and Legends for **Bowlers**

by Frank Weiler

Christmas season has become busiest and most profitable period of the year for businesses in every sector of our economy and pretty much the economy of the entire world.

Trillions of dollars exchange hands between Black Friday and Christmas Day. Millions of individuals spend billions of hours shopping, wrapping presents, visiting friends and partying during this period.

The Christmas season has become a hectic blur for everyone concerned these days.

Is that what Christmas is supposed to be about? Sad to say many bowlers today probably think so! The fact is most of people world wide are caught up in today's commercialized society and the commercialization of this holiday. Because of this I thought it would be a good time to enlighten bowlers everywhere about the origin, significance, traditions and legends surrounding this holiday.

First and foremost, Christmas is a Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ about 2,000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem in what is today Palestine or the West Bank. While we do not know the actual date of Jesus's birthday, the Catholic Church selected December 25 to celebrate the birthday of Jesus. However, most Orthodox Christians celebrate Christmas on January 7.

The name Christmas comes from the old English phrase "Cristes Maesse" which means Christ's mass. It would seem that these words probably referred to the Catholic celebration of a Mass (a Catholic religious service commemorating the Last Supper of Jesus Christ) on Christmas Day.

The story of the first Christmas as told in the Christian Bible is a story of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem. It is a story that involves several notable personalities including the Angel Gabriel, shepherds and the three wise men or Kings from the east. These three Kings are often referred to as the Magi.

Gabriel is the biblical messenger of GOD given the task of announcing GOD'S will to mankind. He is mentioned in many religious texts besides the Hebrew and Christian Bibles including the Quran and the Kitab-i-Aqdas. Gabriel's most famous heavenly message was announcing the birth of Jesus to Mary. This event is often referred to as the Annunciation.

The shepherds of the Christmas story were the first of the public to learn of Jesus's birth. Again, tradition holds that Gabriel is the messenger from GOD who told them of Jesus' birth and where they should go to worship him. The significance of Gabriel's announcement to the shepherds is that Jesus and his message and mission is for everyone, not just for the "rich and continued on page 8

Christmas Traditions VETERANS HONORED and Legends for THIS HOLIDAY

WEST COVINA - On November 16. 2024, Bowlero Lanes in West Covina hosted the Annual Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) Tournament. Bowlers from all areas of Southern California competed in this traditional event. There were league bowlers, novice and seasoned bowlers, senior citizens, adults, kids, and, of course, Veterans! All were treated to a celebration in which we honored our military veterans.

The BVL Tournament has a rich history and tradition that dates to after World War II, when troops were returning home from the battlefields of Europe and Asia. The history of the BVL Event began in 1942 by an organization of women bowlers, call-



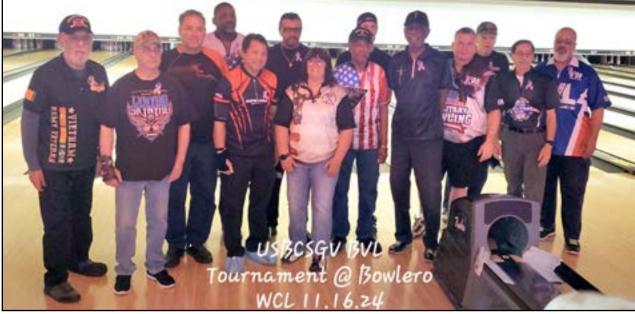
(I to r) USBC San Gabriel Valley Members Ken Burger, Mel Molina, Annette Anderson and Abel Gervacio. (photo courtesy of Mel Molina)

ing the event "Rings of Victory." That year, the women made enough purchase money to three C-47 Airplanes, which they donated to the U.S. Armed Forces. The planes were used to help bring back our wounded soldiers from the "Front Lines."

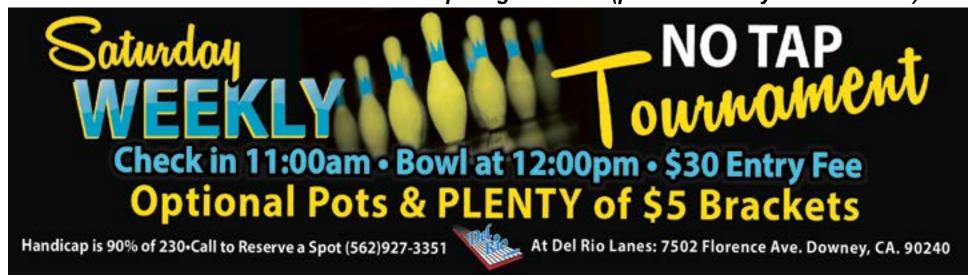
ladies sponsored these national fund-raising bowling tournaments throughout the Second World War. Because of its success, the ladies, subsequently, decided to continue holding these events after the War to further assist disabled veterans on a national

level. Even today, the **BVL** Tournament affords injured veterans the opportunity to continue to compete in a sport they really love, regardless of their impairment.

The Color Guard from La Puente American Legion Hall opened the cercontinued on page 12



Participating Veterans (photo courtesy of Mel Molina)





Bowlero Becomes Lucky Strike Entertainment

by Dave Williams

"It's only a name" is an expression relating to the fact that a label or title of something is not as important as the actual substance of material contained within, according to an online word search. And so it goes with Bowlero, the largest of the bowling chains with more than 350 locations. They have changed their name, once again, to become Lucky Strike Entertainment.

Bowlero had actually acquired Lucky Strike Entertainment, based in Sherman Oaks, Calif., on September 18th, 2023. The transaction was completed for \$90 million, including the acquisition of 14 locations in nine different states, or almost \$6,500,000 per location. Wow, that's a lot of pin money!

It would appear that Lucky Strike will become the new upscale icon among the Bowlero logos. There will now be four bowling center symbols, according to the latest information at the bowlero.com website: Lucky Strike, Bowlero, AMF and Bowlmor. But a cruise through the list of existing locations shows that some still maintain their roots, with names of other chains included in their title.

The one exception to that rule has been the complete elimination of the name Brunswick, or Brunswick Recreation Centers (BRC), most likely because of Brunswick's presence in the manufacturing of bowling equipment. AMF is still involved in bowling machinery and other products as well, but the Qubica AMF designation for manufacturing must have allowed Bowlmor to keep the AMF logo among their bowling center brands.

Here's a timeline of the most significant mergers, acquisitions and other developments since the partnership between Bowlmor and AMF:

- 2013 Bowlmor, a small New York City bowling chain that began in 1938, purchases AMF Bowling Centers, with more than 270 locations and 7,500 employees in the United States and Mexico. The remaining AMF International Bowling Centers were purchased by Hollywood Bowl Group, Macquarie Leisure, and others.
- 2014 Bowlmor AMF opens the first Bowlero in The Woodlands, Texas. The location combines blacklight lanes and arcade games with inventive eats and old-school decor. The brand quickly expands with multiple locations in Texas, California and Florida, as well as other select markets.
- 2014 Four months after the introduction of the Bowlero bowling center design, Bowlmor AMF acquires the Brunswick Corporation's bowling center business, significantly expanding its presence in the United States.
- 2018 Bowlmor AMF becomes Bowlero Corporation, officially adopting a new corporate identity not only the brand name, but also the philosophy of the company.
- 2019 Bowlero Corporation acquires the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and continues a multiyear television partnership with FOX Sports to bring bowling to millions of fans throughout the USA and across the globe.
- 2021 Bowlero goes public on December 16, 2021, trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol, "BOWL."
 - 2023 Bowlero acquires Lucky Strike Entertainment
- 2024 The "BOWL" stock symbol for Bowlero Corporation officially changes to "LUCK" on December 12, 2024, when the company is rebranded as Lucky Strike Entertainment Corporation.

When commenting on the name change, Tom Shannon, founder, chairman and CEO of Bowlero Corporation said, "The rebrand to Lucky Strike Entertainment represents more than a name change; it's a commitment to creating dynamic, all-encompassing entertainment experiences for a wide range of guests."

Shannon continued: "As Bowlero continued to expand into new entertainment verticals, we recognized the need for a brand that reflected the full scope of our offerings. Lucky Strike Entertainment positions the company to embrace a more diverse range of experiences and firmly establishes our future."

A news release from December 2, 2024 ("Bowlero Rebrands as Lucky Strike Entertainment") highlights the transformation of more than 75 Bowlero sites into Lucky Strike locations within the next two years, beginning with sites in such

high-profile markets as Bowlero Chelsea Piers in New York City, and Bowlero Tysons Corner near Washington, D.C.

According to the press release, the initial rollout will be highlighted by the debut of a new flagship location in Beverly Hills, Calif. (opened on December 7, 2024), featuring an upscale interior with premium entertainment offerings, along with food and drink menus designed to cater to not only families and casual visitors, but also nightlife enthusiasts.

Memories Light The Corners Of My Mind

As I perused the list of more than 350 Lucky Strike Entertainment locations, it occurred to me how "lucky" (no pun intended) I've been to be associated with many of the bowling centers listed among the new Lucky Strike lineup. Of the 350 centers listed, I counted no less than 95 locations (and probably that many closed sites) in which I've been involved in the operation, marketing and/or acquisitions while working for AMF, Major League Bowling, American Recreation Centers and Nationwide Bowling Corporation.

I've commented about so many of these locations over the years, so I will try and select a new one on the list so that I won't appear to be redundant, or senile! One such bowling center is AMF Firebird Lanes in Salem, Oregon.

Carl Barbour, vice president of operations for AMF Leisureland Centers, sent me to investigate the property as well as the marketplace, and provide him with a breakdown. Carl, who must have been a fan of the Pontiac Firebird, or Slavic folklore, decided to reopen the center and named it AMF Firebird Lanes.

It was a "no-brainer," and we quickly scheduled Dick Weber for a Grand Reopening appearance. A friend of mine from our early years on the Pro Bowlers Tour, Rick Vittone, himself a resident of Salem, had helped me during the week, pointing out some of the potential of the shuttered bowling center.

I remember that Firebird was constructed at the very end of a long strip of land, no doubt subscribing to the theory that bowling was a destination sport and did not require visibility from the street. It has now been 37 years since AMF elected to reopen Firebird, and an aerial view from the internet shows that the piece of property in front of the bowling center is still vacant!

The 6 PM Conundrum

Another old friend of mine, 83 years young Tony LaPolla from Vista Bowl in Yorkville, N.Y., called me during the holidays and commented about the success his center was having, although he is no longer involved in the day-to-day operation. It seems that Bowlero had closed a 48 lane center near them in Syracuse (AMF Pin-O-Rama), and many of their leagues scrambled to secure any remaining 6 PM spots available at Vista.

"The unfortunate thing is the bowlers that couldn't find an early spot will quit bowling," said LaPolla. It is indeed regrettable that so many bowling centers have closed for this very reason. Carl Ritter, a tremendous league coordinator at AMF Rocket Bowl in Chatsworth, Calif., used to show me the reservations he had that would have filled over 100 lanes on Monday through Thursday at 6 PM. But no one wanted to bowl at 9 PM.

Perhaps Lucky Strike Entertainment has the solution to the problem, by catering to families, casual customers and the elusive late night enthusiasts, rather than traditional league bowlers that are no longer willing to pay enough to keep the lights on, or bowl at anytime except from 6 PM to 9 PM. Hard to admit, but probably true...

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All About New Year's Resolutions for Bowlers

by Frank Weiler

Every year millions of bowlers make New Year's Resolutions, hoping to improve their life and/or improve their bowling. It's all about positive change. While some bowlers are weird and/or willy nilly most are ordinary, everyday people just looking to become better people and better bowlers. That's what New Year resolutions are all about. Self-improvement.

As you might expect, like most people, bowlers make and break the same recurring resolutions every year. The most common modern day resolutions involve health and fitness, personal finances, mastering new skills, pursuing new adventures, and improving personal and professionally.

If you want to succeed with your resolutions, if you want to succeed in life, I offer some free advice. What's better than free advice? "My therapist" (Every bowler should have a therapist, don't you have one?) once told me that if I ever wanted to succeed in life, if I ever wanted to be a good bowler, I better resolve to succeed, I better resolve to be a good bowler. That's where success begins, with you yourself.

It all starts with YOU looking at yourself in the mirror and getting serious about change. It's all about YOU being serious about where you're at and where you want to go. It's all about YOU making and keeping a promise you make to yourself. It's all about YOU being accountable and taking ownership of your actions.

Now that you know where your starting point is, that's YOU, let me share from my own experience and what I have read and learned from the "experts", the steps you can take to improve your chances at success in life and success in keeping your New Year's resolutions.

Start by spending some quiet time alone to reflect on where you're at and where you want to go in life and in Bowling. Take this time alone to assess your strong points and your weaknesses. This will allow you to avoid future setbacks that could derail your accomplishing your goals and resolutions. Once you have identified "your chosen path" to success, then you can structure a plan.

When developing your plan and resolutions, stick with goals that are your own. Stay with goals that motivate you, things that are important to you, things that you value, and you will benefit from. A sure recipe for failure in any endeavor is trying to live up to the expectations of others.

"Keep it simple stupid" (KISS). Don't try to remake everything about yourself at once. While you and all of us can use a lot of polish if we are to shine perfect, that is too much to expect or accomplish at one time. Another ingredient in the recipe for failure is biting off too much at a time. Spreading yourself too thin will mean no one goal will receive the attention needed for success. So be specific and be brief. This will allow you to focus better and have sufficient energy to succeed.

Next, write down your goals and resolutions. A written plan and written resolutions provide clarity, structure and commitment to what you're attempting to accomplish. Written goals and resolutions provide a greater sense of commitment to your cause. Any idea put into writing elevates the status of that idea from a mere promise to the status of contract, a covenant. Written goals and resolutions also ensure you won't forget them and the details involved in accomplishing them. Also, writing goals and resolutions down makes it easier to track your progress.

Finally, track your progress. You need to regularly review where you're at with regards to accomplishing your goals and resolutions. If you don't, you will lose sight

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of what you're trying to accomplish. When that happens, you will start slacking off and before long you will stop working altogether on what you are attempting to accomplish. A weekly review is fine but don't think it's crazy for you to sometimes think about your progress on a daily basis.

Things to keep in mind during your journey to a better YOU. Setbacks and mistakes happen. Any progress is good progress and better than no progress at all. Learn from your "doinks" and get back on your horse as soon as you can. The longer you stay off your designated path, the harder it will be to get back on. As legendary basketball coach Jim Valvano once said: "Never give up".

Here are some good Bowling Resolutions for PWBA and PBA competitors:

- Remember your roots and the people who got you where you're at.
- Be a good example to all the kids watching you.
- Give back to the sport of Bowling.
- Don't blame others for your mistakes and shortcomings.
- Be gracious in victory and defeat.
- Remember integrity always, your word should be your bond.
- Mentor someone following in your footsteps.
- Be open to legitimate criticism.
- Be open to change.
- 10. Be available to fans as well as to media and celebrities.

Here are some good Bowling Resolutions for bowlers everywhere:

- Remember integrity always, do your best and never sandbag!
- Practice more, Improve your spare making.
- Learn a new bowling skill.
- Listen more attentively to your bowling coaches.
- Be a better teammate.
- Quit complaining, take responsibility for your actions.
- Read and learn more about the sport of Bowling.
- Take a friend bowling, mentor a youth bowler.
- Subscribe to Bowl-TV.
- Join a Bowling league.

I wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR. Trust in GOD, trust in your instincts, work hard on all your pursuits and always do your best. May this coming year be the best year of your life in every way possible. May you have more success on the lanes than ever before. Make some reasonable resolutions for the coming year and stick to them as best you can. Remember, "Any progress is good progress and better than no progress at all.

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famous". The shepherds were among the lowest members of their society and Gabriel's appearance to them means Jesus came for you and me, not just for Presidents and Royals!

The **MAGI** or "wise men" who traveled from the east to worship the baby Jesus were named Melchior, Gaspar, and Balthasar. Melchior was from Persia, Gaspar from India and Balthasar from Arabia or Ethiopia. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic representing Jesus status as the Son of God, the King of the Jews and his coming death to save mankind. The Magi were said to be guided to Jesus aided by a star. Modern day astronomers and scientists have not agreed as to what type of heavenly sign this Star might have been. Possibly a conjunction of planets, a comet or a supernova. Whatever this guiding star was, believers consider it a sign from GOD. The Magi's visit is commemorated on a holiday named the Epiphany.

Over the centuries since the first Christmas many **traditions** and **legends** have developed to aid in the celebration of this holiday. Some of these include Saint Nicholas, the Christmas tree, the Christmas manger, Advent wreaths, Santa Claus, Christmas stamps, and wooden Nutcracker soldiers to name a few.

Saint Nicholas lived in the fourth century. Before he became a monk, tradition says he walked from his home in what is Turkey today to the Holy Land. He wanted to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. It took him about four years, from the year 312 to 315 A.D. He lived in a cave in the Holy Land before returning home. Later in life he became Bishop of Myra in his homeland. Little is known about the details of his life but legend has it that he was very generous and known for being the bearer of gifts, especially during the Christmas season. This led to his being associated with the tradition of gift giving at Christmas. One thing I noticed about the legend of Saint Nicholas is he was associated with the giving of gifts not the exchanging of gifts.

Long before Christmas and Christianity peoples throughout many parts of the world gave evergreen plants and trees special significance during winter. They were used to decorate with the belief that they would keep away witches, ghosts, evil spirits and illness. The ancient Druids and Celts decorated their temples with evergreens as a symbol of everlasting



ueen Victoria & Albert's Christmas Tree.

The **Christmas Tree** tradition, as we know it, started in Germany about the 16th century with devout Christians decorating evergreen trees inside their homes to celebrate Christmas. It is believed that **Martin Luther** was the first to decorate a Christmas tree with lighted candles. He is said to have been inspired by an evening walk home amongst some evergreen trees and seeing the stars twinkling amidst those evergreens. The first known recording of decorated cut Christmas trees in America is from the 1820s in Pennsylvania's German community. By the 1840s Christmas trees became popular with Queen Victoria and her husband German Prince Albert.

The **Christmas manger**, also known as the Christmas crèche, originated in 1223 A.D. when Saint Francis of Assisi set up a manger scene in a cave near Greccio, Italy. Francis set up the scene to educate people about the birth of Jesus and strengthen their faith in GOD. Francis set up the scene in the cave when he decided the Chapel at the Franciscan Hermitage was too small for midnight mass. He prepared a manger with hay, an ox, a donkey and placed a statue of Christ in the manger.

After the first nativity scene, the practice became popular and spread far and wide. Within a century, virtually every church in Italy had taken up the practice. Over time statues rather than living people and animals were used which eventually led to the in-home nativity scenes we see today. The manger scene symbolizes the poverty and simplicity of Christ's birth.

Advent is the four week period preceding Christmas, including the four preceding Sundays. **Advent Wreaths** are circular wreaths made from evergreen branches and decorated with four candles. One candle is lit every Sunday of the Advent season. By the fourth week of the season all four candles will be lit. This custom is practiced both in churches and homes.

While winter evergreen wreaths date back to ancient times, just like the winter evergreen trees, the modern-day Advent Wreath originated In Gercontinued on page 11





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many. According to historical records Johann Hinrich Wichern, a German pastor, built a wreath in 1839 out of an old cartwheel. His purpose to help the children in his mission school to count the days until Christmas. He added candles to be lit every day of Advent. German immigrants then brought this tradition to America in the 20th century.

Over the years a popular practice developed of naming each candle. For instance, the first candle is called the Prophets Candle and symbolizes hope. The prophet referred to Isaiah, who foresaw the coming of the Messiah. The second candle, the Bethlehem Candle, symbolizes faith or preparation, as people prepare for the coming of Jesus. The third candle, the Shepherd's Candle, symbolizes the joy which the angels proclaimed when Jesus was born. The fourth candle is called the Angels Candle and symbolizes peace and love for which Jesus came to earth.

I have previously written of Saint Nicholas and his being the inspiration behind the tradition of gift giving and receiving. Saint Nicholas is also the inspiration for Santa Claus. Better said the name Santa Claus merely evolved from Saint Nicholas's name. This evolution began in the 17th century when the Dutch began calling Saint Nicholas "Sinterklaas" which eventually evolved into the English "Santa Claus". The Dutch brought the tradition of Sinterklaas to New Amsterdam (now New York City).

The red Santa suit and other associated clothing are thought to have been invented by modern day marketing. For example, In the 1930s Coca-Cola commissioned illustrator Haddon Sundblom to create a plump Santa in a red and white suit, for a holiday advertisement campaign. As they say, the rest is history.

Postage stamps have been around for several centuries. The United States published its first stamps on July 1, 1847 in New York City. A five cent stamp depicted Benjamin Franklin, the first Postmaster General of the United States and a ten cent stamp depicting George Washington.

The United States' first religious stamp, it also being its first Christmas Stamp was issued on November 1, 1966 following the successful lobbying efforts of a Catholic parishioner from Waterbury, Connecticut. It featured the Madonna and Child with angels by 15th century painter Hans Memling. The religious stamp proved to be immensely popular and sold more than 1.1 billion copies. Over the years the Postal Service concentrated on renaissance paintings for its stamp series but also did feature a praying George Washington in 1977. In 1994 the Postal Service advisory committee suggested replacing the Madonna and Child stamp with a Victorian era Angel. Public opinion and President Bill Clinton convinced them to forgo the idea. Canada is said to have issued its first Christmas Stamp in 1898. In more recent years the United States Postal Service has also added stamps commemorating Kwanzaa, Hanukkah and Muslim festivals in addition to holiday motifs like snowmen, deer and evergreens.

The history of wooden Nutcracker Soldiers is connected to a variety of factors, including the origins of the small handheld wooden nutcracker, the Nutcracker Doll, and the Nutcracker Ballet.

The small handheld wooden nutcracker dates back 4,000 years or more. They were ancient tools developed to crack nuts. The first Nutcracker dolls were made by a European craftsman and were often given as gifts. Standing wooden Nutcracker soldiers, so popular today, were first mass produced in 1872 by Frederick Wilhelm Fuchtner. Nutcracker dolls and soldiers became popular outside of Europe after World War II when American soldiers brought them home from Germany.

The Nutcracker ballet is based on Hoffmann's 1816 story "The Nutcracker and the Mouse King" adapted by Alexander Dumas Pierre and set to music by Tchaikovsky. The ballet premiered in Russia in 1892 but it wasn't popular until it was introduced to America in the mid 20th century. The ballets popularity and especially as a Christmas staple was instrumental in making Nutcracker dolls and Nutcracker soldiers Christmas decorations.

I hope my writing this piece helps you the reader and whoever you share this information with better understand the true history and meaning of Christmas, and the reason for our celebrating it as a holiday. In truth this day should be recognized and celebrated as a "HOLY DAY". I wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Note: I wish to acknowledge and thank the many authors and contributors who write on the World Wide Web for providing much of the background and historical information contained in this article.



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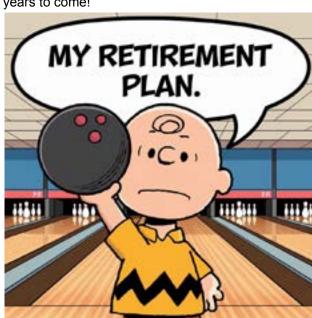
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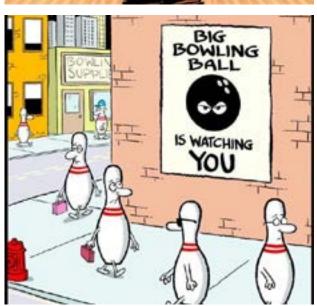
emony by displaying the American Flag and leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Tony Lizama, a former National Guard Captain and U.S. Marine Paratrooper, then followed with his rendition of our National Anthem. The ceremony was concluded with all the veterans in attendance standing on the approach and being recognized.

Emceeing this event was none other than our own Mel Molina. Mel has been a member of the USBC – San Gabriel Valley Association, actively volunteering for the past 10 years for other association sponsored events such as city tournaments involving adults and kids. According to Mel, "The BOWL for VETERANS Tournament holds a very special place in my heart. I am thankful and have so much appreciation for the service of our Veterans!" She also commended La Puente Veterans Color Guard for their wonderful Flag Presentation and Taps Rendition. "Their presentation left us with a heartfelt love, respect and honor for our country."

Events like BVL could not be successful without the contributions of our wonderful volunteers and sponsors. "I would like to express my personal appreciation to the USBC -SGV Members present during the day of Fundraising. Leaders like Annette Anderson, Abel Gervacio, Ken Burger and Mouenna King deserve acknowledgement for their dedication and patriotism." Other Sponsors include Axis Point Pro Shop (Bowlero West Covina) c/o Matthew Sirko who donated a certificate for any bowling ball of choice for winning raffle ticket, Team APEX Pro Shop (Bowlium Lanes) c/o John Struckman who donated a BVL Bowling Ball, USBC - SGV Association who donated a Military Basket, Citizen Rick Isidro who donated \$50.00 Cash (made available into two \$25.00 Target Gift Cards), and La Puente American Legion Hall who provided the Veterans Color Guard. "We need to remember why we have the BVL so that we never forget our Veterans and those who risked their lives for our freedom!"

The Event raised \$ 5,835.00 which is to be donated to BVL Organization. A total of 58 bowlers competed in the tournament, which included 14 Veterans. Only top winners in each of the Divisions (Men, Women, Boys & Girls) will represent the Association at State Helen Duval-BVL Roll-Off being held on March 30, 2025, at NAPA Bowl in Napa, California. The San Gabriel Valley Bowling Association and the California State Committee look forward to next year's competition, hoping growth and increased participation for years to come!







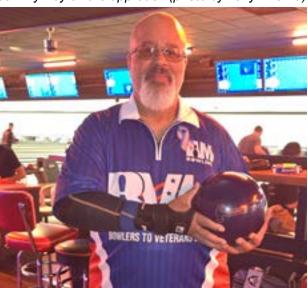
Our youth, Ayden and Derek, showing their support for our Veterans! (photo courtesy of Tony Lizama)



Members of the La Puente American Legion Hall Color Guard posing proudly. (photo by Tony Lizama)



Johnny Key on the approach (photo by Tony Lizama)



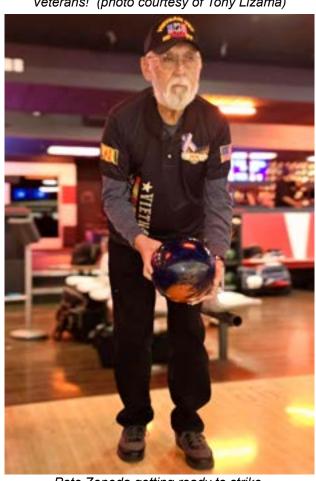
Bowlium Bowler and Airforce Veteran Charles Miller, Jr. getting ready to "show his skills!"



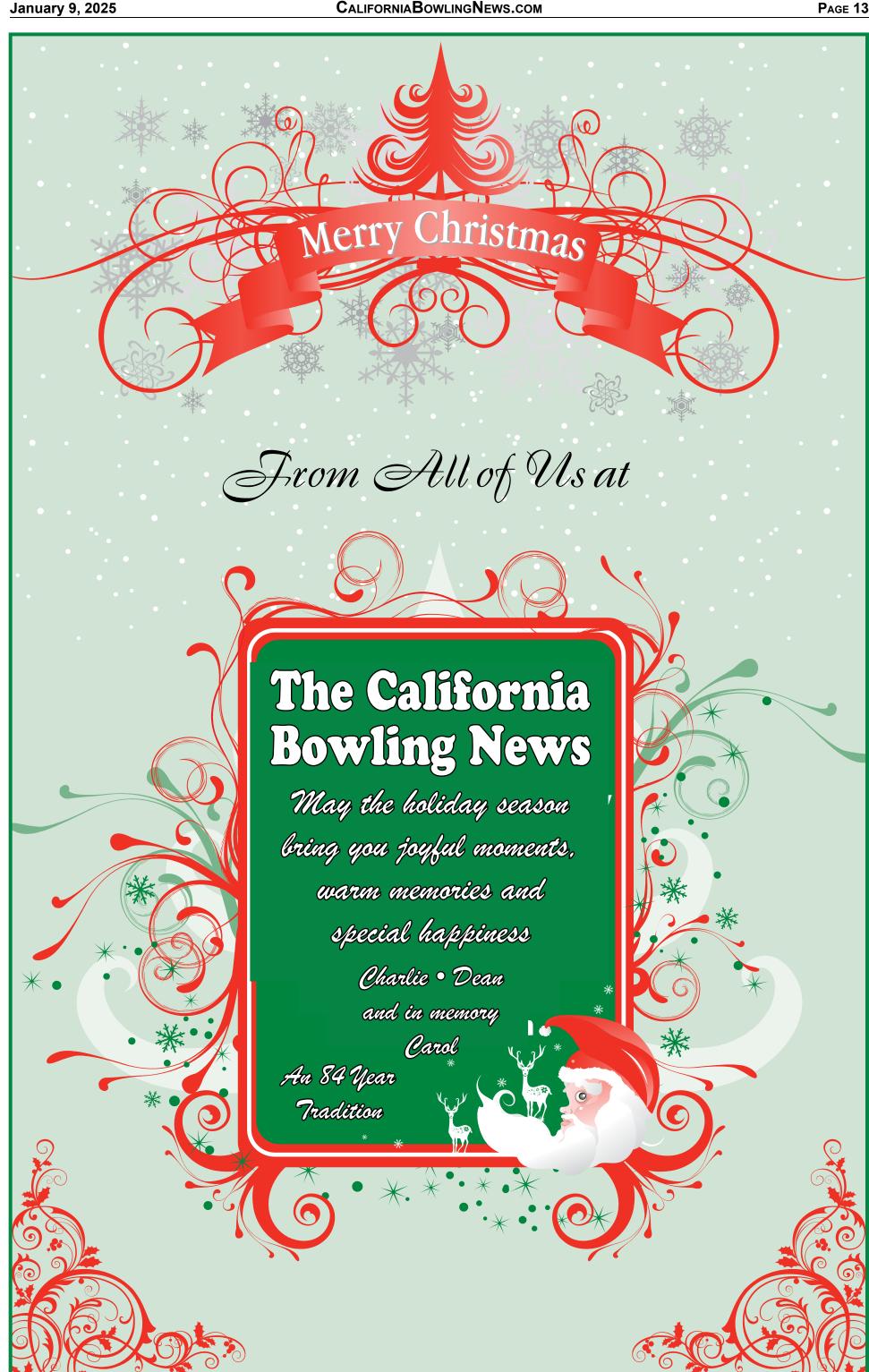
La Puente Color Guard during the Flag Ceremony



I to r. Christ Pilios and Joe Hilke cheering on our Veterans! (photo courtesy of Tony Lizama)



Pete Zepeda getting ready to strike



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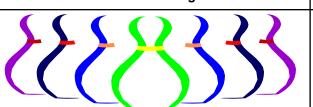
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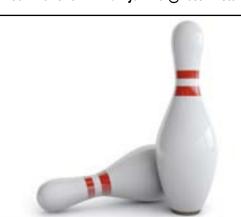
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Brunswick Pro Approach Oak Tree Moves To 14-1 To Lead Round 3

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes to bowl the first league season of the new year after a week holiday break. Two teams atop the standings were battling to keep their perfect records alive.

In the "A" match, second-round winners **Pro Approach Oak Tree** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) was battling **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) with both teams looking to keep their flawless records alive. Neither team stayed undefeated, but Pro Approach Oak Tree jumped to 14-1 with a 4-1 win over Bowlium. Leonard Ruiz Jr. was hot for the Oak Tree guys with a nice 641 set while Arnold Cheesman managed 573 to pace Bowlium.

The "B" match featured **Junior Amateur** Tour (Kevin Valmonte) matched up with Family Ties (Steve Gurrieri) in a battle of veteran teams. Junior Amateur Tour took the first two games, but a late rally in the third game fell just short and saw them drop a 1-pin game for the 4-1 win. Kevin Valmonte led J.A.T. with a 580 set while sub-Michael Montano paced Family Ties with a 523 series.

Taco Bell (Mike Zuck) was taking on DV8 (Bryan Osborne) with both teams short their regular anchor. Taco Bell took the first two games, but DV8 stormed back in game three with a 106-pin win to take totals by 8. Jarred Eusebio led Taco Bell with a 597 series while Bryan Osborne's 622 and Semaj Lewis' 245 game three led DV8 to the win.

Forest Lanes (JT Diso) battled Weaverbird (Eric Williams Jr.) with both teams sitting 5-5 after two weeks. Weaverbird took a 4-1 decision over Forest Lanes thanks to AJ Garcia's 661 set while Forest Lanes was led by Jon Diso's 596 set.

Pro Approach Del Rio (Augie Labrado Jr.) matched up with first-round winners **Love** Laundry (Ramsey Basurto) with both teams looking to get some wins. Love Laundry took the first game but it was all Pro Approach Del Rio from there as they rolled to a 4-1 win. Sub Phillip Castro paced the Del Rio bunch with a 556 set while Marquan Rivers led Love Laundry with a nice 596 set.

US Foods (Gabriel Martinez) met Don Julio Tequila (Gabe Garza) with both teams looking to bounce back after a rough week two. This match was all US Foods as they put up big numbers led by Mike Bogue's 639 set. Don Julio Tequila was led by the pair of Gabe Garza and Jason Carrillo both posting 578 sets.

Del Rio Lanes (Michael Barnett), Pro Approach Cal Bowl (Austin Wasielewski), Threadworks (Eric Snow) and Touchstone Homes (Christian Eichelkraut) rounded out Monday's action. Pro Approach Cal Bowl took a 4-1 win over Del Rio Lanes led by David Silva's 553 set. Del Rio Lanes was paced by Michael Barnett's 542 series. Threadworks was back to being tough as they swept through Touchstone Homes. Super**sub Stephanie Zavala** led Threadworks with a 619 set while Christian Eichelkraut paced Touchstone Homes with a 542 set.

Marmolejo (232) for \$160 with 2nd to Billy Myers Jr. (219) for \$70. Sidepots went to

TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 3

Pro Approach Oak Tree \$\$. 14	Pro Approach Del Rio . 9
Junior Amateur Tour. 13	Taco Bell 8
Bowlium 11	US Foods8
Weaverbird9	DV88
Family Ties9	Forest Lanes 6

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

661 AJ Garcia 641 Leonard Ruiz Jr. 639 Mike Bogue **622 Bryan Osborne** 619 Stephanie Zavala 596 Marquan Rivers

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We will be back on the lanes next week to Financial Advisors Pot went to Michael battle the Mexico City pattern as we hit the half-way point in Round 3. Come out and watch Southern California's Richest League Gabe Martinez (244) and Michael Marmolejo take the lanes at Del Rio Monday's at 7:30!



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