



Popular Mira Mesa Bowling Center Gets New Owners To Stay Open

by Michael Chen

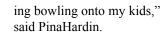
SAN DIEGO (KGTV) - An eleventh-hour development will prevent a fivedecade-old bowling center in Mira Mesa from shutting down for good.

Last week, the manager of Kearny Mesa Bowl and Mira Mesa Lanes told ABC 10News both locations — closed for much of the pandemic — were shutting down for good. Longtime bowler Angel PinaHardin has bowled at both locations.

"I personally was devastated, because I know the number of bowling alleys in San Diego are limited, as for as for league bowlers," said PinaHardin.

League bowling sites in the count were already down to just a handful before news of the closures.

"Seriously thought I wouldn't be able to bowl competitively anymore. It's not only the sport, but it's the camaraderie you feel when you get together with your bowling family. It's the tradition of pass-



Her bowling angst didn't last long, thanks after a Facebook Live this week from professional bowler Missy Parkin and her husband, Drew. The Orange County couple announced they and two others had bought the five-decade-old bowling alley with plans of

keeping it open. "It's been my dream when since I was a little girl, to own a bowling center ... We didn't want bowling to die in San Diego, so we are so happy we could help save it," said Parkin.

The Parkins didn't set a date but said they're hoping to open up the center as soon as possible.

"I was so excited. Practically jumping up and down for joy," said PinaHardin. "It's a tradition worth having. It's a tradition worth living."

The Parkins say when they do open, they're hoping to kick it off with a big tournament. Watch Video.



Iconic Break Helps Tom Daugherty Win First Major At PBA World Championship by Lucas Wiseman

TAMPA, Fla. - For a guy with a heart condition. it wasn't exactly the finish his cardiologist would have drawn up.

Tom Daugherty, who revealed for the first time before the show he suffered a heart attack last year, claimed his first career major title in dramatic fashion Saturday at the 2021 PBA Guaranteed Rate World Championship. He defeated Jakob Butturff, 263-257, at AMF University Lanes.

What happened in the final frame can be described as nothing other than heart stopping as Daugherty got one of the biggest breaks in PBA Tour history to secure the win.



Needing a double and four pins for the shutout, Daugherty buried the first one. The second shot came up light and left the 2-8 combination but only for a

split second.

A pin in the pit tapped the eight pin from behind. As the eight pin fell, it collapsed onto another pin that was already horizontal

on the deck. That pin then rolled the two pin forward for a strike in what instantly became an iconic moment in PBA Tour history. continued on page 6

Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather Win PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship In their second year bowling together, the duo wins three matches to claim the title

TAMPA, Fla. - Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather defeated No. 1 seeds Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore to win the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship, 245-203. The win is the fourth career PBA Tour title for Prather and third for Anderson, whose first

by Jef Goodger



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EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR 2021 WC AND OC, COVID-19 Protocols and procedures now available

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas - It has been more than 600 days since the last pins fell at the world's largest participatory sporting events, and competitors and staff alike are eager to get back on the lanes to add to nearly 120 years of history and tradition.

With the start of the 2021 United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships and USBC Open Championships right around the corner, USBC has announced and published the protocols and procedures that will be in place this year for competitors in Reno, Nevada, and Las Vegas, respectively, to help the tournaments operate smoothly, despite any ongoing challenges of COVID-19.

"Running our Championship Tournaments is one of the most rewarding things we do each year, and we couldn't be more excited about welcoming the bowlers back to these two incredible events and amazing host communities for the ultimate bowling experience," said USBC President Melissa McDaniel. "It's hard to beat the high ceilings and bright lights as a competitor or the pride we feel each year when we get to call and congratulate the newest champions."

Once at the host venue this year, competitors and employees must wear masks at all times. All tournament-related transactions will be cashless. Team competition will feature one team on each pair of lanes, and doubles/singles will include four bowlers per pair. Spectators will not be permitted at the 2021 events.

The complete COVID-19 protocols and procedures document for this year's Championship Tournaments is available on <u>BOWL.com</u> or by clicking <u>COVID-19 protocols and procedures</u>

About six weeks from now, the pinsetters at Reno's iconic 78-lane National Bowling Stadium will cycle and hum in unison once again, as they prepare to welcome thousands of ladies back to the Biggest Little City in the World for the 2021 USBC Women's Championships.

The tournament is coming off a memorable 100th edition in 2019, and participants are excited to return to the NBS to see all the renovations that have taken place since their last visit in 2018. The 2021 event will run from April 23-July 4.

The Open Championships will celebrate its 117th running with a special milestone, as competition will be held across two venues for the first time in tournament history.

The event will return to the spacious South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa, where 32 bowlers claimed coveted Eagle trophies on the lanes at the South Point Bowling Plaza in 2019.

Some will see if they can continue that momentum during team competition this year at the 60-lane Bowling Plaza, while the doubles and singles events shift to the nearby 64-lane South Point Bowling Center, just a short walk across the sprawling property. The 2021 Open Championships will take place May 1-July 18.

While it may be a little tougher to see everyone smile behind their masks in 2021, appreciative eyes will speak volumes for the staff and bowlers, whose feedback and cooperation have helped make the return to the lanes possible, following numerous date adjustments, flight changes, hotel rebookings and the eventual cancellation of the 2020 events due to the pandemic.

The last time the Championship Tournaments were not contested was 1943-1945 due to World War II.

"Our host cities and venues have been great partners in helping put all the pieces together for the Championships to run in 2021," USBC Executive Director Chad Murphy said. "Solid protocols are in place, and while this year will have a very different look and feel, the same special opportunity to compete for the coveted national titles and spend time with friends will still be there."

Murphy also added some insight about the process and feedback.

"Over the past year, captains and competitors have answered numerous opinion surveys to guide us. For the Open Championships, 84% of the respondents said mask wearing was at least somewhat important for them to compete. This number was 90% for the Women's Championships. More than 90% said they plan to bowl. We have developed protocols to meet our customers' expectations and safety standards. Our team is excited to invite members back to the Championships after a year off and continue one of bowling's finest traditions."

The guidelines will be the same for both events in 2021 and are based on CDC recommendations, as well regulations set forth by state and local health authorities. The procedures may be adjusted during the run of the events based on changes in regulations due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

USBC recommends that all captains and competitors read through the procedures and protocols before traveling to the events. Specific questions can be sent to <u>usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com</u> or <u>usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com</u>.

A LOOK AT THE TOP 10 ITEMS TO BE FAMILIAR WITH FROM THE PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES DOCUMENT:

 All Championships Tournament participants will be required to sign an Acknowledgement of Assumption of Risk Waiver Liability Form prior to competing. This will be included as part of the Green and Pink Sheets at the respective



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- events.
- All staff and competitors must wear a mask at all times, including during competition. The mask must cover the nose and mouth.
- Spectators will not be allowed, except in the case of a minor who is competing, or guests invited by USBC for a designated purpose.
- Social distancing will be required and enforced anywhere in the venue there may be a line, face-to-face service or an
 opportunity to congregate.
- During team competition, there will be one team per pair of lanes. Doubles/singles will include four competitors per pair. No competitors will be permitted on adjacent approaches at the same time.
- Sanitizing products will be available throughout the venues, and all counters, bowling areas, lockers, token machines and other shared equipment will be cleaned between guests or uses.
- USBC transactions will be cashless, including brackets, side events, membership sales, event sales and Bowling Ball Express.
- All brackets payouts will be in cash and handled by the casinos (Silver Legacy for the Women's Championships in Reno and South Point in Las Vegas for the Open Championships) in designated locations and subject to the property's standard operating procedures.
- All forms (Pink and Green Sheets) and roster information or changes will be sought electronically in advance, and all membership/average verifications will be done electronically prior to competition date.
- Kiosks will not be available for 2022 registration, scoresheets, brackets lookup or participation information. Registration can be done on BOWL.com, scoresheets will be made available digitally and brackets/participation information can be obtained by emailing usbcwomenschampionships@bowl.com or usbcopenchampionships@bowl.com.
- Squad room activities will be optional and tailored to meet the local and state requirements. This includes designated staging areas for bowlers and equipment.

Back 2 ooking July through December by Carol Mancini

Summer leagues were strong. Local, State and National Tournaments were added - contests, plus a chance to visit other states and attractions. Let's check what was happening in our world.

- years) passed away in Las Vegas.
- bowls?
- Congrats to Tony Hale. 300/815 at Linbrook Bowl. •
- Frank Weiler was elected as Director for Citrus Belt Association.
- Unique Idea Del Rosa Lanes offered eight weeks of instruction by eight different certified coaches. \$15 a week included two hours of practice, pictures, and autographs.
- 7330 Teams (5 members) bowled Women's Nationals in Minnesota.
- ABTA Open Champ Oscar Ibardoloza won \$11,100 First Place. • They had 687 entries!
- The center in Lake Elsinore was **Trevi Lanes**. (They had good pizza.)
- Deaf Bowler Robert Ellison bowled 289 300 289/878 at Parkway Bowl in El Cajon.
- Connie Marchione fell off the USBC Hall of Fame ceremony stage in Kansas City. He broke five ribs, bruised a lung, separated left shoulder plus pulled muscles.
- USBC's new home in Arlington update. To be built; 20 Lane Train-• ing Center, Museum, and Hall of Fame plus offices for USBC, BPAA and IBM/HF. Lots more businesses asking for space.
- Rim Lanes opened in Crestline after a two-year closure.
- 440 Canadian centers join USA/BPAA.

- Page 1, July 3. Norm Edelman, founder of the High Roller (26 A young fellow named Bob Rea started sending weekly columns. Never found out who, what, when or where about him.
- Big question, will electronic nicotine smoking be allowed in Oak Tree Lanes was proud of their 300 shooters; Eric Johnson, John Scammacca, Bobby Nabatani, Alex McKendall and Lewis Ambrosine.
 - Joel Ricketts rolled a 279 triplicate at **Hemet Bowl** in October.
 - Phoenix area had 30 centers. The city also had baseball, basketball, football and track pro sports.
 - A new Brunswick center opened in Norco California.
 - Yorba Linda Bowl congratulated Preston Fukumizer for his 300 in their sports league on a sports condition.
 - A gal named Rachel White advertised "Psychic Readings" on ۲ the phone! She could get rid of your KULAM.
 - The Bowl of the North Island Naval Station in San Diego was named Sea 'N Air Lanes they hosted many tournaments. You have to show your proof of citizenship at the main gate.
 - Al Hoffman was president of California USBC, welcomed to the board were Phyllis Bourgue, Cheryl Huntington & Tom Leigh. The B.V.L. Committee donated (raised) \$124,464.30 for California vet hospital needs.
 - **AMF Friendly Hills** had a couple of shooting stars to brag about. Rich Moffet shot 806 & Brian Parker 300.

2008 was a safe and almost sane year. Lots of action for all ages and averages. Think a minute, what was your average? Who is on your team? How many dollars did you spend in the year? Was it tax deductible? Please keep reading The Bowling News! Send your stories or pictures.





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The William Penn men and Baker women went undefeated in double-elimination match play to record wins in their respective divisions at the Heart of American Conference Tournament.

The two-day event was held in Keokuk, Iowa, and featured six teams in each division. All teams bowled 28 Baker games to determine seeding for the bracket, with the top two teams receiving a first-round bye.

Each match in the brackets leading up the finals featured a best-of-five Baker format, with the finals moving to best-of-seven.

In the men's division, William Penn cruised to the top seed, finishing with a 5,557 total. Baker earned the second bye with 5,294.

William Penn defeated Culver-Stockton (3-0) and Grand View (3-2) to earn its spot in the final. Grand View bounced back with a 3-1 win in the elimination bracket against Culver-Stockton to set up a rematch against the Statesmen.

The title tilt came down to the deciding game, with William Penn collecting the victory, 4-3.

Baker earned the top seed in the women's division, posting a 4,867 total. Clarke edged William Penn for the second position by 20 pins, finishing with 4,829.

After the first-round bye, Baker rolled through Grand View (3-1) and Clarke (3-0) to advance to the title match. William Penn won two matches in the elimination bracket to also advance to the final, including a 3-1 victory in a rematch against Clarke.

Baker recorded a 4-2 win in the finals against William Penn to claim the title.

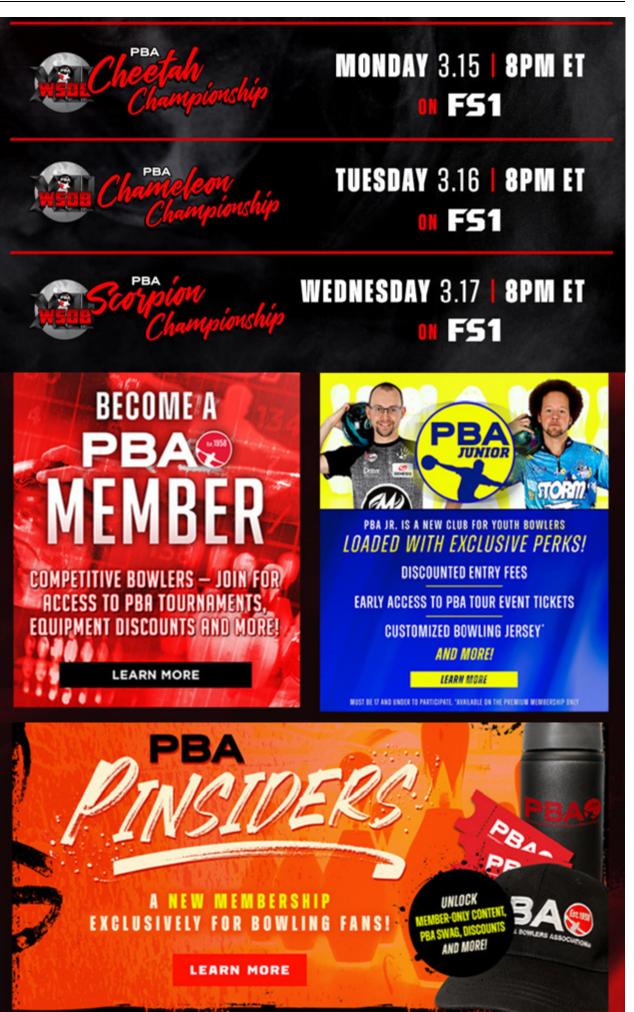
In other collegiate action:

- At the Columbia 300 Music City Classic in Smyrna, Tennessee, the top-seeded McKendree women defeated Nebraska in the bracket final, 4.5-1.5.

- At the Regional Unaffiliated Grouping Tournament in Salina, Kansas, the Midland men and women rolled to victories.

- At the Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference (AMCC) North II in Erie, Pennsylvania, the Medaille women captured the top spot.

- At the AMCC South II in Pittsburgh, the Mount Aloysius women toppled the most pins to finish at the top of the leaderboard.



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"I always love that moment," said Anderson, who rolled the first two strikes. "Those were two of my best shots. The third one kind of got away from me, but I was happy to get nine and we moved on." man Doubles Championship together last season, finishing fourth.

"I'm glad Kris kept me around," said Anderson, "I always said, if he'll give me four or five years as his partner, we'll win. It only took two."

- At the Roto Grip Raider Classic in Beavercreek, Ohio, and Kettering, Ohio, the Indiana Tech men and Wright State women claimed victory in their respective divisions.

- At the Viterbo V-Hawk Invite in La Crosse, Wisconsin, the Waldorf women and men swept the top spots.

For more information on USBC Collegiate, visit <u>BOWL.com/Collegiate</u> or <u>CollegeBowling.Bowl.com</u>.



From there, Anderson and Prather took control.

"Momentum is everything," said Anderson. "We just got comfortable. This is the most comfortable you can be on a show. You're bowling next to your buddy and you trust each other. If we make an errant shot, we'll make up for it. That's how we did it all week during qualifying."

"I've been bowling very confidently on the lanes," added Prather, "and a big part of that is Andrew. He got me on the lanes a couple months earlier than I would normally start practicing for the PBA Tour. We're bowling and working together at home, so we're communicating all the time."

In the semifinal match, Anderson and Prather defeated No. 2 seeds Marshall Kent and EJ Tackett, who have finished second in this event twice, including last season.

At 43 pins, the margin of victory in the championship match was the largest of the day for Anderson and Prather, defeating Daugherty and Moore.

Anderson and Prather first bowled the PBA Roth/Hol-

World Series of Bowling XII action continues tomorrow with PBA Cheetah Championship match play live on FloBowling at noon ET. The PBA Cheetah Championship stepladder finals air tomorrow night at 8 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1.

PBA ROTH/HOLMAN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL STANDINGS

AMF University Lanes - Tampa, Fla.

Andrew Anderson and Kris Prather, earn \$30,000 Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore, \$18,000 Marshall Kent and EJ Tackett, \$13,000 Jesper Svensson and Kyle Troup, \$10,000 Matt Ogle and Sean Rash, \$7,000 **MATCH SCORES** Match 1 – No. 5 Svensson/Troup def. No. 4 Ogle/Rash, 278-226 Match 2 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 5 Svensson/ Troup, 203-202 Match 3 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 2 Kent/Tackett, 235-214 Match 4 – No. 3 Anderson/Prather def. No. 1 Daugherty/ Moore, 245-203

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SYLVIA BROYLES WAS A KEY Contributor to USBC's success

by Matt Cannizzaro

ARLINGTON, Texas - The celebration of Women's History Month would be incomplete without recognizing United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Sylvia Broyles of Spring Branch, Texas, who was the epitome of great leadership and possessed a love for bowling as big as the state she represented for more than four decades.

Among the most challenging and rewarding milestones of her career was serving as the final president of the Women's International Bowling Congress, a position she held from 2002-2004.

Her presidency came during one of the most significant times in bowling history, and her voice and influence were invaluable in facilitating the transition of bowling from a multi-organizational sport to a unified USBC.

The 2005 merger of the WIBC, American Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance and USA Bowling to form one organization to serve adult and youth bowlers in the United States didn't come without naysayers and challenges, but Broyles was there, focused on what ultimately was best for the future of the sport.

Broyles employed a leadership style that saw her lead by example, while also empowering and motivating those who worked for, and alongside, her.

Among them, fellow USBC Hall of Famer Roseann Kuhn of Hays, Kansas, whose rise through the ranks of WIBC, and eventually USBC, were a direct reflection of Broyles' mentorship.

"My relationship with Sylvia started from my first day as a field rep, and we worked closely together on many different projects over the years," Kuhn said. "She was a tremendous leader, and even when we agreed to disagree, it didn't affect our friendship one bit. We had a great working relationship and were even better friends. Many times, I surprised myself with the things I was able to do, and I don't think I'd be in the hall of fame without her leadership and guidance."BroylesKuhnForWeb250x140

Broyles, who died in 2015 at the age of 80, served at the local and state levels beginning in the 1960s. She held a variety of positions at each level and found the national spotlight as a member of the WIBC Board of Directors, starting in 1977.

She spent nearly 30 years on the WIBC Board, serving on more than two dozen committees. Following the merger, she was a member of the first USBC Board of Directors and was the organization's vice president through the 2006-2007 season.

Broyles was enshrined in the USBC Hall of Fame in 2005 for meritorious service.

She also is a member of the Texas State USBC and Greater San Antonio USBC Halls of Fame.

During her own progression from field representative



be nice to people and respect their opinions, and they'll usually do the same. No matter where we went across the country, that strategy worked well."

By the time USBC was formed, women's bowling had solid footing and nearly a century of history, having formally organized, first as the Woman's National Bowling Association, in late 1916. The inaugural USBC Women's Championships was held shortly after.

Another significant step for women's bowling during Broyles' career came in 1993, when ABC opened its doors to women for the first time, followed closely by women competing in the ABC Championships Tournament for the first time in 1994.

Beyond just guiding bowling's organizations, Broyles also was a dedicated competitor.

Six months before her death, she achieved a special onlane milestone, when she competed in her 50th Women's Championships.

Her career at the world's largest participatory sporting event for women began at the 1965 tournament in Portland, Oregon, and concluded at the iconic National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada.

Even in the spotlight at the NBS, in a moment that belonged to her, Broyles was sure to share the credit and recognize those who helped her succeed and excel during her administrative and competitive journeys.

"As I expressed when I received my plaque, the people I have to thank are the people who have supported me all these years," said Broyles in 2015 after receiving a plaque, pendant and special march down Center Aisle to commemorate her 50th tournament appearance. "No one accomplishes anything alone. It takes the support of family, friends and the team captains that have put up with me for 50 years."

This story about Broyles is part of an ongoing digital media campaign recognizing various groups, organizations and bowlers that make up the USBC membership, while also bringing attention to topics that affect the world on a larger scale.

USBC will continue to expand its diversity and inclu-

BCSC Names Gary Forman Interim Executive Director

by BJI Webmaster

Industry veteran Gary Forman has been named interim Executive Director of the Bowling Centers of Southern California.

Forman, who is in the process of selling Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, California, with his business partner, Dave Osborn, has served on the BCSC Board of Directors for 26 years, and is a two-term past President of the trade as



Gary Forman

past President of the trade association.

"As an association, we appreciate Gary's desire to take on this new role while we work to determine what is best long term for BCSC," said the association's current President, Jesse Hansen. "As always, we have all members of the association in mind when we look to the future. We will continue to work diligently toward the goal of getting bowling centers in California reopened as soon as possible."

Forman fills the position vacated by Margot Gallardo, who resigned last week.

"I am pleased to be appointed to this position to serve as the advocate of my Southern California bowling industry colleagues," Forman said. "I've served on this association's board for a quarter of a century and am excited to further my work as an advocate for our members."

California's bowling industry has been shut down almost continuously, with a few isolated exceptions, as part of California Governor Gavin Newsom's mandated closure of businesses statewide. Yet while other businesses reopened, bowling centers, for the most part, had to remain shuttered.

"My lobbying efforts with state officials and politicians as BCSC's interim Executive Director will begin immediately," Forman told the Cyber Report. "There's a lot of work to do to educate the state's politicians about how safe bowling centers are."

Governor Newsom is the target of a recall effort in California, initiated by people unhappy with the way he has managed the coronavirus pandemic. To date, more than 1.8 million signatures have been gathered, more than enough to trigger a recall election.

Forman's appointment as interim Executive Director of BCSC is effective immediately.

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That break was nothing short of momentous as Butturff appeared to be dialed in and ready to punch out to win had Daugherty given him a chance. Butturff did end up punching out but it wasn't enough.

The win was easily the biggest of Daugherty's career and is his third overall title. In fact, Daugherty may have been known more for his bad bowling on television instead of for his wins.

It was 10 years ago he shot a 100 game in a 299-100 loss to Mika Koivuniemi in the semifinal match of the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions. His friendly "feud" with FOX play-by-play man Rob Stone is also widely joked about as Daugherty seemingly has had rare success with Stone in the booth. Fortunately for Daugherty, Stone

to manager of the Field Services department to executive director of WIBC, Kuhn was very much influenced by Broyles and past WIBC President Joyce Deitch.

Years later, when it was time for Kuhn to be considered for the hall of fame, it became clear through Broyles' letter of support just how much the respect was reciprocated and how much Kuhn's work ethic and enthusiasm also pushed those who came before her to continue striving for progress.

"It all was life-changing for me, and the things I learned from Sylvia and Joyce and all the people I met in the field really helped shape me and my career," said Kuhn, who served as USBC's first Chief Tournament Officer and was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2011. "Regardless of how we felt about things or rules, we had a true respect for each other, and no matter what we initially thought personally, we ultimately all wanted to do what was best for the sport and bowlers.

"I watched them and how they conducted themselves in meetings and how they treated the members, and it always was in a respectful and professional manner. You have to sion topics and welcome the opportunity to showcase the people and other areas that are important to the members.

March is a celebration of Women's History Month and features stories that recognize some of bowling's most influential women.

If you know someone who is a standout or inspiration in one of the areas listed above, or you'd like to suggest a topic close to you, please let us know more by sending an email to <u>PR@bowl.com</u>.

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isn't calling the action this week at the PBA World Series of Bowling, instead being replaced by Dave Ryan.

"Rob Stone, I hope you were watching; stay your ass at home," Daugherty joked after the big break for the strike. Stone responded on Twitter with "Hell Yeah I was watching." The semifinal matchup between Butturff and EJ Tackett was also dramatic as Butturff advanced with a 210-178 victory.

Butturff finished the match first and got a clutch double in the 10th frame to put the pressure on Tackett. Needing a double and nine pins for the win, Tackett sliced the ball through the face and left the 3-4-6-7-10 split to lose.

Butturff advanced into the semifinal with a 249-227 win over Chris Via as he was able to shut him out for the win in the 10th frame. Needing nine, spare, strike to secure the win, Butturff instead struck out, including a perfect first shot, to move on.

In a match that was not as close as the final score indicates, Via defeated Kyle Troup, 210-201, in the opening match of the stepladder.

Troup, who won the PBA Players Championship to open the season, got off to a horrific start and didn't throw his first strike until the eighth frame. Via was able to pull ahead by more than 50 pins and coast to the win.

Will Bowling Centers Survive In All The States?

by Dave Williams

A couple of recent news articles got me wondering if any bowling centers will survive going forward into a world that is guided by an elite set of bureaucrats in many of our United States. Having said that, the leadership that is being set forward by other states provides hope that the game we all love will not only survive but thrive in some states.

One of the biggest problems faced by the game of bowling is also its panacea. The average person perceives bowling as a blue-collar sport. Unfortunately, there aren't many blue-collar citizens involved in government! Most of those bureaucrats view bowling from the perspective of "filthy" shared experiences - the house balls, the rental shoes, the high fives, the fist bumps, the alcohol, the late nights, etc.

The first article that got me wondering about our future was in the March 11th issue of The California Bowling News, where it was announced that two more bowling centers in San Diego would be permanently closing. Any mention of San Diego is especially bittersweet for me, because that was the first place AMF sent me as a manager trainee at Pacific Bowliseum; more commonly referred to as PB Bowl in the San Diego neighborhood of Pacific Beach.

To say that life in San Diego was nirvana would be an understatement. The manager, Tim Woodhouse, was an excellent teacher and provided me with the knowledge to complete the daily manifest required by AMF Bowling Centers. It wasn't that difficult, but time consuming! Mr. Woodhouse had also assembled a tremendous team that included desk gal Jean Cogan during the day, and young gents Scott Osborn and Scott Murphy during the evening hours.

Because most of my hours were spent in the evenings at PB Bowl, that left a lot of time during the day to enjoy the San Diego lifestyle and climate. Scott Osborn ("The Oz") taught me the fine art of body surfing and took a general interest in showing me the sights - including visits to a couple of Padres-Giants baseball games at Jack Murphy Stadium.

In those days there were enough lanes to accommodate the population, with a ratio of 1 lane for every 3,365 people. In many markets that would have been considered an opportunity for more lanes, but because of the exceptional yearround climate of San Diego, AMF considered the ratio sufficient. Then a decision was made to construct Kearny Mesa Bowl, a new facility just a couple of miles inland from PB Bowl.

While Kearny Mesa had an entire 360-degree market from which to draw, Pacific Beach Bowl was hampered by a marketplace that was only 180%, because half of the drawing area was in the Pacific Ocean! Within a few months, AMF had announced plans for closure of the facility. The fact that Pacific Beach Bowl was a leased facility on the top floor of a shopping mall did not help in AMF's decision to vacate the property.

What the greater San Diego marketplace lacked in bowling centers was more than made up for by the size of the existing locations. Here's my recollection of the bowling centers that existed back in 1978:

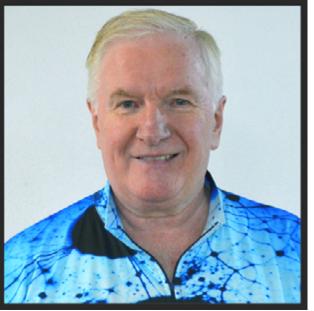
- Parkway Lanes (El Cajon) 68 lanes
- University Lanes 64 lanes
- La Mesa Bowl (La Mesa) 56 lanes
- Clairemont Lanes 52 lanes
- Brunswick Premier Lanes (Chula Vista) 48 lanes
- Mira Mesa Lanes 44 lanes
- Bowlero (Lemon Grove) 40 lanes
- Kearny Mesa Bowl 40 lanes
- AMF Pacific Bowliseum 32 lanes
- Aztec Lanes 24 lanes

Note: List does not include military base facilities

And now, only Parkway Lanes, Bowlero Chula Vista, and Aztec Lanes (on the campus of San Diego State University) remain, along with a couple of the new club concepts - Tavern + Bowl, and Punch Bowl Social. The population to lane ratio now sits at 24,788 people per lane. If there ever was a community that needed more bowling lanes, in spite of the near perfect climate... San Diego is that place! That is, of course, assuming that the bureaucrats in government will take the time to investigate the remaining bowling centers for cleanliness and accommodation, rather than relying on their perceived notions about "bowling alleys."

The second article that caught my eye was an editorial by an old and very dear friend, Steve Mackie of Ten Pins and More in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. The article was titled "Rio Rancho Bowling Center Wants to Open," and appeared in the March 4th edition of The Bowling News from Frisco, Texas.

In the article penned by Mackie, he thanked KRQE-TV for their lead story about the desperate plight of so-called "close contact recreation facilities" in New Mexico.



Steve Mackie

Mackie made mention to reporter Annalisa Pardo during the interview that only four states remain that are fully or somewhat closed for bowling. "So the thought, by deduction, is that 46 other states are getting it wrong in allowing bowling to proceed, with no known outbreak of COVID-19 cases inside a bowling center," stated Mackie.

Because the interview was edited for time constraints, Steve went on to list some of the other items that were discussed but didn't make it to air:

- Why are gyms, rock-climbing, ax throwing, Top Golf, and others open, but not bowling?
- During the two months that we were open we had over 6,000 customer visits, and no reported cases.
- We took everyone's temperature, masks were required, and social distancing was observed.
- Ten Pins and More has 27,500 square feet, much larger than most of the businesses that have been allowed to reopen.
- Neighboring states Arizona, Colorado and Texas are 100% open for all bowling.

Steve ends by saying that the local mayor of Rio Rancho, Gregg Hull, has been supportive of Ten Pins and More. "In order for the city to survive, the mayor realizes that all of the local businesses must become financially stable once again," said Mackie.

Finally, Mackie offers a ray of hope by saying that a day of redemption is coming for bowling. "Our patience is required as we wait, and we look forward to serving our customers once again," states Mackie. "May God continue to bless us all."



Picture of Hall of Famers - (l-r) Dana Miller-Mackie, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Pat Costello at U.S. National High School Bowling Championships, Fairview Heights, IL



NEWS FLASH

Missy Parkin, Her Husband Drew and Two Others Purchase Mira Mesa Lanes!

After putting together this article and receiving approvals from everyone involved, professional bowler Missy Parkin and her husband Drew announced on ABC-10 News from San Diego, that they will be buying Mira Mesa Lanes!

"It's been my dream since I was a little girl, to own a bowling center," said Missy. *"We didn't want bowling to die in San Diego, so we are happy we could help save it,"* said Parkin during the announcement. <u>More Video</u> -Dave Williams

"REAL BOWLERS" Prefer GUINESS on SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Forget the green gel colored beer and green gel colored milk shakes on Saint Patrick's Day. "Real Bowlers" prefer real Irish beer on Saint Patrick's Day. "Real Bowlers" celebrate with their friends from the Emerald Isle by clinking glasses and raising a few hardy toasts with the nitrogen infused dark potion with the golden head. That's GUINESS beer.

I was introduced to GUINESS long before my trip to Ireland to bond with relatives on my daddy's side. Grandma Murphy, known to me as "GRUMMY MUR-PHY", was tilting Guinness pints for as long as I can remember. GUINESS was there at my fifth birthday party and ever since.

GUINESS is a unique dark blend that's tasty, bubbly and packs a punch. If you want to try something different, I recommend you give it a try. There is no other beer like the brew from Ireland.

The key to replicating the taste of a pub poured pint here in America is the widget (small ball) inside the can, which unleashes nitrogen into the beer when you crack open the tab. Don't be afraid when you hear the nitrogen "explode" inside the can, all is safe and well. That chemical reaction is what makes GUI-NESS unique. That chemical reaction is what makes GUINESS so Irish.

Remember, always drink beer cold. Right from the fridge is best. The best way to drink GUINESS is to wait about five to ten seconds after cracking the can open and then pouring the brew into a glass held at a 45-degree angle. Pour slowly and steadily and pour the whole can into the glass. Let the beer settle. Those nitrogen bubbles are going to give you a head only available on Irish beer. "ENJOY".

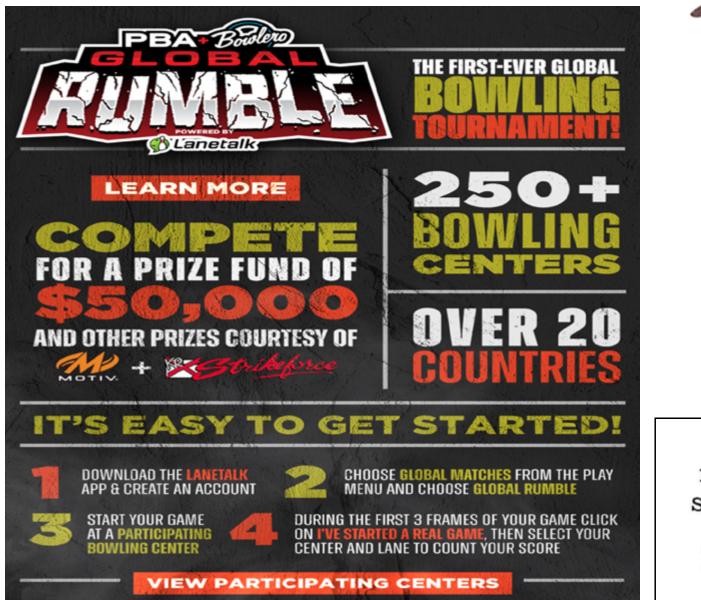
Now that you have poured the perfect pint you might want to enjoy a snack or even a full meal with this hearty brew. To help with this you should know that Irish beer has a hint of coffee and dark chocolate to it. That means it pairs well with soda bread or a variety of cheeses. Get your cutting board out and consume this dark brew with some sharp cheddar, gouda or asiago cheeses. You might want to add some sweetness with strawberry preserves.



If you wish to chow down a bit more the most popular choice is corn beef and cabbage. Other choices may include corned beef brisket, corned beef hash and eggs, shepherd's pie or Irish borscht.

When thinking of desert to pair with an Irish brew you should think of what you would have with a cup of coffee. The flavor profile is very similar. That means you might wish to have a chocolate croissant or two, a cookie or just pour your brew over a scoop of ice cream.

With much of the country still practicing social distancing, wearing masks and limiting our gatherings it doesn't mean we can't celebrate the coming of the Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. So, let's have a GUI-NESS and pretend we're Irish until next year when "BOWLING WILL BE BACK".





I hear that some centers in California are open for league, lessons and tournaments. City police can't be watching every business 24 hours a day. The question for me, is it safe?

Of course, we're all tired of staying home and staying safe!

But it means staying alive right? I've had time to clean out my closet, read three books, watch Tiger Woods life's story (glad he survived the crash) and write a few lines for The Bowling News.

What have you been doing?

The Bowling News staff (Dean and I) are so thankful for Dave Williams, Frank Weiler, Betty Addington and so many other writers. Dean is still recording history even if we can't print a hardcopy.

So, check in weekly, check on your neighbors and enjoy Jeopardy at 7 PM!!

We are going to do a little time traveling today. Lean back and think about the year 2000.

Were you working? Bowling? Where did you eat out? What programs on TV were your favorite? Name three friends. What did you do on your birthday? When we look back on 2000 life seemed so simple, clean and safe. Today? What a mess! 20 years from now what will people remember? What will be taught in history class? Will you be taking trips to Mars?

Enough questions for today. Call a friend. Virtually hug three people. Wear your masks.

Enjoy the California sun while I enjoy seeing the snow on the Oregon mountain tops!



My wife asked me today if I had seen the dog bowl.

I said no, I didn't know he could.

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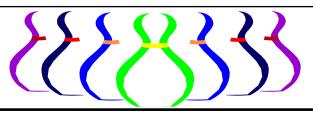
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