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## Frank Weiler Receives TNBA 300 Ring by Therese Weiler

REDLANDS - The Na- Frank's perfect game tional Bowling Association was bowled with a Storm (TNBA) awards a 300 ring PHAZE III bowling ball. for bowling a perfect game in a TNBA certified league. A bowler can receive one ring each season.

TNBA Representative TERRY LANKSTER (right in photo) presents Frank Weiler with his 300 Ring for rolling a perfect game in Empire Bowl's Senior Laughlin League. It is Frank's seventeenth perfect game but his first TNBA Honor Score. Frank feels the Phaze III ball rolls consistently and gives him the best opportunity to strike.

Congratulations Frank for bowling his big game. "California bowlers are the best bowlers in the world".



Frank Weiler (left) receives The National Bowling Association (TNBA) 300 Ring from TNBA Representative Terry Lankster for perfect game bowled at Empire Bowl in Redlands, CA.

## 2022 USBC TEAM USATRIIILS. U.S. AMATEUR SETTOBEEAIN IN LAS VEEAS

by Matt Cannizzaro
LAS VEGAS - It may have taken longer than he hoped, but Cameron Crowe of Orland Park, Illinois, eventually got to experience everything Team USA has to offer, and there might not be enough adjectives to properly illustrate the magnitude and impact of the opportunity.
Crowe is a little more than two months removed from his first international trip, both for Team USA and overall, and he'd love a chance to build on what he learned on the lanes in Cali, Colombia.
His quest to reclaim his spot on Team USA will begin Sunday at the Gold Coast Bowling Center, where he'll have two hours of practice to finalize his arsenal and game plan for the 2022 United States


Bowling Congress Team the winners.
USA Trials.
Competition at the 2022 USBC Team Trials will get underway Monday and again will be a five-day test of versatility across five challenging lane conditions, with a unique pointbased system determining

The field will feature
early 170 men and more han 130 women, including ine of the 12 men the current Team USA roster and eight of the 15 women. The United States Amateur Bowling Championships will be a second layer
to the week, as it is has been since being reintroduced in 2016, and Crowe, a 20 -year-old left-hander, will walk into the venue as the defending men's U.S. Amateur champion.
The tournament will conclude Friday with the continued on page 4

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Freeport, IL - Joel Carlson of Omaha, Neb. defeated Lennie Boresch, Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., 264215 , in the position round of match play to win the PBA50 Western Bowling Proprietors Insurance Greater Freeport Midwest RPI Open. Carlson's win and Boresch's second place finish earned them each a spot in the PBA Regional Players Invitational (RPI) on January 2-5, 2022 in Las Vegas.
Prior to the final match, John Marsala and Tom Adcock had a chance to

capture an RPI spot, separated by only seven pins, 60 and 67 pins behind second place respectively.

Boresch led the qualify- play games, Boresch in ing round over Adcock and creased his lead to 65 pins Larry Verble by 22 and 23 over Carlson. Carlson's pins. After seven match continued on page 12

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## Snowhirds Between Frames

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS - Snowbirds, Mike Tocchini (left) and Jackie Knight, bundle up between frames as SoCAL wet and cold weather make EMPIRE BOWL lanes "frosty" last week.

Mike and Jackie bowl in the Senior Laughlin League with Bonnie Hubers and Paul Nebres. It's all about fun for our Snowbirds as their team has won 18.5 games as of mid December.

I love the attitude and smiles of the Snowbirds.

"Snowbirds" bundle up between frames as cold and wet weather hits SoCAL \& Empire Bowl.


## A Page From The Past...

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by Dave Williams

Anyone that has been following this column for the past few years is well aware of my obsession with really big bowling centers - those that have (or had) more than 80 lanes. The last one that I reported upon was Detroit Recreation, with a total of 88 lanes, that closed in 1960 ("Michigan Roots Run Deep," appearing in most publications during the week of $11 / 8 / 20$ ).

The very next week I followed up with another article, when some observant readers noticed that I had never included South Point Casino in Las Vegas, with a total of 124 lanes. It's totally understandable that I had missed South Point because the lanes are listed as two different locations, and in two different areas of the casino

When I reached Mike Monyak, Director of Bowling Operations for South Point, he set the record straight, as reported in the 2020 feature: "We have two bowling centers (South Point Bowling Center with 64 lanes, and South Point Bowling Plaza with 60 lanes) and they're both in the same building, and they share the same back office - so I guess you could say that we have a 124 lane bowling center."

## The Recreation Bowling Alley (aka: Recreation Center)

For the last few years l've heard and/or read about a 100 lane bowling center that was in Baltimore, Maryland, and also a 105 lane facility in Philadelphia. Tom Knapp, who put me in touch with USBC Hall of Fame member Bud Horn (Knapp used to work for Bud in Baltimore and later in Baldwin Park, Calif.), provided the initial information about the Recreation Bowling Alley from a blog known as baltimoremd.com.

In order to verify the information contained in the blog, I contacted Stacy Karten, a former resident of Baltimore that now lives in Los Angeles. Stacy worked for Fair Lanes Inc., a large bowling center chain that operated out of Maryland. He was familiar with the 100 lane bowling facility and indicated that it had actually been the original founding center of Fair Lanes. But rather than comment further and provide the wrong information, Karten told me that I should contact Wally Hall, the former president of Fair Lanes.

Although I haven't seen Mr. Hall in over 20 years, we do exchange Christmas cards every year. When I didn't hear back from Wally about the Recreation Bowling Alley, I didn't pursue the matter and put the information about the 100 lane center on the back burner. But when I received a Christmas card from Wally this year, I was surprised to see a page of text involving the Recreation Bowling Alley.

After sharing salutations, Hall provided the following information about the establishment: "With respect to your enquiry about the Recreation Center, I can tell you it was a 100 lane duckpin bowling center. There were 20 lanes in the basement and 20 lanes on each of the remaining four floors."
"When the construction was almost complete, two life changing events happened," according to Wally. "Mr. Friedberg, the male patriarch of the family, unexpectedly died. Then the potential operator of the bowling establishment reneged on the deal."
"Mrs. Friedberg was in a terrible situation but demonstrated courage by deciding that the family would have to go forward and operate the bowling center," said Hall. "She gathered the family together: sons Julius, Herbert and Sidney and daughters Irene, Thelma and Sylvia were each assigned a specific responsibility. The girls handled accounting, food and purchasing, while the boys were responsible for operating the lanes, machines and hiring pin boys each day."

Wally reports that the operation was highly successful with duckpin leagues double shifted every evening. "After World War II had ended, the top floor was converted to a ballroom for public dances, and the removed lanes were used to


This photo from the Baltimore Sun in 1959 shows patrons enjoying the game of duckpins (note the small bowling balls)


Recreation Bowling Alley during its heyday (circa 1925).
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begin the process of opening several other duckpin and tenpin bowling centers in and around Baltimore."
"As the company continued to grow, still more lanes were removed from the ground floor of the Recreation Center and converted into corporate offices for both Fair Lanes, and the Baltimore Colts," stated Hall. "The Fair Lanes organization went public in 1959, and Sidney Friedberg became the first President of the organization."

Hall said that the Recreation Center continued in operation until 1970, when the remaining lanes were removed and the entire building was converted to office space.

## What About You?

Do you have any interesting information about any large bowling centers (80 lanes or more)? Our list is now at 28 establishments from around the world. Let us know if you have any information about the elusive 105 lane center in Philadelphia - or any others! Email News@californiabowlingnews.com

Below you will find a list of the top fourteen, including our latest addition, the Recreation Center of Baltimore. Many thanks to Wally Hall, Stacy Karten and Tom Knapp for their assistance with this installment.

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. South Point Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada - 124 lanes
7. *Shinagawa Bowling Center, Tokyo, Japan - 120 lanes
8. *Willow Grove Park Lanes, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania - 116 lanes
9. Inazawa Grand Bowl, Inazawa City, Japan - 116 lanes
10. *Edison Lanes, Edison, New Jersey - 112 lanes
11. *Kanagawa Toyo Bowl, Yokohama, Japan - 108 lanes
12. *Castaways (Showboat Lanes), Las Vegas, Nevada - 106 lanes
13. Yutai Bowling Center, Beijing, China - 100 lanes
14. Recreation Center, Baltimore, Maryland - 100 lanes (Duckpins)
*Indicates bowling center has closed


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introduction of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2022.

All rounds of competition will be broadcast live at BowlTV.com, beginning Monday at 11 a.m. Eastern.
"It's still hard to describe that week in 2020 and all that came from it,
 but being part of Team USA has been a dream come true and a blessing," Crowe said. "It meant the world to make the team, and now, it means 10 times more. Nothing can replace or replicate representing your country on the lanes and winning a gold medal. I want to get that chance again."

Crowe, a standout for the St. Ambrose University bowling team who missed most of the recent semester due to a nagging foot injury, used the 2020 Team USA Trials as his breakout performance on the national stage. He finished third in the Team Trials standings, while qualifying for the U.S. Amateur stepladder, and his success earned him spots on Team USA and Junior Team USA for the first time.

The effects of COVID-19 then forced the suspension of the Team USA program for 2020 and the cancellation of the 2021 Team USA Trials, ultimately delaying Crowe's debut in a Team USA jersey by almost two years.

All 2020 Team USA and Junior Team USA members were granted an additional year on the teams when the program and international competition resumed in 2021, and Crowe parlayed that into an invite to the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships.

The trip offered a full range of feelings that started with the initial call from Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe and transitioned to a bit of worry about his new passport arriving on time
"I did a lot of growing up on that trip as a person and a bowler, I did my best all week and I learned a lot about my own game and about the level of competition in other countries," Crowe said. "At first, I felt like the annoying little brother just poking at everyone the whole time with questions and inexperience, but I appreciate everyone being so patient and supportive."

On-site, once the event got underway, Crowe said he was the most nervous he'd been in a while, but that eventually passed with help from his coaches and teammates.

The week ended with him on the medal podium, surrounded by those teammates, listening to the Star-Spangled Banner in celebration of the third consecutive team gold medal for the Team USA men at the event.
"For the first two or three games that week, I was nervous for the first time in a really, really long time, and I was afraid to let everyone down, even though the tournament started with singles," said Crowe, who also took home a bronze medal in trios. "I felt I over-exaggerated the pressure I usually put on myself, and it took a while for me to get comfortable. It was amazing to have everyone there to help me, and I certainly can't be mad about how the week ended for us."

The PANAM Elite Championships in October, which also included the top women from the region, was one of five international events for the Team USA program in 2021.

The 2021 PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions was held simultaneously in Cali using some of the same scores, while November included the International Bowling Federation Super World Championships, inaugural IBF Para Bowling World Championships and IBF Masters (formerly Senior) World Championships.

Also part of the trip to Colombia were Matthew Russo of Ballwin, Missouri, and Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina, who first joined Crowe in the trophy hoisting in Las Vegas. Russo won the men's title at the 2020 Team USA Trials, and Clemmer became continued on page 6

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the women's U.S. Amateur champion for the second consecutive time.

Russo earned some redemption with the Team Trials win, along with a return to Team USA, after not making the roster in 2019. He was on the team in 2017 and 2018.


He now is a seven-time gold medalist, after claiming three golds in Cali, and later was selected as the 2021 Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year. He's back at Gold Coast this week looking to continue his momentum from 2021.

Clemmer, a five-time member of Junior Team USA and a member of Team USA since 2019, enjoyed a successful professional debut in 2021, too, though she finished as the runner-up to Stephanie Zavala in the points-based race for Professional Women's Bowling Association Rookie of the Year. It was disappointing but motivating at the same time. Her sophomore campaign on the PWBA Tour is just a few months away, so kicking off the year with another great run at the Team Trials certainly would help her confidence. "After the PWBA Tour season finished, I was heartbroken with how it ended, but I learned a lot from it and realized that sometimes, the losses can be just as important as the victories," said Clemmer, a 24 -year-old right-hander. "I had a really good season overall, and there's nothing to hang my head about. It's something to build on in 2022."

Due to her professional status, Clemmer won't be able to defend her U.S. Amateur title, but she can improve on finishes of second and fourth, respectively, at the last two editions of the Team USA Trials and claim a spot on Team USA for the fourth consecutive year.

I honestly think I'm more prepared mentally than I have been in the past based on my overall experience and getting to spend this past year bowling against the best in the world," said Clemmer, who claimed three gold medals and a bronze medal in Cali, her first event as a member of adult Team USA. "I've also had a couple close calls at the Team Trials, which shows me I can do it. Plus, I love competing for my country, and it would mean the world to have another chance.'

Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, the two-time reigning Team Trials champion on the women's side, will be in Las Vegas this week, but not to defend her title. Instead, she'll be scouting the talent as her first assignment as the new head coach for Junior Team USA. Kulick, a 17 -time Team USA member, won the 2020 Team Trials with a record score of 13 ranking points and closed the year by helping the Team USA women to a team gold medal at the IBF Super World Championships.

Competitors at this week's event will earn ranking points based on their finishing positions in each of the five qualifying rounds - the top bowler of the round will earn one ranking point, second place will earn two points, etc. - with the lowest total of ranking points after five rounds determining the men's and women's Team USA Trials champions. Each will earn an automatic spot on Team USA for 2022.

The top four age-eligible men and top four age-eligible women at the 2022 Team USA Trials, based on ranking points, will earn automatic spots on Team USA, while two additional men and two additional women will be selected by the National Selection Committee from the pool of players that competed during the week at the Gold Coast Bowling Center. Bowlers now must be at least 18 years old as of the end of the 2022 Team USA Trials to be eligible for the adult version of Team USA.

The National Selection Committee also will select additional men and women for the team based on submitted resumes. Those applicants must have been Team USA or Junior Team USA members within the last 10 years or among the top 25 in earnings during the 2021 PBA Tour season or top 25 in points during the 2021 PWBA Tour season.

After the final qualifying round at the Team Trials, the top three amateur men and top three amateur women will advance to a stepladder final to determine the U.S. Amateur champions. Both winners will earn spots on Team USA.

If the U.S. Amateur champion already has earned a spot on the team, the spot will be awarded to the next-highest Team USA Trials qualifier based on ranking points.

To be eligible for this year's U.S. Amateur, a bowler must not hold or have held a professional membership (PBA or PWBA) in 2021. Also, anyone who has won a professional title (regional, national or senior) as a professional is not eligible to compete as an amateur.

For youth competitors, the top four age-eligible boys and top four age-eligible girls, based on ranking points, automatically will earn spots on Junior Team USA 2022. Two additional boys and two additional girls also will be selected by the National Selection Committee based on performances from either the 2022 Team USA Trials or 2021 Junior Gold Championships.

They will join the youth competitors who already earned their spots on Junior Team USA 2022 during the 2021 Junior Gold Championships. BowlTV will provide wire-towire coverage of the events, including the announcement and introduction of Team USA and Junior Team USA 2022.

Team USA's competition schedule for 2022 still is taking shape, but the list of potential events includes the World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions in Brazil, PANAM Bowling Women's Championships in Peru and PANAM Bowling Masters and Grand Masters (Senior and Super Senior) Championships in the Dominican Republic.

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# BrunswickE , 3"I ROUND OF BRUNSWICK UNDERWAY FOREVER HOPE FOUNDATION KEEPS ON ROLIING WITH 5-O START 

DOWNEY - The first two rounds of the Brunswick Invitational are in the books. To this point, the Forever Hope Foundation and Bowlium have earned spots in the rolloffs. The overall leaderboard which determines seeding for the playoffs shows Forever Hope with a commanding lead for total wins. On the first night of the round, teams bowl in order of total wins for the season, putting Forever Hope Foundation up against DV8, with the other round winner, Bowlium, slotting on the third pair against U.S. Foods.

Forever Hope Foundation took all three games in their match, earning another five wins for the overall lead. Each game had moments where it seemed DV8 could get on the board, but in every instance Forever Hope was up to the challenge. The first game was decided by 20 pins, and the final game came down to the last ball. There were only a couple bowlers able to break 200 on the tough pattern. Joe Smith led the Foundation with a 210 in the opener. Jeff Carr had games of 211 and 203 in defeat for DV8.

The second pair of lanes, third and fourth in over all total wins, pitted Forest Lanes against Cal Bowl. Cal Bowl got the sweep in the match, and the game weren't as close as the previous pair, as Cal took totals by almost 300 pins. Ramon Torres posted a nice $215-223 / 612$. He was helped out by a 222/605 from Leonard Ruiz Jr.

Billy Myers Jr. led Bowlium to a 4-1 victory over U.S. Foods on the third pair with a solid 203-229205/637. Bowlium squeaked out an eleven pin victory in the opener, in spite of a pair leading 222 from Gabriel Martinez of U.S. Foods. Bowlium had an impressive 844 in the middle game to win easily, as Myers got help from Arnold Cheesman (216) and Butch Jackson (216). Kasey Uyesugi picked up U.S. Foods in the final game, shooting a 221 game to lead them to their lone win.

The next match was a battle between Team Hu\$tle and Westminster Lanes. Team Hu\$tle earned a narrow four pin victory in the opener, led by a 224 game from substitute Erik Peace. Ray Minter had a 256 in the first game to top Westminster, but it wasn't enough to get the victory. In the second game, Minter cooled off, but teammate Jaime Ferry picked up the slack with a 217 game, which was enough to get Westminster a win. The final game was more of the same, as Ferry led again with 201, giving Westminster Lanes the final game and totals, for a $4-1$ win in the match. Minter was the only 600 on the pair, shooting 605.

The Junior Amateur Tour team got off to a great start for the round, sweeping all five games from a shorthanded Threadworks squad. Consistent scoring on the J.A.T team, as Anthony Santos leading the way with $244 / 594$. Kevin Valmonte and Walt Blackston were both over 580 as well, to help out in the win. And, David Yamauchi brought some white chocolate macadamia cookies to go with his 527 . Ryan Cunningham had a 217/573 for Threadworks in a losing effort.

Family Ties took four out of five games from Bowling Guys on the next pair, even though the recap sheet said differently. Bowling Guys got the middle game, in a narrow three pin contest. The rest of the match belonged to Family Ties. Campagnale led Bowling Guys to the one win, shooting 229 that game on his way to a team leading 559. Brandon Golden was subbing for Family Ties and led the pair with 208/578.

Bryon Osborne shot a 207/577 series to lead the Professional Approach to a 4-1 win over California Timberline. A couple of games were much closer than the 4-1 score would indicate, but the Pro Approach was able to pull out a 77 pin win for totals.


## TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 2

 Cal Bowl ............. 5 Family Ties Junior Amateur Tour .. 5 Professional Approach 4 Forever Hope Foundation\$ 5 TDI Refrigeration Bowlium \$\$. .TOP 10 THIS WEEK

## Billy Myers Jr.

 637 Kasey Uyesugi ... Ray Minter. Leonard Ruiz Jr. Leonard Ruiz ZAnthony Santos
612 Kevin Valmonte.
.589

605 Jamie Ferry. .586

## SUPER SWEEPER POT <br> Sponsored by Dean Sanderson of <br> Transamerica Financial Advisors Inc. <br> 1st 244 Anthony Santos • 2nd 229 Bobby Campagnale/Billy Myers Jr.



Stephen Boring aided Osborne with 212-551. Edward Estrada had the lone 200 game for Timberline, shooting a 202 in the middle game.

The final pair saw TDI Refrigeration take four out of five games from WBPI. Joy Ray led TDI to the first game win, by a narrow 11 pins, shooting a 200 game. WBPI came back to take the $2^{\text {nd }}$ game, and the lead for totals, 694-618. The final game was all TDI though, as Preston Epps topped all scorers with 212 , to get TDI the win and totals.

Ray Minter got the first sidepot of the night, shooting a 256 game. Gabriel Martinez earned $2^{\text {nd }}$ place money with 222. The second sidepot was won by Anthony Santos with a 244 . Bobby Campagnale took second place in the middle game with a 229. The final sidepot earned Kesey Uyesugi $\$ 102$ for his 221 game, edging out Mikey Villarreal's 216.

Anthony Santos earned an additional $\$ 160$ for his 244 in the middle game by winning the Financial Advisors Sidepot. There was a tie for second place, with Bobby Campagnale and Billy Myers Jr. splitting the runner up money.

The teams will be back on the lanes next Monday night at 8 pm as bowlers adjust to what they learned on the first night of the round. The action will be at Del Rio Lanes beginning at 8 pm . Come down and check out the best scratch league around, and cheer for your favorite bowlers.

We'll hope to see you here.

