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The INLAND EMPIRE LADIES CLUB Year End Standings

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – It’s great to be back on the lanes. That’s what the ladies of the Inland Empire Ladies Club (IELC) tell me whenever I step into EMPIRE BOWL to watch them compete. The IELC women are grateful to be back after the world and the sport of Bowling have been shut down for more than a year.

The IELC is fun to watch. It’s a Singles Match Game League which provides the best of bowling, head-to-head competition. Each bowler competing for bonus points for winning each game bowled against an opponent.

With 2021 in the books it’s time to report the league standings:

Place	Points	Bowler	Average
1.	59.74	Lorri Scott	211
2.	53.30	Margaret Vassar	202
3.	50.54	Cari Burris	162
4.	50.25	Janis Riley	184
5.	50.10	Therese Weiler	173
6.	48.58	SueLee Santero	184
7.	48.42	Stephanie White	170
8.	47.90	Kathy Nakano	170
9.	47.46	L. Elias	150
10.	47.18	Sherley Bourland	156

The high four game scratch series of 901 (210-241-205-245) was bowled by Margaret Vassar. The high scratch game (280) was bowled by Lorri Scott.

Congratulations to all the ladies for competing and putting on the best bowling show in SoCAL’s Inland Empire. Thank you to league secretary CARI BURRIS for her assistance in providing all the data and information reported on the IELC.

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STATEMENT FROM PBA ON RESIGNATION OF CEO COLIE EDISON

by JLAUFER

The PBA announced today that CEO Colie Edison will be resigning from her position effective January 21, 2022.

“It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to lead the PBA, especially through these difficult past two years.

The resiliency, creativity, and flexibility of the PBA is truly unmatched - our ability to not only survive, but thrive, in these times is a testament to the passion and commitment of our players, fans and staff.

I am extremely proud of the work we have done to increase the visibility and awareness of the sport of bowling and know that the



organization will continue its forward momentum as the 2022 season commences.

I thank everyone in the bowling community for their unwavering support over the past decade and

look forward to sharing news of my next steps in the weeks to come,” said Colie Edison.

The PBA will continue to be run by its senior leadership team including Commissioner Tom Clark,

Vice President Carissa Del Bene, COO Lev Ekster, Senior Director of Regional Tournaments Michelle Terrell and National Tournament Director John Weber. A successor to Edison has yet to be named.

CARLOS GRANADOS WINS 2022 PBA REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL

Defeats Joe Bailey to earn the Walter Ray Williams Jr. trophy and a berth in the 2022 PBA King of the Lanes series

by Jef Goodger

LAS VEGAS — Carlos Granados, who two days ago was named the PBA South Region Rookie of the Year, won the 2022 PBA Regional Players Invitational for his first PBA Regional title. Granados defeated Joe Bailey in the championship match, 228-211, at South Point Bowling Plaza.

With the match close going into the ninth frame, Granados left a 4-6-10 split, nearly handing the match to Bailey. Granados then converted the split, bouncing the 6 pin off the side wall



and into the 10 pin, which then went across to take out the 4 pin.

“I haven’t ever made

that in my life,” said Granados. “I just threw it as hard as I could and hoped for a lucky bounce.”

The conversion kept Granados in the lead. When Bailey finished with 211, continued on page 2



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Regional Players Invitational

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Granados needed a mark to win and struck on his first shot to secure the victory.

As the No. 4 seed following 16 games of qualifying, Granados earned a bye into the best-of-three round of 16, in which he eliminated Brandon Runk, two games to one. Granados then took out Tom Adcock, 2-0, in the round of eight, and No. 1 seed Graham Fach, 267-237, in the one-game semifinals.

In addition to the Walter Ray Williams Jr. trophy and the \$20,000 first prize, Granados also earned a spot in the 2022 PBA King of the Lanes series taking place later this year.

Granados, originally from Venezuela and now living in Orlando, Fla., will next compete in the PBA Players Championship South Region qualifying taking place January 15 and 16.

“I plan to go full-time on the national tour this year and see what I can make of it,” he said.

PBA RPI RESULTS
South Point Bowling Plaza – Las Vegas

Round of 32 (Best of Five)
No. 32 Tom Hess def. No. 17 Eugene McCune, 3-0
No. 24 Tom Baker def. No. 25 Mike Eaton Jr., 3-2
No. 28 Matt Taylor def. No. 21 Dimitri Cruz, 3-2
No. 20 Brandon Runk def. No. 29 Matt Zweig, 3-0
No. 18 Michael Fitzgerald def. No. 31 Nathan Michalowski, 3-1
No. 23 Michael Coffey def. No. 26 Bob Rosenau, 3-1
No. 22 Arturo Quintero def. No. 27 David Leverage, 3-2
No. 19 Ryan Liederbach def. No. 30 Ken Yokobosky, 3-2

Round of 24 (Best of Five)
No. 16 Sean Wilcox def. No. 32 Tom Hess, 3-1
No. 9 Colin Champion def. No. 24 Tom Baker, 3-2
No. 28 Matt Taylor def. No. 12 Kyle Duster, 3-1
No. 20 Brandon Runk def. No. 13 Nick Kruml, 3-2
No. 18 Michael Fitzgerald def. No. 15 Dave Wodka, 3-0
No. 10 Michael Martell def. No. 23 Michael Coffey, 3-0
No. 22 Arturo Quintero def. No. 11 Ernest Lukacs Jr., 3-2
No. 14 Deo Benard def. No. 19 Ryan Liederbach, 3-1

Round of 16 (Best of Three)
No. 1 Graham Fach def. No. 16 Sean Wilcox, 2-0
No. 18 Michael Fitzgerald def. No. 2 Patrick Dombrowski, 2-0
No. 3 Joe Bailey def. No. 14 Deo Benard, 2-0
No. 4 Carlos Granados def. No. 20 Brandon Runk, 2-1
No. 5 Tom Adcock def. No. 28 Matt Taylor, 2-1
No. 6 David Krol def. No. 22 Arturo Quintero, 2-0
No. 7 PJ Haggerty def. No. 10 Michael Martell, 2-1
No. 8 JR Raymond def. No. 9 Colin Champion, 2-1

Round of 8 (Best of Three)
No. 4 Carlos Granados def. No. 5 Tom Adcock, 2-0
No. 18 Michael Fitzgerald def. No. 7 PJ Haggerty, 2-1
No. 1 Graham Fach def. No. 8 JR Raymond, 2-1
No. 3 Joe Bailey def. No. 6 David Krol, 2-1

Semifinals (Single Game)
No. 4 Carlos Granados def. No. 1 Graham Fach, 267-237
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The PBA Year In Review

by Dave Williams

I always enjoy reading Jef Goodger’s column in the International Bowlers Journal Magazine. He has a way with words that is reminiscent of the immortal Chuck Pezzano. While Pezzano was a master at using antonyms and homonyms, Goodger is by far the ultimate writer in the realm of the bowling world when it comes to double entendre (aka, a word or phrase with two different meanings, one often humorous).

Goodger also writes news releases for the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). It must be difficult for Jef to contain himself as he sticks to the subject and writes within the parameters of the more stoic nomenclature of the PBA. Such was the case in his most recent article posted on the PBA website, the “2021 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour Season in Review.”

One of the things that I found most refreshing about Jef’s recap of the 2021 season was an acknowledgment of the leading money winners, a fact that was sometimes completely omitted from news releases during the year. Or was this another of Goodger’s subtle uses of double entendre? No matter, because it was effective, and refreshing to finally see a listing of the leaders in tournament earnings.

To no one’s surprise, Kyle Troup was the runaway leader with a record total of \$496,900. That was \$126,570 more than his closest competitor, Canada’s own Francois Lavoie, with a second place haul of \$370,330. Lavoie’s total was \$172,930 ahead of the number three professional, Tom Daugherty, with \$197,400 in earnings. To say that Troup and Lavoie dominated the 2021 PBA Tour season is neither an antonym or homonym, and certainly not double entendre... it’s a self-evident statement of fact!

A Capacity For Recognizing Talent

I have always prided myself in an ability to recognize bowling talent. The first time that I noticed this ability was when I witnessed Dave Husted as an eighteen year old practicing at an AMF bowling facility in Portland, Oregon. The crack of the pins when the ball hit the pocket made your head spin. I said to myself, “That young man will one day be a star on the PBA Tour.”

Looking back on Goodger’s 2021 season in review article, I could not help but notice that my ability to pick ‘em must still be with me, as I penned articles way back in March about Troup (“Kyle Troup - A Chip Off The Old Block”) and Lavoie (“Francois Lavoie, The Face-Masked Crusader of Bowling”). I followed up with another article about Lavoie in April (“Face-Masked Crusader of Bowling Wins Again... Without a Mask”).

It could be a coincidence that I chose to write about those two bowling super stars so early in the year, but I like to think that I still have that gift of recognizing exceptional talent when I see it. Speaking of coincidence, I also wrote an article about the number four money winner, Anthony Simonsen, although it was much later in the year (“The Coincidence of Interest Between Anthony Simonsen and Billy Hardwick”). Those were the only articles that I wrote focusing on current PBA stars, so I guess you could say that I can still pick ‘em.

It should be noted that I did write one other story about the current PBA Tour, but it was my annual drubbing of the format employed in the PBA Strike Derby that was published in July (“PBA Strike Derby Still Did Not Impress”). That’s no offense to Andrew Anderson, who admitted practicing the format in his home alleys in Holly, Michigan. Kudos to you, Andrew!

The Most Valuable Player

While Kyle Troup most definitely earned the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award, I can’t help but mention the fact that the Most Valuable Player in the PBA is a woman - Colie Edison, the CEO of the PBA, who also doubles as the Chief Customer Officer for Bowlero Corporation, owners of the PBA.

What the PBA has done under Edison’s leadership in the past two years of COVID-uncertainty is phenomenal. I first wrote about Colie’s incredible determination in April of 2020: “On March 12, 2020, most of the sports world came to a grinding halt when both the National Basketball Association (NBA) and Major League Baseball (MLB) announced cancellation of their games ‘until further notice.’ Then on March 15, 2020, the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) not only elected to move forward with the televised finals of the PBA World Championship from Las Vegas, but they added a cool \$100,000 to the televised finals purse, making the first place prize \$150,000!”

Wow. That’s leadership. Edison then elected to broadcast most of the remaining events from Florida, where the COVID-hysteria had strangely not affected the economy or human psyche. Her actions reminded me of PBA Hall of Fame member Frank Esposito, as I mentioned in an article a month later: “All of the demonstrations will take place in the same location, Bowlero Lanes in Jupiter, Florida. This was another of Esposito’s recommendations, where an entire campaign could be filmed in a weekend and then spread out over an entire season to save costs. Many of Esposito’s ideas remain relevant today from the early days of the PBA, which is most likely why he was one of the original eight members enshrined in the PBA Hall of Fame. Take a bow, Colie Edison — Frank Esposito would be proud of what you have done.”

In 2022 an incredible 29 telecasts are to be aired on either Fox or Fox Sports 1 (FS1). There has to be a reason for all of this success, and I think that it’s Colie Edison.

2021 PBA Tour Leading Money Winners

1. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, NC, \$496,900
2. Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, QC, \$370,000
3. Tom Daugherty, Riverview, FL, \$197,400
4. Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, TX, \$188,325
5. Dick Allen, Lexington, SC, \$151,365
6. Chris Via, Springfield, OH, \$125,210
7. Sam Cooley, Shellharbour, NSW, \$122,815
8. Jakob Butturff, Chandler, AZ, \$111,850
9. Jesper Svensson, Vimmerby, SE, \$102,100
10. Kris Prather, Plainfield, IL, \$91,080



(l-r) Kyle Troup and Colie Edison - PBA Photo

STOP PRESS - COLIE EDISON RESIGNS FROM PBA

As I was putting the finishing touches to this article, I noticed another post on the PBA website from January 6th, announcing the resignation of Colie Edison from the PBA, effective January 21, 2022. “It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to lead the PBA, especially through these difficult past two years,” stated Edison. “I thank everyone in the bowling community for their unwavering support over the past decade and look forward to sharing news of my next steps in the weeks to come.”

We can only hope that Colie plans to remain with Bowlero in some capacity. Perhaps she will be sharing news of her appointment as President or CEO of Bowlero in the weeks to come? To be continued...



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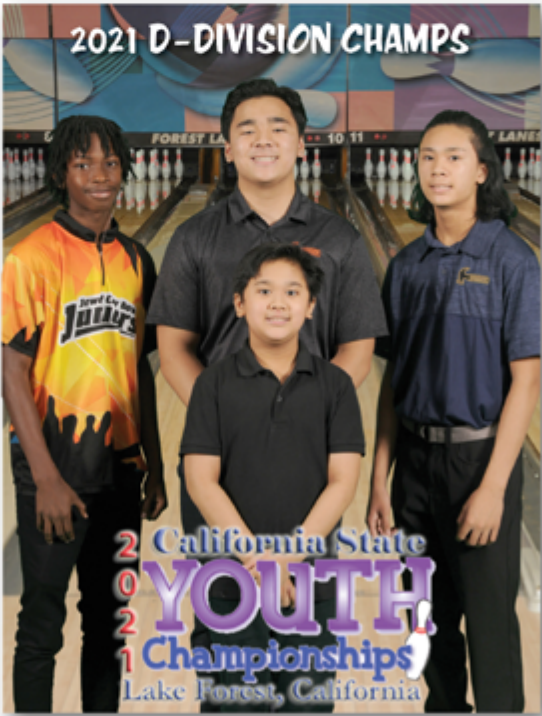
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 2022	6:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship South Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 2022	4:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship Midwest Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 2022	6:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
MONDAY, JANUARY 24 2022	7:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship West Region Finals LIVE	FS1
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 2022	8:30PM EST	PBA Players Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 2022	5:00PM EST	U.S. Open LIVE BROADCAST.....	FS1
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 2022	6:30PM EST	THE PBA STORM CUP: David Small's Kokomo Open LIVE	FloBowling
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 2022	1:00PM EST	PBA Tournament of Champions Finals LIVE	FOX
SUNDAY, MARCH 6 2022	12:00PM EST	WSOB PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 2022	1:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA World Championship Finals LIVE.....	FOX
MONDAY, MARCH 14 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Cheetah Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
TUESDAY, MARCH 15 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Scorpion Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Shark Championship Finals LIVE.....	FS1
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SUNDAY, MARCH 20 2022	4:30PM EDT	THE PBA STORM CUP: Lubbock Sports Open LIVE.....	FloBowling
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 2022	8:30PM EDT	THE PBA STORM CUP: Colorado Springs Open.....	FloBowling
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 2022	1:00PM EDT	USBC Masters LIVE	FOX
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	2:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
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SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals.....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 1 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals.....	FS1
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INVITATIONAL

Bowlers Settle In On 3rd Round Condition

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY- The Brunswick Invitational hit the lanes for week two of the longer third-round pattern. Three teams who started perfect last week were looking to extend their 5-0 starting records.

In the “A” match, Cal Bowl and Junior Amateur Tour who were just two pins apart with their sets last week put their 5-0 records on the line. Cal Bowl took the first game by 27 despite a late charge by JAT but it was their second game 174 pin win that buried JAT for totals. JAT came back to take the third game for a 1-4 loss. Leonard Ruiz Jr. was high for Cal Bowl with a 592 set while Kevin Valmonte managed 544 to lead JAT.

In the “B” match, it was the other 5-0 team league-leaders Forever Hope Foundation were taking on second-round winners Bowlium. The league-leaders continued their fantastic bowling as they swept through Bowlium 5-0. Joe Smith went big for Forever Hope with a 635 set while Arnold Cheesman managed 591 to pace Bowlium.

Westminster Lanes and Family Ties were the middle of the 4-1 teams matched up. The night was all Family Ties as Stephanie Zavala converted a 2-10 split for the 4-pin Game 1 win, which gave them the momentum for the sweep. Mikey Villarreal was huge for Family Ties with a 691 set while Jamie Ferry hit 600 on the nose for Westminster Lanes.

Professional Approach Pro Shop and TDI Refrigeration were the low of the 4-1 teams matched up in the 7-8 set. TDI Refrigeration came out with the first

game win but it was all Professional Approach from there for the 4-1 win. Bryan Osborn went huge for Professional Approach with a 638 set while Preston Epps led TDI Refrigeration with a 518 series.

US Foods and Team Hu\$tle were the high of the 1-4 teams. US Foods put up a huge 876 in the first game to get the night started, but Team Hu\$tle came back for the game two win but dropped game three and totals. US Foods takes the 4-1 win led by Kasey Uyesugi’s 623 set while sub Vince Duarte paced Team Hu\$tle with a 573 set.

California Timberline and WBPI were looking to bounce back after their 1-4 starts last week. California Timberline came out strong, taking the first game by 80 then rolling to a 5-0 sweep of WBPI. Gary Duran led a consistent California Timberline with a 562 set while Adrial Pelayo paced WBPI with a 532 series.

Bowling Guys, DV8, Threadworks and Forest Lanes rounded out the matches on Monday. DV8 took 4 from Bowling Guys paced by Scott Smith’s 590 set while Forest Lanes took a 4-1 win over Threadworks led by Jon Diso’s 583 set. Bobby Campagnale led Bowling Guys with a 551 set and Threadworks was paced by Eric Snow’s 566.

The Financial Advisor’s pot was hit by Leonard Ruiz Jr. (246) for \$160 and 2nd to Mikey Villarreal (234) for \$70. Sidepots went to Joe Smith (247) and Leonard Ruiz Jr. (246) for \$38 each with 2nd place to Kasey Uyesugi (240) and Mikey Villarreal (234) for

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 3			
Forever Hope Foundation\$ 10	California Timberline	.. 6	
Cal Bowl	U.S. Foods	5	
Family Ties	TDI Refrigeration	5	
Junior Amateur Tour ..	Bowlum \$\$	4	
Professional Approach 6	Westminster Lanes.	4	

TOP 10 THIS WEEK			
Mikey Villarreal	691	Gary Duran	610
Bryan Osborne	638	Gabriel Martinez	603
Joe Smith	635	Jaime Ferry	600
Kasey Uyesugi	623	Leonard Ruiz Jr	592
Charlie Kinstler	613	Vernon Adams	592

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