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## DOM BARRETT WINS THE STORM CUP: PBA COLORADO SPRINGS OPEN FOR SECOND TITLE OF 2022, 10TH OF CAREER *Defeats Santtu Tahvanainen in the championship match*

by Jef Goodger

Dom Barrett qualified as the top seed for the step-ladder finals, then defeated Santtu Tahvanainen to win THE STORM CUP: PBA Colorado Springs Open. It's the second Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour title of the season for Barrett, who completed the Triple Crown by winning the Kia PBA Tournament of Champions in February, and the 10th title of his career.

Barrett was in 11th place after the first round of qualifying, then led every round after that, averaging 231 over 24 games to claim the No. 1 seed.

Tahvanainen qualified second and earned his way into the championship match by defeating PBA

Tour champion Darren Tang, who qualified fourth and eliminated 19-time winner and PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes in the opening match on the step-ladder.

In the title match, Barrett needed two strikes and three pins in the 10th frame to shut out Tahvanainen. Barrett doubled and got eight to clinch is 10th PBA Tour championship.

Although the same would be true had Barrett lost, the win also earned him an additional \$5,000 for finishing second in THE STORM CUP race. As the PBA Colorado Springs Open was the last of the four THE STORM CUP events, the top five play-



Dom Barrett

ers through all four events earned a bonus.

Jason Belmonte clinched THE STORM CUP prior

to Round of 12 qualifying, earning a \$10,000 bonus.

When Barrett qualified as the top seed in Colorado

Springs, guaranteeing him a second-or-better finish in the event, he also locked himself into second place in THE STORM CUP. Jesper Svensson, who won

the first THE STORM CUP event, placed third for \$4,000. EJ Tackett and Nick Pate landed fourth and fifth, respectively, each receiving \$3,000.

### FINAL THE STORM CUP: PBA COLORADO SPRINGS OPEN STANDINGS

Dom Barrett, earns \$20,000  
Santtu Tahvanainen, \$12,000  
Darren Tang, \$7,000  
Chris Barnes, \$5,500

### MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – No. 4 Tang def. No. 3 Barnes, 237-206  
Match 2 – No. 2 Tahvanainen def. No. 4 Tang, 233-213  
Match 3 – No. 1 Barrett def. No. 2 Tahvanainen, 244-234

### FINAL THE STORM CUP STANDINGS

Jason Belmonte, 11,850 points, earns \$10,000  
Dom Barrett, 9,880, \$5,000  
Jesper Svensson, 7,690, \$4,000  
EJ Tackett, 7,380, \$3,000  
Nick Pate, 7,310, \$3,000



Joseph "Papa Joe" Miles

## We Say Goodbye To Papa Joe

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY – The bowling world suffered a tremendous loss when "Papa Joe" Joseph Miles passed away last week.

Whether you were walking around a center, hanging out in the pro shop, or practicing on the lanes, Papa Joe was always happy to say hello, share some advice on your game, and help any person become a better bowler.

It was common to see Papa Joe inside one of the (now four) Professional Approach Pro Shop locations; then located at Del Rio Lanes in Downey, Keystone Lanes in Norwalk, and Cal Bowl in Long Beach.

Bowlers would also see him taking part in leagues such as the Baker league at Del Rio Lanes, the then Ebonite (now Brunswick)

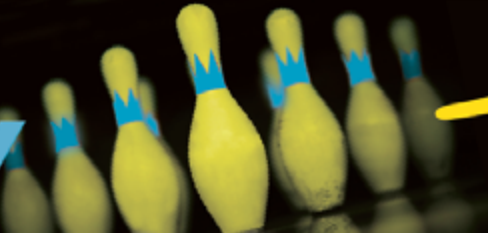
Invitational at Del Rio Lanes and the Paint Manufacturers league at Keystone Lanes.

Whether he bowled well or not, Papa Joe probably loved bowling more than anybody you would know. He was always wearing an infectious smile that spread across the bowling alley.

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# JODI WOESSNER WINS 2022 USBC SENIOR QUEENS

by Aaron Smith

LAS VEGAS — Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, had been waiting two years to make her debut at the United States Bowling Congress Senior Queens by the time she laced up for the first day of the 2022 event, and she capped a dominating performance by claiming the title Monday at the Gold Coast Hotel and Casino.

Woessner recorded the win with an exciting 238-223 victory over

USBC Hall of Famer Lucy Sandelin of Tampa, Florida, to collect the tiara awarded to the champion and \$8,000 top prize. Sandelin earned \$6,000 for the runner-up finish.

All rounds of competition from the Gold Coast Bowling Center were broadcast live at [BowlTV.com](http://BowlTV.com). As the only undefeated player from the tournament's double-elimination bracket, Woessner earned the top seed for the stepladder and would've had to lose twice in the finals to be denied the title.

The back-and-forth championship match included four strikes in the first five frames for both competitors, but Sandelin benefited from crossover strikes in the second and fourth frames on the right lane.

The three-time USBC Senior Queens champion made the adjustment to get to the pocket in the sixth frame, but she left a 5-7 split she was unable to convert, giving the advantage to Woessner.

Sandelin bounced back with three consecutive strikes after the split, but Woessner stepped up in the ninth frame with the chance to lock her out after rolling six strikes in her first eight frames.

A 2 pin in the ninth from Woessner meant Sandelin would have the chance to win the first game, but three strikes in the 10th from Woessner forced Sandelin to record two strikes and four pins to extend the championship to a second game.

Sandelin left a 4 pin on her first delivery to seal the victory for the 52-year-old right-hander. "I put it all out there," said Woessner, a three-time winner of the Ohio State USBC Queens. "I did what I needed to do to force her to double, but I fully expected her to do so because she's an amazing bowler. This win means a ton. I am very proud of what I fought through to execute."

Woessner averaged more than 225 over 31 games through qualifying, match play and the stepladder on the event's 41-foot oil pattern, and she had been on top of her moves during the entire week at Gold Coast.

In the title match, she elected to use a different bowling ball on each lane, which allowed her to attack both lanes in the same area.

She had bowled on the same pair against Sandelin in the match to determine the top seed earlier Monday and had seen early hook on the left lane. She earned the No. 1 seed with a 698-586 win.

"I saw how they broke down in that match, and the left lane ended up hooking really early," Woessner said. "I figured with all the bowling on that pair (in the stepladder), I needed to throw something cleaner on that lane. When I tried the same ball on the right lane, it didn't pick up as much, so I used a different ball to be able to stand in the same place. I felt like that was the thing to do from what I saw."

Woessner was eligible to compete in the 2020 Senior Queens, an event for the top female USBC members age 50 and older, but her first appearance had to wait until this week due to the COVID-19 pandemic forcing the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 editions.

"It's a long time coming," Woessner said. "I didn't want to get ahead of myself by saying I lost out on my first two years of being able to compete and have to make the most of this one. I didn't want to put any extra pressure on myself, either. In practice, I felt like I had a good look, so it all kind of started clicking. I think I did a really good job of controlling my heart rate and breathing, and I was able to make it happen."

Sandelin was looking for a record-breaking fourth Senior Queens title. She previously had captured wins at the 2007, 2013 and 2017 events, and her win in 2017 tied her with fellow USBC Hall of Famers Sandra Postma and Robin Romeo with three victories at the tournament.

She earned a return trip to the title match after making a late ball change in her semifinal victory over April Lord-Wittig of Steilacoom, Washington. Sandelin was clean through the first six frames, but she had not recorded a double. She switched to a different ball in the seventh frame, resulting in three consecutive strikes to take the lead. A nine-count on her first delivery in the 10th frame secured the win, 218-198.

Lord-Wittig advanced to the semifinals with a 192-161 win over 2018 champion Tish Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Lord-Wittig avoided trouble on the way to the victory over the USBC and Professional Women's Bowling Association Hall of Famer, who opened four times in the first eight frames.

In the first match of Monday's stepladder, Lord-Wittig started with four consecutive strikes on her way to a 213-189 win over Ann Coleman of Fairborn, Ohio.

All competitors at the 2022 Senior Queens bowled 15 games of qualifying over two days to determine the top 32 players advancing to the bracket. Defending champion Jeanne Naccarato of Tacoma, Washington, would have been guaranteed a position in the bracket but did not compete in this year's event.

Advancers bowled match play Sunday and Monday to determine the five athletes for the stepladder finals. All bracket matches leading up to the stepladder were three games, with total pinfall determining who advances.

The final three earned their way into the finals by battling through the Elimination Bracket and then surviving a four-bowler, three-game shootout Monday. The top three advanced to the stepladder and were ranked based on their series totals.

Johnson earned the No. 3 seed with a 684 set, while Coleman and Lord-Wittig advanced to the first match of the stepladder with totals of 607 and 572, respectively.

Carmen Aguilar of St. Petersburg, Florida, was fourth in the shootout with a 561 series and was eliminated, finishing in sixth place.





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# March Bowling Madness Revives Style From The Past

by Dave Williams

Is it just me, or did anyone else notice the number of straighter line track bowlers using urethane products during Fox Sports “March Bowling Madness” World Series of Bowling? Every night during the primetime Fox telecasts, names like Jason Sterner and Kyle Sherman were making the show, while some of the bigger name players were missing in action.

The lack of bowlers playing the track area on the lanes has been a pet peeve of mine since the introduction of the blue oil on the lanes outlining the application area. The only bowlers that have consistently used this visible advantage in recent years have been Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams Jr. It was refreshing during the week to see Sterner, Sherman and others, taking note of the oil line and playing a straighter direction to the pocket.

I posed these questions to Hall of Fame member Bill Spigner to get his take on the use of the blue oil defined patterns, and the recognition of the different oil patterns by a new crop of pros making the telecasts:

“Good observations, Dave,” said Mr. Spigner, a three-time PBA champion on the national tour. “It’s actually been happening for a while now since the bowlers started to use urethane to control the ball reaction on the lane front to back, and side to side, to allow them to go a lot straighter. This enables them to play the blend better, particularly on fresh oil.”

Spigner goes on: “When reactive resin balls first came out they hooked considerably more than urethane and they were much more responsive to the oil and dry parts of the lane. It forced players to play deeper angles for a couple of reasons:

1. The younger guys all developed stronger releases.
2. The dry back ends forced the players to open up their angles because of the strong reaction from the reactive resin, forcing them to move away from the area of the lane that provided the most area.”

How does this differ from what Norm Duke and Walter Ray Williams were doing, I asked the winner of 9 Regional PBA Titles? “So, guys like Norm and Walter Ray were able to play that part of the pattern in the front half of the lane going straight, whereas the younger guys learned how to play the back end with a lot of hook. I was very surprised when I saw how the players lined up for the animal patterns when they were first developed, because virtually none of the qualifiers were playing the patterns relative to the oil pattern, with the possible exception of Cheetah.”

“Now, the majority of the players start on top of the blend in the heads and mid-lane to keep their angles straighter and controllable. By playing the front end of the lane a bit further to the right with a urethane ball, they are able to create some area, but it’s in the first half of the lane. Walter Ray did that for years and couldn’t be touched on fresh conditions, and he survived when the pattern transitioned to more inside out angles. The majority of the field couldn’t keep up with him on fresh when straighter angles were required.”

Many in the bowling community agree with Bill’s assessment. There used to be an expression on the tour about the risk and reward of the big hook, followed by the phrase ‘straighter is greater.’ In reality it’s not straight, but more of a down and in delivery with less hook. Spigner agrees with this evaluation:

“Now that everyone can play straighter angles, it’s harder for players like Norm and Walter Ray to compete because the younger guys speed and rev rates are much higher, giving them more strike potential. The two big reasons that the old school urethanes are back are as follows:

1. The old style urethane balls have weaker cores which produce less track flare.
2. The cover of the older urethanes pick up a lot of oil, so when the ball gets to the back end you have more oil on a narrow track, causing a tamer reaction.

Conversely, the reactive resin balls soak the oil into the ball and the core produces a lot of flair. When the ball gets to the back end you have a virtually dry track on the ball contacting a dry surface on the lane.”

Spigner says that it’s like a ball sliding on ice (oil), and then it hits the dry area (pavement), causing the ball to react violently to the abrupt change. However, the oil on the track of the old style urethanes creates oil carry down which tightens up the lane. “Today it’s referred to as stretching out, or getting longer,” says Bill.

“The blue oil is a little deceiving,” continues Spigner. “It gives the impression by looking at it that the lanes are being blocked, when usually it’s a 2 to 1 blend. House shots, by contrast, could have a wider differentiation.”

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Thanks again Bill, for your thorough explanation of what’s happening with the lanes, as well as the difference between the reactive resin balls and the comeback of the urethane balls. Bill leaves us with one final thought to ponder...

*“Whatever the playing environment is, it’s our job as bowlers to learn to play on it - complaining about it only restricts our learning.”*



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# LONG-TIME BOWLING WRITER, PBA MEDIA CONSULTANT BILL VINT DIES AT 79

by Mark Miller

Within minutes of the news of his passing spreading through the bowling world, friends, former co-workers, athletes and others began sharing stories and prayers with each other.

The East Troy, Wisconsin, resident and Professional Bowlers Association media consultant from 2009-2020 died March 16, three days after suffering a stroke on his 79th birthday. He had attended the PBA World Series of Bowling in nearby Wauwatosa just days earlier where a number of those people had spoken to him directly.

Vint spent more than four decades in a variety of communications roles for the sport. He served as media director for the former Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour (now the Professional Women's Bowling Association) in the 1980s before joining the former American Bowling Congress as editor of Bowling Magazine in 1991. He later edited ABC's American Bowler publication as well as multiple other titles for ABC, the Women's International Bowling Congress, Young American Bowling Alliance, Bowling, Inc. and United States Bowling Congress.

"His dedication to the sport of bowling, and his service to it working for organizations like PWBA, YABA, USBC and through the influential publications he founded, ran, published and contributed, is unmatched," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark on Facebook.

"I am forever grateful for the role he and his business partner, Jerry Schneider, played, running the PBA media relations and communications from 2009-2020. I am mostly thankful for all of Bill's help and every conversation. He stirred his iced tea, talked, and it was all wisdom, integrity and belief in this game.

"He was a talented man. Loyal, smart, opinionated, fearless. Some saw him as a bit of curmudgeon, but he was one of the funniest guys you'll ever meet."

He co-founded Sleeping Dogs Communications from 1997 focused on the bowling industry, a company he had until retiring in 2020.

A Marshalltown, Iowa, native, Vint earned a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from Iowa State University in 1966 and started his career as a sportswriter with the Orlando (Florida) Sentinel-Star and Rockford (Illinois) Register Star. He worked for a publications firm called Market Communications from 1972-1979 and was executive director of the World Snowmobile Racing Federation in 1979-1980 before joining LPBT as director of marketing in 1981.

He and wife Lisa started Windy City Bowling News, a publication reporting on bowling in the Chicago area and beyond. They continued publishing until 2017. For many years they worked with Mail Pouch Barnstormers including Bill as its executive director.

Among his many honors were the Bowling Writers Association of America (now the International Bowling Media Association) Mort Luby Senior Meritorious Service, National Women Bowling Writers (now part of IBMA) Alberta E. Crowe Crowe and Midwest Bowling Writers Golden Quill Awards. He also won multiple PBA writing/photography awards, two American Society of Association Executives honors and numerous APEX honors.

No memorial or service will be held following his wishes.



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# PBA REGIONAL TOUR RECAP: FLORIE FLOURISHES, BOHN III, BEASLEY, AND WARREN WIN, HAGGERTY AND CRUZ CONQUER

by Chase Kaufman

North Carolina, Indiana, Missouri, and Oregon were the four states of choice to host PBA regional events over the past couple of weeks as bowlers continued their trek to South Point for the 2022 Regional Players Invitational. Plenty of action transpired at the six events across the U.S. and plenty of points were given out to the top players in each tournament.

## SOUTH REGION

### PBA50 Lafayette Lanes Fayetteville Open

About an hour's drive separates Fayetteville, North Carolina and the South Carolina border, so it made sense for the leaderboard to be littered with Carolinians. Over half the field arose from North or South Carolina, but after eight games of bowling and the field cut to 32, just 13 Carolinians remained and Jeff Bellinger, a Carolinian himself, led the field at +199.

Throughout the rest of the tournament, pins rolled over and the field continued to split in half after each set. After a few games bowled in each round the cut number increased every time. First from -14 to +90 and then to +131 and when the top eight bowlers remained, the number jumped from +131 to just +141. After 17 games of hard-fought bowling, Victor Florie, Jr., Jeff Keller, Peter Dohan Jr., and Greg McMahan became the final four competitors. Each bowled two more games before cutting the field down to two bowlers. In the said round, McMahan made a strong attempt to move onto the finals, but his 472 wasn't enough as Keller held him off with a 423 to move on by just 11 pins. The issue though, is that Florie Jr. had built himself an insurmountable lead. Florie Jr. hit for a huge 506 in round three and a 470 in round four so he now led Keller by 122 pins with just one game to go and unsurprisingly Keller wasn't able to make up the deficit. Florie finished with a 231 to complete his tournament at +379 to Keller's +225. Along with notching his first PBA Regional title, Florie Jr. earned \$2,000 and 2,500 points for his performance and now sits in second place in the PBA50 South Region standings.

### PBA50 Lafayette Lanes Fayetteville Open Final Standings

#### Victor Florie Jr. 2,500 points, \$2,000

Jeff Keller, 1,500, \$1,500  
Greg McMahan, 1,150, \$1,000  
Peter Dohan Jr. 950, \$1,000

Michael Painter, 2,688, Victor Florie Jr., 2,500, Greg McMahan, 1,925  
Terry Wiley, 1,725, Chris Johnson, 1,545



## CENTRAL/MIDWEST REGION

### PBA50 Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open

The Jasper Open held a smaller field than usual, but by no means was the Jasper Open short on familiar names. After eight games of qualifying, the top 12 advanced to match play with Parker Bohn III at the head of the pack.

Bohn averaged 234 for his set to go +277 while Danny Clark emerged at the cut line at +24. Also in the mix to grab a senior title included Tom Adcock in second, John Marsala in third, Eugene McCune in fourth, and Neil Kassel in fifth. With plenty of action to go the next day, it was anyone's tournament to win. But 11 games of match play later, Bohn stayed on top. In fact, he stayed on top without losing a game. His smallest win was by 13 pins and he won eight of his eleven matches by over 30 pins.

Going into position round with a 209-pin lead, the only thing left on the Hall of Famer's mind was to finish out the day undefeated. However, in the position round, Bohn finally fell victim to McCune, 246-238. Nonetheless, Bohn earned his second PBA50 Regional title of the season, 14th career PBA50 Regional title, and 36th PBA Regional title overall. The lefty maintained his points lead in the Central Region and briefly took the lead in the Midwest Region.

### PBA50 Greater Jasper Central/Midwest Open Final Standings

#### Parker Bohn III, 2,500 points, \$1,700

Eugene McCune, 1,500, \$1,100  
Tom Adcock, 1,150, \$925  
John Marsala, 950, \$775  
Lennie Boresch, Jr. 850, \$700

Parker Bohn III, 5,565  
Michael Haggitt, 3,345  
Tom Adcock, 2,710  
Tom Hess, 2,650  
Eugene McCune, 2,640



## MIDWEST REGION

### PBA50 Four Seasons Property Management Midwest Ozark Open

Just this past weekend, the players hit the lanes bright and early at 9 a.m. in Osage Beach, Missouri for eight games of qualifying on the Johnny Petraglia pattern. The top eight bowlers advanced to match play the next day and while positions 3-8 averaged anywhere from 226-232, it was the top two bowlers who put on a show for the Missourians.

Tom Hess led the field at +404, averaging a shade over 250 for his eight-game block and Tom Adcock sat closely behind finishing at +398. After match play wrapped up on Sunday, Hess and Adcock maintained their first- and second-place positions, but not without a charge from Mitch Beasley who led just before position round. Beasley dropped from first to third, while David Rosenberg grabbed the final spot. After falling two spots in the final game of match play, Beasley was poised to reclaim first place and that's exactly what he did. Thanks to a five-bagger late in the game after a couple of miscues from Rosenberg in the 7th and 8th frame, the Tennessee native advanced to the semifinals, winning 215-193.

In match No. 2, Beasley once again struck when he needed it most, grabbing the first strike in the ninth and all three in the 10th to move onto the finals, 217-202. Next up was Tom Hess who went into the match looking for his first ever PBA50 Regional title and 13th overall while Beasley searched for his second PBA50 Regional title and 21st overall.

Both bowlers got off to slow starts when Beasley left back-to-back 3-6-9-10s and missed both while Hess left the Greek church in the second frame. However, both competitors found their stride in frames 4-9 filling all of them with X's. In the 10th frame though, Hess' hopes were drained when he left a 7-10 split. Beasley just needed to mark in the tenth but instead struck out to win the match 256-222.

### PBA50 Four Seasons Property Management Midwest Ozark Open Final Standings

#### Mitch Beasley, 2,500 points, \$2,500

Tom Hess, 1,500, \$1,500  
Tom Adcock 1,150, \$1,000  
David Rosenberg 950, \$900

Mitch Beasley, 3,275  
Tom Hess, 3,000  
Parker Bohn III, 2,500  
Tom Adcock, 1,865  
Eugene McCune, 1,285





## WEST/NORTHWEST REGION

### PBA Women’s Caveman Bowl Open

Running concurrently with the PBA50 Caveman Bowl Classic and the PBA Rogue River Open, the Women’s Caveman Bowl Open began at 7 p.m. where competitors bowled six games and the top eight bowlers got to have more fun on Sunday. The only two to go plus for the six games included Valentina Cruz and Jill Creamer who tied for the lead at 1,208.

Bowling in her home city of Grants Pass, Oregon, Debbie Baerman snagged the final spot at -134. All eight ladies came back the next day to bowl round-robin match play with a position round game at the end. Valentina Cruz of Colombia went 4-3 in her matches to stay on top after seven games while Kristen Quah of Singapore stormed from seventh to second by averaging 212 and going 5-1-1. Sitting just seven pins back of first place, Quah just needed a win over Cruz to take the title but in a tight match where both bowlers found a string of strikes, Cruz conquered, winning 236-224.

### PBA Women’s Caveman Bowl Open Final Standings

Valentina Cruz, \$1,100  
Kristen Quah, \$600  
Catherine Rawsthorne, \$550  
Jill Creamer, \$500



### PBA50 Caveman Bowl Classic

Also on the Earl Anthony pattern, the West Region got back in action at the same house. Hailing from the host city and owner of the house’s pro shop, Chris Warren took the lead after eight games of qualifying, shooting 1,782, making him one of eight bowlers to go plus for the day.

The next morning though, Warren’s lead over second place shrunk from 67 pins to four after the cashers-round games thanks to Joe Petrovich averaging 239 for the set. In match play, Warren struggled for his first three games, failing to hit 200 in any of them. However, Warren ended up winning his next four games to put himself back into the leader spot going into position round.

Also putting up some impressive scores included David Leverage who found himself in second after the seven games of match play. After just defeating Leverage in game seven, 226-190, Warren faced him once again for the eighth and final game, but this time with a 59-pin lead. The righty triumphed, taking the game 234-219 to earn his 57th regional title and 10th PBA50 Regional title.

### PBA50 Caveman Bowl Classic Final Standings

**Chris Warren, 2,500 points, \$1,800**  
David Leverage, 1,500, \$1,100  
Kevin Croucher, 1,150, \$950  
Mitchell Vernon, 950, \$800  
Eric Adolphson, 850, \$750

David Leverage, 2,750 points  
Rick Meneley, 2,500  
Ron Mohr, 2,500  
Chris Warren, 2,500  
Warren Eales, 2,300



### PBA Rogue River Open

At the PBA Rogue River Open, all those who finished plus made the cut, and all those who finished minus did not. A 201 average was the score to beat for extra bowling the next day, set by Timothy Kashmier in 16th place. Only one bowler averaged 230 or higher and that was 14-time regional titlist PJ Haggerty of Roseville, California.

A little over 12 hours later, Haggerty stayed on top after a four-game cashers round set eliminated half of the 16 bowlers while everyone else moved on to bowl an eight-game match play round. Haggerty started the day bowling against Christopher Tuholski where he dropped the first game 268-214 to fall out of first place. That would be short-lived though as Haggerty jumped back on top with a 255 and a win in the next game and never looked back. A top-10 finisher at the 2021 RPI Finals, Haggerty completed his day at +700 overall, 157 pins over 2nd place. The win for Haggerty moves him from 14 to 15 regional titles and leaves him \$2,000 richer.

### PBA Rogue River Open Final Standings

**PJ Haggerty, 2,500 points, \$2,000**  
Christopher Tuholski, 1,500, \$1,300  
Ramsey Basurto, 1,150, \$1,100  
Chad Lusche, 950, \$900  
Evan Nash, 850, \$850

PJ Haggerty, 2,500 points  
Christopher Tuholski, 1,500  
Ramsey Basurto, 1,150  
Chad Lusche, 950  
Evan Nash, 850



In the pipeline wait four events in four different regions across the U.S.: The PBA50 Liberty Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Illinois, PBA50 Crystal Lanes Open in New York, PBA50 Sherry Bodkins Memorial Central Open in Ohio, and PBA50 Century Lanes/PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open in Virginia. These tournaments headline a busy April and May where 28 PBA and PBA50 Regional events will occur as bowlers continue racking up points for the 2022 RPI in Las Vegas. [You can find the full slate of events right here.](#)

## ART GUZMAN Proves HUGH HEFNER Wrong - “Good Guys Do Finish First”

by Frank Weiler

Whenever I hear that Art Guzman has won another game, won another match or won another tournament I realize that **“GOOD GUYS DO FINISH FIRST”**. It is such a joy whenever I hear that Art wins because somewhere in the past, I heard that tyrant **JOSEPH STALIN** once said that “Good Guys Finish Last”. I also heard that **Playboy publisher** and cultural icon **HUGH HEFNER** said the same and **NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI** to. I am so happy because Art Guzman continually wins and continues to prove these famous men are wrong. Good guys do finish first and Art Guzman is proof of that.



Not only is Art Guzman a winner, he is the biggest winner I know. He is a **TRIPLE CROWN CHAMPION** in the game of life. **SHAKESPEARE** wrote that life is but a stage and we are but actors on that stage. Well, Art is performing like a champion on the stage of life. A Triple Crown winner on the stage of life. He is a champion as a family man, a champion as a friend to everyone he meets and as a champion for our youth, coaching and mentoring youth bowlers for decades. While his accomplishments as a bowler are great, his accomplishments as a person are greater.

In the television series **EVERYONE LOVES RAYMOND** the lead character was loved by everyone. Raymond was loved because everyone considered him to be their friend. Raymond brought out the best in everyone and they respected him for that.

The same can easily be said for Art Guzman. Everyone loves Art and understandably so. Simply put everyone who knows him feels he is their friend. He is always acknowledging, listening and affirming those who approach him. Like **WILL ROGERS** there is no one he doesn’t like. He is a people person ready to help anyone at any time.

Art is a quiet man who always is calm, cool and collected no matter the circumstances. While mild mannered he possesses an inner strength reminiscent of actor **JAMES STEWART**. Stewart is Art’s favorite actor and I believe he models himself after the actor. A man of few words but firm action. A man willing to work behind the scenes for the good of all. A man strong physically, intellectually and morally. Art is all of this while sporting a huge smile for everyone.

While Art is a late comer to Bowling his accomplishments are more numerous than most bowlers with double the years competing on the lanes. Art started bowling when he was 40 years old and continues now 31 years later.

He started bowling at **EMPIRE BOWL** in Redlands when he subbed there on his brothers team. He’s still bowls there and has been since the beginning. He loves bowling there because the bowlers are friendly and supportive. I think Art’s personality brings out the best in everyone.

Notwithstanding his late start Art has become an outstanding bowler. His style is reminiscent of professional bowler David Ozio, the smoothest PBA star ever. Art delivers a bowling ball smoothly, quietly and accurately. Also, **Art knows the “NUMBER ONE SECRET” to winning as a bowler.** It’s all about taking advantage of every opportunity offered by your opponent. It’s all about taking advantage of every break.

Winning has nothing to do with luck. It’s all about being aggressive and seizing every opportunity. Art knows this and is very good at recognizing opportunity and snatching victory.

When it comes to scoring, Art has been very consistent. He nearly has as many 800 series as perfect 300 games. Not many bowlers can say that. Art has sixteen perfect games in ten 800 series. His high is an 837.

Like most good bowlers Art is a longtime PBA fan. His favorite professional is Brad Angelo. Brad bowled with Art in a tournament in Palm Springs, California and used Art’s bowling balls throughout the tournament. Brad did well and and was cordial throughout the event. Art was impressed with his personality and caring attitude. Professional bowlers do have **“PERSONALITY”** and show it when amongst fans. Professional bowlers are the most fan friendly professional athletes in the world.

Art is grateful for everything the sport of Bowling has done for him in the form of lively competition, fun and a lifetime of friendships. The sport has given him so much that Art has chosen to give back by volunteering as a youth coach. He has been coaching youth at Empire Bowl for two decades now and enjoys giving back. Personally, Art is grateful to Corky DeMaio and Ken Renner for coaching him and Zack Jellsey for drilling his equipment.

My thanks to Art Guzman for all that he has done for the betterment of the sport of Bowling. Art, I want you to know that there are many more bowlers like me who appreciate your efforts to make our sport better and our bowling experience memorable. Art, Thank you, Thank You, Thank you.





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SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16 .....	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	2:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16 .....	FS1
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16 .....	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 2022	6:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16 .....	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals .....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 1 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals .....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 8 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Semifinals .....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 15 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Finals LIVE .....	FOX
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Anthony Division Finals LIVE .....	FS1
THURSDAY, JULY 7 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Carter Division Finals LIVE .....	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 10 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Elias Cup Finals LIVE .....	FS1
SATURDAY, JULY 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Strike Derby LIVE .....	FS1
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**J.A.T, U.S. FOODS AND THREADWORKS ALL STILL IN CONTENTION AS WELL.**

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – There is only one week to go in the fourth round of the Brunswick Invitational, and four teams still have their sights on winning the round. Family Ties will certainly go into next week in the driver’s seat, but three other teams are still in contention and crazy things always seem to happen on the final night of the round. The last round ended in a three-way tie.

**Family Ties** started the night in second place, although the team leading the round has already clinched a spot. That team would be the **Forever Hope Foundation**. Forever Hope went into the match on Monday night with only two bowlers in attendance. Two of their team was away at The Masters and subs were hard to find on short notice. Dave March jumped in at the last minute giving them three players and a blind score. Family Ties took advantage of the situation, winning the first two games by substantial margins. Mike Villarreal was leading the way for Family Ties with 243/259 for 502 turning. In the final game, Joe Smith got lined up for Forever Hope, shooting a 246 game to keep them in it. A final frame split for Villarreal allowed Forever Hope a single win in the match. Four points for Family Ties improves them to 23-7 for the round and certainly in control of their fate next week. Two wins would be enough to clinch it for them.

**Threadworks** will be on the top pair next week, bowling against Family Ties. They were only able to win one game in their match against **J.A.T.**, but they won by enough that they took totals as well. J.A.T. took the opening game, 903-776 to open a big lead on the strength of Anthony Santos’ 280. That lead evaporated in a hurry as Threadworks almost shot 1000 in the middle game, winning 995-755 to take a commanding lead for totals. In that middle game, Kevin Jones threw the back eleven for 290 while Eric Snow added a 279. In the final game, J.A.T. got back on track with a win, but could not close the totals gap. With Threadworks winning three, both teams will enter next week at 19-11. Threadworks has a higher team average for the round, which

will put them on the top pair. Eric Snow led the scoring in this match with a 705.

The final team still in contention, and the opponent for J.A.T. next week, is **U.S. Foods**. They also will enter the night at 19-11 after a sweep of the **Bowling Guys**. Bowling hung in there for most of the night, but all the games fell in favor of U.S. Foods. Bobby Campagnale led the pair with 221/629 in the defeat. For U.S. Foods, Gabriel Martinez topped the scoring with 232/623.

**Forest Lanes** took three out of five in their match against **Bowlum** on the next pair. Forest Lanes won the opener, 916-794 to open a lead. Tony Brunning led the way with 254, while JT Diso added a 246. Bowlum won the next two in close fashion, but never contended for total pins. Billy Myers Jr. led Bowlum with 235/649. Jon Diso topped all bowlers with 246/659.

J.T. Jackson overcame a tough middle game to lead **DV8** to a 4-1 win over the **Professional Approach**. Jackson shot a 236/608 set, and was the only bowler to break 600 in the low scoring match. With the wins, DV8 continues to sit in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for total wins, in spite of not having won a round yet.

**Westminster Lanes** and **Team Hu\$tle** went at it on the next pair, and the match belonged to Westminster. They took two out of the three games, and total pins, giving them a 4-1 for the night. Jonathan Gale was the top bowler, leading Westminster with 237/662. Edward Estrada was subbing for Team Hu\$tle and broke 200 every game shooting a 635 set.

**Cal Bowl** got five big wins in their sweep over **California Timberline**. Cal Bowl won the third round, but had struggled to an 8-17 record in this one, costing them ground on the overall leaderboard. Leonard Ruiz Jr. led Cal Bowl with 225/654.

On the final pair of lanes, **WBPI** took four out of five games from **TDI Refrigeration**. The only bowler to break 600 on the pair was Michael Barnett of TDI. He posted a 225/642, but it was only enough to help his team win one game.

Anthony Santos took the first sidepot of

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 4			
Forever Hope Foundation	\$23	DV8.....	16
Family Ties .....	23	Forest Lanes.....	15
Threadworks .....	19	Westminster Lanes....	15
Junior Amateur Tour ..	19	Bowlum \$\$ .....	14
US Foods.....	19	Bowling Guys.....	13.5

TOP 10 THIS WEEK			
Eric Snow .....	705	Jonathan Gale.....	662
Anthony Santos .....	693	Jon Diso .....	659
Ryan Cunningham .....	687	Leonard Ruiz Jr.....	654
Mikey Villarreal .....	674	Gary Duran .....	653
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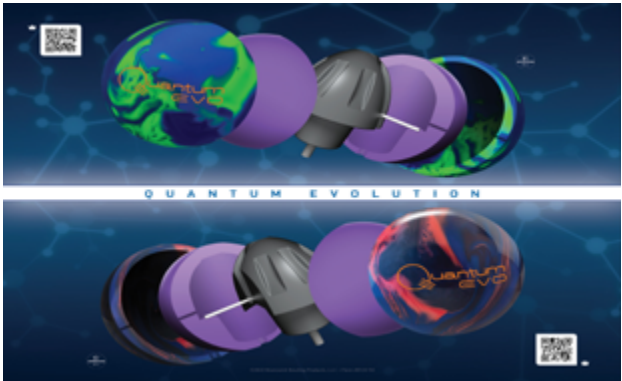
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the night, shooting a 280 game. JT Diso earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place with a 246. In the middle game, Kevin Jones won with his 290 effort. Mikey Villarreal was the runner up with 259. Joe Smith won the final game super pot, getting \$126 for his 246 game. Leonard Ruiz Jr. shot a 225 game to take second place.

Kevin Jones’ 290 also was enough to win the Financial Advisors Pot, while teammate Eric Snow got 2<sup>nd</sup> place with his 279.

The round ends next week. Four teams are in it. Who will win it? Come down to Del Rio Lanes so you can see it for yourself. The action begins at 8pm. We hope to see you here.



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