene Camanag 501, Ruthie Jones 205, Pat Bates 192, Hedy Schoner 176. Big thanks to Cathy who collects the side-pots - - - week after week - - -year after year.

Senior Men's Trio: Looks like Kevin Gannon has still got it - - - whatever it is. Must be getting a ton of strikes. His 772 tops the scoreboard, followed by Herman Ferguson 752 and Chuck Blais 701. High games by Percy Roberts 268, John Daily 267/692, Randy Peterson 265, Dave Wilson 688.

Grandma/Grandpa's: STRIKE - STRIKE - STRIKE. That's the sound we all love. It's like no other! Walter Milsap led the honor roll with his 557, Chris VanDeven 223/555, Paul Morrison Jr. 540, Billy William 532, William Scott 513, Walter Gist 481, Rinze Dykstra 480, Jim Young 479, Jim Burke 463, Yvonne Clarke 514, Pamela Norwood 460, Betty Green 452.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Jonathan Gale led the honor roll with his 255/701, followed by Jaime Grabinski 225/599, Dennis Ingram 576, Dominic Raveglia 549, Ray Grabinski



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546, Brandon Mims 532, John Ward Jr. 529, Travis Patterson 526, Toi Sauldsberry 205/540.

Funsters: Chris Abing 685, Boylee Inocente 576, Bob Webb 569, Dan Monzon 244, Willie Panton 232, Fale Sula 218, Yvonne Clarke 530, Divina Buhay 518, May Toledo 517, Beth Austria 201.

This is the time of year when everyone is busy with friends and relatives visiting for the holiday season. Call for open lanes and bring them in to enjoy some bowling.

HERE ARE THE JUNIORS WITH SOME OF THEIR HIGH SCORES FROM LAST WEEK.

Classified: Chris Borillo 253/719, Reyamar Santos 209/555, Kameron Aguilito 201, Kevin Tate 543, Emily Jenkins 168/470, Jocelyn Torres 155/405, Natalie Ahumada 176/460.

Bobcats: Nathan Bergevn 138/358, Preston Lane 112/311, Noah Whitlock 112, Joseph Bowman 274, Ari Munroe 103/278, Iyla Kenner 106/264.

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J.A.T. ON THE VERGE OF CLINCHING PLAYOFF SPOT

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – As the bowlers took the lanes at Del Rio Lanes on Monday night, almost everyone in the league was pulling for **Cal Bowl** to knock off **J.A.T.** in their match on the top pair. J.A.T. had opened up a four game lead for the round heading into the final two weeks, and only a strong night from the Cal Bowl team could bring the field of contenders within striking distance. At least half a dozen teams were still within reach, as long as the J.A.T. team didn't continue their winning ways, having lost only four points in five weeks so far.

Cal Bowl started the match exactly the way they needed to. A 215 game from Aarik Torres, along with help from the others got Cal off to a quick start as they won the game 765-631, opening up a 134 pin for totals early on in the match. J.A.T. came back strong in game two with a very nice 827 game. Kevin Valmonte led with 218, and had plenty of help from Kurt Arakaki (212) and David Yamauchi (209). The 134 pin lead that Cal Bowl had was now a 52 pin deficit, having lost the game by 186 pins! Game three was much closer, but fell in favor of J.A.T., giving them two games plus totals for a 4-1 victory in the match. In the deciding game, Kurt Arakaki continued bowling well with a 206 game, along with Kevin Valmonte's 202. With those four wins, the rest of the field was at a serious disadvantage and in need of sweeps to even have a mathematical chance with a week to go.

Keystone Lanes dropped the first game of the night to **Herzog Insurance**, putting them on the brink of elimination. Keystone then stormed back to take the next two and total pins to move them up to 20 wins and within five games of J.A.T. The five-game deficit means they need to sweep J.A.T. next Monday night to force a one game playoff, then win that playoff in the same night. Sounds difficult? It's exactly the same scenario that Sysco faced on the final night of the first round. Will the improbable happen twice in a row? Herbert Jones led the way for Keystone on Monday, shooting a 204-229/628 set. Eddie Van Daniker added 229/604 to help out. The top bowler on the pair was Chris Hefner of Herzog Insurance. Chris had 219-229-239 for 686.

Linder's Insurance made a run at staying alive for the round in their match with **Tito's Handmade Vodka**. Linder's took the first two games, and with a win in the final game they would be within five heading into next week. Tito's played the role of spoiler though, taking the final game by 21 pins to end the hopes of Linder's for the round. Mike Mellick led the pair, subbing for Tito's. Mike had a 200-207-205/612 set. Arnold Cheesman led Linder's with 226/580. Five of the eight bowlers on the pair in this match were substitutes, which is very surprising considering both were still in contention with only two weeks to go.

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Buddy's Bowling Supply and **Threadworks** were locked in a 1-1 match that was close for total pins, but a 100 pin victory by Threadworks in the finale gave them a 4-1 win for the match. Threadworks shot 825 in the final game with strong bowling from Eric Snow (216/580) and Ryan Cunningham who finished with a 212 game. Val Wise topped Buddy's with 202-213/574.

Forest Lanes swept all five games from **Los Altos** in a match that was much closer than the win totals would indicate. The games were close throughout the match, but all fell in favor of Forest Lanes. Jon Diso led Forest with a steady a 201-209-202/612 series. According to Diso, it was the first time all season that DeeRonn Booker didn't lead Forest for series. DeeRonn wasn't far behind at 605. Nick Rodriguez bowled well for Los Altos in defeat, shooting 221-205/593.

Team DV8 took four out of five in their match with **Sysco**, who has struggled throughout round two after winning the first round. Jeff Carr topped the pair in this match, leading DV8 with 224-207/581. Paul Barraco helped Sysco out with 204/572, although the one game that Sysco won was the game that Paul had his lowest score of the night.

Century 21—My Real Estate took four out of five games from **Bowl-ium**. David Schiada started quickly with a 235 game on his way to a 612 series. Johnny Sikkens added 209/576. Bowl-ium was led by Billy Myers Jr., with his 212/589 set.

The Professional Approach bowled against **Three Olives Vodka**, and took four out of five games in the match. Jeremy Glover led the Professional Approach, and the pair, shooting 226/591. Bobby Campagnale had a 225/570 in defeat for Three Olives.

On the final pair, **Bowling Guys** swept all five from **Don Julio Tequila**, behind a 538 set from Kevin Jones.

Jonathan Huff was here to sub for Tito's Vodka, and won the first side pot with a 208 game. Eddie VanDaniker won the second pot with a 229 game. The third game super pot was won by Sol Cericos with a 237 game for \$171.

We had a tie for the Financial Advisors Pot. Eddie VanDaniker and Chris Hefner had matching 229's on the same pair of lanes, earning them both \$145.

Next week will conclude the 2nd round, and J.A.T. needs one win to lock it up. As mentioned earlier though, stranger things have happened..... this season! Don't let the standings fool you though. Plenty of action next week as we'll have optional doubles going on because it's the last night of the round, with \$1000 added into the pot to increase the payouts. The action begins at 8:30 p.m. on Monday night. Head to Downey to check it out.

TOP TEN TEAMS

J.A.T.	25	Threadworks	18
Keystone Lanes	20	Forest Lanes	16
Linders Insurance.	19	Tito's Handmade Vodka	16
Cal Bowl	18	DV8.	15
Herzog Insurance	18	Buddy's Bowling Supply ...	15

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Chris Hefner	686	Eddie VanDaniker.....	604
Herbert Jones	628	Kevin Valmonte.....	595
David Schiada.....	612	Nick Rodriguez	593
Jon Diso	612	Jeremy Glover.....	591
DeeRonn Booker	605	Billy Myers Jr.....	589

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