## **Hurricane Matthew Postponement Puts PBA's Xtra Frame Reality Check** Classic in the Spotlight for 2017

Re-scheduled tournament to kick off new \$50,000 Storm Cup point series

TAMARAC, Fla. – Hurricane Matthew's arrival in south Florida last October forced postponement of the Professional Bowlers Association's inaugural PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, but the delay turned into good news for Sawgrass Lanes and the Tamarac area.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew, the tournament has been re-scheduled for March 17-19 as the kickoff event for a new eight-event Storm Cup Xtra Frame Tour series in 2017. In addition to competing for prize money and a PBA Tour title in Tamarac, all PBA members will compete for points toward \$50,000 in end-of-season Storm Cup bonus money.



Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Frame Tour series, the Reality Check Classic will be live streamed around the world on the organization's online, subscription-based bowling channel. Bowling fans can watch the entire event for as little as \$3.99 for a three-day subscription (or for roughly \$1.25 a week, have access to hundreds of hours of PBA, PBA50 and PWBA women's tournament programming for a full year). Visit As part of PBA's Xtra xtraframe.tv for details.

More than 100 of the PBA's best-known stars will be on hand at Sawgrass Lanes. Among the established veterans already entered are 18-time PBA Tour titlist Tommy Jones, superstar Walter Ray Williams Jr., England's Dom Barrett and PBA Tour titlists Dick Allen, Josh Blanchard, Ryan Ciminelli, Tom Daugherty, Bob Learn Jr., Bill O'Neill and Ronnie Russell. Representing continued on page 10

## **Matt O'Grady Wins Southwest** "Super" Regional Thriller

LAKEWOOD Colo.— Matt O'Grady from Rahway, N.J., normally a QubicaAMF East Region competitor, defeated U.S. Open champion Francois Lavoie of Canada, 279-278, in a thrilling title match to conclude the fifth annual PBA Lakewood Southwest Super Regional, sponsored by Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson and Storm Products, Sunday at Holiday Lanes.

The win was O'Grady's third in QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition and his first in the PBA Southwest Region.

Lavoie, the 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year, won his first PBA title in last vear's Lakewood event. In this year's title match, the 23-year-old Canadian started the game with a 7-10 split, picked up one pin, and then threw eight



strikes heading into his 10th frame. O'Grady started with four strikes, spared a 10 pin, then struck out to force Lavoie to throw three more strikes to force a sudden death roll-off. A 10 pin on Lavoie's final shot allowed O'Grady to claim the \$5,000 first place check.

O'Grady, who averaged 256.89 for the tournament, Dylan Macon of Lubbock, Texas, 2-1, in his Round of 8 match and AJ Chapman from Wichita, Kan., 279-236, in the semifinal round match. Lavoie survived a semifinal round thriller over Andrew Klingler of Grand Rapids, Mich., 269-268, to advance to the title

## It's No Snow Job – Winnetka Bowl's **Mike Willis Still Going Strong**

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – In 1989, the Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour made a stop at Canoga Park Bowl for one of its national tournaments.

"I remember waking up that morning and looking out in the yard and it was all white," says Mike Willis, who was running the tournament.

It was snow. Snow in California!

"I've been here [California] all my life," says Willis, the general manager at Winnetka Bowl, formerly called Canoga Park Bowl. "I hadn't seen that before and I haven't seen that since."

The February snow was so severe that some bowlers who were staying in the Santa Clarita Valley weren't able to make it down for the \$30,000 Canoga Park Classic semifinals.

"It was really ironic," says Willis, born in North Hollywood. "They had come here for a pro tournament - and it snows!"

Santa Clarita Valley was hit so hard that one spokesman told the Los Angeles Times that the area was "basically sealed off" from the three to five inches of snow. Other Los Angeles-area communities, such as Westlake Village, Porter Ranch, Calabasas, Simi Valley and Tarzana, also were pelted with up to five inches of snow before it started to melt.

As for the tournament, it lived up to its billing as a classic. Six women made the stepladder finals and all the matches were down-tothe-wire affairs. Hometown favorite Robin Romeo, then of Van Nuys, turned in a virtuoso performance to win the championship, winning all three of her stepladder matches. Romeo finished in a tie with top-seeded Rene Fleming in the title match at 229 and prevailed in a two-frame roll-off to claim continued on page 5

by Treesa Spencer

#### LERS BEWARE: THE LEPRECHAUNS ARE COMING!

St. Patrick's Day is almost here, it has been reported that numerous airlines and cruse ships have observed many strange little "pigmys" dressed in green suits, sneaking aboard as stowaways.

These little bearded men are wearing square hats and boots with buckles on them and are carrying a hammer in one hand and a shoe in the other. They have withered looking faces and are smoking pipes.

The airlines admitted that they have not been able to catch a single one as of yet, because they are so sly, mischievous, and fast. But, the staff on a huge cruiseship heading for Long Beach thinks they caught one in a barrel because they can smell the pipe tobacco.

Rumor has it that they are heading here to invade our bowling centers, as they did a few years ago, because that's where green beer and Irish whisky is served.

They are about three feet tall, love practical jokes and are very wealthy. The wealth of these fairies comes from the treasure crocks which were buried and uncovered and appropriated by these sly little creatures.

According to investigator and author, David Russell McAnally, a Leprechaun, is the son of an evil spirit and a degenerate fairy. They are not considered to be wholly good or wholly evil.

However.... if you should catch one stealing your beer or whisky, be aware that they are known to grant three wishes and a pot of gold in return for their release.

Sounds good, doesn't it? But the minute you blink an eye, they are gone along with the pot of gold and your booze. No sence reporting them; no one will believe you anyway. Another fact: There are no female Leprechauns.



General Manager Mike Willis has served Winnetka Bowl for 39 years. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer



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## **2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted**

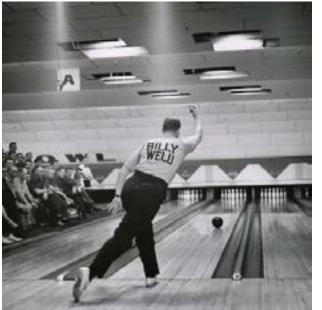
CHICAGO — The PBA has announced it is now accepting applications for the 2017 PBA Billy Welu Scholarship Award which recognizes exemplary qualities in male or female college students who compete in the sport of

To be eligible candidates must be amateur bowlers who are currently in college (preceding the application date) and maintaining at least a 2.5/4.0 GPA or equivalent. Applications must be postmarked by June 15.

The scholarship, which awards \$1,000 to the winner, was established to annually recognize a college student who combines outstanding bowling talents with academic

The scholarship is named after the PBA Hall of Fame bowler who passed away in 1974 and was best known for his expert analysis alongside legendary ABC broadcaster and fellow Hall of Famer Chris Schenkel on the "Pro Bowlers Tour" series. Welu was a two-time PBA Tour champion and was a member of the PBA Hall of Fame's inaugural induction class in 1975.

Additional information and the application can be retrieved by clicking on http://www.pba.com/Corporate/



Scholarships. The application is a PDF file and requires Acrobat Reader to view and print. Nominations can be emailed to scholarships@pba.com or sent through the U.S. mail to PBA Billy Welu Scholarship, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Suite 401, Chicago, IL 60604.

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# Southland Mourns Passing of USBC Hall of Famer Betty Mivelaz Services will be held Saturday. March 18

ARLINGTON, Texas — Betty Mivelaz of Tujunga, California, a United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer, died Feb. 26. She was 86.

Mivelaz had a banner year on the lanes in 1967, winning the Professional Women's Bowling Association National Championships and capturing a Classic Team title at the USBC Women's Championships in Rochester, New York. She was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 1991.

Her run at the 1967 Women's Championships also included two additional top-10 finishes. She finished tied for third in Classic All-Events and took seventh in Classic Doubles.

Those performances earned Mivelaz a spot on the Bowlers Journal International All-American team in 1968.

Mivelaz was a force on the West Coast, winning 10 Western Women's Professional Bowlers titles to go along with numerous state and local wins. She was selected to the California Bowling Writers All-Star Team from 1966-1975, and earned Southern California Bowler of the Year honors in 1968.

She also is a member of the Southern California, San Fernando Valley and California Halls of Fame.

Services will be held Saturday, March 18, starting at 11 a.m. Pacific at The Old Church at the San Fernando Mission, 15151 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Mission Hills,





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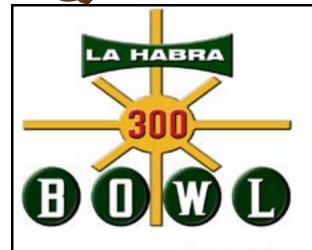


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Apr 23-July 9	USBC Women's Championships, Baton Rouge River Center, Baton Rouge, L
Apr 27-29	PWBA Sonoma County Open, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, CA
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May 6-9	PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open, Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, NY
May 11-13	PWBA Fountain Valley Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, CA
May 13-16	PBA50 Tour Players Championship, Woodland Bowl, Indianapolis, IN
May 17-23	USBC Queens, Raising Cane's River Center, Baton Rouge, LA
May 23-26	USBC Senior Queens, Circle Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
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June 1-3	Xtravaganza Doubles Bowling Tournament, Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas, N
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# Denver Broncos running back C.J. Anderson, he admitted during the Lakewood tournament that when he was a kid, bowling wasn't very cool. It was something old people — like his grandmother — did

while he spent his time in the bowling center playing arcade games.

As an adult, however, Anderson has done a 180-degree turn, and is now in love with the sport, and all of the many aspects

and all of the many aspects of the game most people overlook. In fact, he's become so fascinated with the sport, and the advanced skills one has to develop in order to compete at the PBA level, he decided to

sponsor a PBA Southwest "Super Regional" at Holiday Lanes in Lakewood, Colo., last weekend. A two-time participant in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational, Anderson used that platform to explain his passion for the sport to members of the Denver area news media who came out to cover the event.

**BRONCOS' C.J. ANDERSON HELPS** 

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"C.J. Anderson is cool," said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, who also attended the event. "A great running back for the Denver Broncos who scores touchdowns in the Super Bowl is cool. All of us who are involved with bowling know it's cool, but a lot of people have a perception that tells them it's not. So when you have a guy like C.J. devote this much time and passion to the sport, it really elevates the cool factor in our game."

Anderson, who has competed in PBA Regional events during the NFL's offseason, said he is hopeful that bowling can rise to the level of popularity that would allow for more people to make a living doing it. He is also hoping that more young people will pursue scholarships in bowling, which are often available without acquiring a high level of skill .

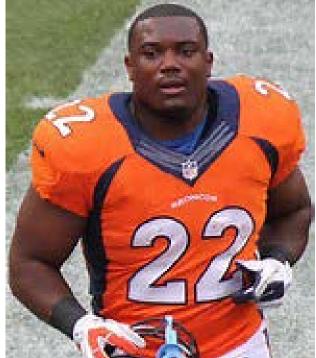
"The bigger picture is to get other sponsors and to get a bunch of people into bowling and get the PBA back to what it was when I was younger and when I watched my grandma bowl," Anderson said.

Anderson, who employs an unusual "wrong foot" delivery, bowled in the Lakewood event and averaged 197.88 for a respectable 68th-place finish in the field of 100.

In addition to Anderson, Boston Red Sox star Mookie Betts also has received considerable mainstream media related to his bowling skills, including a great feature story by ESPN.com's Scott Lauber, after bowling with Anderson in the CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational in January. Media coverage of Anderson's and Betts' bowling activities are posted in the "In The News" section of pba.com



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#### **Willis** continued from page 1

the top prize of \$5,000.

Willis, in his 39<sup>th</sup> year at Winnetka Bowl, has seen a lot during his Winnetka Bowl tenure. He's dealt with recreational and party bowlers, tournaments, leagues and special events and he remains as even-keel as ever.

He's been the steadying, behind-the-scenes force at Winnetka Bowl – someone bowlers and management can count on.

The 32-lane center opened in 1957 and is one of the very oldest in the Los Angeles area. Until a few years ago, it was one of the few centers to be open 24 hours a day.

When the bowling house was open in the wee hours, celebrities such as Eddie Murphy, Bret Saberhagen, Gladys Knight and Will Smith were able to slip into the center and enjoy a modicum of privacy.

All the time, Willis and his assistants were making things as pleasant as possible for those VIPs.

"Eddie Murphy would call," Willis recalls, "and he would say, 'We're going to have a group come.' We had him park his limo in the back and he would bowl with his group down in the corner. He was a regular for a while."

Generally, Willis dedicates himself to making the everyday bowler enjoy a positive experience – whether it's league bowlers or birthday-party bowlers or special-events/tournament bowlers.

It's not an easy undertaking and it requires a smart, savvy and stabilizing presence.

"I wouldn't want his job for all the money in the world." laughs Johnnie Englehart, a bowling icon at Winnetka Bowl. "It's never their [bowlers'] fault."

Willis, for his part, takes a more generous view of bowlers' complaints and foibles. "Most people are pretty cool," he says.

Willis has organized plenty of memorable events at the bowling center and he ranks the 2015 "Win a Honda" tournament as among the top ones. The event ended with a thrilling stepladder final in which Mark Alvarino overcame top-seeded Kelly Manuel to claim a new 2015 Honda Civic. The tournament spanned about 14 months and attracted bowlers from all across the Los Angeles area.

"That definitely was one of the most memorable events we've had here," Willis says. "We never gave [away] anything close to that. It was definitely big – and a great finals match. There was a lot of buzz when we went down to the final stages.

"Even thought the tournament was long, it was still fun with no controversy. And everyone had a good time."

Winnetka Bowl remains a bowling magnet. Willis says the center has enjoyed a "resurgence" in league bowlers. The closing of Mission Hills Bowl in 2015 and AMF Woodlake Lanes' focus on party bowlers have played a part in that increase, Willis says.

There are about 1,100 league bowlers at Winnetka Bowl, up from a recent low of 750. At its peak, Winnetka Bowl had "1,600 to 1,700" league participants back in the late '70s and early '80s. "Business is pretty good right now," he says.

Asked his opinion about the state of bowling, Willis says, "I think it's still healthy. We know leagues are diminishing, but there's a market there."

He adds that with the party and family bowlers, good times continue to roll at the center. As for his future as the bowling center's general manager, the 61-year-old Willis says: "As long as I'm still breathing and they keep me, I'll stick around."

## Look Who Will Be Bowling Again After 4-Year Absence

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Big news. Really big news. There will be somewhat of a new face exploding his ball down the lanes in Wednesday's "Mixed Classic Handicap" summer league at Winnetka Bowl.

That will be Mike Willis, who local bowling aficionados might recognize as the efficient and affable longtime general manager at Winnetka Bowl.

Many people might not realize that Willis used to be (and undoubtedly remains) a gifted bowler who was part of 15 to 20 teams that Winnetka Bowl sent annually to the state tournament. Willis will be carrying a powerful bowling resume, though he minimizes his solid past performance. "I used to be all right," says Willis, ever-modest. "Nothing like [elite bowler] Johnnie [Englehart], but I had a few good moments."

There actually were more than a few.

All one needs to know about Willis' talent is that he once averaged a stratospheric 232 one year in a summer league and has bowled a flurry of perfect games. That he doesn't remember the specific number is a testament to his ability.

"Three or four, maybe five," recalls Willis about his perfectos. "I don't have exact recollection. The first one was when I was bowling juniors when I was 19. My last one was in 2005."

Englehart clearly remembers bowling with Willis. He says, "Mike as a bowler was one of the best. He was as accurate as they come. He was up there with the best of us."

Englehart says that Willis' scores were better than first impressions suggest. "If you were over 200 [average] then, that was big time," he says.

Willis says he plans to have his bowling ball re-drilled and then engage in a few practice sessions. "I haven't picked up a ball in four years," says Willis, adding he was drawn back to the game by the attractiveness of the three-month, three-players-to-a-team summer league. Willis, a right-hander, admits that he has some unfinished business with his bowling game. "I haven't had the 8 [800 series]. I've bowled a 784."







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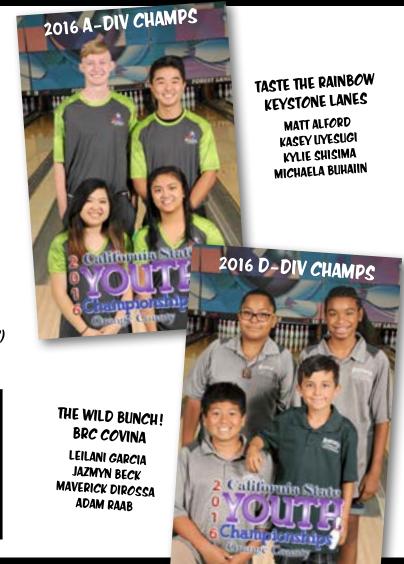
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by Carol Mancini

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- Another certified instructor was LOU KASNICK. He loved the lady pros. He would give away a new ball at every tournament. The "old-timer" was a legend.
- BÉTTY MIVELAZ and WALT BLOCK were named "Bowler of the Year" by the Bowling Writers
- HERB SCHMITZ rolled the first 300 game at PALOS VERDES BOWL.
- \* On the weekend of June 14-15-16, the action around town included marathons at PRE-MIERE LANES, ARCADIA BOWL, KING PIN LANES, PARADISE, MERCURY BOWL and PIONEER BOWL.
- The Palm Springs Classic had over 4,000 entries in 12 different categories. No walk-ins. You had to make a reservation! Even wheel-chair bowlers competed.
- I like this one! **RESEDA BOWL's** ad read: FREE COFFEE and DONUTS.....Cost \$1 per person. Sign me up!
- An editorial piece written by BOB WEAVER reported on the pressures of being a Bowling Center Manager. The rule was: fill the lanes with 4 shifts a day or pack up and move on! Twelve hours a day, six days a week was a normal schedule. "Buying" leagues was a common practice. Leagues would move to the center that offered the best deal. Laneman tended to stay in one place. BUT, there were plenty of bowlers to go around, and around and around!
- JIMMY PAYNE (MONTEREY PARK LANES Manager) was quoted "Proprietors are insensitive". Only interested in \$ \$ \$. JIM said, "I know one center where the cocktail waitress served drinks from the bar, food from the restaurant, chased pins and was the janitor"!
- Back on the positive side - - on page 13. In upper right hand corner: "AVAILABLE, Bowling Manager, or Desk Man". In lower left hand corner, "WANTED, Bowling Manager or Desk Person".
- BILL BUNETTA, Fresno, was inducted into P.B.A. Hall of Fame.
- DORIS PORTER was named for "Outstanding loyalty and service to sport of bowling."
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- Mullan, Utah wanted to rent out their "4-lane bowling alley". Can you smell the stale be and cigarettes?
- I miss CHRIS SCHENKEL.
- CASA VENIDA BOWL was in Compton. (Four senior bowlers at DEL RIO LANES set me straight last Tuesday.)
- FRAN SMITH, G.M. at **PIONEER BOWL**, welcomed 88 women "Pros" for their P.W.B.A. Who? Past champions, DOTTY FOTHERGILL, BETTY MIVELAZ, JUDY LEE, D.D. JACOBSON, JANET HARMAN, PAT COSTELLO, LOA BOXBERGER, DONNA ZIMMERMAN, HELEN DUVAL, ROBBIE FREY, OLGA GLOOR, BETTY PHILLIPS and BRENDA GILLE. Other contenders? BETTY ANN FRIEDMAN, BOBBE NORTH, RUBY CHONG and JONI MCKENZIE. California was blessed with great ladies on the lanes.
- **BOWLING SQUARE** showed off the latest Brunswick Automatic Scorers. What a mess! Cellos and yellow grease pencils worked better.

- Hooray, BETTY GOULDING started her column at CLARK CENTER. (My Tuesday Seniors knew her too!)
- (Win a Mustang at **HUNTINGTON LANES.** \$3.00 a week league fees. Beach Blvd. in Huntington Beach was home. WES SORENSEN was manager.
- ALL STAR LANES guaranteed \$350.00 prize fund in their 15 game marathon. 44 bowlers at \$20.00 each.
- JEFFERSON BOWL got a face lift with Gold Crown Equipment.
- Who was LOU BELLISIMO? An instructor for the University of Oregon. He came south to pass on his knowledge. **CLARK CENTER** filled the lanes for him.
- First Place Doubles in Pacific Coast Jr. Championship was a couple of cuties CHERYL KOMINSKY and DEBBIE STEWART. CHERYL was also singles champ.
- For Sale: **ROSEMEAD BOWL.** Did the D.M.V. take over that building??
- DON CECIL was director of P.P.C.B. rolling at Colma. E.G. MOCK worked himself into first place.
- The **PALM SPRINGS BOWL** recorded a new all time high entry count, 4113. The top \$1,000 for 5-games scratch went to JAY ROBINSON. Women's 5-games scratch (\$350.00) handed to BETTY MIVELAZ. Over \$40,000.00 paid over-all. Payouts took up 4 pages! Hundreds of bowlers got \$5.00 or less!
- **BOWLING SQUARE** came up with a "Golf and Bowling League; bowl Friday night and golf on Sunday. Did it go?? Stay tuned.
- Las Vegas Bowls I found listed. Gone but not forgotten: CHARLESTON HEIGHTS, ARIZONA CHARLIES, SHOWBOAT.
- **VERDUGO HILLS BOWL** was under the management of a guy named ANGELO CHOPPY. Who??
- SUNSET BOWL was re-named BOWLINGO LANES. The new owner, in Hollywood, was WALTER FEWELL.
- Wheelchair Bowlers started a league. It catered to men, women and juniors. My heros!
   JEANETTE ROBINSON was President of the P.W.B.A. and saved the association. La-
- dies! Egos and talents almost ruined their tour.

   CONNIE MARCHIONE wrote in his column the facts about the 27th annual Deaf Tournament being held at COVINA BOWL. 300 Deaf bowlers was expected. The Deaf ladies
- bowled at **FIVE POINTS BOWL**.

   W.I.B.C. celebrated their 52nd year, membership totaled 2.9 million.
- LAMAR KECK was kickin' ------ all over So. California. He could have been in the movies.
- On the first night of the L.A. Women's Travel League at **LINBROOK BOWL**, CAROL BEARD set a southland record 246, 244, 300/790. 29 strikes.
- \*BERNIE WHITLOCK was the big "bagel" in the "Best Ball Doubles" at **SOUTH BAY BOWL**.
- For Sale: 1963 Chevy 2. Any takers?
- Presenting - - DIĆK MAŔQUIS, manager of MAR VISTA BOWL. What did he love most? Bowling or DICK MARQUIS?
- BAHAMA LANES presented an evening with Pro Bowler HARRY SMITH. Q and A time plus snack.
- National average for the 2.9 million sanctioned women - 130.
- BEV ORTNER was first woman bowler to break the 800 match. She jumped the barrier with 267, 264, 287/ 818.
- CONNIE PICK packed a peck of pins for a potent 268.
- Ooops! DICK MARQUIS had a heart attack. Survived. Sorry DICK.
- 1968 ended with CHRIS SCHENKEL signing up for another year. Yeah!!!

1969 is in the pen! Soon into the computer and out on the air ways. Check it out!



## JIMMY DOOLEN - Moreno Valley's **Midseason Top Bowler**

MORENO VALLEY — Wednesday nights in Moreno Valley see the valley's best bowlers competing on the lanes and scoring big time. These bowlers are bucking the So-CAL trend of lower scoring. The good times are rolling.

The Wednesday Vegas Express League has thirty-six teams and thirty-two have one or more bowlers averaging 200 or more. Three teams have four of their five bowlers averaging above 200 and one team has all five of it's bowlers averaging 200 or better!

That team, led by MARTY COYAZO and NATE URRUTIA, is averaging a whopping 1,063 scratch pins per game for five bowlers and they are not even the highest averaging team in the league!

The "Run Me My Money" team led by LLOYD IRVIN JR. and JAMES JOHNSON are averaging 1,080 pins per game! Seven of the league's teams are averaging above 1.000 pins per game! This is unheard of.

On Wednesday night in "the VALLEY" there is super talent on display. The Express League is loaded with great bowlers.

#### The TOP FIVE bowlers are:

241 average 1. Jimmy Doolen 2. Lloyd Irvin Jr. 3. James Johnson 4. Daniel Deinema 5. Victor Berge



Next week I'll report on the valley's top women. My THANKS to WILL JUNE for providing the Moreno Valley league sheets and the BOWLING NEWS for supporting CALIFORNIA bowlers.

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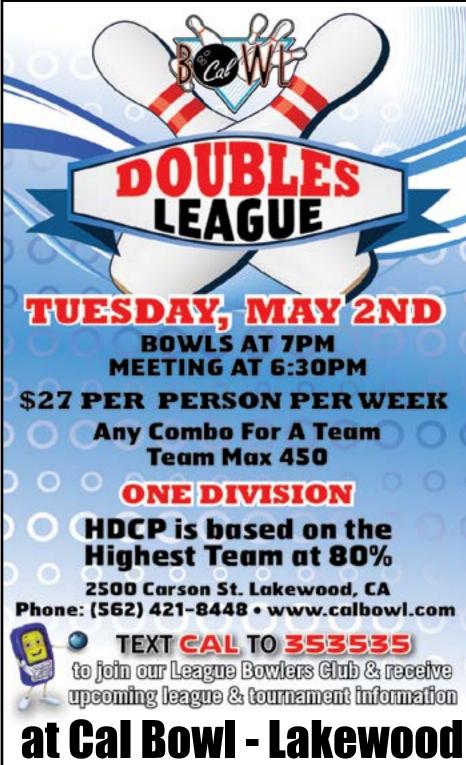
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It's always an exciting time when we get to report the high

scores from our league bowlers and here they are.

Big Bear: Jerry Cant 289/753, Curt Soares 247/707, Ken Seiple Jr. 233/685, Benjie Calinawan 232/676, Harold Dubose 247/673, Gabe Alvarado 234/660, Chris Abing 646, Emmerson Wafer 639, Grover Dye 635, Nathan Wyatt 246/631, Steve Bryant 237/628, Joseph Lopes 619, Paul Staff 617, Sue Cant 257/662, Shirley Owens 244/622, Beverly Cuevas 214/612, Ella Wilson 235/604, LaSandra Chaney 225/602, Michelle Criswell 231/601, Anne Yonemura 216/559.

**Grandma's/Grandpa's:** Walter Milsap 227/593, Fale Sula 204/568, Art Diemert 211/560, Wayne Moon 213/555, Stan Murren 551, Rinze Dyksta 540, Doug Johnson 526, Tua Sula 548, Donna May 529, Yvonne Clarke 520, Dorothy Ruggiero 516.

Mini Couples: Danny Peramaki 721, Bob Hutto 614, Rene Palomo 575, Gina Bjoralt 571, Orrelle Dennis 547, Emily Burchman 537, Rick Chambers Jr. 258, Ron Opjian 254, Rudy Tomaneng 236, Avelina Cumbis 215, Cindy Callaway 214.

Fil-Am: Chris Abing "300"/751, Tres Catalasan 279/744, Jing Sablan 258/727, Abe Morales 279/713, Arnold Mangrobang 275/707, Leon Bradford 252/701, Peter Wong 265/686, Matt Mosley 259/661, James Borillo 652, James Talley 647, Ike Topacio 642. Manuel Usi 629, Michael McCloud 617, Shirley Owens 235/604, Susan Ebilane 222/581, Avelina Cumbis 203/564, Liza Agonicllo 556, Yvette Lloyd 537, Emily Burchman 531, Linda Sarabia 204/528, Emie Gibson 215/509.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Jonathan Gale 278/707, Dennis Ingram 251/623, Brandon Mims 205/607, David Garcia 566, Rob Lee 207/543, Gina Radcliffe 201/544, Julia Grabinski 205/544

Young at Heart: Tony White 259/703, Anthony Leavell 266/669, Ron McClain Sr. 244/641, Rob Kordich 244/622, Glenn Merchant 221/614, Fale Sula 605, Earl Hullett 228/571, Tom Pettway 567, Johnny Humphrey 564, Walter Milsap 563, Oritta Steel 559.

Recycled Teens: Ralph Montgomery 259/676, Victor Santos 246/670, Rob Kordich 664, Jim Plante 245/6451, Ron Woodruff 242/633, Rick Seneris 230/603, Ed Hansen 601, Jojo Jasmin 228/593, Dorothy Ruggiero 506.

Pin Heads: Andre Eubanks 255/660, Anthony Cartwright 204/586, Bruce Brown 211/573, Lila Dodson 205/565, Ashley Brown 217/532, Stacy Kelly 513.

Cal Bowleros: Danne VanHorn 208/583, Carolyn Rousseau 203/549, Carole Fischer 212/547, Dee Phipps 542, DaRonda Reed 528. Sidepot winners — Game One: Dee Phipps 219; Game One: Carole Fischer 181; Game Three: Bert Martinez 242.

10 for 10: In 3 weeks this league has grown to 20 teams. Curtis Claude 682, Ron Jay 610, Eugene Angel 598, Jean Colian 604. Sierra Bugs: Connie Wood 205/552, Darlene Waken 514, Shonna Hernandez 514, Cathy Anderson 504, Pamela Johnson 495. Sidepot winners — Game One: Ann Palmer 234; Game Two: Mary Spencer 188; Game Three: Cathy Anderson 221.

Captain & Crew: Darlene Boyce 220/498, Melody Hudgin 497. Senior Men's Trio: Emmerson Wafer 745, Rich Kelly 269/744, Larry Gray 265/715, Marc Kashinsky 703, Rob Kordich 278/694, Victor Santos 279, Sonny Dew 269.

Bowling Buddies: Rich Ewaskey 593, Dan Ewaskey 546, Merrie Slagley 441, Christine Ewaskey 425.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: "300" for Emmerson. What's the count, Emmerson? His Series: 750. Paul Staff 268/698, Robert Cloyd 680, Aric Bundage 672, Greg Tiller 643, Eric Bell 258/643, Tony Kellum 277/642, June Collier 226/640, Diann Donaldson 224/594, Yvette Hill 234/572, Teya Woodman 226/543, Renay Allen 217/541, Crystal Barker 215/540, LaJeana Harris 529.

C.A.U.L.: Rich Dahmen 227/650, Andy Clark 224/639, Alan Nyberg 224/636, Jimmy Hall 618, Jim Johnson 216/571, Kurt Haidl 210/558, Lori Gilmore 480.

#### JUNIORS (Series)

Mini Bees: Rafael Iniguez 177, Kennedy Chism 267. Bobcats: Andrew Valdez 593, Matthew Valdez 480, Scott Silva 562, Brennan Wingfield 550, Kendra Wilson 486.

Classified: Chris Borillo 563, Alvin Lewis 553, Christian Borillo 547, Emily Jenkins 470. Enjoy St. Patrick's Day!

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**Pickwick Bowl** 

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BURBANK — Heads up... Youth Bowling Program will start a new session April 1st. Sign up sheets are available at the desk. Adults, your winter leagues will be ending soon. Be sure to sign up for Summer!

Senior Swingers: (scr) Winston Gorriceta 187, Bonnie Holcomb 168, Dick Bay 487, Seiki Tluczek 467. (hdcp) Raymond Garcia 234, Barbara Teitel 229, Ed Bugayong 654, Josie Pemberton 644.

Monday 690: (scr) Russ Goetz 220, Collette Rector 176, Jesse Enriquez 588, Judy Lamb 491. (hdcp) Scott Medeiros 248, Ursula Blanco 227, Dylan Jimenez 641, Glenda Nale

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Orbits: (scr) Lori Durbin 170, Cres Cruz 162, Tish Plotkin 456, Rilla Raad 455. (hdcp) Helen Vincent 226, Gina Lake 225, Diana Valdez 601, Yolanda Cummings 597.

ICF: Kelly McDonough 249, Darlene Hudson 260, John Pemberton 592, Josie Pemberton 669.

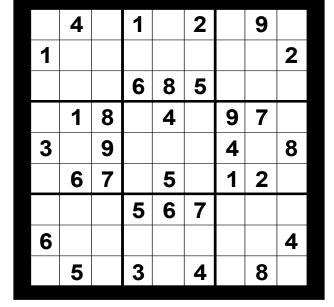
Guys & Dolls: (scr) Tom Duncan 226, Ramona Gardner 212, Ara Aprahamian 617, Colleen Simpson 559. (hdcp) Mike McMahon 247, Danica McMahon 267, James Marquez 668, Danielle Hernandez 677.

JPL: (scr) Peter Falcon 182, Andrea Jackson 135, Mason Carney 502, Katie Smith 343. (hdcp) Charles Kaczinski 225, Natalie Honda 209, Jason Thomas 696, Amelia Quon 607. Senior Foursome: (scr) Dick Bay & Rick Langer 175, Seiki Tluczek 168, Ron Stearns 488, Kathy Temple 470. (hdcp) Marvin Robbins 236, Marie Menez 258, Richard Brown 616, Kathy Lilliquist 656.

Thursday 890: (scr) Anthony Martinez 258, Kim Chappell 182, Ryan Hinchliffe 698, Peggy Eklund 539. (hdcp) Brad Wilson 288, Vickie Maas 240, Robert Zappaterrreno 829, Danielle Reid 687.

Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Ryan Hinchliffe 259, Danica Mc-Mahon 154, Sylvester Foster 699, Jo McMahon 452. (hdcp) John DiPietro Sr 275, Yesenia Eras 229, Mike McMahon 743, Vickie Maas 652.

Summer weather is visiting! Keep cool, bowl Pickwick. Until next time...keep the ball rollin'!





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Check out our weekly No-Tap Tournament Fridays at 10:00 am. The next Beast's Handicap Eliminator Tournament is Sunday, March 19th at 10:00am, check-in starts at 9:00am.

SUNDAY - Vegas Rollers: Steven Brogdon 277/724, Shawn Reed 267, Ruben Licon 690, Alexis Gioia 196. Wally's Vegas Cruise: Juan Arevalo 239, Brian Bendt 236/643, Mary White 178.

MONDAY - Lake Parkers: Al Scudellari 242/693, Rich Morfin 217, Natalie Beltran 202. Golden Awards: Larry McCurry 245, Bernard Dean 236/668, Bill Hambly 639, Cozette Ramirez 181. Whittier Elks: Carl Stout 223/622, Mikew Dunn 215, Jamie Walsh 184. Gambler's Fun: Gilbert Gissendaner 246/687, Alvin Camba 235/663, Stephanie

TUESDAY - Glenbrook Gals: Penny Bird 188/546, Olga McKellar 182. Friendly Seniors: Bart Williams 231, Bill Scherger 209, Tina Forte 192. Pedagogues: Bob Ward 227, Bill Van Nerynen 220/603, Joan McReynolds 175. Ageless Wonders: Mike Chapman 246, Alex Ferraciolli 221/626, Wendy Ferraciolli 196. Guys & Dolls: Larry Bennett 289/703, Jeff Black 245/671, Stacie Davis 239/618, Tee Delgado 233/592.

WEDNESDAY - Silver Foxes: Dan Milstead 277, Carl Brooks 259/676, Bill Edwards 702, Randi Hein 186. American National Can: Kirk Keith 279/716, Ray Mankins Jr. 235/641, Karen Balicki 217/610. La Habra Doubles: Jeremy Johnson 245/610, Erik Sokol 195, Theresa Patron 167.

THURSDAY - Early Birds: Tracy Fish 242, Mary Beth Thompson 228/618, Kathy Boyett 201. Sunset Rollers: Bill Scherger 225/652, Jim Ragsdale 209, Marian Horton 181. All Schools: Larry Bell 203, Helen Kowalsky 170. Frank's Gold Cup: Marlow Dinger 279/775, Mike Van Allworden 278, Mike Fowler 758, Emily Cornmesser 230/631.

FRIDAY - Vegas Gamblers: Marlow Dinger 268/782, Ed Jamison 267, Brian Bendt 719, Heather Morkes 235/635, Kelly Hornung 235/601, Jackie Lotspeich 632. Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

#### **PBA** continued from page 1

PBA's legion of emerging young stars will be 2016 Player of the Year EJ Tackett, two-hander Kyle Troup and former Rookie of the Year Marshall Kent. A significant number of top amateurs and collegiate bowlers also will be in the field, bowling as non-members.

The XF Storm Cup series provides unique incentives for PBA members to compete in all eight of the series events and encourages performances at a high level in every event because every point earned will be meaningful in the chase for shares of the end-of-season bonus pool.

Competition will be intense because points awarded to the top 20 players in each Xtra Frame event begin with the winner earning 25 points, second place 19, third place 18, etc., with points declining by one through 20th place. In 2016, the points race was decided in the final event when Jones won by five points over Tackett, who led by three points going into the finale, and by six points over Ciminelli, who led early in the series.

Following the Reality Check Classic, the Xtra Frame PBA Tour series will include stops in North Carolina, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and Delaware before its final event in Coldwater, Ohio, in late August. Fans will be able to track XF Storm Cup news and current point standings on a special link on pba.com once the series gets underway.



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by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational was back for week 5 on the tight 2016 Nationals Team Event pattern. Scores were starting to climb up a bit as the bowlers adjusted to the difficult shot.

In the "A" match, Sysco, who has only dropped one game since Week 1, took on Cal Bowl who swept their way to match their 17-3 record. Sysco was all over the pocket starting with an 804 game and coasted to a 5-0 sweep with a nice 2380 set. Steve Brode (622) and Paul Barraco (619) paced Sysco while Ramon Torres was high for Cal Bowl with a 539

In the "B" match, Smirnoff came off a 4-1 week to meet **DV8** who was looking to rebound after their sweep last week. Kurt Arakaki's 233-608 helped lift DV8 to a 4-1 victory. Harry Wong was consistent in his 575 set to lead Smirnoff. DV8 will move to the "A" match next week putting their 18-7 record up against Sysco's 22-3 mark with 2 weeks to go.

The 5th vs. 6th matchup was a pair of round-winners in Keystone Lanes and Western Pacific. Western Pacific took the first two games and held on for totals and a 4-1 win. Herbert Jones was high for Keystone with a 612 series while Raul "Spanky" Rosales once again paced Western Pacific with a nice 620 set.

**J.A.T.** climbed up to the 7th spot after last week's sweep and met Herzog Insurance who were the vicitms of Smirnoff last week. J.A.T. came out striking shooting 803 the first game and holding onto a close third game win thanks to Anthony Santos' double in the 10th. Katrina Fujikami bombed them for a 631 set for J.A.T. while Kevin Gagnon paced Herzog at 551.

Bowlium and Erickson's Foods matched up in the 9th vs. 10th matchup. Bowlium started hot and had a huge 838 second game on the back of Billy Myers Jr.'s 267-638 set for

a 4-1 win. Mikey Villarreal was high for Erickson's with a steady 629 set.

Professional Approach and Threadworks matched their 10-10 records. Professional Approach won the first two games by 14 and 6, but dropped the last game by 71 to fall 3-2 to Threadworks. Matt Schermerhorn paced Pro Approach at 607 while Eric Snow rebounded this week to lead Threadworks with a 553 set. Val Wise's 607 helped lead Crown Royal to a sweep of Forest Lanes. Mike Mellick was strong for Forest with a nice 609 set.

First-round winners Parkin's Bowling Supply matched up with Century 21-My Real Estate who were looking to rebound after being swept last week. Parkin's didn't have a good look as Century 21 swept to a 5-0 win. Carl Stokes paced the real estate guys with a 572 set while Ray Minter was high for Parkin's with a 550 set.

Rounding out Monday's action were Los Altos Trophy, G.J.C. Janitorial, Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness and Linder's Insurance. Linder's took 4 points from the gym bunch and Los Altos bowled to 3 wins against G.J.C. Michael Lindsey led Los Altos with a 579 set, Aaron Cardenas' 533 paced G.J.C., Jeremy Glover led Linder's at 548 and sub Ryan Huff was high for the gym bunch at 480.

Sidepots went to Mike Mellick (226) and Spanky Rosales (242) for \$66 each while the second game Super Pot went to Herbert Jones (216) for \$198. Financial Advisor's third game pot went to Paul Barraco (255) for \$200 with second to Spanky Rosales (242) for \$100. Strikeout pot was carried over again by only Bobby Campagnale and Buddy Lucas and is closing in on \$5K.

Come out Monday night at 8:30 and watch the best scratch league in the area take the lanes at Del Rio as the bowlers battle the flat USBC 2016 Nationals Team pattern.

TOP TEN TEA	MS ROUND 4
Sysco22	Smirnoff
D V 8 18	Bowlium 14
J.A.T	Keystone Lanes \$\$\$ 14
Cal Bowl 17	Crown Royal 14
Western Pacific \$\$ 16	Threadworks 13

#### **TOP 10 THIS WEEK**

Billy Myers Jr638	Paul Barraco 619
Katrina Fujikami 631	Ramiro Garcia617
Mikey Villarreal 629	Herbert Jones 612
Steve Brode622	Mike Mellick609
Spanky Rosales 620	Kurt Arakaki 608

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