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# **Parkinson's Strikes Ron Skoller He Hits Back**

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA - Parkinson's Shmarkinson's.

That's basically the defiant attitude Ron Skoller has adopted since he left his doctor's office two and a half years ago with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

To be sure, it hasn't been easy in the interim, Ron relates. "Every once in a while I get depressed. but it helps to know where it's coming from," says Ron about one of the condition's symptoms.

But Ron Skoller is definitely fighting back - and it shows

Ron still bowls twice a week at Winnetka Bowl - on Wednesday afternoon's Funtimers senior league and Thursday

night's Thirsty Nite Out leagues. He's still the anchor on both his teams. And he's still rattling pins at an impressive clip.

Perhaps most importantly, there isn't a chipper or more popular bowler around in either league. This 73-year-old Encino resident is definitely happy-go-lucky, despite bowling under a cloud of adversity.

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Few people around Winnetka Bowl know of his condition, and yet, Ron brings an inspirational presence with his upbeat nature and dry humor.

"The greatest joy I have is to make people laugh," Ron says. "I have a sense of humor and people reccontinued on page 3

# PATRICK DOMBROWSKI GOES **BACK-TO-BACK AT 2023 BOWLTV** PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL



With the RPI win, Dombrowski earned an entry into the main field of the TOC, which will take place at the iconic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, just 30 minutes south of Dombrowski's home in Parma.

Seventy of the PBA's top regional players were invited to the RPI based on their achievements during the 2023 season.

After 18 games of qualifying, Dombrowski qualified in fifth, earning a one-round bye in the

16-player bracket.

He swept Alex Cavagnaro and Michael Davidson in best-ofthree-games matches before meeting Delaware's Tim Foy Jr. in the semifinals.

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Gary Bricker, left, says Ron Skoller has lost none of his competitiveness through the years. Skoller has enjoyed several big moments on the bowling scene, including crushing two 290 games. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

# **BO GOERGEN WINS 2023 BOWLTV PBA50 REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL**

Bo Goergen tallied four consecutive match victories to claim the 2023 BowITV PBA50 Regional Players Invitational at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Ve-

He defeated Chris Warren, 230-190, in the final match to earn the \$10,000 top-prize and his third career PBA Regional Tour title.

Goergen's march through the 12-player bracket, which included wins over Jeff Johnson. top seed Dan Knowlton, Rich Corwin and Chris



Warren, paled in comparison to his journey over the past 14 months.

On Nov. 11, 2022, Goergen said he was diagnosed with kidney cancer. Six weeks later, he said he had knee replacement surgery, leaving him almost completely bedridden for two months.

"I've been in the gym and kind of working my continued on page 4

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# A Tale Of Two Careers

by Dave Williams

For Tom Baker, whose professional bowling career has spanned six decades, it has been a tale of two careers — first on the regular tour where he garnered ten titles, including one major; and then later in life when he came into his own winning 12 titles, including 4 majors, on the PBA50 Tour.

The first time that I met Baker was in Arcadia, Calif., at the PBA Tour's Ford Open Tournament at Bowling Square in Arcadia, in 1976. It was the first event on the winter schedule and Tom was a rookie. I was having breakfast with Ron Lisher and John Weber when Baker walked into the coffee shop and asked if he could join us. While I had never met the man, both Lisher and Weber knew him and invited him to join us.

You could immediately sense that he was a nice guy and very affable. Those traits would later earn him the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award on two different occasions (1980 and 1981), as well as a spot on AMF's Staff of Champions. You might ask yourself how being a nice guy like Baker could land him a spot on AMF's advisory staff, but when you realize that he was as tough on the lanes as he was mild mannered off them, you begin to see why AMF decided to sign him at an early age.

I can remember asking "Bakes," an affectionate name given to Tom by his peers, if he was planning on moving to California in those early days on the tour. You see, most of his early successes came on the west coast. His first win came in 1980 at the Northern California Open in Fremont, Calif., followed by wins the next year at Torrance, Calif., Las Vegas, Nev., and Denver, Colorado.

It was at the Denver Open that you knew Baker was something special. He literally tore up the lanes with a performance that included record breaking totals for six games (1,613), twelve games (3,037), twenty-four games (5,856), and a 42 game total of 10,848 pins (247 average). He also set a record that will never be topped when he and fellow AMF staff member Pete Weber tied in match play with a 300 to 300 score.

The next year he won at the AMF Grand Prix in Paris, France. By this time I had given up my pro bowling aspirations and happened to be working with AMF Humber Bowling Centers in nearby England. A new location in France, Bowl de Nice Acropolis, was on the drawing board and I was sent to assist with marketing efforts but missed the finals of Tom's performance at Bowling de Paris.

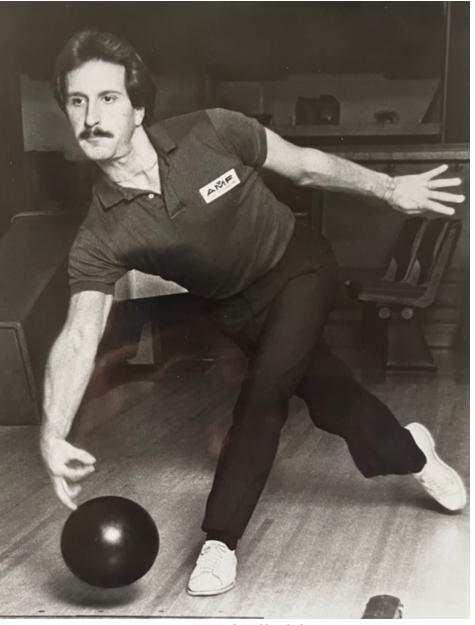
Baker continued his winning ways back in The States, with victories in the 1985 Budweiser Classic (Columbus, Ohio) and the 1986 Kodak Invitational (Rochester, N.Y.), not far from his home in Buffalo. He then went on a 10 year winless streak, primarily due to recurring wrist injuries.

"He eventually had surgery on a circular bone that is no longer there, shaved down after the pain became so severe," said Conor Orr in an article at NJ.com ("PBA Bowlers Face Danger of Injuries Thanks to Grueling Schedule," February 23, 2012). Baker went on to say in the article that his big toe hurts from his release, and his calf muscle aches from pushing off. "And if I'm lucky, I'll come out and do it all again tomorrow," said Tom.

When he made a comeback from wrist surgery, it was once again in California, at the AC-Delco Classic in 1996, at Cal Bowl in Lakewood. Following the win in Lakewood, he struck again the next year in Harrisburg, Pa., his ninth tour victory.



(I-r) Tom Baker and Jim Wangeman at Harvest Park Bowl (2014)



Tom Baker - AMF Staff of Champions

When things seemed at their lowest and Baker contemplated leaving the tour in 2004, at the age of 49, he once again rose to the top at the PBA World Championship at Taylor Lanes in suburban Detroit. The event carried a \$120,000 first place prize and five years of exemption from the pro tour qualifiers.

When I spoke with Larry Lichstein, the PBA player services director for many years, as well as a member of the AMF Staff of Champions prior to accepting the position with the PBA, he had this to say about Baker: "Tom was unique because he probably hooked the ball as much as the big crankers of his day, but he was a couple of miles an hour slower, and with very slow footwork. He kept the pins on the deck for more mixing action."

In 2018, Baker underwent back surgery. He did something that he had done thousands of times before. He reached down to pick up his bowling ball. But this time it was different. In an article that appeared at flobowling.com ("Back Surgery Doesn't Hold Back Tom Baker," August 13, 2018), Baker stated: "I wasn't quite sure what happened, but it felt like I pulled a muscle."

"I didn't think anything of it, but it got worse. I went to the medical center, and they gave me some pills that didn't help at all. I eventually had to go to the hospital because the pain was so bad." It turned out that Baker was encouraged to undergo surgery to repair what the doctor's said was a spinal disc herniation.

I went looking for Tom Baker's PBA50 record but received the following message: "Coming Soon. The page you are looking for is currently under construction while we work to improve your experience." Will the PBA ever complete this project? Russ Mills of the PBA assures me that all of the information is there, but they are sure taking their sweet time posting information from the old website. Someday...

In the meantime, I know of at least one of Baker's victories on the senior circuit. That was once again at a California location — Jim Wangeman's Harvest Park Bowl in Brentwood, in 2014. Please enjoy the photo of Tom and Jim, provided by PBA LLC, as well as a rarely seen action photo of Tom Baker from the legendary files of Henry Kaven.

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# Ron Skoller continued from page 1

ognize it and I think that's why I get along with people in general. I always try to say things to make people laugh and sometimes it's not taken the way I intended, but that's who I am."

Still, Parkinson's is no laughing matter. Parkinson's is a progressive disorder that affects the nervous system and parts of the body controlled by the nerves. Symptoms result from low or falling levels of dopamine levels in the brain.

"I take medication," Ron says. "Been taking it for two years. Fortunately, the doses I've been taking haven't increased.

"It's very important to know Parkinson's is not just a motor disorder. Depression and anxiety go along with Parkinson's. It's a brain problem and not just motor skills."

Ron recognized things were off a couple of years ago and that led him to pursuing a diagnosis.

There was the time he noticed his handwriting had changed – "It got very small and I didn't think much about it. But it's a common symptom of Parkinson's."

Ron also noticed that something was amiss when he was golfing with a friend, who happened to notice that "I was walking funny. I played four holes and walked off the course. That was an early indication.

"Fortunately, my condition has stayed pretty flat. I can continue bowling, with a lower average, of course," says Ron, who has not stopped golfing as well.

Ron's bout with Parkinson's overshadows the fact that he has been a genuinely top-of-the-line bowler for many years. He compiled a 200-plus average both at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills and Corbin Bowl in Tarzana before moving on to Winnetka Bowl.

He also has powered two 290 games (a strike in the first frame, then 11 straight strikes) and has a stirring 774 series on his resume. "When I was able to bowl 700, I went to the line expecting to throw a strike every time. It didn't work out that way, but that's how I felt."

Gary Bricker, one of Ron's closest friends, has stood by his side for many years through their bowling exploits.

"I first met Ron in 2011 at Woodlake Bowl, which is now Bowlero," Bricker says. "We became friends/competitors over the years. When we moved over to Corbin Bowl, I got to know Ron better and with his over-190 average, he always impressed me.

"When I heard Winnetka Bowl had senior leagues, I told Ron he should join like I did. Ron is still very much a competitor today as he was back in the day.

"Keep on rockin,' Ron!"

A Los Angeles native, Ron admits that it sometimes vexes him that he can't bowl to his previous standards. "Now, it's killing me because I've always been the anchor and it bothers me when I don't perform to my expectations," says Ron, who averages in the 160s.

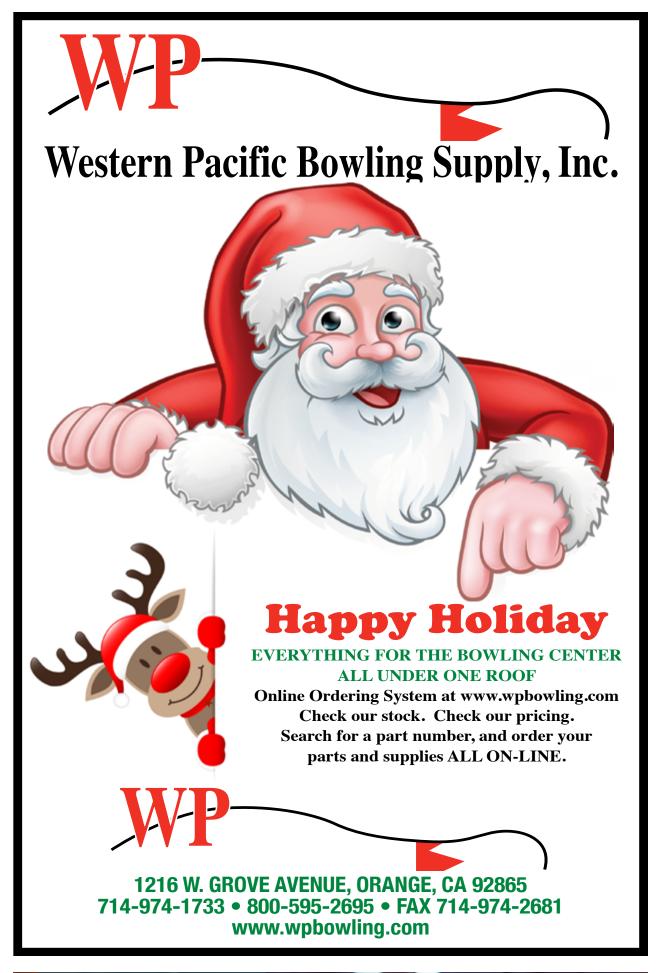
Still, Ron flashes his extraordinary precision from time to time and particularly in the clutch. In one Funtimers game in 2022, Ron nailed four straight strikes in the ninth and 10th frames to boost his team to a comefrom-behind, nail-biting win. "I love a close game," he says. "It's exciting. Losing a close game is actually preferable to winning a game by 150 pins."

Ron's cheery attitude is partly the result of a couple of smart decisions he's made. One was buying long-term care insurance – advice from a relative – when he was a mere 50 years old.

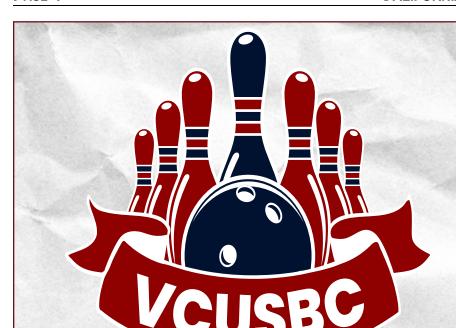
"I've maintained the policy through the years and it's now a crutch if I need it," he says. "It's very reassuring to have it."

Also quite beneficial was Ron's choice to follow his neurologist's recommendation to join "Rock Steady Boxing," a boxing program designed and aimed at fighting Parkinson's.

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# **Goergen** continued from page 1

tail off to get to this point," Goergen said. "Each day that I kept working out trying to gain strength in my legs and I could see it was coming.

"This is a very special win for me."

Goergen qualified in eighth place among the 48-player PBA50 RPI field. Players were invited to the RPI based on their achievements during the 2023 season.

He tallied games of 267 and 224 to sweep his first-round match against Jeff Johnson. In the Round of Eight against Dan Knowlton, who led all players during qualifying with a 240.17 average for 18 games, Goergen rallied to overcome a

Goergen said he drew motivation from his long and grueling recovery process each game throughout match play.

In the single-game semifinals, Goergen delivered a needed strike to dispatch Rich Corwin, setting up a championship match against 58-time regional champion Chris Warren.

Because of Warren's accomplishments on the PBA Regional Tour, PBA Commissioner Tom Clark announced the RPI trophy will bear Warren's name begin-

But that's next year. This year, the trophy is all Goergen's.

# **MATCH PLAY RESULTS**

### **Championship Match**

Bo Goergen def. Chris Warren, 230-190

### **Semifinals**

Goergen def. Rich Corwin, 221-207

Warren def. Shawn Horenberger, 224-223

### **Round of Eight**

Goergen def. Dan Knowlton, 2-1 (220-244, 234-213, 253-239)

Corwin def. Charles Ferrell, 2-0 (223-182, 255-248)

Warren def. Tony Franklin, 2-0 (220-211, 223-199)

Horenberger def. Steven Smith, 2-0 (268-203, 236-208)

### Round of 12

Goergen def. Jeff Johnson, 2-0 (267-237, 224-210)

Ferrell def. Eddie Graham, 2-0 (215-168, 211-200)

Franklin def. James Campbell, 2-0 (183-169, 235-204)

Horenberger def. Eugene McCune, 2-0 (252-171, 279-234)

### **FINAL STANDINGS**

Bo Goergen, \$10,000

Chris Warren, \$5,000

Rich Corwin, \$3,000

Shawn Horenberger, \$3,000 Dan Knowlton, \$2,000

Steven Smith, \$2,000

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Charles Ferrell, \$2,000

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# AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2023 PBA REGIONAL TOUR SEASON

by Nolan Hughes

Award winners from the 2023 PBA Regional Tour season were announced last night during a banquet at the BowITV PBA Regional Players Invitational. The top PBA and PBA50 player, as well as the top first-year player, in each region were recognized based on their performance during the 2023 PBA Regional Tour season. Recipients of the Pat Patterson awards were selected for their outstanding contributions to the regional program and efforts to promote bowling. The award winners were determined by a vote among regional tournament directors: Russ Mills, East; Bobby Jakel, Central; Toby Contreras, Midwest; Steve Taylor, South; Tony Lanning, Southwest; Josh Blanchard, West and Northwest. Here are the 2023 PBA Regional Tour award winners:

# **EAST REGION**



Ken Korn, Russ Mills and Tom Sorce

Player of the Year: Tom Sorce, Blasdell, N.Y. Rookie of the Year: Robert Shine, Yonkers, N.Y. Senior Player of the Year: Troy Lint, Blandon, Pa. Pat Patterson: Ken Korn, Cheektowaga, N.Y.

Sorce led the East Region with \$11,985 in earnings and cashed in eight of his nine events, while Shine led all East Region rookies in average, earnings and cashes.

Troy Lint, the PBA50 National Player of the Year, was also named East Region PBA50 Player of the Year as he won two of his three regional events.

# **CENTRAL REGION**



Bobby Jakel, Brian Kretzer and Larry Verble

Player of the Year: Graham Fach, Urbana, Ohio Rookie of the Year: Brendan Salo, Dayton, Ohio Senior Player of the Year: Larry Verble, Mason, Mich. Pat Patterson: Brian Kretzer, Kettering, Ohio

Fach earned his second consecutive and fifth career Central Region Player of the Year honor, leading the region in earnings (\$16,525), average (228.22) and points (18,315). He won two titles and finished outside the top five just once in 12 events... when he finished eighth.

Verble led the region in points and earnings by a narrow margin over reigning Central POY Eugene McCune. Verble's four top-five finishes to McCune's three proved to be the difference maker.

Brendan Salo won his first event as a PBA member and rode that win to Rookie of the Year honors.



# MINWEST REGION



Toby Contreras, Nate Purches and PBA Commissioner Tom Clark

Player of the Year: Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass. Rookie of the Year: Nate Purches, Marlborough, Mass. Senior Player of the Year: Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill. Pat Patterson: Chris Watson, Joliet, Ill.

Rookie Nate Purches led the region with 10,390 points, nearly double that of the second place finisher. His five top-five finishes and nine cashes also led the region.

Tom Adcock's stellar season on the PBA50 Tour translated to the regional level, leading the region with six top-five finishes, 12,595 points, and a 218.54 average.

# **SOUTH REGION**



Steve Taylor and Zachary Tackett

Player of the Year: Zachary Tackett, Virginia Beach, Va.

Rookie of the Year: Pete Vergos, Apopka, Fla.

Senior Player of the Year: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla.

Pat Patterson: not awarded

The Player of the Year battle between Zachary Tackett and Nate Garcia extended deep into the regional season. Each player won three titles and earned four top-five finishes. Tackett led in points 14,865-14,645, while Garcia led in earnings \$15,670-\$15,625. In the end, Tackett's 225.05 average to Garcia's 216.54 earned him the POY nod.

Pete Vergos notched 11 cashes in 13 events while averaging over 213.

The legendary Walter Ray Williams Jr. added three titles to his résumé in the South Region, dominating the region in points and earnings.



# **SOUTHWEST REGION**



Tony Lanning, Tony Franklin and Andres Villarreyna

Player of the Year: Deo Benard, Roanoke, Texas Rookie of the Year: Andres Villarreyna, Port Arthur, Texas Senior Player of the Year: Tony Franklin, Frisco, Texas Pat Patterson: Allan Smith, Copperas Cove, Texas

Twenty-year-old Deo Benard racked up four wins while leading the region with 14,740 points and \$16,985 in earnings. Andres Villarreyna led all first-year players in points and earnings and was the lone rookie to win a title in the Southwest.

Aided by a title and a region-best 6,570 points, Franklin emerged from a crowded Southwest PBA50 POY race against Mike Bailey, Chris Barnes and Rick Benard.

# **WEST REGION**



Josh Blanchard, Cortez Schenck, Rick Meneley, Nickolas Freiberg and Lanndyn Carnate

Player of the Year: Cortez Schenck, Phoenix, Ariz Rookie of the Year: Nickolas Freiberg, Sparks, Nev. Senior Player of the Year: Rick Meneley, Santa Maria, Calif.

Pat Patterson: Lanndyn Carnate, Redding, Calif.

Schenck elevated from West ROY in 2022 to West POY in 2023. Schenck, the 2023 PBA Tour Rookie of the Year, led the West with \$11,675 in earnings and two titles.

Though Meneley did not record a win in 2023, he finished top 10 in each of his final eight events and led the region with \$9,400 in earnings.

Freiberg led first-year West players in earnings and top-five finishes.

# **NORTHWEST REGION**



Josh Blanchard, Michael Kennedy, Erik Seholm, Clay Rees and Jake Peters

Player of the Year: Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev. Rookie of the Year: Clay Rees, Lehi, Utah

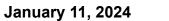
Senior Player of the Year: Michael Kennedy, Bonney Lake, Wash.

Pat Patterson: Eric Seholm, Bellingham, Wash.

It was a dominant season for Jake Peters and Michael Kennedy in the Northwest as each led their division in points, earnings and average.

Clay Rees led first-year players in points, earnings, average and top-five finishes.







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# **Dombrowski** continued from page 1

Dombrowski opened the door for Foy to steal the match with a strike and spare in his final frame. However, Foy split and kept Dombrowski's title defense alive.

In the finals, both Dombrowski and Vergos, who was named the PBA South Region Rookie of the Year this season, started slow.

Dombrowski split in the first frame, while Vergos opened in the first and third frames. But both players matched each other strike for strike down the stretch.

After Vergos struck on his final four shots, Dombrowski found himself in the same position as last year: Strike or go home.

"This is what all the practice you've been doing is for. It's time to shine," Dombrowski said. "The practice paid off."

Dombrowski earned the \$15,000 first-place prize and his 11th career PBA Regional Tour title.

### **MATCH PLAY RESULTS**

### **Championship Match**

Patrick Dombrowski def. Pete Vergos, 237-222

### **Semifinals**

Dombrowski def. Tim Foy Jr., 236-220 Vergos def. Jake Rollins, 255-231

## **Round of Eight**

Dombrowski def. Michael Davidson, 2-0 (197-180, 209-200) Tim Foy Jr. def. PJ Haggerty, 2-1 (254-205, 266-257, 244-209) Vergos def. Michael Schlabach, 2-1 (186-176, 207-219, 244-229) Jake Rollins def. Deo Benard, 2-0 (238-229, 213-211)

# Round of 12

PJ Haggerty def. Cory Hersha, 2-0 (242-175, 254-192) Dombrowski def. Alex Cavagnaro, 2-0 (247-222, 268-172) Rollins def. Eric Jones, 2-0 (249-238, 213-194) Schlabach def. Wesley Low Jr., 2-0 (226-210, 222-216)

# Round of 16

Schlabach def. Kris Koeltzow, 2-0 (231-172, 254-211) Jones def. Samuel DeWitt III, 2-0 (247-241, 241-179) Cavagnaro def. Christopher Tuholski, 2-1 (179-141, 166-170, 198-166) Hersha def. Clay Rees, 2-0 (203-185, 212-170)

# **FINAL STANDINGS**

Patrick Dombrowski, \$15,000 Pete Vergos, \$10,000 Tim Foy Jr., \$5,000 Jake Rollins, \$5,000 Michael Davidson, \$3,000 Deo Benard, \$3,000 PJ Haggerty, \$3,000 Michael Schlabach, \$3,000



More information is available <u>here</u>.

# **Ron Skoller** continued from page 3

The social benefits he gathers, Ron says, are key to his progress in holding the line on Parkinson's, whether it's from golfing, bowling or his three-days-a-week boxing class.

Asked what advice he would give if someone was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's, he said: "Elicit the support of your closest people because they will always be there for you. The support you need is not always financial . . . . It's the social contacts."

As for his own current status with Parkinson's, Ron says: "I don't know what tomorrow will bring, but I'm dealing pretty well with it."





# LELA BONNEAU is "Bowler of The Week

by Frank Weiler



REDLANDS – Lela Bonneau is "Bowler of The Week" and a strong candidate for "Bowler of The Year". What does it take to be "Bowler of The Week" and why has Lela been selected "Bowler of The Week"?

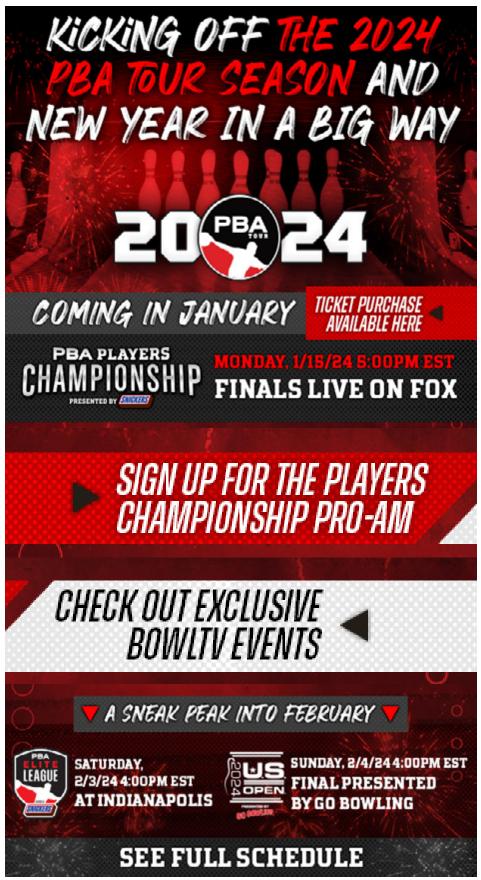
A bowler is selected "Bowler of The Week" based on his/her contributions to our sport and the rolling of a significant bowling score.

Why is Lela Bonneau this weeks "Bowler of The Week"? First of all she is a TEAM PLAYER. She is a positive influence on everyone around her. She is particularly supportive of her bowling teammates looking for ways to help them and always encouraging them. Lela loves the sport of Bowling and competing. She competes in several leagues and is a regular in local tournaments. Also, Lela likes to compete in USBC National Tournaments.

Second, Lela is lighting up the scoreboard in two leagues this season. She is carrying the high average for women in several Senior Leagues including a 191 in the Monday Doubles League. She is regularly rolling scratch 600 series with two 671s this season. Her recent 671 (244-212-215) is a league high. Lela used her Phaze II to bowl her big scores.

Lela wants to thank her husband Ron for his support and a special thanks to her teammate Corky DeMaio for his coaching. In her own words: "Since bowling with Corky my bowling game has really come alive. He has me using the right equipment and taught me how to read the lanes."

Congratulations to LELA BONNEAU for her great bowling and high scoring. She is another example of why "CALIFORNIA BOWLERS ARE THE BEST BOWLERS IN THE WORLD".



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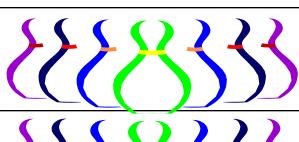
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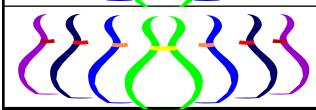
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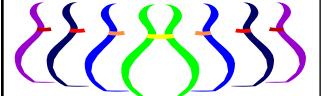
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by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the second week of the new 3rd round pattern after taking a couple weeks off for the holidays. Bowlers continued on the 50' long oil, medium volume pattern with their arsenals tweaked after considering their first week experience on the pattern. Scoring was big as the pattern fell victim to the strong equipment and solid lane play.

In the "A" match, **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) took on **Threadworks** (Eric Snow) with both teams coming off pretty solid scoring efforts in week one. Cal Bowl was unaware they would be short-handed and needed to take a 162 blind for the night. Threadworks snuck out the first game 792-790 but it was Cal Bowl closing the door on two nail-biters 727-720 and 843-821 for the 4-1 win. Eric Snow was again tough for Threadworks with a solid 671 series while Leonard Ruiz Jr. led the Cal Bowl team with a 653 effort.

The "B" match featured second-round winners **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) taking on **Del Rio Lanes** (Jonathan Huezo) who both logged sweeps in week one, though with much different score totals. Bowlium took the first two game then dropped a heartbreaker 888-883 for a 4-1 win. Arnold Cheesman was huge for Bowlium with a 715 while Marquan Rivers paced Del Rio Lanes with a strong 710 series.

Forest Lanes (Jon Diso) was the low of the 5-0 teams taking on **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) who were the high of the 4-1 teams with a huge 2545 effort in week one. US Foods kept the momentum going with a 5-0 sweep of Forest Lanes led by Gabriel Martinez' huge 795 series. JT Diso paced Forest Lanes with a 626 set.

Pro Approach Del Rio (Eric Daniels) took on Pro
Approach Oak Tree (John Struckman) with the Del
Rio guys a game ahead at 4-1 even though the 3-2
Oak Tree bunch outscored them by nearly 400 pins on

was taken by Arnold Cheesman (280) for \$120 with 2nd to Kasey Uyesugi (259) for \$60. One bowler fell one frame short so the Clean-30 will carry-over to next week.

week one. Pro Approach Oak Tree took advantage of a short-handed Del Rio squad for a 5-0 sweep. The Silva brothers were solid with Scott's 645 and David's 618 series to lead Oak Tree while Anthony Bourges paced Del Rio with a 589 set.

iColor Printing (Javier Hernandez) took on Forever Hope Foundation (Vern Adams) with Forever Hope looking to avenge a terrible draw on week one. Forever Hope Foundation did just that with a 5-0 sweep of iColor Printing. Javier Hernandez paced iColor Printing with a 548 set while Vernon Adams was solid for Forever Hope Foundation with a 605 series.

**Touchstone Homes** (Christian Eickelkraut) met **DV8** (David Cogswell) with DV8 looking to get some points after a high-scoring sweep on week one. DV8 came back strong after week one taking a 4-1 win over Touchstone Homes. Anthony Rieger led Touchstone with a 602 set while David Cogswell was solid for DV8 with a 630 series.

Junior Amateur Tour (Kevin Valmonte), Family Ties (Mikey Villarreal), Westminster Lanes (Jonathan Gale) and Pro Approach Keystone (William Morris) rounded out the night's action. Family Ties took 4 from Junior Amateur Tour led by Vince Duarte's 637 set. Anthony Santos paced Junior Amateur Tour with a 625 series. Westminster Lanes took a 4-1 result over Pro Approach Keystone, led by Semaj Lewis' 571 set. Aaron Law led Keystone with a 534 series.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Gabriel Martinez (289) for \$160 with 2nd to Anthony Rieger (257) for \$70. Sidepots went to Gabriel Martinez (276 and 289) for \$40 each with 2nd to Mikey Villarreal (255) and Anthony Santos (248) for \$20 each. SuperPot was taken by Arnold Cheesman (280) for \$120 with 2nd to Kasey Uyesugi (259) for \$60. One bowler fell one frame short so the Clean-30 will carry-over to next week

# **TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 2**

US Foods9	Forever Hope Foundation 6
Bowlium \$\$ 9	Del Rio Lanes 6
Cal Bowl9	Forest Lanes 5
ProApproach Oak Tree 8	Family Ties \$4
ThreadWorks6	DV84

# **TOP 10 THIS WEEK**

795 Gabriel Martinez 715 Arnold Cheesman 710 Marquan Rivers 671 Eric Snow 666 Kasey Uyesugi

653 Leonard Ruiz Jr. 645 Scott Silva 641 Ramon Torres 637 Vince Duarte 630 Mikey Villarreal

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