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## Graham Fach Wins Barbasol PBA Players Championship to Become First Canadian to Win PBA Tour Titte

## Near-perfect effort toppled toop qualifier Ryan Cimininelli in titite match

COLUMBUS, Ohio frame while Ciminelli was (Feb. 21, 2016) - Gra- almost as good, leaving and ham Fach, a 24 -year-old converting four single-pin left-hander from Guelph, Ontario, became the first Canadian ever to win a Professional Bowlers Association Tour title Sunday when he defeated top qualifier Ryan Ciminelli of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 29-244, to win the Barbasol Players Championship at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl.

Fach, bowling in only his second PBA Tour event, was nearly perfect in winning the $\$ 40,000$ first prize, a PBA major championship and a Barbasol shaving cream pie. His only flaw was leaving a 10 pin , which he converted, in the seventh
"It's a great feeling to win against players of this caliber," Fach (pronounced "faw") said. "They want to win, but obviously I want to win, too. I wasn't sure I would be able to compete out here, but the only way to find out is come out and try. Now at least the PBA staff knows who I am.
Fach, who earned his shot at the title when he escaped with a 247-244 win over Australia's Sam Cooley in the semifinal round, said the support he's gotten from Canadian fans as well as friends and teammates


Ciminelli was equally distraught.

One of these days someone is going to shoot 210 against me on TV and give me a chance," he said. It's frustrating but there's not much more I could do about it."
In the first game of the finals, 21-year-old Swedish two-hander Jesper Svensson struck on 10 of his first 11 shots, and converted a pivotal $4-7-10$ split in the fifth frame to end PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke's bid to win a fifth different major championship, 274-258. Duke, who had previously won the PBA World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions,

USBC Masters and U.S Open, had hopes of joining Mike Aulby as the second player to win the PBA "Super Slam.'

I fought hard," the 51-year-old Duke said. "I never created an advantage in this tournament that stuck out. I was the one hanging around all week, but I put together a game I was really proud of and sometimes it just isn't enough. The hardest part is I have wait another year for the opportunity.

Cooley, in his PBA television debut, eliminated Svensson in the second match, 246-206.

The PBA Tour will take
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## Barbasol PBA Players Championship Returns to Major Title Status

## Belmonte, Norton, Bohn Earn Retroactive Majors

COLUMBUS, OH Prior to the start of the Barbasol Professional Bowlers Association Players Championship, PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger announced Monday night that three past Players Championship winners - Jason Belmonte, Scott Norton and Parker Bohn III - will be awarded major title recognition
retroactively for the titles they won in 2011, 2013 and 2015, respectively.

The announcement was made at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl where the 2016 Barbasol PBA Players Championship begins Tuesday.
"The PBA Players Championship is returning time since it was suspended
as a major championship after the 2000 event," von Krueger said. "In returning the Players Championship to major status because it is a members only event, and includes all of the elements of a major, PBA's leadership asked the PBA Players Committee to review three events held under the Players Championship banner
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## Dom Barrett Danielle McEwan Win World

 Bowling Tourf Finals Championships English star rolls unique 10-frame "perfect game" in winning men's titleINDIANAPOLIS

After traversing the globe competing against the top bowlers in the world over a span of two years, England's Dom Barrett and Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, N.Y., emerged as the winners of the World Bowling Tour Men's and Women's Finals at Woodland Bowl. The finals, presented by the Professional Bowlers Association, aired Sunday on ESPN.
Using an experimental World Bowling scoring system, Barrett, a four-time PBA Tour champion and top qualifier for the threeman finals, rolled a one-of-a-kind perfect game in defeating five-time PBA Tour winner Mike Fagan of Berkley, Calif., 300-256, to win his first WBT Finals championship
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## USBC MASTERS RETURISTOLLAS VEEAS III 2017

The USBC Masters reurns to Las Vegas for the fourth time in 2017, once again reuniting with the same host city as the USBC Open Championships. The 2017 Masters will take place Feb. 19-26 at The Orleans, a 70-lane center.

Holding the Masters in conjunction with the USBC Open Championships, which will take place Feb. 19-July 9 at the South Point Bowling Plaza, is a major change because all PBA members will be allowed to compete in the USBC Open Championships' top division.


WORLD BOWLING TOUR
The unique WBT scoring system retained the traditional 0 -frame scoring format, but awarded 30 pins for a strike, 10 pins for a spare plus the pinfall of the first shot in the frame, and actual pinfall for an open frame. For a spare, for example, if the player knocked down eight pins on his/ her first ball and then converted the spare, he/she earned 18 pins for the frame. If a player left a split or missed a spare and got only nine pins for both shots in the frame, his/her score for that frame was nine.

The maximum score under the World Bowling system is still 300 - based on 10 consecutive strikes - and there is no extra shot or bonus pins in the 10th frame.

Various versions of bowling's traditional scoring system have been tested by World Bowling, the international governing body for tenpin bowling in the eyes of the International Olympic Committee, in an effort to create a scoring system that will be more easily understood by those who aren't familiar with the traditional bowling system. An experimental "best frame" system - similar to the sysem golf uses in Ryder Cup competition - was showcased in last year's WBT Finals held in Las Vegas.

For bowling the first-ever perfect game under the experimental format, the PBA awarded Barrett its traditional $\$ 10,000$ bonus for the 300 game.
"That was pretty cool," Barrett said, referring both to his unique 300 game and his victory. "It was a long two years getting to that point. The scoring format was irrelevant to me. I just had to throw strikes to get the best score I could. I just trusted if I bowled the best game I could, 'd win."

Barrett said he liked the idea behind the new scoring ystem.
"I think the idea behind it is great, trying to get us into the Olympics," he said. "If it helps get (bowling) more onto the international stage, the more people who understand it, the better. The reasons behind (the modified scoring system) are all very good reasons.'
In the women's final, McEwan won her first WBT Finals championship by defeating 2014 WBT Finals winner and 2016 top qualifier Kelly Kulick of Union, N.J., 256243 , throwing six strikes worth 30 pins each and four ninecount spares, each worth 19 pins. McEwan was able hold off Kulick who had one less strike, four nine-count spares and, the difference-maker, a seven-count spare.
"It's a long process to get here and that's what makes the win all that much better, looking back on what I had to do to get there," said McEwan, who also spoke in favor of the scoring system
"I liked it; it almost made me not pay attention to the score," she said. "I didn't watch my opponent as much because throwing a string of strikes didn't matter. I just had o focus on each shot I made.
"I'm curious to see how people react to it, like my dad, who isn't a bowler. I want to see if it's easier for him to understand."

In the men's semifinal match Fagan defeated three-time reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, 265-256. Both players threw seven strikes in the match, but after Belmonte left the $4-10$ split in his 10th frame and failed to convert, Fagan threw his seventh strike for the win

In the women's semifinal, McEwan, the No. 2 qualifier, defeated No. 3 Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., 256 233, out-striking Johnson 6-4 for the difference.

The players earned their berths in the finals as the top point-earners in PBA International-World Bowling Tour events over a two-year rolling WBT points competition.

WORLD BOWLING TOUR FINALS
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Men's Division Final Standings
1, Dom Barrett, England, $* \$ 30,000$.
2, Mike Fagan, Berkley, Calif., $\$ 10,000$.
3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$5,000.
*Includes \$10,000 bonus for 300 game Stepladder Results (based on modified WBT scoring system awarding 30 pins per strike, 10 pins plus first-ball count for spares, and actual pinfall for open frames) Semifinal - Fagan def. Belmonte, 265-256. Final - Barrett def. Fagan, 300-256.

Women's Division Final Standings
1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., \$20,000. 2, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., \$10,000.
3, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$5,000 Stepladder Results (based on modified WBT scoring system awarding 30 pins per strike, 10 pins plus first-ball count for spares, and actual pinfall for open frames) Semifinal - McEwan def. Johnson, 256-233. Final - McEwan def. Kulick, 256-243.

## Eric Forkel Decries Rules That Bar His Entry From South Point Senior Shootout

by Fred Eisenhammer
LAS VEGAS - Eric Forkel is not shy about speaking out. And he's the first to admit it.
Forkel, who has won more than a million dollars on the Professional Bowlers Assn. tour, is co-host of Bowling Evolved with partner Dustin Markowitz. The podcasts provide the perfect forum for Forkel's outspoken views on all matters related to bowling.

Now, Forkel is targeting the planned South Point Senior Shootout tournament in Las Vegas and he's angry.
"I'm 15 minutes from the place and I can't bowl. I'm not one to keep my mouth closed. It's not the end of the world, but it's wrong," said Forkel, a Henderson, Nev., resident.

The Senior Shootout tournament is scheduled for Nov. 13-18 at the South Point Bowling Plaza. It's the first year the United States Bowling Congress-sanctioned tournament is being held and is expected to be a huge event with possibly as many as 140 entries and $\$ 100,000$ in prize money.

It would seem to be a perfect bowling opportunity for the 55 -year-old Forkel, who competes in a handful of PBA50 Tour events and is at the top of his game. In June, he finished second to Pete Weber at the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open in Las Vegas.

The left-handed Forkel has won five national PBA Tour titles and 27 PBA regional championships. That may seem


Left-hander Eric Forkel, a former San Fernando Valley resident, has won five national PBA Tour titles and 27 PBA regional championships. like a good thing, but it's TOO good of a thing for the Senior Shootout's liking.

The tournament rules specify that bowlers are eligible if they are at least 50 years old have won fewer than three PBA and/or PBA50 Senior national titles. Having won PBA national titles in 1999, 1996 and 1993 and two in 1992, Forkel has won too many championships to be eligible. And that doesn't sit well with him.
"On paper, the tournament sounds terrific - but don't eliminate bowlers who have won three titles 20-30 years ago," Forkel said. "What they're saying is that it's OK to have good bowlers in the tournaments. But the really good bowlers can't come. I have five national tournaments and I can't come.
"Talk about a kick in the stomach. This aggravates me. It shows bowling is so distorted. These people don't want to beat the best bowlers. It's not what competition is all about."
There actually is more to the tournament rules, which specify that bowlers are eligible - regardless of PBA titles - if they're 63 and older. That doesn't help Forkel, a Van Nuys High graduate and among the best bowlers to come out of the San Fernando Valley.
Said Forkel: "Because I won five national titles, I can't bowl. But if I was 63, I could bowl. I didn't know senior bowling was flourishing so much that you can invite who you want. You should invite everyone.
"If you've won one title, you can bowl. If you've won two titles, you can bowl. But if you won three titles, you can't. It's ridiculous. They don't want Parker Bohn III, Pete Weber, Walter Ray [Williams Jr.] and Brian Voss. The list goes on and on. They can't bowl."

Ron Mohr, a celebrated Senior bowler who won the 2011 PBA Senior U.S. Open by "running the table," is the brainchild of the Senior Shootout.
Asked about the rules that prevent high-quality bowlers such as Forkel to compete, Mohr said it's basically all about the turnout.
"I like Eric and he's a great player, but if we have another left-hander in the Bowling Plaza, that would cost me entries," he said. "To make the tournament successful, that's a decision we had to make."

Mohr, who recently turned 60 years old, cited the tournament website as further explanation of the rules.
The website says the Shootout's "concept and event formats were developed by a local Las Vegas committee consisting of Dick Baker, Bill Hewlett, Howie Loosbroock, Ron Mohr, and Tim Shirlock.
"The goal of the South Point Senior Shootout is not to determine who can grind out a 200 game on an extremely challenging lane pattern, or who can count on their years of professional experience to succeed in the clutch. Nor are we trying to determine the 'last man standing' in a grueling 50 -plus game single tournament. Our hope is to create a fun, enjoyable experience through three reasonably playable and significantly different lane patterns, using multiple event formats, and managing event eligibility.
"In our opinion, the Shootout will be more successful (as determined by number of entries) by ensuring as many bowlers as possible have an opportunity to succeed, and not have to compete against the Walter Ray Williams, Jrs., Pete Webers, and Norm Dukes of the world. We hope you'll agree."

Forkel counters the tournament organizers are missing something - that it's not just about the turnout, but that it's also about the art of competition. He cites instances in which underdog bowlers created memorable experiences with shocking victories over renowned opponents.

One such occasion happened in October when amateur Russ Davies of Las Vegas recorded the biggest win of his life when he defeated Williams to capture the PBA50 South Point West Open tournament in Las Vegas.
"They think they will bring [in] more bowlers cause then they don't have to bowl against REALLY good players," Forkel said. "One would think it should be the opposite. I mean, what a great story it would be if you would beat a top player. In this game, it happens all the time, but this rule robs bowlers of that once-in-a-lifetime chance. Sad, just sad.
"I think it's all about the turnout. . . they fear some bowlers will drop out if they were bowling against the likes of Weber, etc."

As for the "three titles" rules, Forkel dismissed the arbitrariness of that provision. "Why do three titles make you a god, but two not so much?" he asked.

Johnnie Englehart, one of the elite amateur bowlers in the L.A. area, says that he sees both sides.
"I see Eric's a victim of being good," said Englehart, who turns 58 next month. "And that's a pat on his back. I think the proprietor doesn't want the better guys - not so much cleaning up - but dominating. I can see why the proprietor is being selective on who's in the field."

This marks the second time a rule change has cost Forkel his eligibility. For the 2014 season, The West Coast Senior Tour changed its eligibility rules to limit tournament players to ages 60 and over.

Previously, the tour had allowed players as young as 50 to compete in most WCST tournaments. Dick Sanders, the WCST's owner and tournament director, said at the time that the rule change was basically made to increase the tour's flagging turnout.
Sanders said the decision to ban the 50-59-year-old group wasn't "done to punish them. It was just because we didn't get their support."

Since then, the WCST's turnout has improved. Forkel ranks fifth all time in WCST titles with 19.
As for the South Point Senior Shootout, Forkel sums it up this way: "I don't like to be eliminated for no reason." Said William Ben Benzenhafer of the Southern Nevada USBC Assn.: "Eric is just going to have to age faster."

## ANTHONY SIMONSEN DISPLACES ED RESSIER AS YOUNGEST MASTERS WINNER

SHAWNEE, OK - When 19-year-old Anthony Simonsen won the USBC Masters, he became the youngest player ever to win a PBA major title (U.S. Open, PBA Tournament of Champions, World Championship or PBA Players Championship). As reported, he displaced Mike Aulby for that record. Aulby still holds the PBA National/ World Championship record at age 19 years, 93 days.
Simonsen displaced Ed Ressler Jr. as the youngest to win the Masters (Ressler won in 1975 at age 20 years, 119 days). Jesper Svensson set the youngest Tournament of Champions winner record a week earlier in Shawnee, Okla., at age 20 years, 357 days (note: Svensson turned 21 on Monday in Columbus, Ohio). The PBA Players Championship youngest winner was Jason Couch at age 23 years, 362 days in 1993 in Indianapolis...and just for the record, the oldest Players Championship winner was Ernie Schlegel at age 52 years, 212 days in 1995 in Pittsburgh.


# Another Gold Mine of Talent for Silver Lake Atom Splitters 

by Fred Eisenhammer


Mark Baker appears to have picked another strong Silver Lake Atom Splitters team for the 2016 season.

It was only two years ago that Silver Lake (Calif.) Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker put together such a powerful team in the Professional Bowlers Assn. League that it was known as the "Dream Team."
That 2014 Silver Lake team romped to the league title, scoring a $4-2$ victory over the Los Angeles X in the Elias Cup finals in "the battle of L.A."
Now it appears Baker has crafted another powerhouse for the 2016 season as the Atom Splitters take a shot at a "three-peat." Once again, the "Dream Team" moniker may come into fashion in describing Silver Lake's new edition. Silver Lake retained three players from its 2015 championship team: franchise player Chris Barnes and Dick Allen and Tom Daugherty Baker added Matt McNiel and Jesper Svensson in the league's draft, which rounded out rosters for the eight teams.

How smart was the pick of Svensson, a Swedish two-handed bowler?
This month he claimed the title of the PBA Tournament of Champions and he did it in convincing style.

So for a last-round pick, Baker appears to have made a stellar move in grabbing Svensson, who won the Tournament of Champions eight days before he turned 21

Interestingly, Svensson was seeded second in the stepladder finals and he reached the finals by scoring a 245-206 victory over Daugherty, Svensson's new Silver Lake teammate. Svensson went on and breezed to a 226-177 victory over top qualifier Mitch Beasley in the championship match.

Daugherty also did the Atom Splitters proud. He put on a gallant fight just to get to the semifinals. He defeated E.J. Tackett, 231-221, in the first match of the stepladder finals. Then Daugherty outclassed superstar Jason Belmonte, 220-169, to set up his match with Svensson.

Incidentally, Belmonte is the franchise player of the X and Tackett is a former member of the X - thus continuing a pattern of Atom Splitters' domination over its cross-town rival in both individual and team competitions.

It remains to be seen whether the latest Atom Splitter team will end up as the most prolific Silver Lake edition. Two years ago, the Atom Splitters boasted the prolific fivesome of Barnes, Wes Malott, Tommy Jones, Dom Barrett and Bryon Smith

Here's an indication of how strong that team was: For the 2015 draft, Barnes, Barrett and Malott were named on the draft-eligible 10 -player list on Group 1 - the strongest of the groups. And Jones was listed atop the 10-player list on Group 2.

So Silver Lake's title in 2014 was far from a big surprise.
This year's league competition will be shown on four consecutive Sundays on ESPN, beginning April 17. The season will conclude with the Elias Cup finals.

No one will be shocked if Silver Lake makes its way to the finals once again

## ABTA Hosted hy CAL BOWL Sat. Feh 27 \$\$ POTS CARRY OVER \$\$

LAKEWOOD - The ABTA will resume regular action Feb 27 at Popular CAL BOWL in Lakewood in a ONE DAY Event! With Semi Finals and Top 16 advancing to the top 16 Finals. ALL SEMIFINALISTS WILL CASH.

Qualify 1:00-2:30-4:00 \& 6:00. Semi Finals to follow the 3-6-9 Roll-off at 8:00PM, with the top 16 bowlers to the Single Elim Finals following at 8:00 PM. All Semifinalists will cash. TOP 16 will receive a min. of $\$ 100$ upward. As always three women will be guaranteed to the top 16 plus three Super Seniors. Minimum of 2 men and 1 women will be added to the Semi Finals.

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DIAMOND BAR - tion. The 3-6-9 is $\$ 1,400$ at no and Freddy Catamisan The ABTA enjoyed its re- Ca turn to Oak Tree and 5 new members joined us there. The ABTA event that featured a Beat the Board finals format was very high scoring.

In the qualifying Chris Soliman rolled a high +217 to lead the men and pretty Cecilia Cruz, on her game, led the ladies at +145 . They will receive paid entries to their next regular event. Cut Scores were enormous Men +122 Women +88 .

The Super Seniors added to the board were Danny Guevarra +109 , Ely Cruz +103 and Kerry Lucka +58 , bringing us to the Beat the Board Finals, where you finish in this one is where you cash.

Cecilia Cruz drew the Match Series $(\$ 2,385)$ and a 465 saw no matches. So we estimate the Match Series at $\$ 3,400$ Saturday at Cal Bowl.

The Mystery Match Doubles was drawn by Chris and the 280 doubles score worth $\$ 540$ was unmatched. The Doubles will be estimated at $\$ 1400$ at Cal Bowl.
The 3-6-9 pot worth \$1,300 had Reny Alkonga miss on the first shot and take home a $\$ 100$ consola-

The Beat the Board finals took the floor with 37 bowlers. It was a real good one with higher scoring again. After the first game, there was a tie for the lead as Jon Baracca and Jason De Jesus had the lead at +84 also sharing the side pot.

Game Two had De Jesus take over big time at +190 , 278 game and Michael Duran 2nd +154 , Jon Baracca 3rd +153 , Trung Duong 4th +144 , Patrick Flores 5th also Stacy Galisia 6th at +108 , Justin Taino 7th +107 . Several others were close going to game 3 and by the way all scores include handicap.

Game 3 saw De Jesus bowl another great game and topped the board +133 . This was his "First" ABTA Event! He joined on this day!! He took home $\$ 1,350$ for the win!! Trung Duong a regular here jumped to 2nd place his highest ever to date +118 which would have won any other event! He got $\$ 500$ for his superb effort and Michael Duran in 3 rd $+193 \$ 200$
4th \& 5th were John Phan and Jon Barraca \$110, 6-9th were Stacy Galisia, Patrick Flores, Justin Tai-
\$105. 10-16th were Ronald Richardson, Peter Ruiz, Matt Goodloe, John Camisa, Kelly Manuel, Sierrie Herradura and Samson Kong at $\$ 100$ each.
We paid out 37 places and a $\$ 4,342$ prize fund plus pots and optionals at Oak Tree. We will return there soon!
Our Champion Jason De Jesus had the honor of drawing the Match Game worth $\$ 800$. 112 was the score and a lucky lady Andrea Garcia, an ABTA regular hit the Match Game 112 and gladly took home the $\$ 800$. She is a sweet lady and very deserving!! Match Game is estimated at $\$ 1,000$ Saturday at CAL Bowl.

Champion Jason De Jesus used a Storm drilled by the famous Dave Edis at West Covina Lanes. Jason is married with two boys and he thanks Tess Dizon for bringing him into the ABTA.
Truong Duong, a true gentleman hails from Hacienda Heights. He is married with two sons and used a Radical drilled by ABTA member Memo Rosales at Chaparral Lanes. He is one of the good guys.


Newcomer Jason De Jesus Wins at Oak Tree \$1,350. Jason De Jesus bowled lights out in the high scoring ABTA event at Oak Tree Lanes to win in his first try. He joined that afternoon and went on 4th \$110, Truong Duong Runnerup \$500, Champion Jason De Jesus \$1,350, Michael Duran 3rd $\$ 200$ \& ABTA director Annaliza Agoncillo.
from Banning, he used a Revolt Havoc drilled by Mike DeVaney at Moreno Valley Bowl. Michael is also one of the good guys!! This Saturday we return to popular Cal Bowl in Lakewood in a one day event. After the Semi Finals we go to the top 16 Single Elim Rolloffs. All Semifinalists will cash.

1st place $\$ 1,000$ Min to $\$ 2,400$. Squads will be at $1 \mathrm{PM}, 2: 30 \mathrm{PM}, 4 \mathrm{PM}$ and final squad at 6 PM. Finals at 8:00PM. Cal is very popular. Check in early please. New bowlers welcome.
This is another nice center that hosts the ABTA. March 5, we visit another great place West Covina Lanes. March 12 is a Bye and then we visit popular Bowlium Lanes in Montclair March 19th.

It was nice to return to Oak Tree! Thanks to Doc and the great staff, especially the efficient desk guys there. We hope to return there soon. This week we are at Cal Bowl 2500
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Andrea Garcia Hits Match Game at Oak Tree \$800 Andrea was not too proud of her 112 game 3 at Oak Tree but soon afterward she was on the happy side as champion Jason DeJesus drew the Match Game and bingo, a 112! So Andrea takes home
tidy $\$ 800$. Director Greg Kokanour offers his congratulations.

## The Reaction of Jim Harvey's Wife Was Priceless

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA - It all started in the pro-shop at Winnetka Bowl. A group of top bowlers - all of whom had resumes filled with honors scores - launched an impromptu discussion.

The topic?
Who would be the first Los Angeles County-area player to bowl that magical 900 series?

Would it be Bryan Alpert?
Would it be Tim Tripp?
Would it be Charles Kenny?
Would it be Johnnie Englehart?
Would it be a woman bowler - perhaps the highly decorated Robin Romeo?
Or would it be a bowler who comes out of the blue someone who no one thought could turn the trick?
As it stands now, no one has achieved the vaunted 300-300-300 milestone in the L.A. area, although it's been accomplished 29 times outside L.A. County. To be precise, it's happened on 29 occasions in which it's received sanctioning from the United States Bowling Congress. That excludes Glenn Allison, who turned the trick in 1982 in Orange County but was not accorded USBC's blessing.

It's really now just a waiting game as to who will be the first to put L.A. on the bowling map.
One of the discussion panelists at the Winnetka Bowl pro-shop brought up a name that seemed so obvious but hasn't really been given the attention that other elite bowlers have received.

The bowler is Jim Harvey.
"He's capable," said one of the panelists. "He's a great bowler."
Harvey actually is a natural choice. The right-handed marksman from L.A. has tallied more than 55 perfect games to go along with 10800 series. And his honorscores count would be much higher had he not gone on a 10 -year hiatus from the game in the prime of his career.

Harvey showed a glimpse of his ability this month by stroking a powerful 759 series at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana with scores of 223, 237 and 299.

Michelle Silver, who married Harvey late last year, also is an elite bowler with 20 perfectos and eight 800 series. She was informed that Harvey is being followed closely because he's considered a bona fide candidate to become the first 900 L.A. bowler.

Her reaction?
"Right on!" chirped Michelle proudly


Newlyweds Michelle Silver and Jim Harvey have logged close to 80 perfect games between them. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

Three-time PBA5O Tour Winner Jim Brenner Dies at 76 CHICAGO - Threetime PBA50 Tour winner Jim Brenner of Bettendorf, Iowa, the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title, died Friday after a brief battle with cancer. He was 76.

The first of his three PBA50 Tour titles came in the 1995 Ladies and Legends doubles event in El Cajon, Calif., where he teamed with Cheryl Daniels to win the title.
In one of his most memorable moments in senior competition, he defeated two of the sport's greats to win the 1996 PBA Senior St. Petersburg/Clearwater Open. He won the event by defeating Teata Semiz, 204-173, in the title match after beating Hall of Famer Earl Anthony in the semifinal, 225-173.
He had to wait 10 years for his next PBA50 title, which was also memorable. In winning the 2006 Epicenter Classic in Klamath Falls, Ore., by beating Henry Gonzalez, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game final match, he became the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title at age 66 years and 358 days.
Brenner also owned six PBA50 Regional titles, had four 300 games, and amassed more than $\$ 250,000$ in earnings since becoming a PBA member in 1985.
Brenner and his wife Fran had six children. Letters and cards of condolence may be sent to Fran Brenner at 1350 Kimberly Place, Apt. 206, Bettendorf, IA 57222-4185.

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## 1956 A Bowl on Every Block

by Carol Mancini

*For 5 months Panorama Bowl announced weekly that their center would have the Grand Opening on February 15th. We'll find out soon...
*If you bought a Manhatten Black Rubber Ball in 1955, it had a "Lifetime Guarantee." I hear that someone recently paid $\$ 750$ for a ' 55 unused-undrilled-Manhatten.
*Washington Singles in Riverside boasted they had over 800 entries and turned away another 200. It ran from January to March 15.
*Damn---somebody cut some pages out. Was that you Glenn Allison? Between Glenn, Billy Myers, and Rob Bade, I don't know who had the biggest scrapbook. Way to go Champ!
*Flash- February 9th, Hank Catalano's company broke ground on Norwalk Bowl, now named Keystone Lanes. Mr. Catalano built many centers in So. Calif. More about him later.
*February 25 th, San Gabriel Lanes Grand Opening (I think they actually had 3 grand openings.) December, January and February. Lots of free news coverage.
*Coming soon-the ad read. Sunset Bowl on Sunset Blvd. 16 lanes and Free Parking. What's with free parking?? All centers offered free parking! And a cocktail lounge. No wonder bowlers get the bad rap! Beer and bowling. A double winner.
*At the national A.B.C. and WIBC tournaments all balls to be used were weighed and put on the lanes by an $\mathrm{ABC} / \mathrm{WIBC}$ rep. No changing balls during play. Later came the density test and of late only one in five balls are checked. Ball manufacturers are responsible now for weight and density. Putting "lead" in a ball to make it hook harder was standard practice....especially for balls used in late night pot games.
*The first 300 game in the Citrus Belt Assn. was rolled by Ramie Adcock at San Bernadino Rec. on AMF pins set by AMF pinsetters! That AMF Robot was everywhere!
*Want to buy a bowl? "25"alleys, bar, cafe and parking lot. Only $\$ 67,500$ !
*A "pretty" great bowler was Peggy Farley. 1956 headlines shouted her L.A.W.B.A wins. Singles, doubles, and all events Champ. A tiger that took on all foes. She made the news weekly with greatness. Later on, maybe we will find out more.
*The Los Angeles Examiner Singles Classic guaranteed the biggest prize fund of them all. $\$ 20,000$. Eight centers held qualifying squads and lots of weekly prizes to keep you coming back! Entry fee $\$ 3.00$ for 3 games.
*"Goofie" of the week...Adam and Eve were the first book keepers. They invented the loose leaf System! Too Risky???
*Dick Stueffler got a $\$ 25$ check for posting a 300 game at Hollymont Bowl. Down the road Dick managed Kona Lanes and after retiring in Vegas, wrote weekly columns for the Bowling News.
*Big Bomb-shell! Brunswick announced at a luncheon that their automatic pinsetters would soon be installed all over Southern California. Watch out AMF!
*At last....Panorama Bowl celebrated their grand opening on April 16,1955. That must have been a long awaited event for the owners and expesive. Full page ads for 6 months! Must have been at least $\$ 118$ ! Tommy Thompson was the General Manager.
*San Barnese opened Pico Rivera on May 6 with 20 of the newest Brunswick Crown Imperial pinsetters. Brunswick gave out balls, bags and shoes as door prizes. I'll bet some are stashed in the corner of a garage somewhere. Bowling News today will pay $\$ 100$ for an original Black Beauty. You got one??
*Sam Smith wrote a column called the "Smithereens." He reported on April 29th the laying of new lanes, new pinsetters and pins for every ABC Tournament. The wood was, and is today, later donated to the city to be used for building low income houses. You have to love bowlers!
*The first 300 game bowled by a woman was on April 29, 1955. Blanch Oraper used a Manhatten ball for the California history maker.
*The "Rolling Pins" were the womens Champs at Western Bowl. They beat the male team "Log Rollers." Way to go!
*High average for the season was a 194! Seems like every man in So Calif averaged between 189 amd 194!! Why? They all used the same kind of equipment on the same kind of lanes. Most all balls drilled the same way, 16 pounds with conventional grip. "I haven't seen a picture yet of anyone using fingertip" said Carol. "Does anyone know how or when or where the finger tip grip became popular?"
*It's still true today. "The funny thing about Trouble is
It always starts out being fun!"
*Yikes! The price for a yearly subscription was raised to $\$ 3$.
*Why are there no weekend tournaments to bowl anymore??? In the July 29. 1955 paper there were MANY ads for weekend action. The following centers offered their specialty: Boulevard Bowl, La Cienega Lanes, Temple City Bowl, Mar-Lin-Do Lanes, Costa Mesa Lanes, Virginia Bowl, Jackson Rec, 20th Century Rec, Atlantic Academy, Good Old Luxor, Leimert Bowl, Westlake Bowl, Burbank Bowl, Lo-Da-Mar, Western Bowl, Glen Bowl, Winsor Hills, Pan Pacific, Morningside Rec, A.V Bowl, Arcadia Courts, Santa ANa Center, Downey Bowl, Magnolia Bowl, Whittier Academy, Studio Bowl, San Gabriel Lanes, and Culver City recreation. This list does not include pot games which almost every center ran on weekends. What killed 'em?? Money? Skill? Cheating? Balls? What do you think? Tis a shame. Ahhh the good 'ole days of the Kwickie, Harry Grant Singles, Mancini's Hot Pots and Marathons. More to come in the 1956 Round Up.
1956 WERE YOU AROUND?? Here's what was happening.
*Channel 13 televised a "Match the Champ" tournament every Thursday night from 11 til 12 midnite. The Champ got $\$ 1500$ for a win. Billy Myers was crowned the first champ of 1956. Everyone would be after him!
*Radio station KPOP even had a bowling talk show recapping the Sunday Doubles at 20th Century Rec.
*What??? Klik Bowling Supply offered "WE CAN PLUG AND REDRILL YOUR BALL WHILE YOU WAIT." What kind of plug was used? Concrete?
*A train load of bowlers chugged to Chicago to take up the challenge of the Petersen Classic.
*Women Writers began making their words (good and bad) heard. They praised or criticized. Top local writers were Lucelle Ware, Laura Trenholm, Mary Filipone, Nadine Olsen, Florence Payne, Helen Hazelbrook, Kay Bournique, Mayme Lambert, and Mildred Peachy.
*The Brutacao Brothers opened Covina Bowl on February 11, at 8PM! Roomers in 2015 were floating around that condos would soon replace the bowl. No late word on that.
*The West Pico Ladies challenged the Paraplegic Veterans in wheelchairs. Many great wheelchair bowlers became national champions. "I heard that the bowling center at the Long Beach Veterans Hospital was removed. Is that true?"
*Remember Billy Myers being the "Champ" at the first of the year? Five weeks he held the title. He was dethroned by Jerry Morisette. 678 to 683. Jerry would face Foy Belcher the following Wednesday night. Jerry won again!
*Joe Alec was the first black bowler to shoot 300 in California. His "Shirt maker" gave him $\$ 300.00$.
*One Hundred and thirty two centers in Southern California participated in "GAME OF THE WEEK" worth $\$ 50.00$ The "Trick" was---you had to be sanctioned and a Bowling News subscriber! AND, rolled in a center that was a regular advertiser. Who thought of that??? "Twas Jesse Dudley. It was a pins over average competition.
*Two bartenders full of Green Strike Juice and Artery Conditioner challenged any other Bartending Duo to a home and home match. A special prize went to the guy who could FIND his home! No bowling talent required.
*There seemed to be challenges of all kinds. Singles, Doubles, Team, Home and Home, and head to head. They drew a crowd everytime. "Of course no side bets were allowed!!" Half of each weeks issue of the Bowling News was challenges. But, I never could find any results!
*The AMF pindicator signaling devices made its debut. The unit flashed to the bowler 1st and 2nd ball, strikes, and the standing pins for a spare shot. Very Modern!
*Pictured on the front page of April 13 issue was the Black Automatic Pinsetter to be ready by fail. I never heard of it. Maybe later on in this re-encountment we will learn about its destiny.
*A full page was allotted to TRIPLICATE SERIES, TRIPLICATE GAMES, ALL SPARE GAMES, STEP LADDER SERIES AND DUTCH 200S. How did they gather all this data without the internet?? Bowlers (Or centers) must have been on the phone pronto.
*More mind reminders. You gotta be over 70 to remember "Sniffy" Smith, Marge Finley, Ray Bluth, Billy Welu, Pug Lund, Jack Quinn, Foy Belcher, Joe Norris, Merle Matthews, Buddy Bomar and La Verne Carter. Still using plain black rubber balls, on lacquered lanes. Why were they stars? My theory? They bowled and bowled and bowled!

5 or 6 leagues a week, plus matches and tournaments. NOT ---Buy the latest ball, bowl 3 games a week and bitch about the lanes because you don't average 225. They thrived and were nourished by the game.
*Pinsetter \#4 made the front page this year. The Blair Pinsetter designed by Walter Blair in 1945. And what became of the Blair? Mystery \#2.
*30 million movie goers viewed a sports escape called "Headpin Hints." It featured the most unusual bowling scenes ever filmed, plus the style of "Woman Bowler of the Year." Sylvia Wene and instructions by Lee Jouglord.
*Ray Bluth and Dick Weber took the National Doubles Crown by beating Chuck Pezzano and Lou Campi.
*The California Bowling News was named the Most Outstanding Bowling Publication in the Nation.
Currently there are the 16 newspapers. Only 2 weekly, the rest are monthly. (2016)
*Norwalk Center installed 3 foot tall BOWL-AIR hand drying (And cooling) machines. It did away with the chalk and towel stand.
*Twas in 1956 that the A.B.C. passed a rule that made the President of a league equally liable with the Secretary/Treasurer for the prize fund. He MUST verify the bank account monthly.
*The "Championship Bowling" Sunday evening TV show offered $\$ 50,000$ for a 300 rolled live.
*Here's a catchy phrase from AVE (Balls) "Better your tally in and alley." 1956 style. "Bowl with a BADASS". 2016 style! lol
*First time ad "Pow-r-wrist Positioner"... $\$ 3.95$ I believe this to be the fore-runner of the Bobby's wrist positioner.
*Johnny Carson was the M.C. for the 4th annual Bowling Writers banquet. Entertainment included Kay Cee Jones and Tommy Leonetti. Who?
*BOWLERS OF THE YEAR WERE GLENN ALLISON AND DORIS PORTER.
*Does anyone recall "Las Vegas Lanes"? On Second street.
*GRAND OPENING....Friendly Hills Bowl 1956 GRAND CLOSING.... 2015.
*Indio Bowl offered $\$ 1000.00$ for a PERFECT 300 game and $\$ 100.00$ for a Dutch 200 in open play. What is an imperfect 300 game?? And why open play? And how do they prove it without auto-scores? DUH!
*Sour Apple? A 5-7-10 leave. Is it the name of the 3 pins left standing OR the poorly rolled ball that left it.? Check U.S.B.C. for current rule.
*If a ball jumps out of the "back-end," back onto the pin deck and hits a pin----is that legal?
*Old Timer Andy Devine was the honorary mayor of Van Nuys and trophy presenter at the Festival of Bowling.
*The King and Queen of bowling was La Verne and Don Carter. They bowled matches against each other for a few years before getting married. They recommended "bowling dates" for couples getting to know each other. Watch for 1957 coming soon!


## Bowling Birthday Parties Not Iusi Chinil's Play

 four or five birthday parties a month at Winnetka Bowl, Willis said.
Overall, Willis said the bowling center averages "about four, five, six [birthday parties] a weekend. We usually have at least two a day."

For Kolski, a top bowler from West Hills, it was the sixth straight year in which he's celebrated his birthday at a bowling house. The first four were at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills and the last two have been at Winnetka Bowl.

For his 32nd birthday, Kolski was part of a group of 25, which included brother Tom Kolski, sister Anna Pearson and his parents.

Kolski was asked why he annually chooses a bowling site for his birthday. "For one thing, I love the sport," he said. "And it was nice to share bowling with my friends and family."

Asked what his favorite moment was of the party, the ever-gracious Kolski said it was just watching his friends score so high on the two "league lanes."

He failed to mention that he crushed a perfect game on a no-tap lane, his fourth no-tap perfecto and his first at Winnetka Bowl.

Kolski carried his bowling momentum into his Tuesday night "Guys and Dolls" league and smoked a 720 series (252-247-221), just 10 pins from his all-time high.


Friends and family saluted Greg Kolski during his birthday party at Winnetka Bowl. That's Greg in the back with the hat. Reporter Fred Eisenhammer took part in the festivities and is in the front. Photo by Sandie Feltman-Rose.


## NATIONAL DEAF BOWLING NEWS

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FULLERTON - Dan Flores led the 32 players four games qualifying round with (266) 985 plus 112 handicap 1077 score. Eventual winner Francisco Navarro qualified second with (258) 833 plus 160 handicap 993.
In the Seniors Eliminations which use the 9 games all-events totals for qualifying round scores Randy Salazar led the 21 players field with 1571 plus 540 handicap 2111 total.

Defending champion and eventual winner for second year in row Sharon Caldwell had qualified in 4th place with 13929 games total plus 630 handicap 2022 totals.

The stories on how Navarro and Caldwell won their Eliminations will be in next week.

## BOB JONES TOPS DEaf TRAVEL IT AMF BOWLING SQuare with 279.914

ARCADIA - So. California Deaf Traveling League improved in its stop at AMF Bowling Square with Bob Jones leading his S F Valley team into first place and more, taking over season high team game and high team series and the season high game for himself. The left hander rolled games of 237, 279, 226 and 172 for 914 altogether with teammates Sharon Caldwell's 642 and Emad Aranki's 710 series take over season team high series with 2266.

Jones' 279 which had 9 strikes in row stopped by a solid 7 pin, took over the season high game for himself. Also his 279 along with Caldwell's 177 and Aranki's 158 gave S. F. Valley a 614 for the season high team game.

Following Jones' 914 on the league honor roll are Darrell Stogryn's 805 from 180-205-212-208 and four other bowlers, Gorman Low with steady games 181-181-191-190 for 743, Ed Abakumoff with (202) 717, Aranki's (209) 710 and Jim Mohr with 210. For the women, Denise Burrows had the day' high game 187 and Celia Salcedo the series 648.
S. F. Valley's move into first place was helped by a near sweep $16-4$ win over Mid City which fell into 6th place. Former leader Anaheim fell to second when they lost 13-7 to Chino Hills which moved up to 5th place. Riverside with a 13-7 win over 3rd place Eagle Rock too over third place while Eagle Rock dropped to 4th. All three winning teams scored over 2000 team series.
The 54 years old traveling league thanked AMF Bowling Square manager and staff for hosting. Next center to travel is Chaparral Lanes in San Dimas at Noon on Feb, 28.

## JAT Sport Juniors Recap <br> Solomon Edyes Yylie for this Weer's Ton Series

## by David Schiada

NORWALK - Although he missed the first opportunity to bowl on the 44-foot London pattern, Solomon Salama didn't take long to figure it out last Saturday at Keystone Lanes. Solomon led the JAT Sport Juniors with a 721 series for four games, including a high game of 216. Kylie Shishima was just a few pins behind, rolling a 709 series with a 200 game. Alli Azvedo rounded out the top scores with a 652, a nice 30 pins over her average. The third round leader after week two will depend upon make-up sessions from Solomon, David Schneider and Julian Zavala. Next week the pattern and the house will change as the JAT Sport Juniors will take on the 35 -foot Beijing pattern at Del Rio Lanes.

Upcoming Tournaments: February 28 - JAT Brunswick Invitational Challenge at Keystone Lanes, Norwalk; March 5-6 - JBT BRC at West Covina Lanes; March 13 - Pespi Sectional Qualifying at Bowlium, Montclair

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.

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## GEORGE CROUCH is Perfectith11

## by Frank Weiler

MURRIETA - George Crouch has been bowling for forty-three of his seventy-one years. He started after being invited to try his hand at bowling while stationed at Point Mugu. George had just returned from his second combat tour in Vietnam when the Naval Station bowling center manager challenged him to test his lane skills.

After bowling solo for awhile George joined a league and has been bowling ever since. He has an analytical mind and has studied every aspect of our sport to the point where he is probably the most versatile USBC Silver Certified coach in the country. I plan to write more about coach Crouch's coaching career at another time in the future.

Today I write to congratulate George on rolling his third perfect 300 game a few weeks ago at the age of 71 . He rolled his first perfecto in 2010 following it up with his second 300 in 2013. George is a great example of why bowling is such a great sport. What other sport allows a senior bowler to compete successfully against kids? What other sport allows a seventy-one year old competitor to score that sport's highest score? As far as I know, no other sport but bowling!

George has rolled numerous 700s with a high of 744. He currently averages 200 or better in all three of his certified leagues and had a book average of 205 last season.

Again, congratulations George and thanks to the BOWLING NEWS for supporting California's senior bowlers.

## BELMO, NORTON, BOHN

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in recent years, and the committee members voted to retroactively award the winners of those events with major titles.'

Australia's Jason Belmonte won the Pepsi Elite Players Championship as part of the 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas, defeating Mike DeVaney, 255-238, in the title match. The decision means Belmonte has now won six majors including the 2013, ' 14 and ' 15 USBC Masters and the 2014 and ' 15 PBA Tournaments of Champions.

Norton, from Mission Viejo, Calif., won the Earl Anthony PBA Players Championship that was held as part of the 2013 PBA Winter Swing at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. Norton defeated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 219-181, in the title match. Norton now is credited with his first major title.

Bohn, a PBA Hall of Famer from Jackson, N.J., won the 2015 PBA Players Championship at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, defeated hometown favorite Ronnie Russell of nearby Marion, Ind., in a two-frame sudden-death roll-off after they tied at 237 . Bohn, who now has three major titles, previously won the 2001 USBC Masters and the 2012 PBA World Championship.

Editors note: We received this just before press deadline last week, it ran on page 3 last week, I decided to rerun story on cover.

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## PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

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a break during "March Madness," returning to competition with the PBA League Elias Cup competition and the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout in early April at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine.

BARBASOL PBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl,
Columbus, Ohio, Sunday

## Final Standings

, Graham Fach, Ontario, Canada, \$40,000.
, Ryan Ciminelli, Cheektowaga, N.Y., \$20,000.
3, Sam Cooley, Australia, \$12,000.
4, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, $\$ 11,000$.
5, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$10,000.

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## Winnetka Bowl



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221/774, Mike Kinsinger 767 , Justin Pluchino 749, Billy 221/774, Mike Kinsinger 767 , Justin Pluchino
Mulvihill 734 , Kinh Hang 727, Mark Alvarino 697.
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Schettini 257/719, Dustine Johnson 685, Ray Matthews 683, Clinton Weyand 668, Charles Kenny 279, Sam Amaral 258.
Wednesday Night Rollers: Jeremy Forkner 269/636, JIII Williamson 245/649, Stan Salter 248/629, Harold Nakaoka 616, Hogan Shrum 613, Shannon Simmons 530.
Copper Bucket: Ed Jones 629, Spencer McKendall 627, Aaron Story 232/615, Tom Borrelli 223/606, Chas Wiggan 232/598.
500 Classic: Jill Williamson 278/699, Barbara Vaccarello 543, Petra Kaun 542, Linda Fenwick 225/522, Carol Ellis 520.

The Achievers: Matt Whittlesey 359 Marites Tesoro 364, Jimmy Jurgenson 354.
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St. Cyril's: JIm D'Arcy 620, Philip Dimenno 231/564, Candy Adams 490, Ida Mae Miccolis 483
Party Animals: Scott Englehart 268/738, Elizabeth Fonvergne 234/663, Frank Martinez Jr. 266/720, Steve Cagle 258/682, Gary Gladstone 257/670, Brandon Hart 646, Gina Brouse 224/658, Gail Rodgers 213/555, San Mitchell 551. SFVCC Nikkei: Kiyoshi Suruki 258/641, Sandra Yamamoto 257/602, Gary Yamamoto 265/636, Randy Page 224/612, Stan Date 227/608, Yukli Matsuba 606, Noriko Fukunaga 543, Misato Sakata 519, Tami Shiotani 210/511, John Kobayashi 223.
49'Ers: Al Reiswig 249/640, Bev Zietz 512, Mel Neiditch 220/594, Les Charbonneau 219/569, BobKing 549, Bruce Zietz 535, Candy Adams 509, Carolyn Scheerzberg 506, Funtimers: Bernhardt Roth 247/612, Carolyn Scherzberg 232/602, Al Reiswig 609, Stan Staten 213/588, Ron Dioll 211/583, Mel Neiditch 570, Bev Zietz 515, Karen McDonald 504, Bill Lind 217, Bernie Aronson 213,
39'Ers: Mel Neiditch 235/667, Carolyn Scherzberg 39'Ers: Mel Neiditch 235/667, Carolyn Scherzberg
235/617 Bill Robb 236, Ron Doll 222/632, Jerery Kanow235/617, Bill Robb 236, Ron Doll 222/632, Jerery KanowArlene Bonino 202/502

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8 For 8: Tyler Wong 118/236, Brian Wong 124/217, Melani Rodriguez 129/2323, Emma Perren 109/212, Jeffry Krasnasky 108/200, Jake Perren 91/177, David Hur 108/167. Junior Allstars: Michael Campos 103/188, Meagan O'Neill 111/208, Evan O'Neill 96/183, Jason Suprun 83/159. Junior Royals: Julia Frias 706 series, Justin Pluchino 249/601, William Wales 212/527, Kyle Ycaza 190/458, Jaceyh Opiana 203/576, Deanna Frias 162/423.
Everyone have a great Happy Leap Year Monday. See you on the lanes.

LAKEWOOD - Welcome to Cal Bowl. Congrats to the Valentine Doubles winners. First place: Jennifer Anwar/Chris Martinez; 2nd place: Sakile Herndon/Kyle Kolb; 3rd place Julie and Ray Grabinski. Kyler rolled a REAL "300"... He didn't need any NO-TAP help!
ATTENTION: SENIOR SCOTCH DOUBLES. Saturday March 12. Sign in at Noon. Mixed. $\$ 20$ Per Team. Both ver 50 years of age. Bowl 2 regular games, bowl 2 no-tap games. Here are the top scores for this week's report.. Young At Heart: Sonny Dew 245/707, Rey Santos 240/651 Kob Kordich 632, Phly Hylton 626, Art Diemart 619, Jame Lewis 599, Dee Phipps 217/574, Oritta Steel 548. Tua Sula 202/487
Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Le'Star Walker 252/663, Aaron Law 263/642, Wayne Brown 231/597, Rob Lee 581, Kim V.A.: Robert Lee 652, Marcel V ????? 581, Melvin Hogan 557, Anna Farrugia 489, Lino Agatep 244, Bill Baumann 11, Dan Martinez 207
Big Bear: Steve Bryant 278/773, Emmerson Wafe 256/700, Steve Clark 269/682, Curt Soares 269/678 Jerry Cant 269/678, Chris Abing 265/677, Robert Cloyd Dunn 670 Harold Dubose, 660, Fon Din, Joh Towler 253/651, Mich Cisw, 233/626 Joyce Char 214/605, Debra Gipson 253/597, Rita Soares 576.
Vegas Crackpots: Fredrick Crowe 252/712, Ernie Perry man 254/678, Curtis McCann 676, Alwyn WSoods Sr. 646 Carl Stokes 237/632, Keith Thompson 623, Mike Dees 615, John Doval 604, Greg Mobley 602, Teka Williams 571 Joann Culpeppeer 537, Penny Doval 215/517.
C.A.U.L.: David Regul 263/675, Scott Scarborough 238/633, RJ Guimond 241/626, Reginald Cargo 234/593 Lori Gilmore 202/550.
Senior Men's Trio: Scott Poddig 279/777, Larry Gray 2 2ith 707, Paul Peete 290, Rick Llaneta 286
Recycled Teens: Fred Guray 236/644, Victor Santos 243/643, Ralph Montgomery 624, Bert
Mattie Wylie 233/560, Divina Buhay 534,.
Pin Heads: Bruce Brown 202/561, Merle Anderson 213/556, Chuck Appleberry 205/555, Jerry Waken 535 Ashley Brown 499.
Cal Bowleros: Renee Johnson-Scott 266/628, Carolyn Rousseau 222/554, Susan Garcia 528. Side-pot winners266; Game 3: Mary Spencer/Vedia Moore 239.
Alley Oops: Mike Slagley 492, Julie Grabinski 563. Sidepot winners-Game One: Julie Grabinski 226, Game Two Tim Cable 210; Game Three: Becky Carroll 216.
Bowling Buddies: Rich Ewaskey 563, John Roach 492,
Sierra Bugs: Myra Kremen 209/568, JoAnn Mac Knight 215/550, Darlene Waken 548, Shonna Hernandez 206. Side-pot winners-Game 1: Darlene Waken 221; Game 2 Sharon Greene 199; Game 3: Jo Ann Mac Kniight 239. Marcus Lemons Vegas: Steve Bryant 286/746, Emmer son Wafer 247/711, Jello Gray 254/700, Vernon Adams 246/693, Russell Fowler 668, Robert Ray 639, Eric Bell 635, Alicia Ferguson 236/619, Crystal Barker 231/603 Teya Woodman 221/569, Diann Donaldson 555 Gobs and Gals: Steve Clark 756, Jon Reyes 735, Rick Barbaria 731, Lasandra Chaney 645, Sue Cant 634, Tianna Tipton 606, Diion Morris Sr. 279, Arnold Trias 268, Curt Soares 265, April Griese 244, Clara Negrete 238 Randi Rodriguez 233.
Mini Couples: Rene Polomo 668. Steve Moeller 593, Dan el Amos 558, Patti Palomo 556, Girlie Huervas 501 Grandma's/Grandpa's: Marc Kashinsky 245/704, Fale Sula 235/657, Billy Williams 580, Tua Sula 550, Betty Green 548.
Laughlin Bowler Bears: Ryan McEvilly 226/569, Ray Grabinski 558, Katwuan Sauldsberry 548, Kyle Patterson 530, Julie Grabinski 525, Amethyst Radcliffe 507
Funsters: Espie Batucal and Carol Monson $25-7-10$ 's on the same line! James Kinard 247/681, Jorge Fernandez 257/671, Josh Hudson 236/650, Victor Santos 257/648, eff Edwards 247/645, Phil Hylton 631, Rey Santos 626, Tim Lafarga 620, Jim Plante 620, William Louie 618, Tom Pettway 616, Benny Martinez 614, Julie Grabinski 226/584 Christy Estimo 212/557, Cecilia DeJesus 201/522, Nene Camanag 519
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BURBANK - We bowlers share many things in common but the one of which I am certain is the love/hate rela tionship we all have with the sport. I'm not sure if 'we love hate it' or 'hate to love it'.
Either way, the feeling is very real. One of my bowl ing mates will not go one week without saying "I hate this game" and yet he's there every week. Just like me
A couple others actually have a running bet on who will eave the first 10 pin (the one pin all right-handers crave to annihilate). Interestingly enough, the one who leaves the first 10 pin gets paid a dollar by the other
suppose that's one way to welcome a ringing 10 pin m not immune to a love/hate rant either. Too many times o count, I have surrendered myself to the cruelty of bowl ing with a few words. Choice words. You fill in the blanks. Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Will Pisnieski 246, Sharon Brown 161, Sylvester Foster 683, Ryan Hinchliffe 524 (hdcp) Davis Rivera 302, Raylin Rivera 244, Angelo Or ando 742, Cynthia Estrada 661
Monday 690: (scr) Dave Brubaker 248, Joyce Hill 205, Roy Stansbery 649, Patty Shaffer 593. (hdcp) Dan Eisenberg 267, Colleen Simpson 265, Dylan Jimenez 775, Glenda Nale 650.
Senior Swingers: (scr) Raymond Garcia 184, Seiki Tluczek 167, Winston Gorriceta 513, Mary Langer 500. (hdcp) zek 167, Winston Gorriceta 513, Mary Langer 500. (hdcp) Art Michener 238, Kay
Bonnie Holcomb 653
A Metro Telco: (scr) Syd Byford 236, Nani Bolliger 168 Dave Hansen 596, Cortney Lyon 495. (hdcp) Robert Zap paterreno 275, Danica McMahon 260, Win Kato 684, Joyce Hill 686
Orbits: (scr) Catherine Noonan 184, Megan Hazzard 159, Joyce Hill 506, Jan Levitt 458. (hdcp) Tish Plotkin 231 Cathy Stevens 216, Joan Jones 616, Gini McLoud 592. CF: Andre Giacomelli 263, Bernie Baima 238, Sydney DeMello 254, Rita LeBlanc 236, Dan Willhite 649, Mary Zaryka 635.
JPL Bowling League: (scr) Bjorn Cole 194, Schuyler Senft 48, Aster Caballero 527, Marina Valenti 393. (hdcp) Bryan Burgos 233, Jen Miller 201, Micheal Porter 617, Megan Richardson 560.
Guys \& Dolls: (scr) Mike McMahon 219, Marina Ev ans 193, Tim Hackett 593, Colleen Simpson 576. (hdcp) Haitham Jammal 272, Melissa Procanik 267, Roy Stans bery 698 Janice Haynes 694
Ned. Night Hdcp: (scr) Andrew Gunderson 235, Alexis Arnold 188, John Hjelmstrom 664, Laura Baltazar 546 (hdcp) Ryan Swenson 284, Gigit Reyes 231, Bing Tuazon Jr 786, Kristine Cotangco 677
Senior Foursome: (scr) Dan Carone 187, Cres Cruz 147 Richard Brown 529, Seiki Tluczek 426. (hdcp) Bill Rowland 47, Lydia Gantt 234, Dick Bay 642, Bonnie Holcomb 622 Thursday 890: (scr) Trevor Wakefield 243, Peggy Eklund 187, John DiPietro Sr 651, Lori Henke 512. (hdcp) Randy Gill 268, Renee York 246, Dave Hansen 765, Jo McMahon

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## Things Get Tighter As Teams Settle In To 4th Round Shot

DOWNEY - The Brunswick Invitational is nearly half way through the 4th round on the 2015 Nationals Team Pattern which has proved to be very challenging. With the league coming off a sub-180 average session bowlers were looking to bounce back with different balls or different angles to attack the tight pattern.
In the "A" match, Pino's Pizza who is undefeated after two weeks met up with Ketel One Vodka who was the high 8-2 team. Pino's took game one to go to 11-0 but that was all they could salvage as Ketel One came back to take games two, three and totals.
Herman Ferguson was high for Pino's with a 570 , Herman Ferguson was high for Pino's with a 570 set while super \#3
bowler Bobby Hornach, 2nd round winner Don Julio Tequil
with Cook's Bowling Supply both at 8-2. The Tequila boys won game one by a bunch but Cook's found their shot and took games two, three, and totals for a 4-1 win. Matthew Schemmerhorn's 601 helped Cook's to the 4 wins while Buddy Lucas led Don Julio with a 603 set.
In the 5-6 match, low 8-2 team Erickson Foods matched up with 6-2 first-round winner and overall league leader Professional Approach. Professional Approach kept up the momentum by taking games one and two by enough to cover the game three loss and take totals for the 4-1 result. Carl Stokes 606 was high for Erickson Foods while Ramiro Garcia's 573 helped Pro Approach to their 4 $\underset{\text { Koy }}{\text { points. }}$

Keystone Lanes and GJC Janitorial put up their identical 6-2 records in the 7th vs. 8th match. GJC came out strong and won the first game by 53 , but Keystone came back to take game two by just win. Ryan Hinchliffe led GJC with a 621 set while Jared Lawrence win. Ryan Hinchlife
Rounding out the top-half of the teams this round were Linder's Insurance and Sysco with matching 5-5 records through two weeks. These teams moved to the low end and it was Sysco finding a groove sweeping past Linder's 5-0. Gabriel Martinez led Sysco with a nice 643 effort while Linder's was led by Anthony Santos' 533.

Forest Lanes and Relax-Release-Repeat also had matching 5 records on the line in their match. Forest snuck out game one by a nice 647 and went on to an easy 5 points. Robert Renko put up a lead the Triple-R boys

Los Altos Trophy and Herzog Insurance were the low of the 5-5 records after two weeks. Los Altos came out striking taking game one by nearly triple digits, and continued to strike blowing right through Herzog for a 5-0 win. Albert Chen led Herzog with a 572 set but it wasn't enough to cover the 278-623 put up by Joe Jimenez
As last week taking on Threadworks who dropped 4 last theirsion Threadworks was on the tough end of the outcome this week again Threadhambra Coin swept them 5-0. Brandon Grant subbed a fantastic 677 set to help Alhambra Coin to the wins. Paul Varela's 627 was high for Threadworks.
Wowo's Smokin' Hot BBQ got their first two wins of the round last week moving up to face J.A.T. who was coming off a beating by Professional Approach the week before. J.A.T. came out strong to take game one by big triple digits but Wowo's BBQ came back to take game two and smashed them game three to take total pins by 10. Brandon Kraye led Wowo's with a 566 set while David Yamauchi's 539 effort led J.A.T.
In the final match, 3rd round winner DV8 and Cremation Centers of CA matched up 1-9 records on the lanes. DV8 was back in form as they were consistent enough for a sweep of Cremation Center. DV8
was led by Sam Hitchcock's 557 while Matt Mosley was high for was led by Sam Hitchcock's 557 while Matt Mosley was high for High game pots
High game pots were won by Brandon Grant 256 and Gabriel Martinez 233 for $\$ 86$ each. Third game super-pot went to Carl Stokes
with a 234 worth $\$ 261$. Financial Advisor's second-game pot was won by Jamie Rovner- 278 for $\$ 220$ and second to Gabriel Martinez233 for $\$ 100$.
Come on down to Del Rio Monday nights at 8:30 and watch the best scratch league in So. California in action!

TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 4
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { Ketel One Vodka } & 12 & \text { Forest Lanes } \\ 10\end{array}$
Cook's Bowling Supply 12 GJC Janitorial 10
Pino's Pizza 11 Los Altos Trophy 10

Pro Approach \$ 10 Don Julio Tequila \$ 9
Sysco
10 Erickson Foods
TOP 10 THIS WEEK
Robert Renko 647 Paul Varela 627

Gabriel Martinez 643 Joe Jimenez 623
Paul Barraco 636 Ryan Hinchliffe 621
Matt Schermerhorn 635 Bobby Hornacek 619
Jamie Rovner 631 Carl Stokes 606
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