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## Tearful Carmen Salvino Competes in 30th and Final PBA Tournament of Champions

FAIRLAWN, Ohio – PBA legend Carmen Salvino was overcome with emotion as he threw his final shots in qualifying for his 30th and final PBA Tournament of Champions Thursday.

In front of a huge crowd at AMF Riviera Lanes, the 86-year-old Hall of Famer and 17-time Go Bowling PBA Tour winner extended his record as the oldest player to compete in a PBA Tour event.

PBA's most famous showman is one of the few remaining links to the storied tournament's origin dating back to the inaugural event in 1962. The 1962 TOC was held at Play Bowl in Indianapolis and was actually billed as the Indianapolis 500 Festival Tournament of Champions. It's an often-overlooked event because the tournament would not be held again for three years.

In 1965, when Firestone began its landmark sponsorship, the classic moved to Bowlarama in Akron and then to AMF Riviera Lanes the following year where

it remained for 29 years. PBA's signature event made its return to AMF Riviera Lanes in 2018 after a 24-year absence.

"I never won the Tournament of Champions but it was always my favorite tournament," said Salvino. "The biggest reason I kept coming back was the fans – they always made me feel special."

"Every athlete should be thankful for the fans because without the fans we can't compete," the Chicago native added. "If we don't have the fans you don't have a paycheck. The way the fans treated me here made the last 30 years all worthwhile whether I bowled good or bad."

Salvino's best TOC finish was third in the inaugural tournament. Joe Joseph won with a two-game total of 480 pins followed by fellow Michigan star Billy Golembiewski with 413 pins and Salvino with a 409 total.

"I knew it was going to be emotional for me but I was able to keep it under

FAIRLAWN, OH – Kris Prather got as far left as he could, threw the ball slow, hooked the lane and his look was unbeatable.

That game plan worked to perfection for Prather on Sunday night as he never trailed in any match and climbed the ladder to win his first major title at the 2020 PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes.

While several of his opponents tried to play the lanes straighter, Prather plugged away playing a deep inside line and worked his way up to the championship match, where he defeated Bill O'Neill, 280-205, for his 3rd career title.



2020 Tournament of Champions Winner Kris Prather

"I'm just so happy," Prather said. "It's always been the dream of mine to just bowl the Tournament of Champions. For it to be

my first major, \$100,000, it's incredible."

Prather, who also won \$100,000 last year at the PBA Playoffs, survived

a tough opening match against Sean Rash and then knocked off Jason Belmonte and Anthony Simonsen continued on page 3

## DORIN-BALLARD, GIANOTTI, BUCKNER ELECTED TO PWBA HALL OF FAME

ARLINGTON, Texas – Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Carol Gianotti and Pam Buckner will form the 2020 Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA) Hall of Fame Class, following their election by the PWBA Hall of Fame committee. All three players were selected in the Performance category.

The 2020 PWBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place May 13 in Las Vegas, in conjunction with the 2020 United States



Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, Carol Gianotti and Pam Buckner

Bowling Congress (USBC) Queens, a major event on the PWBA Tour. Details on the ceremony will be an-

nounced later.

Dorin-Ballard, 55, of Keller, Texas, captured 20 PWBA titles from 1991

through 2003, including the 2001 USBC Queens. She was the 2001 PWBA Player continued on page 7



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# PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: BRAD ANGELO, THOMAS LARSEN WIN PBA/PBA50 DOUBLES TITLE

• Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., in his first tournament as a PBA50 competitor, teamed up with Thomas Larsen of Denmark to defeat PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. and team mate Nate Garcia of Port St. Lucie, Fla., 2-0, in a best-of-three-game title match to win the PBA/PBA50 Don Vay Memorial Central Doubles Classic title at Legend Lanes Sunday.

Teams in the PBA Central Region’s first tournament of 2020 included one bowler age 50 or older, and one bowler under the age of 50. The title was Angelo’s fourth overall in PBA Regional competition and Larsen’s first. They also split a \$3,950 first prize.

In the semifinal round, Angelo, who turned 50 on December 23, and Larsen blanked Doug Kent of Newark, N.Y. and Tim Pfeifer of Oakdale, Pa., 2-0, while Williams and Garcia shut out Tom Adcock of Decatur, Ill. and Jake Peters of Las Vegas, 2-0, in the best-of-three semifinal round.

• Regional competition over the Feb. 21-23 weekend includes the PBA50 Dave Edwards Toyota South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C., and a pair of tournaments at South Point in Las Vegas – the Southpoint West Challenge for non-titlists and a Southpoint Member/Non-Member Doubles Tournament.

• Closing out the February regional calendar over the Feb. 28-March 1 “leap year” weekend will be the PBA Plaza Lanes Central/Midwest Open in Crawfordsville, Ind.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules including rules and entry information, visit [pba.com](http://pba.com), open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. Whether you are a competitor or a fan, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](http://pba.com) (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).

## QUICK NOTES

• Unrelated note #1 re: 1970 PBA TOC: PBA Hall of Famer and founding member Carmen Salvino, who improved upon his own record as the oldest player to bowl in a PBA Tour event when he rolled his first shot in his 30th TOC appearance at age 86, was sitting on the sidelines when Don Johnson rolled his 299 in the 1970 TOC title match. Salvino finished that tournament in sixth place, 50 pins behind Jim Stefanich, who was the No. 5 qualifier for the ABC-TV telecast. Salvino therefore served as “alternate” to the TV finals. It was standard practice in those days to have a backup ready in case one of the finalists was unable to bowl in the TV finals.

• Unrelated note #2 re: 1970 PBA TOC: all five finalists for the 1970 TOC telecast were subsequently elected to the PBA Hall of Fame. The qualifiers in order were: Don Johnson, Mike Durbin, Dick Ritger, Barry Asher and Jim Stefanich.

• Entering the PBA Tournament of Champions after finishing second in the PBA Jonesboro Open, Chris Barnes had moved into sixth place on the PBA career earnings list with \$2,481,331. He passed fellow Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli who has earned \$2,475,574. Barnes’ next goal is to catch and pass Brian Voss who is fifth on the list with \$2,577,979.

• In his first television appearance of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season Sunday in the PBA Jonesboro Open, Australia’s Jason Belmonte threw seven trikes in a 257-207 loss to Chris Barnes. Fulfilling his pledge to donate \$50 per strike to his “2HandsHelpingAustralia” fundraiser in the wake of his home country’s devastating wildfires, Belmonte’s first donation was for \$350.

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# CALIFORNIA – BOWLING’S TOP STATE – Why?

by Frank Weiler

From what I hear, California will lead the nation again in BVL contributions. California will again be NUMBER ONE. California will again surpass \$100,000 in BVL contributions. California will again improve the lives of thousands of deserving military veterans. California will again show the world that bowlers are the most generous sports people in the nation.

Bowlers bowl, bowlers compete, and bowlers give. I often ask myself WHY California bowlers are so generous, WHY California bowlers are the best bowlers in the world and WHY California has produced more professional bowlers than any other state? I ask myself WHY do our professional bowlers win so many titles? WHY California’s Youth are the best junior bowlers in the world? WHY California youth programs are the best in the nation? I ask WHY? WHY is our State the best in the sport of BOWLING? WHY?

Some would argue that California is tops in Bowling because there are more bowlers in California. The numbers are accurate but not the reason why California is Tops in the sport. I believe a philosopher named Thomas Malthus wrote that quantity doesn’t necessarily equate to quality. We all know that bigger isn’t always better. California is not Bowling’s Top State because there are millions of California bowlers. It’s more than numbers.

So, if it’s not numbers, WHY is California the best? WHY is California Bowling’s Top State?

I believe California is Bowling’s Top State because we have the best leaders in the country. The California USBC Board of Directors and Officers lead better than any other USBC leadership group. We are lucky to have leaders like State President KATHY BRUEGEMAN and State Association Manager LARRY PEPPERS. We are very lucky to live and bowl in California.

Bowlers, do you recognize the times we live in? We are living in a GOLDEN AGE. A GOLDEN AGE of Bowling. While there is room for improvement, things have never been better in our sport. We have the best equipment the sport has ever seen. We have the best facilities the sport has ever seen. We bowl surrounded by the most dynamic and exhilarating atmosphere the sport has ever seen. We have the best leaders of any sport in the nation. These are “THE BEST OF TIMES” for the sport of Bowling.

Wake up and smell the flowers all around you. Stop looking for the sliver in the eyes of our Bowling leaders while overlooking the beam blinding our attitudes. Start contributing and stop complaining.

Bowlers should be grateful for these bests of times. Let’s stop bitching and moaning and join our leaders to make the sport of BOWLING even better.

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**TOC** continued from page 1  
in his next two matches.

Belmonte was the only one who tried to get left and hook it but poor execution kept him from challenging Prather. Rash, Simonsen and O’Neill all tried to play the lanes straighter, and Prather wasn’t unhappy about it.

“My swing got really loose because I knew that they were hard over there,” Prather said. “I know we didn’t spend a whole lot of time on the right side of the lane trying to break them down.

“I felt like if I missed a little right playing straighter, I didn’t have any kind of recovery. And if I missed left, it went through the face, and we saw that with Rash, Simonsen and Bill when they were playing straighter. I just tried to get as far left as I could, throw it as slow as I could and just try to control the pocket.”

Prather’s only non-strike in the championship match came in the second frame when he left and converted a 10 pin.

His 280 game was actually the lowest winning score in a championship match this season. Tommy Jones won with 300 to start the season, Rash shot 289 to win the second week and Kyle Troup won with 290 last week. Adding in Prather’s score, the winning average so far this season is 289.75.

As for O’Neill, he was never really in the match against Prather after opening the match by leaving the Big Four for an open. He’d go high on three of his first six shots to fall behind big.

In the semifinal, Simonsen decided to try to take the lane out of play and throw urethane hard and straight. The move didn’t work, though, as Prather advanced with a 226-203 win.

Prather struck, stuffed a four pin, and then rattled off four strikes in a row to build a 23-pin lead heading into the commercial break. A blower seven pin in the eighth frame followed by a 6-7 split in the ninth frame for an open that sealed Simonsen’s fate.

Prather was able to roll past defending champion Belmonte, 252-179, in the second match of the stepladder finals.

Prather started the match with four strikes in a row before a 10 pin ended his run. Belmonte looked lost early on, missing the head pin right several times and even tossed a Brooklyn. He didn’t toss a double until after the match was out of the woods and finished fourth..

Despite trailing by 26 pins after six and a half frames, Rash had an opportunity in the final frame to knock out Prather. Instead, Prather survived, 187-164.

Prather was in control until he left and missed the 1-2-7 in the seventh frame. He went on to leave a 4-9 split for an open in the ninth. A clutch double in the 10th frame, however, put maximum pressure on Rash.

Needing a double to win, Rash was distracted when he overheard FOX play-by-play man Rob Stone setup the final frame. He backed off but when he tossed his first shot in the 10th, he went wide right and left the 1-2-8 to lose.


The PBA Tour heads to Columbus, Ohio, for the second major of the season, the PBA Players Championship, which begins Tuesday live on FloBowling.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
(a 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour Tier 1 event)  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio, Sunday

- Final Standings:**
- 1, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$100,000.
  - 2, Bill O’Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$50,000.
  - 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$25,000.
  - 4, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$12,000.
  - 5, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000.

**Playoff Results:**  
Match One: Prather def. Rash, 187-164.  
Match Two: Prather def. Belmonte, 252-179.  
Semifinal: Prather def. Simonsen, 226-203.  
Championship: Prather def. O’Neill, 280-205.







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## TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS KICKS OFF "MILLION DOLLAR 300 BONUS" SERIES

The two players who will bowl for the \$100,000 first prize in Sunday's finals of the PBA Tournament of Champions also will be the first two players to try for the "\$1 Million 300 Game Bonus" incentive. Live FOX coverage of the TOC finals from AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio, will begin at 2 p.m.

This week's finals will be special because the competition will take place on lanes 27-28, the same pair of lanes where Don Johnson came the closest of any player ever to record a nationally-televised perfect game in the title match of a PBA major championship. When Johnson left a 10 pin in his iconic 299-268 victory over Dick Ritger, he fell face-first on the approach and Akron Beacon Journal photographer Don Ruese froze the moment in time on film. Ruese's photo was later re-created by artist Marc Moon for the cover of the 1971 PBA souvenir program book, and Johnson's historic image was later celebrated as the No. 1 most memorable moment in the PBA's first 60 years.

Under the million-dollar incentive program, a \$1 million bonus prize is again being offered to any player bowling a 300 game in the championship match of one of the following PBA on FOX/FS1 live telecasts: the TOC; PBA Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl in Columbus Ohio (Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m. on FS1); the Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open at Royal Pin Woodland (Saturday, Feb. 29 at 5:30 p.m. on FS1) and PBA World Championship at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas (Wednesday, March 18 at 5 p.m. on FS1).

Only three perfect games have ever been bowled in the championship match of any nationally-televised PBA Tour event (including Tommy Jones' 300 in the title match of the PBA Hall of Fame Classic to kick off the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season), but no one has ever bowled a 300 to win a PBA major championship.

If you'd like to re-visit Johnson's epic victory, click here for the YouTube clip on the title match: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQ\\_WLrqlZI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BLQ_WLrqlZI).

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# Go Bowling PBA Tour Majors Stretch Continues with PBA Players Championship Feb. 9-15

## Anthony Simonsen to defend Players Championship title in season's second major

COLUMBUS, Ohio – While Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte etched his name in Go Bowling PBA Tour history in 2019 by winning the PBA World Championship for a record 11th PBA major title, PBA Players Championship winner and fellow two-hander Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, was carving out his own place in PBA majors history.

Both players will be among an expected field of 92 entrants who will return to Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl for the second major of the 2020 Go Bowling PBA Tour season Feb. 9-15. In addition to a major title and the \$75,000 first prize, the \$1 million perfect game bonus will again be in effect for the Players Championship if the winning player bowls a perfect game in the title match of the live finals on FS1 on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 2:30 p.m.

Already in the young 2020 season, the Players Championship is part of a grueling stretch as the second of three consecutive majors in as many weeks. The PBA Tournament of Champions at AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio and immediately following the Players Championship the tour travels to Lincoln, Nebraska for the U.S. Open Feb. 16-23.

At age 22 Simonsen, the No. 2 seed, won the 2019 Players Championship to become the youngest player to win two PBA majors, defeating No. 1 seed Belmonte 232-212 in the title match at Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl.

In 2019, Belmonte, who won the PBA Tournament of Champions the week before, held a three-pin lead in the fifth frame of the title match when he left a 4-6-7-9-10 split. Both players then threw strikes from the sixth through the ninth frames but Belmonte left the door open for Simonsen when he left a pocket 7-10 split on the first shot of the 10th frame.

“To have a second major at this point in my career, I’m speechless,” said Simonsen, who won the 2016 USBC Masters at age 19 to become the youngest to win a major. “Jason is the guy everyone is gunning for and as a fellow two-handed player, he’s an inspiration.”

Competition begins Tuesday, Feb. 11 with six-game qualifying rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Qualifying continues with the third round Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. after which the top 24 players will advance to the first eight-game match play round at 6 p.m. After the second and third match play rounds at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, the top five based on 42-game pinfall totals will be determined for the stepladder finals on Feb. 15.

Tommy Jones capped a storybook week in the season-opener in January when, after his induction into the PBA Hall of Fame the night before, he won the PBA Hall of Fame Classic with a dramatic 300-237 victory over Darren Tang in the title match for his 20th career title. While the Hall of Fame Classic was not part of the \$1 million bonus lineup of tournaments, he did receive \$10,000 for that remarkable accomplishment.

The \$1 million title match bonus is in effect for the Tournament of Champions, Players Championship, Go Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open and PBA World Championship.

All qualifying and match play rounds will be livestreamed by FloBowling. To subscribe, visit [flobowling.com](http://flobowling.com). FloBowling also will livestream the FS1 finals to its international subscribers.

### PBA Players Championship Schedule

#### Wayne Webb’s Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Oh

**Tuesday, Feb. 11** (All times Eastern)  
11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)  
6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)  
**Wednesday, Feb. 12**  
11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)  
Top 24 players advance to match play  
6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)  
**Thursday, Feb. 13**  
11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)  
6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)  
**Saturday, February 15**  
5:30 p.m. – Live stepladder finals on FS1

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## February

by Bette Addington

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  - 15 – No-Tap 5 Gamer Hdcp & Scratch Singles, 7pm, AMF Rocklin Lanes, 916/521-3524
  - 15 – CUSBC State Open/Women's Champ. entries due for Advanced Registrations, [calusbc.com](http://calusbc.com)
  - 15 – PBA Players Championship, Columbus, OH, 2:30pm on FS1
  - 16 – Scratch 6 Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161
  - 16 – Spare to Care Spring No-Tap Hdcp. Singles, 12:30pm, Stars Recreation Center, Vacaville, 530/724-0496
  - 18 – CUSBC Pepsi Youth Qualifying Paperwork and Fees due, [calusbc.com](http://calusbc.com)
  - 21 – Entry deadline for 4th Smooth's Team Challenge (2/28-3/1, Harley's Valley Bowl), 323/216-9535, [mgray98@att.net](mailto:mgray98@att.net)
  - 21 – PBA SouthPoint West Challenge (Non Champions), Las Vegas, NV, 360/600-1229, [pba.com](http://pba.com)
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*This gleening at a glance takes us through August, 1994. Next jumble of facts and fiction will cover September through the end of the year. If you know something that I didn't cover (except 300 games), call me Monday at (562) 807-3600. Watch for 1994, Part 5. You might be a headliner.*



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CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT

by Jonathan Garza

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LAKEWOOD – Nicknames are sometimes better than a person's real name; more descriptive and longlasting. Remember "Frick and Frack," "The IT Girl," "The Profile," "The Old Smoothies," "Ole Blue Eyes," "The Big Bopper," "Kilroy," "The Great Dictator," "Tricky Dick." (Gotcha thinking!)

Now for names in the news at Cal Bowl. Lots to brag about this week. If you're looking for some action, or just a great place to meet great people, look into one of the many leagues at Cal Bowl. You'd be hard-pressed to find a better place to bowl. Here are the superstars of this bowling hotspot for this week!

**Grandmas & Grandpas:** No grunts, no groans, just the smell of Ben Gay mixed with coffee and lane oil. Heavenly gifts. Heavenly scores from: ... Paul Morrison, Jr.: 225-203-191/619, Chris Van Deven: 192-186/541, Esque Donnell: 196-169/526. Del Stewart: 202-160/512, Carol Kelly: 189-155/491, Betty Green: 178-158/476.

**Gobs & Gals:** This league has more POTS than a Starbucks. Scratch, handicap, etc, etc, etc. League average: 183. Stephanie Zavala outdid the guys! She needs a sponsor for the tour! Go girl, go! ... Will Young: 729, Kevin Jones: 722, Scot Maxwell: 715. Ed Cabs: 289, Vernon Adams: 279, Cameron Huntelman: 276. Stephanie Zavala: 752, Dawn Stephens: 622, Arlene Thaxton: 575, Daryl Lynn Davis: 259, Michelle Criswell: 220, Susan Alvarado: 216.

**Mini Couples:** Two is a couple. Three is a turkey. Four is a hambone. What is five?? A miracle! Having the magic ball this week: ... Bill Dennis: 627, Kirk Van Doren: 594, Dave Burchman: 558. Tony Tito: 222, Rudy Tomaneng: 204, Allen Larios: 195. Gina Bjoralt: 493, Emily Burchman: 490, Thelma Tito: 483.

**Fil-Am:** Teams 4 and 11 are on the top of the totem pole by an impressive 10 games. Listen up ... Only seven weeks to go. Practice-practice-practice: ... Ike Topacio & Chris Borillo: 697, Joe Knapp: 690. Jing Sabian: 276, Rey Santos: 275, Benjie Calinawan: 268. Liza Agoncillo: 607, Valerie Colian: 574, Beth Austria: 533. Susan Ebilane: 202, Emily Burchman: 198, Annie Yonemura: 198.

**Laughlin Bowler Bears:** Pamela Norwood left the 5-7-10 TWICE in one day. Smile – it could happen to you! Strike-strike-strike, we love the sound of them. These bowlers loved the looks of them too: ... Jonathan Gale 248-227/672, Ernie Fisher: 225-223/618, Michael Savolskis: 232-213/592. Julie Grabinski: 201-191/555, Roxanne Torrez: 169-169/488, Ashlee Raviglia: 171-171/479.

**Young at Heart:** You are as "young" as you feel! And if you've got "heart," you must be a bowler! We thank the Bowling Gods for our 21 teams. Special thanks for: ... Chris Abing: 237/647, Jimmy Hamilton: 223/633, Rey Santos: 213-213/630. Jorge Fernandez: 252. Oritta Steel: 232-213/603, Greta Vines: 224/540, Dee Phipps: 186-185/527.

**Pin Heads:** "Trouble Makers" has no cushion for error – only 1.5 games up heading into Week 21. Stacy Kelly hogged three columns on the league sheet with 191-190-177/558. I'll toot your horn: ... Damon Flewelen: 218-205/566, Bruce Brown: 191-180/538, Alan Salg: 186-179/525. Stacy Kelly: 191-190-177/558, Ashley Brown: 177-176/522, Diane Robles: 177-173/506.

**Cal Bowleros:** Sure wish "Cupcakes" would reveal the secret to their team name. It's sweet! Perfect for an all-ladies league. Top cookies on Tuesday: ... Jessica Alcaide: 578, Nene Camanag: 525, Carole Fischer: 495. Donna Gillespie: 207, Danne Van Horn: 199, Beth Alcaide: 193.

**Sierra Bugs:** The team of "Splits and Giggles" hold the headlines again! Still two games out in front. But only won one this week. Bugs in a jug?? Nah! On the lanes, having fun: ... Connie Wood: 199-185/545, Myra Kremen: 166-163/481, Mel Leach: 175/476.

**Senior Men's Trio:** Top gun on Wednesday was Rob Kordich, shooting 300-278/815. Pistol packing Bob Watson was right on target with 280-278/801. Kevin Gannon and his cannon picked off strike after strike, 287/767: ... Rob Kordich: 300-278/815, Bob Watson: 280-278/801, Kevin

Gannon: 187/767, Lon Richardson: 723, Sonny Dew: 681. **Funsters:** The 50s? Not ages. It's wins! So the 49ers need to step it up. Lots of teams with wins in the 40s. Only 12 weeks to go. So go!! ... Roland Sanchez: 682, Chris Abing: 634, Vic Santos: 625. Randy Antazo: 268, Rey Santos: 234, Jim Plante: 221. Odette Dalton: 540, Danne Van Horn: 507, May Toledo: 502. Elvie Del Rosario: 214, Cecilia De Jesus: 182, Jane Lebaron: 177.

**V.A. League:** V.A. equals "very awesome," just like : ... Joe Morse: 635, Brian Bacsafra: 475. Steve Sinas: 217, David Goodman: 158. Terry Girlie: 405, Melissa Steffens: 347. Lovely Floreza: 151, Valerie Morse: 129.

**Big Bear:** Sour apple – Rita Soares. You can pick cherries. You leave apples. You can also be number one in the weekly high-score column: ... Sonny Dew: 267/704, Billy Anderson: 279-244/697, Jerry Cant: 265-248/693. Rob Lee: 290/625. Sue Cant: 242-223-205/670, Everette Franklin: 225-211-173/609, Michelle Criswell: 202-193-176/571.

Look at your league sheet online at [CALBOWL.com](http://CALBOWL.com). At the top of the screen click "more" and click "access now" under League Standings and Sheets. There you will find a list of leagues. See you soon at CAL BOWL!

**Brunswick Inv.** continued from page 12

games from **Buddy's Bowling Supply**. Stephanie Zavala led the team by one pin, shooting a 238/634 set to edge out Jon Diso's 243/633.

**Captain Morgan** swept all five games in the match against **Threadworks**. Ramiro Garcia was the lone bowler to break 600, leading Captain Morgan to victory with 244/633, while Joe Jimenez added a couple 200 games of his own for 594.

**3 Olives Vodka** went 4-1 against **Team Hu\$tle**. Eric Snow bowled well for 3 Olives, posting a 235/647 set. Jaime Carrington finished with a nice 253 for Team Hu\$tle to lead them to their one win.

**J.A.T.** got all five games from **Bowlum** on the next pair of lanes. Danny Wilson of Bowlum led the pair with 245/627, but it wasn't enough to get the team on the board. Kevin Valmonte topped J.A.T. with 234/606.

**Keystone Lanes** got the sweep over **Century 21—PEAK** in a low scoring match that saw a top score on the pair of 530.

**Kingpin Pro Shop** got five wins over the **Professional Approach** team, with Mikey Villarreal leading the way, 213/614.

On the final pair, **Saddleback Lanes** earned a sweep over **Rednil Insurance** in a battle of two teams (among many) that are just happy to see the round end and get a fresh start next week. John Vallin topped this pair with 246/582.

And, with it being the final night of the third round, the two teams that had already clinched spots were taken out of the mix to bowl each other. Both of these teams were having fantastic rounds. DV8 won the first round of the season and were 23-7 on the third round pattern. Cal Bowl had won the second round and were currently 22-8 on this one. DV8 took the first two games, although both were fairly close. Vernon Adams had a solid 238 in the opener to lead DV8. Cal Bowl came back to take the final game and did so by enough that total pins went to them as well, giving Cal Bowl a 3-2 win for the match. Ramsey Basurto finished strong for Cal Bowl to cap the comeback, as he shot a 224 game for a 608 series.

The Eliminator Pot came to an end tonight. Five bowlers were in it heading into the final night, and Gabriel Martinez won by almost 100 pins with his 731 set. The win earned him \$190. Stephanie Zavala got \$80 as the runner up with 634. Spanky Rosales, Ryan Cunningham and Bill Heffern all also cashed.



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**MONDAY – Lake Parkers:** Brian Parker 233/645, Al Scudellari 231/644, Bob Jacobi 229. **Golden Awards:** Carl Brooks 276/691, Eric Will 250/730, Rick Moffat 244/672, Terri Plavala 202. **Whittier Elks:** Gerry Lucio 214, Bill Scherger 204, Marcia Buettner 234. **Gamblers Fun:** Gary Wingett 248/661, Scott Miller 232, Rich Pollock 215, Denise Chavez 220.

**TUESDAY – Glenbrook Gals:** Penny Bird 232/660. **Friendly Seniors:** Phil Brewer 232/623, Jim Ragsdale 215, Darryl Wigington 213, Marian Horton 201. **Pedagogues:** Larry Bell 224. **Ageless Wonders:** Dave Hansen 237/619, David Warren 220/615, Tom Denker 215/604, Stephanie Carroll 226, Teresa Denker 203, Kathy Burdett 203. **Guys & Dolls:** Jeff Black 258/635, Bryan Elder 244, Howard Lavoot 234/631, Lynn Folliott 641, Stacie Davis 209/602, Starla Battiest 202, Lisa Ledesma 201.

**WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes:** Carl Brooks 259/643, Ed Jamison 258/675, Larry Green 248, Rick Moffat 639, Starla Battiest 241, Jackie Head 224. **American National Can:** DJ Guerrero 242, Mike Thompson 227/607, Ray Mankins Jr. 205, Nancy Parker 202.

**THURSDAY – Early Birds:** Karen Balicki 205, Leslie Schulte 200. **Sunset Rollers:** Jeff Stansell 225, Bret Lavold 223, Jim Carrol 204. **All Schools:** Larry Bell 201, Angelique Coloma 219, Belinda Crowder 213. **Frank's Gold Cup:** Joe Wilhite 300, Gary Wingett 288, Brandon Kraye 280/761, Richard Tucker 784, Nathan Hornung 756, Suzanne Allison 204.

**FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers:** Brandon Kraye 266/732, Dexter Harrod 259, Leo Moreno 255, Joe Jimenez 710, Gabe Hannah 695, Carie Morgan 269/689, Jordan Kraye 266/692, Stacie Davis 246, Starla Battiest 631. Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

The first sidepot in the upper division was won by Spanky Rosales, with Mikey Villarreal coming in second. Gabriel Martinez took first place in the next two games to win \$159. Stephanie Zavala got second place money in the middle game, while Mikey Villarreal earned second place in the third game super pot.

In the lower division, the sidepots were taken by Vernon Adams and JT Diso in games one and three. In the middle game there was a tie between Blayke Miller and Brandon Grant, so they split the prize.

Gabriel Martinez earned an additional \$190 for winning the Financial Advisors sidepot in game #2, shooting a 243 game. Stephanie Zavala came up five pins short with 238, and settled for second place money of \$90.

The fourth round starts next week. New pattern. New standings. New enthusiasm for teams looking to get back in the hunt. And, best of all, three playoff spots still up for grabs. Congratulations to Don Julio Tequila for winning the round. We'll see you all on the lanes next Monday night.



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JOIN ROUND WINNERS CAL BOWL AND DV8 IN PLAYOFF FIELD. 3 SPOTS LEFT.

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – Cal Bowl and DV8 had already clinched two of the six spots for the playoffs take place at the end of the Brunswick Invitational. After the action was completed on Monday night, a third spot would be locked up. Going into the night Don Julio Tequila, Tito's Vodka and U.S. Foods all had their sights on the top spot.

**Don Julio Tequila** was in the driver's seat as the night began holding a 1 ½ point lead. **Tito's Vodka** would need to take four out of five points to overtake them. U.S. Foods began the night in third place, but only 2 ½ points out, meaning that a split on the top pair would provide them the opportunity to jump around both teams to win the round.

In the opening game of the night, Tito's Vodka did what they needed to do, getting off to a 1-0 lead with a 707-682 win over Don Julio. Gary Duran topped the team, shooting a 201 game. Raul "Spanky" Rosales had a 214 for Don Julio but they came up 25 pins short.

On the second pair, just like Tito's, **U.S. Foods** did what they needed to do to stay alive as well. U.S. Foods took the first game and opened up a 50 pin lead over the **Bowling Guys**. JT Diso started strong for U.S. Foods, shooting 221. Gabriel Martinez added a 209 to help out.

In the middle game, one of the two teams chasing Don Julio would get eliminated, as the Bowling Guys were

able to put together a nice 807 effort to win their game against U.S. Foods by 21 pins, knocking them out of the running. John Struckman and Bryan Osborne topped Bowling Guys with 213 and 206 respectively. Gabriel Martinez had a 243 for U.S. Foods in the game in defeat.

Back on the top pair, Don Julio Tequila evened their match with Tito's, with a 747-723 win. After the game, only one pin separated the teams for totals, meaning the final game would essentially determine the round as three points were still up for grabs. Brandon Golden had a 210 in that middle game to lead Don Julio to the victory. Brian Main had 220 for Tito's to keep them close.

In the final game, with the round on the line, three bowlers for Don Julio were able to break 200 on the difficult conditions, as they took over early and won the game by 101 pins. Brandon Golden shot 209, Jason Carillo added a 204 and Spanky Rosales had a 202 of his own. That was more than enough to take the game, and more importantly the round.

On the second pair, Gabriel Martinez continued to bowl well, finishing with a 279 game for a 731 series. That was more than enough to get U.S. Foods four wins, but they didn't make up any ground on Don Julio.

In other action, **Forest Lanes** took four out of five

TOP 10 POINT LEADERS

Forest Lanes.....	72	Don Julio Tequila \$\$\$..	62.5
Cal Bowl \$\$.....	70	Junior Amateur Tour ...	61
DV8 \$.....	65	Team Hu\$tle .....	57
Tito's Vodka.....	65	3 Olives Vodka .....	57
U.S. Foods.....	63	Kingpin Pro Shop .....	53.5

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Gabriel Martinez .....	731	Jamie Carrington ....	629
Eric Snow .....	645	Danny Wilson .....	627
Stephanie Zavala ....	634	Mikey Villarreal .....	614
Jon Diso .....	633	Ramsey Basurto.....	608
Ramiro Garcia.....	633	Kevin Valmonte.....	606

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