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# 100 Today! <br> Simonsen, Pickiord Win Roth/Holman Doubles Championship for first PBA Tour Titles <br> \section*{Teras teenayer misses PBA recorra as youngest itile winnerty two days} 



Family and friends gathered at Keystone Lanes on Tuesday celebrating Joe Talasy's 100 birthday January 18 , for stories, food and friendship.

What "strikes" you most about Joe is his smile and quick wit. Congrats Joe! You are a winner!


#### Abstract

ager Anthony Simonsen of Princeton, Texas, and partner Connor Pickford of Charlotte, N.C., raced away from Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., and Andres Gomez of Colombia, 223173, to win their first Professional Bowlers Association Tour titles in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Storm, kicking off the PBA Tour's 2016 season.

In winning his first title, Simonsen, a two-handed player, became the secondyoungest player to win PBA Tour title, missing the record set by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in 1983 when he won the Cleveland Open at the age of 18 years, 345 days. Simonsen missed by two days.


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ARLINGTON, Texas Seven proposals involving changes to bylaws, league rules and tournament rules will be decided by delegates at the 2016 United States Bowling Congress Convention and Annual Meeting scheduled for April 26-29 at The Orleans in Las Vegas.

Among the four pro-
posals to USBC National Bylaws is a proposal to increase national dues for the first time in 10 years. The present bylaw states dues cannot exceed $\$ 10$; the proposal asks to raise the dues ceiling to $\$ 15$. Two other bylaw proposals seek to require non-merged local and non-merged state associacontinued on page 6
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## Michigan Bowler Rolls 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas
To say David Sewesky is comfortable at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth, Michigan, this season would be an understatement, as five of his last nine league games at the center have been 300 s , including three consecutive perfect games Sunday for a 900 series.
The 27-year-old from Dearborn, Michigan, struck on all 36 shots he threw during the Detroit Printcraft league Sunday
He is the 27th bowler in history, and second in Michigan, to record a perfect series. Robby Portalatin of Jackson, Michigan, rolled the fourth certified 900 in December 2000.

Sewesky's achievement
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the United States Bowling Congress and would be the 28th USBC-approved 900. The 900 series also bested his 34 -strike, 888 performance in the same league late last month. He rolled games of 300,288 and 300 on Dec. 20, with only a 10 pin and 6-10 combination keeping him from perfection.
"After the 888, a lot of people were asking me when I was going to shoot 900 ," said Sewesky, who topped the previous Metro Detroit USBC three-game record of 880 . "It's the ultimate goal when you're a bowler, but you never really think it's going to happen to you."

While his Dec. 20 per- Emocule
 during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII presented by Silver Legacy, aired Sunday on ESPN.

After earning the top berth in the Roth/Holman Doubles event during preliminary qualifying in the PBA Fall Classic in Las Ve-
and Pickford charged into game. the lead with four consecutive strikes in the Baker format (alternate frame) title match and never trailed against their more experienced opponents. Blanchard and Gomez threw back-toback strikes in the second and third frames, but those were the only two strikes
"I think we both wish it would have happened (in Las Vegas)," Simonsen said of the finals, which were delayed to accommodate PBA's television package, but sometimes you have to wait, and I think it worked out for the best
"I was originally a little
bitter about the age record," he added. If the finals had been held in Las Vegas and the team had won, Si monsen would have broken Duke's youngest titlist record. "Early in the year when I found out what the record was, I made it a mission to bowl every tournament that offered a Tour title to get the record. But missing it by two days? A tour title is a tour title, no matter when it happens.' Pickford, whose closest brush with a title came in the 2014 PBA Viper Championship when he lost in the title match to Finland's Mika Koivuniemi, said he and Simonsen both had to overcome unsettled nerves. We were both nervous...but you have to keep it down to the process," the continued on page 8

## Pennsylvania Bowler Rolls 900 Series

ARLINGTON, Texas
Dale Gerhard of Mill Hall, Pennsylvania, became the 28th bowler, and second this week, to roll three 300 games for a 900 series in United States Bowling Congress-certified competition.

Gerhard rolled 36 consecutive strikes Tuesday night during the Inter-Community league at Harvest Moon Bowling Lanes in Linden, Pennsylvania, also becoming the oldest bowler to accomplish the feat at age 59.

Mark Wukoman of Greenfield, Wisconsin (2006) and Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, North Carolina (2013) both were 50 years old when they

Gerhard's achievement is pending approval from USBC and would be the 29th USBC-approved 900. David Sewesky of Dearborn, Michigan, rolled the 28th 900 in history on Sunday.
"I saw the pins go down, and I was happy, but it didn't quite hit me right away," said Gerhard, who entered the night averaging nearly 240 this season in the Inter-Community league. "I didn't know what to do or think. I couldn't even sleep last night. You always want to do something like this, but you never think you can. You can throw the same ball 12 times and not strike every time, so there's a little bit of luck involved,
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# The 900s Are Coming Fastand Furious 

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What's with this flurry of 900 series?

It had been almost a year since a sanctioned 900 series had been recorded and then . . . poof! Two bowlers cranked out a $300-300-$ 300 series within a couple of days.

That made it 29 bowlers who have turned the trick, with the addition of David Sewesky (Jan. 10) and Dale Gerhard (Jan. 12) to this exclusive list, which is suddenly not getting so exclusive any more.

Sewesky recorded his feat in Michigan and Gerhard made his mark in Massachusetts.

Gerhard wasn't even aware of what was happening at first, which perhaps helped him along because he wasn't aware of any pressure.
"I never really concen-
by Fred Eisenhammer


Glenn Allison is typically mentioned every time a new bowler racks up a 900 series. Allison bowled a 900 series way back on July 1, 1982, but it has never been sanctioned by the United States Bowling Congress. Photo by Fred E. trated on the score," Gerhard said. "I was actually talking to my teammates every single time and when it was my time to get up, I went through my normal routine."

As for Sewesky, there was no escaping the pressure.
"It was a surreal moment. It was really quiet in the whole bowling alley, but I didn't really notice it until my last shot. It got so quiet, sitting there waiting for the ball to come back that I realized what was happening. I actually got a little nervous.
"I can't remember the last time I got nervous bowling. It got my blood pumping. I told myself that this was it. This is the only time in my life I'm going to be in this position. I better not mess up."

So the question arises once again: Now that more and more bowlers have nailed a 900 , when will the first L.A. County player record that feat?
To refresh, two bowlers have actually turned the trick from California - but they were both from Riverside County. And remember, Glenn Allison is not among those bowlers who have been granted approval for a 900
Allison's fans say he was actually the first bowler to roll a 900 , that happening on July 1, 1982 in Orange County. But the USBC has not approved his award application, citing non-complying lane conditions - a decision that has received a non-stop torrent of complaints from virtually every corner of the bowling world.

It took almost 15 years after Allison's "unofficial" 900 for anyone to score an official 900 that was approved by the USBC. Jeremy Sonnenfeld earned that distinction in Nebraska on Feb. 2, 1997.
So what about L.A.'s worthy 900 candidates?
As for now, most L.A. experts expect the first local 900 series to likely come from an elite group that includes Tim Tripp, Charles Kenny, Bryan Alpert, Johnnie Englehart, Zarcoff Boutell, Matt Jones, Paul Bober and Eddie Vandanker.

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as Robin Romeo, Michelle Silver, Kelly Gold or Alyse McCown notched L.A.'s first 900 ? That really would put L.A. on the bowling map. There has not been a woman who has recorded a 900 anywhere.

For those L.A. bowling aficionados with a long memory, they may recall that arguably the most explosive series in L.A. history was rolled four years ago.

That amazing exhibition took place on Jan. 25, 2011, and was turned in by right-hander Anthony Sharpsteen, who scorched an 888 series (289-299-300) at now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl. That series set a north Los Angeles County USBC record. According to the California Bowling News, "a packed 9 pin and two solid 7 pins kept Anthony from the elusive 900 series."

One note about Sharpsteen's memorable performance
His team lost all three games that night.


# Ben Mankoisty Still Going Strong at 96; II Fact, He's Going Stronger! 


"For anyone, just to be alive at that age is a miracle," joked Russ Gothrick, who's bowled with Mankofsky for more than a decade.

The right - handed Mankofsky, who averages 153 with his laser-like baby hook, finished last Tuesday's action with scores of 159 and 125, but he was understandably exultant about his 213. That represented his season best by 12 pins.

His career high is 279.
"He makes about 99 percent of his 10 pins," said Gothrick admiringly.

Mankofsky, who was happily indulging in french fries before his shots last week, is no latecomer to the sport. He has been bowling "since I was about 16." That would give him about an 80-year career in bowling.

He said his highlight was being part of a B'nai B'rith five-man national championship team in 1958 when he lived in Chicago.

It's not known how many active bowlers there are in their 90s. But one thing is sure: There aren't many who can bowl in the 200s like Mankofsky.

According to the United States Bowling Congress, the oldest bowler to record a sanctioned 300 was a 90 -year-old player from Fullerton. The man, whose name was withheld by his request, recorded the feat Aug. 28, 2012. The oldest woman to notch a perfect game is Ollie Harbin of Overland Park, Kan., who was 81 years ago.

Mankofsky, who has a delightful sense of humor and is a big favorite among his bowling colleagues, uses a 16pound ball - the heaviest allowed. "I've used the same ball for 40 years," said Mankofksy, who one year averaged in the 190s. He averaged 173 in the 2006-2007 season at age 87 .

To say Mankofsky is active is an understatement. In addition to his once-a-week bowling night, he still works at his drapery business, golfs and goes dancing three times a week. And he only recently stopped driving.
"I like to keep moving," said Mankofsky with a laugh. He said his goal is still to bowl a 300. "Yeah, why not?" he said. "[But] a 300 is so hard to do. You have to be very lucky to do it."

It's difficult to cite what is most amazing about Ben Mankofsky. But it should be noted that he's never missed a season.

And he admits that he has sustained some injuries. But it hasn't stopped him.
"I've bowled every year," said Mankofksy, who turns 97 in June. "It's one thing I always do. I even bowled one year with a bad back when I couldn't walk. I just threw the ball." Overall, he admits that "I'm pretty healthy."

As for gobbling up french fries during his league play last week, Mankofsky wants to set the record straight. "I can eat almost anything. Once in a while I'll eat fries. But I only ate a couple.
"I'm pretty careful about my diet.".

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## TOURNAMENT RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY: Only members of the Southern Los Angeles County USBC are eligible to participate in this tournament. All bowlers must hold current National and Local membership prior to the start of competition. USBC memberships are available for purchase onsite for $\mathbf{\$ 2 5 . 0 0}$, transfer cards are $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 . 0 0}$.
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This tournament follows standard USBC rules for averages, so please be familiar with rules $319 \mathrm{a}, \mathrm{b} \& \mathrm{c}$, as failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification.

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each additional team being submitted.
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8. TARDY BOWLER: Late bowlers will start in the frame currently being bowled. Bowlers shall receive a ZERO (0) for each frame missed. No frames may be made up and no blind score will be used.
9. PROTESTS: An appeal or protest of a decision involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in writing with the tournament director and the association before tournament prizes are paid. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of
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## England's Dom Barrett Leads Field into DHC PBA Japan Invitational Finals Monacelli, Sczererbinsti, Barnes, Kawazoe round oul field of Jan 31 finals on ESPN2

TOKYO, Japan - England's Dom Barrett averaged 234.4 while winning 23 of his 32 matches to earn the top berth for the stepladder finals of the DHC PBA Japan Invitational Saturday at Tokyo Port Bowl by 247 pins over PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela.
Rounding out the five-player field for the stepladder finals, which will air on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. ET on ESPN2, are John Szczerbinski of N. Tonawanda, N.Y.; defending DHC champion Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, and Japan's Shota Kawazoe. Kawazoe won the final berth in the stepladder finals by 32 pins over 38 -time PBA Tour titlist Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla.

The DHC PBA Japan Invitational included a field of 15 PBA stars who earned invitations based on qualifying scores bowled during the PBA Xtra Frame South Point Las Vegas Open and Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open last fall along with a representative of the Korea PBA and 16 Japanese players.

Barrett, a four-time PBA Tour title winner, is trying for his first title since winning the 2014 Qatar Open. He finished the 32 -game round-robin match play portion of the tournament with a 8,191 pinfall total, including 30 bonus pins for each match win.

Monacelli, 54, is a 19 -time PBA Tour champion and a five-time PBA50 Tour winner (including the 2015 USBC Senior Masters), but he hasn't won a PBA Tour title since 2005.

Szczerbinski, who is trying for his first PBA Tour title, earned the No. 3 berth in the finals by defeating Barnes, 232-227, in a one-game roll-off after they tied for third place.

Barnes, an 18 -time PBA Tour title winner, is making his first PBA Tour appearance since undergoing surgery to repair a damaged disc in early October. Barnes bowled a 300 game on his way to winning the 2014 DHC PBA Japan Invitational title, earning a $\$ 40,000$ bonus in addition to the $\$ 40,000$ first prize.
Kawazoe, with 7,745 total pins, led the field of 16 Japanese players.

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## DHC PBA JAPAN INVI-

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Tokyo Port Bowl, Tokyo, Japan, Friday, Jan. 15 Final Match Play Standings (after 32 games, including 30 bonus pins. Top five advance to ESPN2 stepladder finals Sunday, Jan. 31, at 11 a.m.)

1, Dom Barrett, England, 23-9, 8,191
2, Amleto Monacelli,
Venezuela,
24-8, 7,944.
3, x-John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.,
20-12, 7,827.
4, Chris Barnes
Double Oak, Texas, 18-13-1, 7,827.
5, Shota Kawazoe, Japan, 25-7, 7,745.

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The new year starts with Seasons Greetings from "MR. AUTOMATIC PINSPOTTER" at Jewel City Bowl. Who? Jack Frost was a new feature writer.
A team at Studio Bowl ended the season with ZERO wins and 52 losses. That's a record of some kind.

* AMF Automatic Pinspotters were replacing the old fashoned "hand jobs". No more injured pin boys - now it will be injured mechanics. Soon mechanics would be classified into "A" or "B". AMF could not keep up with the demand for their new game changing device. Mechanic schools were filled. Installers worked 24 hours a day across America. It was a BOWLING BOOM!
A team in Pomona bowled a stepladder series 846-9461046. Sorry no awards for that!
* A great gal named Peggy wrote a column PEGGY'S * A great gal named Peggy wrote a column P SCANTIES. Have times changes or is it just m
Another column was called BRIEF BRIEFS
The "TRAFFIC JAM" team beat the 'GOOD SEEDS' by 150 pins in game one and lost by 150 pins in game two. No mention of game three.
* PANORAMA BOWL opened August 15th. I'll bet Connie Marchione has a few stories about that place! The owners sold stock in the bowl. It was equjpped with SJOSTROM JUBILEE 300 equipment. First time on the market.
Definition of a HOOK .... The breaking of a ball, when it's rotation overcomes the force of its slide. Got it??
The Bowling News was requesting all league secretaries to send in their April 1st averages of 165 and over. The News compiled and printed a list for tournament or league use. Soon after, each association started publishing their own complete list of sanctioned bowler's averges. Soon it was A.B.C.IW.I.B.C. mandatery.
* Westlake Bowl announced 50 cent POT GAMES on 12 shellac alleys. On April 9th they had a " 35 POT GAMES" hat lasted 10 hours. If you matched the secret score ...you won the mystery gift. Last week it was a leather combination bowling and overnight bag
Pomona Recreation Center ad WANTED Sidewalk Superintendents to Supervise work on the largest AMF Automatic Pinspotter Installation on the West Coast. Free bowling May 5th.
* Other AMF locations in the Spring of 1954. Vermont Bowl Jewel City Bowl, Airport Bowl, Lin-Do-Mar, Manchester Bowl.
"THE OLD MEN" team rolling in Temple City, stacked up a tidy trio, 853-853-853. No award for that series yet. The A.B.C. would install a lot of awards soon after.

A map showing A.B.C. Associations bounderies was fo bowlers to cut out and save for future use. (Bowlers still don't know what association the belong to!) The Long Beach Association was $1 / 6$ the size of the Southeast As sociation,
For Sale - 10 lanes, beer and cafe. Only $\$ 17,000$.
Bowlers called a wide hook (round house) a "looper" Never heard that one!
The A.B.C. would not sanction plastic coasted pins. Plas ic was a fairly new product but you know what it became. Plastic almost replaced wood, plaster, concrete, cardboard Plast
etc.
*Buzzy Fazio and San Diego's super star Pug Lund took on all challengers at Victory Bowling Center in the West Coast Doubles. Other contenders: Foy Belcher, Fred Riccilli, Sarge Easter, Glenn Allison, Billy Myers and Andy Marzich. San Gabriel Lanes ground breaking ceremony was in June 1954. Remember you walked down the steps to enter on the north side fo the building?
Here's a head scratcher. On the TROJAN BOWL ad for he BUM BOWLERS TOURNAMENT was this rule. "En tries close as of the last squad on Auugst 22, 1954. Since his was a contest designed for 165 and under averages the handicap used was $3 / 4$ to 165 . You cound get an entry form at all other "bowling alley's" around.

* Ned Day, Joe Norris, Johnny Crimmins and Andy Varipapa starred in a movie called "AMERICA BOWLS". Anyone have a copy? Anybody see it? Is it out on you tube?
* Neptune Bowl in Alameda, had a grand opening that was a ball! In fact they advertised - BOWLING BALLS, HIGH BALLS and MEATBALIS
FUZZY SHIMADA was the instructor at HIGH HAT ANES.
The great Don Carter visited the L.A. AREA and took on Foy Belcher. Carter two, Belcher one. More to come.
I liked this ad - WANTED, one or 2 pin boys. Living quarters furnished. Gas stove, frigidaire, shower, panel heat. Play pool free. EARN LESS - LIVE BETTER. Lake Arrowhead Bowl
*Anybody ever hear of AVONNAC Bowling Shoes? Guess they weren't a best seller.
* DIX BOWLING PINS. They Sing With A Zing. A Dix Pin Can Take It On The Chin. Is that right above the body and the neck of the pin?
* NAT NAST bowling shirts offered a $\$ 500$ bond to anyne rolling a 300 wearing a NAT NAST. No figures on how many were rolled.
* The first weekly league sheets appeared. Only 5 cents per bowler per week. Showed \# of games, \# of strikes, \# of spares, \# of splits, highest game, highest series, total pins and average - for the whole season. All without a computer!!!
Best team name of the year, "KWITCHURBELIAKIN" * Oh boy - another great invention to improve your bowling. The automatic hand dryer (For the restroom, not on the lanes). Remember chalk and towels? Foul line judges? Then you are ......... a person with a great memory. We love bowlers!


## Kristich Wins Title \#2 At Covina With An Impressive Finish Sanders Hits Match Series 501 For $\$ 3,545$ ABTA Hosted hy BOWLIUM Saturday, January 23 <br> Match Game est $\$ 4,200 \cdot$ Match Series est $\$ 900 \cdot$ Mystery Doubles est $\$ 1,750 \cdot 3$ 3-6-9 is $\$ 900$ Qualify at 1:00-2:30-4:00 \& $6: 00$ PM Semifinals $8: 00$ PM • Top 16 Single Elim Finals Follow

COVINA - Michael Mikey Villarreal.

Kristich won his 2nd ABTA title winning five straight matches in the Single Elim Finals to finally down top qualifier Mikey Villarreal in the title game to take home a nice $\$ 2,400$ top prize.

The cut scores were VERY HIGH this time. Men +108 and Ladies +81 . Super Seniors added were Wendy Soo Hoo +55 , Alan Aguilar +95 and Ely Cruz +84. 41 bowlers advanced to the Semis in hopes of making the top 16 single elims.
Bowling well, and making the top 16 finals were 10-16th John Phan, Kagan Kost, Don Quintagon, Anthony Martinez, Veronica Boone, Mark Andrews and Louis Evans.

In 6-9th places were Vijay Velu, Ben Bagaoisan, Marvin Galsim Sr. and Kmel Cunanan, $\$ 110$. One step higher in 4th and 5th were Emily Yeung and Jesse Boquio, \$120.

In the Semi-Final match it was two hot portsiders Sunny Fong and Michael Kristich. Micheal rolled to a $237-222$ Hcp. win. Long time member Sunny Fong was 3rd, and \$200. Kristich was off to the title game vs

The title game took place and Villarreal elected to have Kristich lead off. After five frames and a slow start, Kristich had one open in the 3rd frame. The right-hand lane was a nightmare for Villarreal as he had three opens and trailed by 27 pins. Kristich then found the line and began his title run with 6 in a row and a big 269 handicap finish. Villarreal finished at 197 with handicap as he lost the shot he had before in the Semi-finals which was huge. Great bowling by One of the Good Guys Mr. Kristich who is a true gentleman and same can be said of Mikey Villarreal, in second place. Longtime member Sunny Fong in 3rd.

Champion Michael Kristich hails from Beaumont, and used a Mass Eruption drilled by Joel Ricketts. He is single with one son Anthony who turned 9 Saturday. Dad dedicates this championship to Anthony, Happy Birthday Anthony!!

Mikey Villarreal is from Paramount and taken by a pretty ABTA Champion Rachel, and 2 cute boys Jayden, andTony. He used
a Black Widow drilled by himself.

Sunny Fong is from Alhambra married to Dana a pretty (ABTA Member). He used a Marvel drilled by Ed Williamson at Bowling Square (one of the best)!!
It is nice to bowl at Covina and we return there soon. The staff is very nice there!

This week we return to The BOWLIUM, an ABTA favorite, a great place. The center is accessed from either 10 , or 60 Freeways. See our related story for info. The phone there is 909-626-3528. Address is 4666 Holt Blvd. near Holt and Romona.

We had several new members again. Nice bowling by a pretty newcomer Sarah Schneider who made the top 16 finals. It was nice to have the new members join us.
See us at Facebook Abtabowling or www. abta1.com; Until COVINA. CHECK-IN EARLY PLEASE.
The Match Series 501 was hit by Deborah Sanders and a cool \$3,545.ALL OTHER POTS CARRIED OVER. Match Game drawn by Mikey Villarreal was

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Kristich Wins Title \# 2 at Covina Bowl \$2,400 ( $L-R$ ) Kagan Kost 8th, Champion Michael Kristich \$2,400, Bob Smith ABTA Director, Mikey Villarreal Runnerup \$500, Rachel Macias ABTA Member and Marvin Crowder ABTA Director
120. Match Series drawn by Vijay Velu was 501 hit by Deborah Sanders. Mystery Doubles drawn by Joyce Charles an unmatched 297. In the 3-6-9 rolloff worth $\$ 800$ last man up was Kevin Valmonte and he missed on shot 4 so we go for $\$ 900$ this week. He got a $\$ 100$ consolation.

Join us at Bowlium, a great place to bowl. See our ad and related story and thanks to you for being loyal ABTA Members.
On a Very Sad Note one of our Finest Members Pilbert Colian passed away and he will be put to rest. Tuesday Jan. 19 at Forest Lawn in Long Beach, 1500 San Antonio Drive. I was at the viewing and mass last night, many friends and ABTA members were there. I was not surprised. The Colian and San Pedro families have been ABTA supprters and members many years and great people they are. He was one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. Rest in Peace and God Bless you and your family and friends.



501 Is Worth \$3,545 To Deborah As She Hits Match Series At Covina
Deborah Sanders was not happy with her score as she shot a 501 series in the 2:30 PM squad, but later that evening when the days Hi Qualifier Vijay Velu drew the Match Series 501. She was ecstatic! She was buying the beer to say the least if not less!

She (center) is pictured with Nympha Cruz (left) and Annaliza Agoncillo ABTA Director on the right. It couldn't have happened to a better person. Congrats Deb!!

## Sewesky

 continued from page 1formance marked the first time Sewesky rolled two perfect games in the same set, this week's effort included his first back-to-back 300s. He credits a supportive group of friends and family, along with a laid-back atmosphere within the 13 -team league, in keeping him focused.
As he approached the final frames, the 40 -lane center became quieter and quieter, while a taunting 9 pin almost ruined the celebration.
"Midway through the third game was when I really thought (900) was something I could do," said Sewesky, who now owns 26 perfect games and 14 sets of 800 or better, with a previous high of 858. "In the 10th frame, it got even quieter, and it all started sinking in before the last shot. My blood really started pumping, and the nerves set in. In the moment, I knew I threw a good shot, and I'm glad the 9 pin decided to go down."

Sewesky, who consistently averages in the 230s, experienced a lot of attention after his 888 set, and only managed to be in the 620s during his next Printcraft league series, which included a 279 start. The attention definitely has been magnified so far this week, and while he knows people will want to talk about it, he's hoping to remain humble and focused.

He's also not sure how this season's success will change his outlook on bowling in general, something he's done recreationally, along with other sports, like hockey and softball, while maintaining a steady job as a supervisor at a distribution center.
"I'm just super excited right now, and very thankful for such an awesome support team," Sewesky said. "The visibility this is getting is really remarkable. My friends and teammates have posted the videos, and my phone has been ringing all day. I didn't realize the magnitude right when it happened, but after 24 hours, it's definitely turning into something incredibly special.'
The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Neb. There never has been a Sport-certified 900 series.

## PARKER BOHN IIIIADVANCES TOTHIRDPLACE INALI-TIME PBATV APPEERAMCES

By qualifying for the ESPN finals of the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA - on the heels of his victory in the PBA Cheetah Championship presented by PBA Bowling Challenge Mobile Game - Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III broke a tie with Norm Duke and surpassed the legendary Earl Anthony to claim sole possession of third place on the all-time PBA Tour television appearances list.
Bohn made his 114th TV appearance in the Cheetah finals during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII, surpassing Duke's 113 appearances and tying Anthony at 114. He then broke his tie with Anthony when he made TV final No. 115 in the Scorpion Championship.

It'll be more than a little challenging for Bohn to move up any higher, however. Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the runaway leader with 176 PBA Tour television appearances and Pete Weber is solidly entrenched in the No. 2 position with 136 finals.
Williams also is the leader in most TV match wins with 158 followed by Weber with 120, Duke with 99, Bohn with 94 and Anthony with 92 . Here's a summary of the top 10 in all-time PBA Tour television appearances:
ALL-TIME PBA TOUR TELEVISION APPEARANCES
(No. of matches won in parenthesis)
1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., 176 (153).
2, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 136 (120).
3, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 115 (94)
4, Earl Anthony, 114 (92).
5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 113 (99).
6, Marshall Holman, Medford, Ore., 105 (66).
7, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 95 (66).
8, Mark Roth, Fulton, N.Y., 93 (62).
9, Mike Aulby, Carmel, Ind., 88 (84).
10, Brian Voss, Centennial, Colo., 83 (83)


## DARPDN PETERS Citrus Belt Senior All Events Champion

CABAZON - Darron Peters is this season's Citrus Belt Senior scratch All-Events Champion. With scores of 695 (Team), 685 (Doubles) and 668 (Singles) Peters rolled a tournament high nine game total of 2048.
Darron is no stranger to winning. He is a PBA Regional Champion, a West Coast Senior Tour (WCST) player of the yea and multi-champion and winner of numerous local scratch tour naments.

All of this is not surprising. Darron consistently averages 225 or higher and is scoring at a 245 clip in one of his current leagues. He also has numerous honor scores including a half dozen PBA perfect 300 games
Congratulations to Darron \& thanks to the BOWLING NEWS for supporting Citrus Belt bowlers.

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Delegates also will vote on two proposals related to eague rules and one tournament rules proposal. The tournament rule proposal would require bowlers to report any previous tournament adjustment/rerate unless tournament ules state otherwise.

Go to BOWL.com/Convention for the complete list of proposed amendments and more information about the USBC Convention and Annual Meeting.

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## Barhasol Unveils Ultimate PBA Prize Pachage Sweepstakes Sweerstalaces torum in conimunction with the Bathasol PBA Players Chammionship

CHICAGO - Barbasol Shaving Cream, title sponsor of the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship, is offering PBA fans a unique opportunity to win the Ultimate PBA Prize Package Sweepstakes beginning today and running through March 5. The Grand Prize winner will receive a 15-minute video call from a current PBA star, a bowling pin autographed by PBA Tour bowler, a replica PBA jersey customized with the winner's name and a Barbasol prize pack.

Fans 13 and older should visit www.barbasol.com/ PBA and follow the links and instructions for sweepstakes entry and for Official Rules. Fans also can connect to the sweepstakes by following the Barbasol Ultimate PBA Prize Package Sweepstakes link on pba.com and on PBA's social media outlets.

The Ultimate PBA Prize Pack Sweepstakes is being held in conjunction with the Barbasol PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus, Ohio, beginning Feb. 15 and concluding with live ESPN television coverage on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 11 a.m. A major championship on the 2016 PBA Tour schedule, the Barbasol PBA Players Championship will feature a 48 game qualifying and match play format, and a five-player stepladder final with a $\$ 40,000$ first prize. All of the preliminary rounds of Players Championship week will be covered live, exclusively on PBA's Xtra Frame online video-streaming service.
The Barbasol PBA Players Championship, open exclusively to PBA members, will get underway on Monday, Feb. 15 , with practice and a celebrity pro-am. Eight-game qualifying rounds will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by an eight-game cashers round on Thursday, and three eight-game round-robin match play rounds Thursday and Friday. Additional pro-am squads that provide an opportunity for Ohio grassroots adult, youth and senior league bowlers to bowl alongside the pros will be conducted on Saturday, leading up to Sunday's live ESPN finals.
"We're so pleased that Barbasol is offering this sweepstakes for PBA fans," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. "2016 is the PBA's Year of the Fan and this sweepstakes ties in perfectly with that theme.

Barbasol, the Official Shaving Cream of the PBA, is also a sponsor of the PBA League's Motown Muscle which will be in action in April as part of the PBA Maine Event in Portland, Maine.

## SEVEN PBA MEMBERS EARN BERTHS Gerhard <br> ontinued from page 1

## ON MENS TEAM USA 2016

Marshall Kent of Yakima, Wash., PBA's 2014 Rookie of the Year, and PBA Regional titlist Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., won the overall men's and women's titles in USBC's Team USA Trials that concluded on Jan. 7 at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, each earning a fifth term on Team USA and leading a contingent of PBA members who will represent the United States in international competition in 2016.
Earning automatic spots on Team USA 2016 based on overall performances in the Trials was PBA member Andrew Cain of Phoenix and amateurs Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, Tenn.; AJ Chapman of Manchester, Iowa, and U.S. Amateur Champion Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio. Players added by the National Selection Committee were PBA members Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas; Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C.; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill.; John Szczerbinski, North Tonawanda, N.Y.; and Ronnie Russell, Marion, Ind., along with amateurs Rob Gotchall of Clarksville, Tenn., and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Fla.
Joining McEwan with automatic spots on women's Team USA 2016 were PWBA/PBA members Stefanie Johnson, Grand Prairie, Texas; Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., and Shannon O'Keefe, O'Fallon, Ill. National Selection Committee choices included Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio; Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb; Josie Earnest, Nashville, Tenn.; Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz.; Kayla Johnson, Washington, Ill.; Brittni Hamilton, Webster, N.Y., and Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif.


Gerhard has strung strikes on many occasions and found himself surprisingly calm while closing out Tuesday's perfect series. Talking with his teammates and other friends in the 16 -lane bowling center kept his mind off the score.

I was sitting with my team and talking about other things, and goofing around with them really helped," said Gerhard, who now owns 28 perfect games and 22 series of 800 or better. "You can still feel the pressure, especially when the whole league is behind you, but I was pretty calm. I breathed in and breathed out and went through my outine on each shot.'
The first USBC-approved 900 occurred Feb. 2, 1997 when Jeremy Sonnenfeld rolled three consecutive perfect games in Lincoln, Nebraska.
USBC-Approved 900 Series (29)
Jeremy Sonnenfeld (R), Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2, 1997 Tony Roventini (L), Greenfield, Wis., Nov. 9, 1998 Vince Wood (R), Moreno Valley, Calif., Sept, 29, 1999 Robby Portalatin (L), Jackson, Mich., Dec. 28, 2000 James Hylton (R), Salem, Ore., May 2, 2001 Jeff Campbell II (R), New Castle, Pa., June 12, 2004 Darin Pomije (R), New Prague, Minn., Dec. 9, 2004 Robert Mushtare (R), Fort Drum, N.Y.,
Dec. 5, 2005 and Feb. 19, 2006
Lonnie Billiter Jr. (R), Fairfield, Ohio, Feb. 13, 2006 Mark Wukoman (R), Greenfield, Wis., April 22, 2006 P.J. Giesfeldt (R), Milwaukee, Dec. 23, 2006 Rich Jerome Jr. (R), Baltimore, Dec. 22, 2008 Chris Aker (L), Winnemucca, Nev., Oct. 30, 2009 Andrew Teall (R), Medford, N.J., Nov. 2, 2009 Andrew Mank (R), Belleville, Ill., March 18, 2010 William Howell III (L), Middletown, N.Y., Oct. 21, 2010 Matt Latarski (R), Medina, Ohio, Nov. 28, 2010 Bob Kammer Jr. (R), Crown Point, Ind., Jan. 8, 2011 John Martorella Sr. (R), Greece, N.Y., April 12, 2012 Jimmy Schmitzer (R), Riverside, Calif., April 20, 2012 James Williams (R), Pawcatuck, Conn., (bowled in Wakefield, R.I.), April 16, 2013 Joe Scarborough (R), Charlotte, N.C., (bowled in The Villages, Fla.), April 21, 2013 Todd James (R), East New Market, Md., (bowled in Laurel, Del.), March 18, 2014 Amos Gordon (R), Colorado Springs, Colo., April 11, 2014 Earon Vollmar (R), Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 19, 2015 Hakim Emmanuel (R), Stoughton, Mass., Feb. 19, 2015 David Sewesky (L), Dearborn, Mich., Jan. 10, 2016** Dale Gerhard (R), Mill Hall, Pa., Jan. 12, 2016** ** Pending formal approval by the United States Bowling Congress. For more information on USBC records, visit BOWL.com/Records.

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## Belmonte Looking Forward to 'Major' Stretch Beginning with Firelake PBA Tournament of Champions Live ESPN coverage includes TOC finals on Feb. 7, USBC Masters on Feb. 14, Bartasol PBA Players Championship on Feb. 21

CHICAGO, Ill. - When two-time defending FireLake PBA Tournament of Champions winner Jason Belmonte competes in the 2016 edition of PBA's signature championship Feb. 1-7 in Shawnee, Okla., he will be focused on yet another career milestone that will add to what is already one of the best runs in PBA majors history.
The 32 -year-old two-hander from Australia will be trying to win his third consecutive TOC title, something only PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch has accomplished winning in 1999, 2000 and 2002 (the TOC was not held in calendar year 2001). The tournament's only other three-time winner is PBA and recent United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer electee Mike Durbin, who won the TOC in 1972, 1982 and 1984.

Belmonte, who made an immediate impact on the sport with his revolutionary twohanded style when he earned PBA Rookie of the Year honors in 2009, has demonstrated his dominance in two of PBA's major tournaments, winning a record three straight USBC Masters titles in addition to back-to-back TOCs. He'll try to extend his Masters streak immediately following the TOC. The Masters, part of a three consecutive Sunday series of live PBA major championship telecasts on ESPN, will take place Feb. 8-14 in Indianapolis. The Barbasol PBA Players Championship is set for Feb. 16-21 in Columbus, Ohio.
"My biggest thought is to just bowl these events and not think about my successes in the past," said the 12 -time Tour winner from his home in Orange, Australia where he and his wife Kimberly are awaiting the birth of their third child. "I am as hungry to win these events this season as I've always been.
"I do have to admit that sometimes I feel that I look in the rearview mirror a little bit and trip over with what's right in front of me, so I'll be guarding against doing that as much as possible."

Following his amazing start to the 2015 season, Belmonte appeared to be on his way to a third consecutive PBA Player of the Year title before he slumped a bit late in the year. Still considered a leading contender for the honor, he is awaiting word of the vote by his fellow players and bowling media veterans. The 2015 Player of the Year announcement will be made live on PBA's Xtra Frame online bowling channel on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 3:45 p.m. ET.

After a 32 nd-place finish in the Bowlmor AMF U.S. Open in November, Belmonte couldn't get on track in WSOB VII. He ended up with a 40th-place finish in the Rolltech PBA World Championship after failing to qualify for match play in all four of the animal pattern Tour events. While he has dominated the TOC and Masters, U.S. Open and World Championship titles remain elusive even though he has second-place finishes in each of them. He simply believes the minor setbacks of 2015 were object lessons as he heads into 2016.
"I feel my season was great until the World Series," Belmonte said. "I was in the top five for just under 50 percent of the tournaments I bowled. My performances at the U.S. Open and the World Championship weren't disasters. However, I always welcome the challenges of learning more about my game and how to better myself on the lanes.
"Learning from my mistakes has always been an important part of my growth as a bowler," Belmonte continued. "I admit I probably wasn't as sharp as I should have been mentally. I had distractions on my mind and that showed a poor performance. Accepting
the challenges to get better and not run away from them will be the single biggest reason of my future success."
Belmonte looks at the upcoming events as an opportunity to return to the winner's circle despite what will be a grueling schedule.
"The TOC just happens to be the next event on Tour, but it could be any other event and my goal would be the same - to be sharp and ready upon arrival into the USA," Belmonte said. "This swing of events, though, would suggest that if there was a time to 'get back on track' it would probably be the best time for that to happen to me.
While he admits the thoughts of a new addition to the Belmonte household have been somewhat of a distraction, overall his family is his primary source of support and motivation.
"My family is the biggest source of motivation for me," Belmont said. "Their support s why I have been able to achieve what I have in my career. Kimberly is an amazing person and she understands the responsibility of what bowling is to our family and to me. Somehow Kimberly manages to juggle everything when I am gone and she assures me that even with a third little person in the mix, my career will go on as usual."

## PBA DOUBLIS

 ontinued from page 123 -year-old Pickford said. "There's already enough stuff running through your mind, so you have to dial it down to one shot, one frame at a time, and we were able to do that.
"It's an awesome feeling, an unbelievable feeling, for sure."
Simonsen and Pickford had never bowled as partners before the Roth/Holman Doubles. As "Team Fish" teammates for the five-player PBA Team Challenge during the PBA Fall Classic, Team Fish founder Kyle Troup and Pickford came up with doubles teams.
"Kyle wanted to bowl with Dick Allen; I was fine with Anthony," Pickford said. "We made an agreement a couple of months after meeting each other for the first time that the next doubles tournament that came along, we'd bowl together and it seemed to work out."
Blanchard and Gomez advanced to the title contest after winning their semifinal match against Finland's Osku Palermaa and England's Dom Barrett, 233-186. That win followed a 10-9 one-ball sudden death roll-off victory over Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pa., and Australia's Jason Belmonte after they tied at 216 in the second match. Needing a mark in the 10th frame for the win, Belmonte left a $2-8-10$ split and picked up two pins to send the match into the roll-off.
O'Neill and Belmonte eliminated rookie Matt McNiel of Prior Lake, Minn., and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 196-153, in the first match.
PBA World Series coverage on ESPN concludes next Sunday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. EST with a special PBA Challenge Finals telecast. A four-match telecast featuring PBA50 Tour, PWBA-PBA Women's Regional, PBA Regional and Teen Masters contestants will conclude with four winners meeting in a "best frame" Clash of Champions. Finalists include Teen Masters Grand Championship boys and girls winners Brandon Soedarmasto of Levittown, N.Y., vs. Brigitte Jacobs of Freeport, IIl.; PWBA-PBA Women's Regional finalists Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y. (PBA East Region) vs. Ingelimar Beasleyof Nashville, Tenn. (Midwest Region); PBA50 Tour finalists Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J. vs. Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela (replacing injured Pete Weber), and PBA Regional finalists Josh Blanchard of Gilbert, Ariz. (West Region) vs. Patrick Allen of Mount Kisco, N.Y. (East Region)

## MARK ROTH/MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

 PRESENTED BY STORMNational Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev. (contested Dec. 19, aired Jan. 17, on ESPN) Final Standings: 1, Anthony Simonsen, Princeton, Texas/Connor Pickford, Charlotte, N.C., $\$ 22,000$. 2, Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz./Andres Gomez, Colombia, $\$ 11,000.3$, Osku Palermaa Finland/Dom Barrett, England, $\$ 10,000.4$, Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa./Jason Belmonte, Australia, $\$ 9,000.5$, Matt McNiel, Prior Lake, Minn./Anthony Pepe, Elmhurst, N.Y., $\$ 8,000$
Stepladder Results (Baker Doubles format): Match One - O'Neill/Belmonte def. McNiel/Pepe, 196-153. Match Two - Blanchard/Gomez def. O'Neill/Belmonte, 216-216, 10-9 in one-ball sudden death roll-off. Semifinal Match - Blanchard/Gomez def. Palermaa/Barrett, 233-186. Championship - Simonsen/Pickford def. Blanchard/Gomez, 223-173.

# No Excuses! 

## by Mary Lynly

Having been a part of the glory days of bowling in California where we were looked upon as the elite organization among bowling associations in the nation and emulated because of our ability to promote and motivate, communicate, educate and entertain with our great hospitality programs that included participation by our many associations. It is painful to see all things meaningful to our members removed until there is more funding.
In a book I read recently called Extreme Ownership written by Navy Seals Jocko Willink and Leif Babin tell tales of their tours in Iraq and identifying problems when in peril (which was most of the time) and figuring how to fix them. The book has been a perfect blue print for what they do now - helping companies in peril fix problems.

Bowling in California and throughout the nation is in peril and it centers on leadership. The plan Willink and Babin devised was:

## A clear understanding the mission (our goal].

- Can we do it? Identify assets, resources and time available.

Include key leaders in sharing the planning process and analyzing possible courses of action.

- Lean toward selecting the simplest course of action.
- Focus on the best course of action.
- Delegate portions of the plan and brief key junior leaders.
- Continually check the plan against emerging conflicts to ensure the goal still fits the situation.
Brief the plan to all participants and supporting assets.
- Emphasize leadership intent.
- Ask questions and engage in discussion and interaction with the team to ensure they understand.
Conduct post operational debrief after execution (After Action).
- Analyze lessons learned and implement them in future leadership.

This may seem like war tactics - they are, and we are at war with declining membership, lack of promotion and motivation and the frustration of how to fix it! For Willink and Babin in working with company's managers and team leaders the company leaders came up with all kinds of excuses. "You don't understand the situation"; "lt's the Economy"; "lt's the Competition"; "Petty Jealousy"; "Inability to work as a team"; "Lack of Cooperation."; "Biased Leadership."; "Inability to recognize the "problem."; "Lack of Information"; "Lack of Communication."

Sounds a lot like bowling doesn't it? For those of us who have been around for a while we have visions of the way it used to be in our heads. While it is true times have changed, people still like to be informed and want to be a part of the mission. It is important to work as a "team" for a couple of reasons: sharing the load, important input, and understanding and completing the mission. One of the main things in Extreme Ownership in being able to accept responsibility, own the problem and find a way to fix it. There is no blaming and no excuses.

Upon checking our CUSBC website, I find that there will be NO awards except the Star of Tomorrow. No excuses! Also, no communication. When was the last time you saw a publicity release from our state organization? You are expected to go on the website - NOT. Doesn't happen. Unfortunately, unless you want some specific information about tournaments or meetings, people don't frequent websites. There needs to be continuous information flowing to let the membership know what's happening - good or bad. No Excuses for this not happening.

Expecting delegates to come to meetings when there is no motivation or reason is foolhardy. Not going to happen. Make it special and most of all publicize it and they will come.

There is really no excuse for our organization going downhill if people have a reason to be a part of the organization. No award for the Hall of Fame? No award for Proprietor of the Year? These give members so much pleasure and a feeling of being a part. It doesn't have to be a big expenditure. No excuses.
I hope our leaders come up with a plan that encourages local leaders to support the mission of our state and find a way to work together to solve our problems. And....no excuses. If you don't like what's happening, whose fault is it? Own it and fix it. No excuses!

## Jat Sport Juniors Recap kylie Shishima leads the Way <br> by David Schiada

With the JAT Sport Juniors' top two bowlers absent last Saturday at Keystone Lanes the question became who would step up to capture the spotlight. Kylie Shishima and Alex Miller, who just happened to be facing each other, provided the answer. Kylie led all bowlers this week with a 708 series for four games on the 45 foot Mexico City pattern. The match was very close, with Kylie taking games three and four by just one pin. Alex finished with a 677 series. David Schneider, second place this round, had the high game of the week with a 208 on his way to capturing four points and keeping the pressure on leader Solomon Salama. Congratulations to Alli Azvedo who rolled her new high game of the season, a 198 in the third game.

Upcoming Tournaments: January 23-24 - JBT Surf Bowl (Oceanside) and Vista Entertainment Center (Vista); January 31 - JAT Regular Event at Harley's Valley Bowl (Simi Valley)
JAT Sport is a league for advanced juniors who are serious about competitive bowling. The league runs every Saturday starting at noon at bowlers have an opportunity to earn scholarship awards and compete in tournaments, including the 2016 Junior Gold Championships to be held July 16-22 in Indianapolis, Indiana If you are interested in joining, please contact Armando Zavala at (562) 896-4467 or join us Keystone Lanes on Saturday at noon.

## Some White House Bowling Trivia

OK, let's talk a little politics. We'll combine it with some bowling conversation.

The Bowlers Journal reported in this month's issue that presidential candidate Hillary Clinton appears to have more than a passing interest in bowling.
The magazine said that in April at a political gathering in Iowa, Clinton spoke with Bryce Smith, a bowling center owner. "We need more bowling," Clinton told Smith. "Everybody needs to go bowling."
Clinton's interest in bowling mirrors that of many U.S. presidents. Bowling has been a favorite activity at the White House since 1947 when two bowling lanes were presented to President Harry Truman and placed in the basement of the West Wing. It was a gift to Truman from the people of his home state of Missouri.

So here is some bowling trivia . . . as it relates to those powerful individuals who have occupied the White House:

One of the best bowlers on the White House lanes was Lady Bird Johnson, the wife of President Lyndon Johnson. She once rolled a 188.

President Richard Nixon set the presidential high with a 233 game. He bowled one game after another in rapid succession. He sometimes would total 20 games in one night.

President Ronald Reagan and his family were not bowlers. Joe Taylor, the longtime caretaker of the lanes, never saw President Reagan bowl.

So what about the incumbent president?
President Barack Obama often has been captured on camera during his tenure playing basketball. And he's displayed some impressive silky-smooth moves in that sport.

As for bowling, let's just say he was a good sport for allowing himself to be photographed bowling in 2008 while he was still an Illinois senator campaigning for the presidency in Altoona, Pa.
He stopped by the city's Pleasant Valley Recreation Center and before plenty of onlookers, showed he was out of his league chucking a bowling ball by finishing with a score of 37 .

That's right: 37
Still, the left-handed president-to-be was gracious afterwards, telling fellow bowlers that "my economic plan is better than my bowling."

To which a man called out, "It has to be!"
Obama, who nailed a spare in the seventh frame, acknowledged to the crowd that he hadn't bowled since Jimmy Carter was president, meaning that it had been about 30 years.



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Phil-Am: James Osborne 243/673, Helen Ventenilla Phil-Am: James Osborne 243/673, Helen Ventenilla
210/564, Gilbert Molina 244/661, Kenneth Loja 656, Jose210/564, Gilbert Molina 244/661, Kenneth Loja 656, Josemari Zafra 235/654, Levi Navarrete 637,
241, Bo Manalo 236, Arthur Sanchez 235.
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An Average League: Adults-Lynn Matsubara 569, Joni An Average League: Adults-Lynn Matsubara 569, Joni
Novosel 348, Jason Kalmanson 609, Rory Murphy 539, Jerome Tellio 474. Youth—Akayla Orosco 370, Kyler Orosco 438.

Van Nuys Eagles: Vincent Hall 234/683, Andrea Bent 483, Rick Gamboa 228/653, Chris Pickens 614, Joe Myers 237/612, Karlton Watts 586, Kenny Altbush 232
Monday Nite Madness: Jerome Hampton 233/672, Carol Tucker 454, David Jaques 235/657, Travis Coffman 606, Wayne McClean 606, Paul Dean 568.
River Maniacs: Johnnie Englehart 164/730, Elizabeth Fonvergne 245/693, Mike Olson 714, Bart Carrillo 255/683, Dan Onestinghel 246/677, Raul Rono 664, Monise Kelly 202/535, Scott Englehart 256
Ellen's Comedians: David Blackman 265/714, Erica Pollack 533, Justin Archer 252/709, Chuck Glasser 689, Dan Onestinghel 689, David Feinberg 683, Irma Giles 200/529, Onestinghel 689, David Feinberg 683, Ir
Shawn Zaer 267, Richard Harrison 254.
Guys \& Dolls: Chris Ivey 244/673, Diane Weed 506, GregGuys \& Dolls: Chris Ivey 244/673, Diane Weed 506, Gregory Kolski 248/670, Rick Stine 238/66
Hahn 246/649, Shannon Renee 200.
League Of Our Own: Congratulations to league champs, "Bowl Thugs and Harmony", Bobby Serrano, Derek Tang, Edwin Serrano. High scores Denny Jiramoree 287/690, Amy Lew 201/556, Shannon Whitmore 202/514, Derek Tang 640, Mark Alvarino 234/640, Joel Calove 623.
Men's Classic Handicap: Dave Schettini 268/718, Sam Amaral 267/716, Steve Dibartolomeo 696, John Ross 669, Charles Erwin 669.
Wednesday Night Rollers: Chris Ivey 265/714, Monise Kelly 212/564, Richie Gardner 605, Jeff Stitz 591, Matthew Svolos 258/590, Jack Roquemore 257
Copper Bucket: Sweeper Scores: Mark Yamashita 256/669, Tom Borrelli 234/611, Ed Jones 593, Rusty Yeager Jr. 232/593, Joe Myers 591, Doreen Adelman 202/549. Next league starts February 3rd
500 Classic: Cindy Dominguez 212/573, Carol Ellis 220/536, Meleese Seigler 520, Henny Shepherd 511. The Achievers: Matt Whittlesey 402, Marites Tesoro 337. Thirsty Nite Out: Mark Richard 290/706, Stella Mount 204/562, Chris Ivey 269/700, Chris Frank 689, Albert DiMaggio 652, Mario McKenzie 633, Adam Lew 254, E. C. DiMaggio 652, Mario Reed 247 . Robles 247, Patrick Reed 247
The Classics: Gil Geer 247/624, Pam Findl 234/589, Rhonda Cleveland 585, Sami Scott 556.
St. Cyril's: Philip DiMenno 482, Barbara Slevin 473
Party Animals: San Mitchell 268/718, Steve Bartomoleo 279/716, Mark May 254/678, Henry Harris 279/665, Mike Bruce 245/663, Dwayne Hanna 245/639, Elizabeth Fonvergne 257/679, Gina Brouse 528.
SFVCC Nikkei: Sho Kadonaga 246/652, Sandra Yamamoto 222/601, Kevin Eto 268/625, Doug Nakada 233/645, Gary Yamamoto 631, Kirk Sasaki 242/625, Noriko Fukunaga 570, Pei Eto 562, Tami Shiotani 544, Stan Date 266. 49'Ers: Rick Dobris 257/664, Carolyn Scherzberg 236/600, Al Reiswig 257/581, Richard Greenzweight 225/607, Tom Tucker 601, Mary Lauer 520, Bob Husby 229
Funtimers: Ron Doll 269/755, Carolyn Scherzberg 583, Liz Rogers 574, Michael Chaney 614, Bill Volkert 606, AI Reiswig 591.
39'Ers: Ron Doll 232/651, Carolyn Scherzberg 541, Les Charbonneau 259, Al Reiswig 615, Curtis Litzenberger Charbonneau 259, Al
615, Larry George 614

## JUNIORS

8 For 8: Jeffry Krasnasky 116/214, Melani Rodriguez 99/192, David Hur 94/177 Dyland Perren 88/176. Junior Allstars: Elizabeth Lajnef 129/225, Evan O'Neill 80/160.
Junior Royals: Justin Pluchino 259/736, Julia Frias 244/714, William Wales 505
Thanks for bowling at Winnetka Bowl. See ya.

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BURBANK — Oh the woes of bowling! Excuses abound whenever you are on the lanes.

I can't remember a time bowling league when, at least once, I didn't hear a grumble over lane conditions. No of fense intended for those who hear themselves saying, too dry, too oily, uneven pattern. I have done it myself
However, this has made me think and rethink the cur rent use of oil machines. They are supposedly more con sistent in the placement of oil and allows various pattern to be dispensed with the touch of a button.

Just like anything mechanical or computerized though the output is only as good as the operator and they do make mistakes. Or the machine has a broken part, no discovered until the disastrous screaming of the bowlers It takes me back to the tiame when a one man operation known as the Lane Man was responsible for the dressing f the lanes. Hmm . One operator, the same dispenser and eyeballs instead of sensors to check the condition and pat ern. I wonder how many times the Lane Man accidentally stripped the lanes instead of oiling Believe me I am no stripped to law tead of ling. Believe me, I am no opposed ic a electronic devices as those 30 yoars younger than myself I do, however, remember bowlers pontificating the , Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Ryan Hinchliffe257, Raylin Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Ryan Hinchliffe257, Raylin Rivera 162, Sylvester Foster 715, Vicki Oivia 537. (hdcp)
chas Wiggan 291, Cynthia Estrada 231, David Robinson chas Wiggan 291, Cynthia Estrada 231, David Robinson 815, Sharon Brown 646
Senior Swingers: (scr) Art Michener 190, Kim Rasmus sen 148, Rick Langer 469, Mary Langer 409. (hdcp) Ed Bugayong 229, Susan Jones 210, Winston Gorriceta 624 Seiki Tluczek 571.
Monday 690: (scr) Dave Higgins 255, Cathy Stevens 182, Nick Kukta 642, Glenda Nale 555. (hdcp) Roy Stansbery 265, Debbie Martenson 231, Dave Brubaker 685, Kristen yon 678.
LA Metro Telco: (scr) Win Kato 214, Lydia Gantt 174 Dave Hansen 628, Judy Lamb 528. (hdcp) Ron Bularz 270 Kathy Lilliquist 254, Rein DeBoer 692, Danica McMahon 677.

Orbits: (scr) Diana Valdez 185, Joyce Hill 167, Vicki Olivia 540, Jan Levitt 500. (hdcp) Lori Durbin 232, Mel Varrent 208, Tish Plotkin 628, Helen Vincent 596
Wed, Night Hdcp: (scr) Erik Olango 258, Regina Beaner 182, ameron Doran 705, Alexis Arnold 518. (hdcp) Andrew Gunderson 301, Ann Jones 250, Chris Williams 748, Margie Silverman 680
Those are the scores for now, so until next time...keep the ball rollin'!


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New members are welcome and join for only $\$ 10$. Men $55+$ Ladies $49+$ join free. Bring in a new member and get a \$10-\$15 rebate.

See us on facebook ABTAbowling or the Bowling News or www.abta1.com. For info call ABTA 562-868 7164. We hope to see YOU at Bowlium.

Thanks to all who participated in last weeks event at Covina Bowl. Next week we visit Action Lanes in El Monte.

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## DV8 IMPROVES TO 21-4 WITH WIN OVER FOREST LANES TO WIDEN THIRD ROUND LEAD

DOWNEY-With two weeks to go in the third round, the DV8 team has things in control, as they've opened up a 4 game lead with the round nearing an end.
est Lanes. Forest Lanes entered the match only two game back, but dug an early hole, losing the first game by 60 . Quin Barron of the Forest Lanes team was trying to bowl through a hip injury and really struggled. Forest wound up sitting him out half way through game two, but the damage was done by that time and they found themselves down 2-0, and trailing totals by almost 100, even though DV8 had only posted 712 and 661. Game three swung in favor of Forest Lanes, but no a sizable lead. Scott Poddig led DV8 with 546. Robert Renko topped Forest with 566.
Linder's Insurance will move up to the first pair next week after sweeping the Professional Approach. The match wa much closer than a sweep would indicate, as two of the wins were by only nine pins. Still, Linder s will happily take the sweep and the opportunity to bowl DV8 next week. Anthony 211-214/615 to help out. Art Jones Jr. was tops for the Pro Approach with 586 . Alhambra Coin Center is tied for 2nd with Linder's In surance and will lead the 2ll five games from Keystone Lane Unlike the Linder's sweep, this one wasn't close, as Alhambra Unlike the Linder's sweep, this one wasn tciose, as Alhambor
won totals by over 200, in spite of the fact that their high score for the night was Johnny Sikkens' 567 (with 257 of that com ing in game 1). Nobody on the Keystone Lanes team brok 500 on this night as they just never got the pair figured out.
J.A.T. took four out of five games from Wowo's Smokin Hot BBQ. This was another match that was very close, as totals was one by only 19 and could have easily swung with a couple breaks over the last couple frames. Deeronn Booker led the pair with 240/599.

Ketel One Vodka improved to $15-10$ with a 5-0 sweep of Relax-Release-Repeat. The R-R-R team was short a man on this night due to a little communication issue regarding a sub and it may have cost them. Bobby Hornacek led Ketel One
with 220-222/623. Sol Cericos added 214-202/599 and Eddie Van Daniker led game three with 237.
Don Julio Tequila also got a sweep, winning all five from Los Altos Trophy. As round winners, every win matters for seeding, so the Tequila team was pretty happy with the sweep. Buddy Lucas paced Don Julio with 232-203/615.

The sweeps continued on the next pair, as Cook's Bowling Supply took all five from Sysco. Mikey Villarreal led the way
with a very steady $239-227-221 / 687$ that included a couple of sidepots. Gabriel Martinez added 233-210-239/682 for Sysco but simply didn't have enough help.
Yeah. You guessed it. Another sweep on the next pair. This one was GJC Janitorial over Erickson Foods by over 220 pins. Mike Jennings led GJC with 243/202-639 to provide most of the damage.
Pino's Pizza took four out of five from Threadworks in spite of Eric Snow's 224-200-237/661. Leonard Ruiz Jr. led Pino's and Chris Eguilos. Justin Garza, subbing for Threadworks added a couple nice games at 233 and 208 in defeat.
The final pair saw Herzog Insurance win four games against Cremation Centers of CA. The Cremation team pulled out the second game by 10 pins, but came up just short in the others, losing totals by only 41 . Kevin Gagnon topped the pair with As
As mentioned earlier, Mikey Villarreal took the 1st and 2nd sidepots with 239 and 227. Gabriel Martinez kept all three sidepots on the same pair (31-32) winning \$207 in the third game super pot with 239 .
for $\$ 220$ with 23 won the 2 nd game Financial Advisors pot for $\$ 220$ with 243 . Buddy Lucas got $\$ 100$ for 2 nd with 232 .
See you on the lanes next Monday. Come down and watch
the action starting at $8: 30$ p.m.

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 3 DV8 Don Julio Tequila \$\$ 18 Cook's Bowling Supply 14 Alhambra Coin Center 18 Pro Approach \$ 13 Forest Lanes 16 Keystone Lanes 13 J.A.T. 15 Wowo Smokin' Hot BBQ 13

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