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## Southern California Junior Grand Championships Wrap Up \$173,300 In Scholarship Awards

*Tristan Perham, Christopher Koehler, Aiden Starr and Travis Ward Take Titles*

by David Yamauchi

LAKEWOOD – The Bowling Proprietors of Southern California hosted the finale to the Summer Shoot-out series of scholarship events at Cal Bowl this weekend.

The Southern California Junior Grand Championships saw 129 junior bowlers take the lanes with their eyes on some big scholarship money.

The tournament consisted of three 5-game blocks contested on three distinct patterns. Block A was a 35' light volume pattern, Block B was a 47' medium volume long pattern and Block C was a 40' Challenge pattern.

The finals were contested on a different 40' Challenge pattern. The bowlers' skills were definitely tested on the challenge of the low-ratio conditions. Scholarship money was awarded to every participant, with the top-5 bowlers earning an amount for their qualifying position, as well as an amount for their finishing position, putting more weight on the achievement of the 15-games of qualifying.

**In the A Division** (Bowlers over 185 average), after 15 games of qualifying, the Top-5 rollofs were set with Daniel Hong at +336, Brandon Rother at +297, Tristan Perham at +206, Bryce Nakunz at +176 and Kaven Massey taking the last spot at +73. Evan Magsino was just 2 pins shy finishing in 6th for a \$900 scholarship. In the stepladder finals, (4) Bryce Nakunz d. (5) Kaven Massey 217-140, (3) Tristan

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**A Division – Champion Tristan Perham, 2nd Daniel Hong, 3rd Brandon Rother and 4th Bryce Nakunz.**



**B Division – Champion Christopher Koehler, 2nd Joshua Yamauchi, 3rd Eddie Torres, 4th Noah Chargualaf and 5th Dylan Ingram.**



**C Division – Champion Aiden Starr, 2nd Cameron Peterson, 3rd Neel Kankariya, 4th Sierra Terry and 5th Kaili Purugganan.**



**D Division – Champion Travis Ward, 2nd Joseph Stanley, 3rd AJ Holland, 4th Madison Rodriguez and 5th Johanna Earle.**



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# PBA Tour Finals Returns to CBS Sports Network for 2024, 2025

**A two-year media rights extension keeps the superstar-filled PBA Tour Finals on CBS Sports Network**

RICHMOND, VA — The PBA and CBS Sports Network have agreed to a two-year media rights extension to continue televising the PBA Tour Finals in 2024 and 2025.

The 2024 PBA Tour Finals will be held June 8-9 at Steel City Bowl and Brews in Bethlehem, Pa. Each event will consist of nine hours of live bowling on CBS Sports Network.

“CBS Sports Network delivers one of our most action-packed weekends every year with the PBA Tour Finals,” said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. “We are excited to continue building upon this relationship over the next two years.”

The top eight PBA Tour players, as determined by competition points earned over the previous two seasons, qualify for the PBA Tour Finals. Points can be earned during the 2024 season through April’s PBA Tournament of Champions.

The format rewards the PBA Tour’s premier players, who annually produce historic performances at the PBA Tour Finals.

During last season’s event, Jason Belmonte rolled a perfect 300 game for the second consecutive year while becoming the first player to record three career televised perfect games in their career.

Kyle Troup, who also shot a perfect game in the 2022 Tour Finals, won the 2023 event for his 10th career PBA Tour title.

Qualifying rounds for the 2024 PBA Tour Finals will take place on June 8, with the players divided into two groups based on their seeding.

On June 9, each group will compete in a stepladder to determine the two finalists. The championship match will air following the group stepladders.

Select highlights will be available on @PBATour social handles across Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.

### Past PBA Tour Finals Winners

- 2023 – Kyle Troup
- 2022 – Jason Belmonte
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# A FUTURE FOR THE SPORT

## 2023 RECAP, 2024 PREVIEW

by Chad Murphy, USBC Executive Director

Hi there, hope everyone is safe and healthy as we head into 2024. 2023 was a banner year for USBC at all levels.

Let’s start with the membership, where we continue to see a growth trend.

- 2020-2021 - 850,669 members
- 2021-2022 - 1,053,129 (23.8% increase)
- 2022-2023 - 1,093,909 (4% increase)

The data here is exciting. Now as we start 2024, USBC’s membership growth is looking like more than just a bounce back from COVID-19. We saw more new bowlers (8% increase) this past season compared to historical trends.

Congratulations to everyone in the field that has continued to commit to league bowling. I have consistently said that USBC membership nationally is a reflection of the efforts locally. Thanks to all for the outstanding work.

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# Johnny Petraglia Deserves A Lifetime Community Service Award

by Dave Williams

A recent article by Nolan Hughes at the pba.com website caught my eye when I learned that Johnny Petraglia would be receiving the 2023 Community Service Award. I guess my first reaction was... What took so long? The award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational contributions over the course of a PBA season.

The award has been in existence since 2013, and I was surprised to see in the list of recipients that Petraglia has never won. My immediate thought is that the PBA should create another award that exemplifies those same contributions over a career, and then just give it to Petraglia every year!

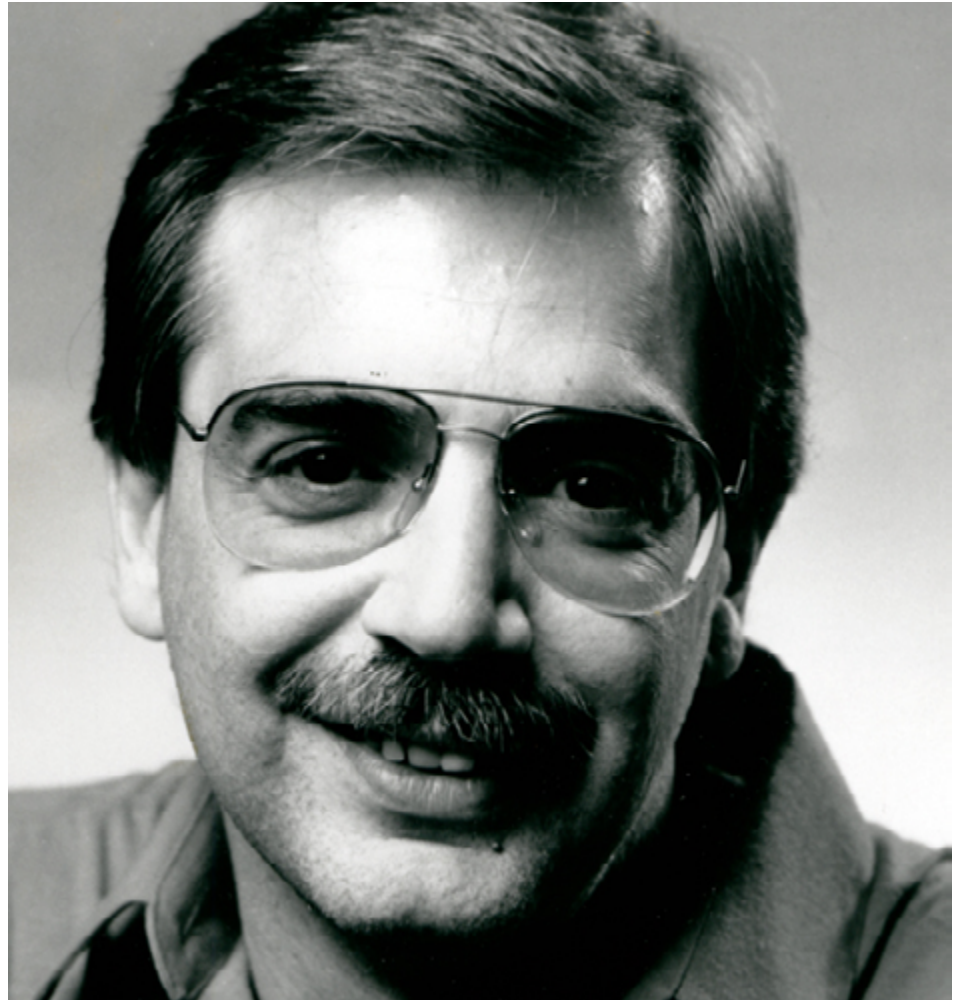
What Johnny has done in his career, both on and off the lanes, is a textbook model for any professional athlete to follow. I remember meeting him for the first time while I was still in high school, in 1968. He had just returned from Vietnam and was doing an exhibition at Fairfield Bowl, near Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California.

Word came in the form of a flier at L & L Lanes in Sebastopol, and one of the parents asked if we would like to go with him to see this young pro bowler. There were four of us that jumped at the chance, and we made the two hour trip, cutting directly across the state on some back roads to Fairfield. I'm sure those roads are all engulfed with vineyards now.

The 40 lane Fairfield Bowl was packed for the Petraglia event. I'm not sure if it was because he had just returned from Vietnam, or because of the close proximity to Travis Air Force Base, or just what it was, but the place was completely filled with bowlers and onlookers for the better part of a day. It was set up like a Pro-Am event, but the only real star that I remember seeing was Johnny, along with a number of top local pros and semi-professionals that were paired with amateurs on each pair of lanes.

At one point Petraglia did roll a three game match against the top bowler in the area, Reno Soucy, who had rolled a sanctioned 868 in league play at Fairfield Bowl, which was among the highest series in the history of bowling; that is, until the limited distance dressing rule changed everything in 1988.

Johnny Petraglia is now approaching 60 years as a member of the PBA, with 14 career titles. His best years came in 1994, when the 47 year old rolled a perfect 300 game on national television, valued at \$100,000; and in 1971, when he was embroiled with Don Johnson in a battle for the top spot in earnings on the



Johnny Petraglia

PBA Tour. Both Petraglia and Johnson broke the former single season earnings record, but it was Johnny coming out on top with total earnings of \$85,065 (Johnson's total was \$81,349).

Many of Petraglia's years on the tour were lean in terms of tournament earnings, but he always had Brunswick there to back him up. One of the greatest things that ever happened to Johnny was the LT-48 Bowling Ball which carried his signature. The ball was actually developed by Lou Trier, a chemist, at the age of 48 (three years later he developed the LT-51 with another staffer, Tommy Hudson, providing his signature).

Jim Mailander was the product manager in those years at Brunswick, and he later came to work for AMF as an acquisitions manager, where he had the office right next to mine. Jim would often joke at lunchtime about how he made Petraglia a very wealthy man because under the terms of the agreement, Johnny received a 50 cent royalty on every ball sold. Hudson also received the same 50 cent royalty, but the LT-51 never enjoyed the popularity of the LT-48.

Hughes reports in his article that Petraglia has worked countless hours with military veterans and helped to raise millions of dollars through his work with Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL), a charity dedicated to funding recreation therapy programs for veterans. Here's an interesting excerpt from the Hughes piece:

*Petraglia said his inspiration began shortly after returning home in 1968. He said a group of United States senators organized one athlete from every sport to visit patients in Veterans Health Administration (VA) hospitals. As the least heralded athlete, Petraglia said they paired him with perhaps the most prominent athlete in attendance — Jesse Owens.*

*"I learned so much from him in those couple of days about how to talk to the patients, especially the patients in intensive care wards," Petraglia said. "He was just this wonderful and gentle man and he knew exactly how to talk to everybody. He really inspired me. I found out about the BVL soon after and thought to myself that I've got to stick with this and do what I can."*

In November, Petraglia celebrated his 50th year working with BVL. The organization has raised more than \$56 million supporting veterans by funding recreation therapy programs, clinics and community based counseling centers since their inception in 1942. In addition to his work with BVL, Petraglia said that he also coaches youth bowlers and helps them to earn college scholarships. There's even a scholarship bearing his name in partnership with the Bowl4Life foundation.

What an amazing man, and story...

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- Tournament of Champions photo provided by pba.com



Johnny Petraglia, moments after winning a third consecutive televised PBA event, the Tournament of Champions (1971)



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# TOBY LEE Is "Bowler of The Week"

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Toby Lee 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 Toby Lee 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 Toby Lee this weeks "Bowler of The Week"? First of all, Toby is a great guy and a positive influence on everyone around him. He is particularly supportive of his bowling teammates. He loves the sport of Bowling and competing. He competes in many leagues and is a regular in local tournaments. He also has competed in the 2021 and 2023 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters Championship.

Second, Toby rolled a season high series of 804 (280 – 265 – 259) in Empire Bowl's NFL League. "HOLY COW". But that's not all. Toby started the season leading the NFL League league with a **253 average** after the first month of bowling. He currently is still close to averaging 240. Toby rolled series of 767, 804 and 710 to start the season. Then rolled a perfect 300 game in Foothill Lane's Laughlin River Gamblers League. His series that night was 691.

Toby used his Roto Grip RST-XI bowling ball to roll his 804 series. He used his Storm Fate to roll his 300 game. By the way, Toby is a senior bowler, showing that older guys can bowl.

Congratulations to Toby Lee for his great bowling and high scoring. He is another example of why "CALIFORNIA BOWLERS ARE THE BEST BOWLERS IN THE WORLD".



**Toby Lee**

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Perham d. Bryce Nakunz 185-152, and Tristan Perham d. (2) Brandon Rother 225-176. This set up the Championship Match between (1) Daniel Hong and (3) Tristan Perham. Tristan Perham had control of the match with a 10th frame split keeping the score close as he took the title 188-186. Kaven Massey earns \$1500 for 5th, Bryce Nakunz \$2000 for 4th, Brandon Rother \$2750 for 3rd, Daniel Hong \$3500 for 2nd and Tristan Perham \$3250 for the win.

**In the B Division** (averages 161-185), after 15 games of qualifying, it was Christopher Koehler leading the pack at -146, followed by Eddie Torres -215, Noah Chargualaf -239, Dylan Ingram -239 and Joshua Yamauchi at -243. In the finals, (5) Joshua Yamauchi d. (4) Dylan Ingram 186-160, Joshua Yamauchi d. (3) Noah Chargualaf 148-126, Joshua Yamauchi d. (2) Eddie Torres 186-171 to set up the Championship Match of (1) Christopher Koehler vs. Joshua Yamauchi. The match was close until a stone-8 derailed Joshua Yamauchi's comeback as Christopher Koehler struck out to a 222-172 win. Dylan Ingram earns \$1750 for 5th, Noah Chargualaf \$2250 for 4th, Eddie Torres \$2750 for 3rd, Joshua Yamauchi \$2250 for 2nd and Christopher Koehler \$4000 for the win.

**In the C Division** (averages 136-160), after 15 games the leader was Cameron Peterson -489, followed by Neel Kankariya -501, Aiden Starr -550, Sierra Terry -593 and Kaili Purugganan -644. In the stepladder, (4) Sierra Terry d. (5) Kaili Purugganan 207-170, (3) Aidan Starr d. Sierra Terry 171-146, Aiden Starr d. (2) Neel Kankariya 177-144 with Aidan Starr advancing to the Championship Match against (1) Cameron Peterson. The match went down to the final frames as it was the three-seed Aiden Starr taking the title 149-138. Kaili Purugganan earns \$1000 for 5th, Sierra Terry \$1200 for 4th, Neel Kankariya \$1550 for 3rd, Cameron Peterson \$2100 for 2nd and Aiden Starr \$1950 for the win.

**In the D Division** (135 and under), it came down to the 15th game as Johanna Earle took the last spot with a 142 game to hold off 6th place Connor Mazaras by 11 pins. The top-5 were Joseph Stanley -807, AJ Holland -953, Travis Ward -998, Madison Rodriguez -1005 and Johanna Earle -1006. The stepladder saw (4) Madison Rodriguez d. (5) Johanna Earle 128-119, (3) Travis Ward d. Madison Rodriguez 117-117 (Travis wins rolloff), Travis Ward d. (2) AJ Holland 151-95 sending Travis Ward into a championship showdown with top-seed Joseph Stanley. Travis Ward continued to roll as he defeated Joseph 143-121 for the title. Johanna Earle earns \$1000 for 5th, Madison Rodriguez \$1200 for 4th, AJ Holland \$1550 for 3rd, Joseph Stanley \$2100 for 2nd and Travis Ward \$1950 for the win.

Shout out to Emil Williams Jr. of BowlstreamTV for streaming the event, and special thanks to special guest commentator Mark Baker who helped with the finals. All three blocks of qualifying and the stepladder finals can be watched on YouTube on the BowlstreamTV channel.


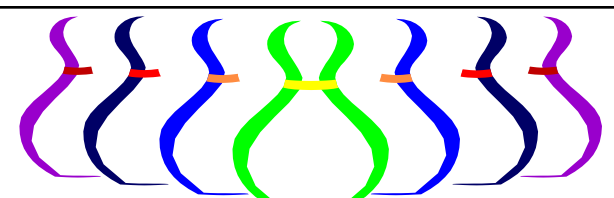
Special thanks to all the bowlers and parents for their participation in the Summer Shootout events and the Grand Championships this weekend. It was an amazing weekend of bowling for everyone involved. In all, the BCSC was able to award \$173,300 in scholarship money for these events. **Congratulations to all our winners!**

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# BEATBOX<sup>®</sup>

## 37th Year! Brunswick<sup>®</sup> INVITATIONAL

### Cal Bowl Sweeps To Leap Into The Round 3 Lead

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the third week of the new 3rd round pattern. Bowlers continued 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, **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) was looking to stay hot after a huge week 2 effort meeting up with second-round winner **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) who was coming off a 4-1 high-scoring win. US Foods took the first game by 18, but it was Bowlium closing the match off with two wins and totals for the 4-1 result. Gabriel Martinez continued to be hot for US Foods with a 610 series while Ramiro Garcia's 655 and Billy Myers Jr.'s 648 led Bowlium to the wins. Bowlium will remain in the "A" match next week sitting one game back.

The "B" match featured **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) at 9-1 matched up with 8-2 **Professional Approach Oak Tree** (John Struckman). The match was all Cal Bowl including a close 2-pin win in game two en route to the 5-0 sweep. Ramon Torres paced Cal Bowl with a 602 set while Scott Silva led Pro Approach Oak Tree with a 552 series. Cal Bowl moves to 14-1 and will be atop the "A" match next week.

**Threadworks** (Eric Snow) was looking to bounce back, matched up with **Forever Hope Foundation** (Vernon Adams) with both teams sitting at 6-4. Both teams were shorthanded for the matches with half the pair being subs. The match was all Forever Hope Foundation as they rolled to a 5-0 win over the usually tough Threadworks. Vernon Adams was huge for Forever Hope with a 676 series while Stephanie Zavala finished big for a 586 set to lead Threadworks.

**Del Rio Lanes** (Marquan Rivers) was the low of the 6-4 teams meeting 5-5 **Forest Lanes** (Jon Diso) who

was sitting at 5-5 after a sweep/got swept start. Del Rio Lanes started the night strong with a 814 game for the win but it was all Forest Lanes from there as they banked a 4-1 win. Jesse Perez led Forest Lanes with a solid 640 set while Michael Barnett was high for Del Rio Lanes with a 623 series.

First-round winners **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal), looking to stay hot after finding their shot in week two, took on **DV8** who also bounced back with 4 wins in week 2. Family Ties took the first game but it was all DV8 from there as they struck to a 4-1 win. Daniel Hong was big for DV8 with a 673 set while Mikey Villarreal again paced Family Ties with a 666 series.

**Westminster Lanes** (Jonathan Gale) and **Pro Approach Del Rio** (Eric Daniels) paired up in a battle of 4-6 teams. Westminster Lanes took the bookend games and totals for a 4-1 win over Pro Approach Del Rio. George Reister led Westminster Lanes with a 583 series while sub June Travis paced Pro Approach Del Rio with a 554 set.

**iColor Printing, Touchstone Homes, Junior Amateur Tour** and **Pro Approach Keystone Lanes** rounded out the night's action. Touchstone Homes used a big first game to hold on to totals and a 3-2 win over iColor Printing. Christian Eichelkraut led Touchstone Homes with a 8\582 set while Augie Labrado Jr. managed 550 for iColor Printing. Junior Amateur Tour took a 4-1 win over Pro Approach Keystone Lanes, Anthony Santos was huge for Junior Amateur Tour with a 684 set while Aaron Law paced Keystone with a 520 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Daniel Hong (245) for \$160 with 2nd to Jesse Perez (243) for \$70. Sidepots went to Anthony Santos (267) and Bobby Hornacek (244) for \$38 each with 2nd to JT Diso (233) for \$19 and a tie between Mikey Villarreal and Vince Duarte (236) for \$9.50 each. SuperPot went to

#### TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 3

Cal Bowl	14	DV8	8
Bowlium \$\$	13	ProApproach Oak Tree	8
Forever Hope Foundation	11	Westminster Lanes	8
US Foods	10	Del Rio Lanes	7
Forest Lanes	9	ThreadWorks	6

#### TOP 10 THIS WEEK

684 Anthony Santos	648 Billy Myers Jr.
676 Vernon Adams	640 Jesse Perez
673 Daniel Hong	624 Jon Diso
666 Mikey Villarreal	623 Michael Barnett
655 Ramiro Garcia	623 Eric Williams Jr.

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George Reister (247) for \$114 with 2nd to Christian Eichelkraut (246) for \$57.

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