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Philadelphia, Dallas Win Overtime Thrillers as L.L.Bean PBA League Gets Underway

Hitman upset No. 1 KingPins; Strikers nullify near-perfect effort by L.A. X

PORTLAND, Maine — The underdog Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen and the defending champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers got the fifth edition of the L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup competition off to a roaring start with sudden-death victories in front of a sold-out crowd at Bayside Bowl.

The first two best-of-two-game quarterfinal rounds matches aired Sunday on ESPN.

The Philadelphia Hitmen, after finishing last in the eight-game league a year earlier and qualifying eighth in the seeding competition two days earlier at Bayside Bowl, were on the brink of another disappointment in Portland when the top-seeded GEICO NYC WTT KingPins won the opening Baker format game, 248-238, thanks to a

closing string of six strikes including three in the 10th frame by anchor bowler Marshall Kent.

The Hitmen forced the one-ball sudden-death roll-off by staging their own five-strike rally in the second game, winning a 227-223 battle when anchor bowler Tom Smallwood struck on his first shot in the 10th frame.

In the roll-off, Philadelphia's Dom Barrett matched KingPins' leader Pete Weber's strike. On the second try, New York City's John Szczerbinski left a 10 pin that a rebounding "messenger" pin failed to topple. Tom Smallwood ended the drama when his "messenger" connected, tipping over the 10 pin for a strike and the victory.

"It's been a rough couple of years for us," Phil-



Philadelphia Hitmen - Dom Barrett, Chris Loschetter, Ronnie Russell, Tom Smallwood & Dave Wodka.

adelphia manager Jason Couch said. "We've been on the losing end despite bowling the two highest scores other than the people we bowled against. I told our guys when we got here,

we haven't had the greatest luck but when they get on the approach, I wanted them to be committed and just go do it. That was my speech of the day.

"Tom (Smallwood)

bowled phenomenal, but our whole team bowled well. Tom just looked comfortable on the lanes, so I moved him to anchor," Couch added. "I don't know who we bowl next

and I don't care because my guys are really committed and I feel good about our chances."

Smallwood embraced the opportunity to throw continued on page 8

Barbara Vega, Longtime Youth Bowling Coordinator/Coach, Dies

by Fred Eisenhammer

PICO RIVERA — Barbara Vega, a longtime bowling coordinator for "hundreds and hundreds of kids" in the Los Angeles area, has died at 81.

Vega, a resident of Pico Rivera for almost 60 years, coached such luminaries as Professional Bowlers Assn. standout Michael Haugen Jr. and elite bowler Michelle Silver while they were growing up.

Vega was well-known as coordinator for L.A. County's SED (Southeast District) youth travel league that bowled at such sites as Keystone Lanes in Norwalk, Del Rio Lanes in Downey and La Habra "300" Bowl. She also ran a second youth travel league (girls all-stars).

In 1992, Vega was selected to the Southeast District's Bowling Assn. Hall of Fame for her service to youth bowling.

Haugen has gone on to become one of the PBA's foremost players with winnings close to \$800,000 and six PBA titles, including the 2008 Tournament of Champions.

"She was a great lady," Haugen said. "Always positive and encouraging. She cared about all of her bowlers."

Silver has established herself as one of the top women bowlers in the state, having won titles in the California state Queens in 2003 and the California state women's singles in 2015. Silver rolled her



Barbara Vega served as a youth bowling coordinator for about 30 years. She was named to the Los Angeles County's Southeast District's Bowling Assn. Hall of Fame in 1992.

20th perfect game in the latter tournament.

"When I met Barbara, she was like a mother figure," Silver recalled. "She was loving, kind and her door was always open to the juniors. She loved her kids more than anything."

Silver said Vega's "nurturing, love and support" made her feel comfortable to be part of the bowling world.

Vega worked as a youth bowling coordinator for about 30 years before she continued on page 12

More Than 50 Ex-Bowlmor Employees File Age Discrimination Complaints

by Fred Eisenhammer

More than 50 former employees of Bowlmor AMF Corp. have filed age-discrimination complaints against the bowling company, the largest owner and operator of bowling centers in the world.

The list of plaintiffs was expected to grow to about 60 this week, said attorney Daniel Dowe, who is representing the group and is the founding partner of New York-based Dowe Partners, LLC.

Of the 56 plaintiffs immediately on file, 14 reside in New York. That figure represents more than any other state. California is second with 13. Most of California's plaintiffs come from the L.A. area.

The complaints were filed with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Baltimore and are not a class-action suit but rather are being treated as possible "systemic discrimination," ac-

cording to Dowe.

"Systemic discrimination," according to the EEOC website, is "a pattern or practice, policy or class case where the alleged discrimination has a broad impact on an industry, profession, company or geographic area."

The plaintiffs are seeking "millions of dollars" as compensation for lost wages, Dowe said. The average number of years of service for the plaintiffs is 18; the average age of termination is 54.

Most of the plaintiffs against Bowlmor served as managers or workers in the human resources department.

Tom Shannon, the chief executive, chairman and president of New York-based Bowlmor, emailed the California Bowling News that "of course, these claims don't have any merit. They are absurd on their continued on page 9

Bowling News plans to rerun this story about Barbara in next weeks printed edition.
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and we will include your comments.

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ORANGE COUNTY USBC ANNUAL MEETING AND SEC/PRES. LUNCHEON

by Joy McGregor

ORANGE COUNTY — Please plan to attend Orange County USBC annual meeting scheduled at 1PM at FOUNTAIN BOWL. This year we will be holding a league Secretary/President luncheon BEFORE the annual meeting at 10 AM - 12 noon. This will be very informative for ALL league secretaries and presidents with information pertinent to all leagues, a power point discussion, some trivia questions that may surprise you and of course, a delicious luncheon.

This is a very important meeting as in addition to the annual election of directors, election of delegates to 2018 state and national conventions, members will be voting on two proposed by law amendments. I know you want to support your local association, catch up on local Orange County news, update and refresh your knowledge of Orange County by laws and membership, current tournaments and results AND have fun doing it! You will not only glean some important information, have some fun, renew friendships, meet some new ones and meet and greet your hard working board. We will also be holding 50/50 drawings to benefit our California hospitalized veterans and you too can be a winner!

The board is looking forward to seeing ALL of you. Remember, this is YOUR association and YOUR attendance is crucial in keeping Orange County a top association; Lots of camaraderie will be provided so get yourself in gear, mark those calendars for SUNDAY, - MAY 21, 2017 AT 1 PM (Sec/Pres. luncheon at 10 AM) See y'all at FOUNTAIN BOWL.

“Remember when you were smarter than your phone?”

C.B.N. BRAIN BUSTERS!

Two soldiers were sitting in the barracks,
a Colonel and a Private.
The Private was the son of the Colonel, but the
Colonel was not the Father of the Private.
How is this possible?

Carol Mancini Sez The Answer is: The Colonel was the Mother of the Private.

GLENN ALLISON'S ANCHOR GIRL TRIO TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY JULY 8TH 2017
Location: La Habra 300 Bowl

\$7,500 TOTAL PRIZE FUND!

- Squad Times 9:00am, 1:15pm & 6:00pm
- Team handicap 75% of 700
- Early registration \$35/person \$105/team if paid by July 5. After July 5th \$40/person \$120/team

All ages of sanctioned bowlers welcome! Teams must have at least one female. An individual bowler can bowl more than one squad as long as they are on a different team. Prize fund based off of 96 full-paid teams.

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May 13, 2017

Keystone Lanes

1 1459 **IMPERIAL HWY, NORWALK, CA 90650**
Squad Times: 11:30am & 3:00pm
Check-In: 10am & 2pm
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3rd Game Super Side Pot
Strike, Get Rich! Pot
Crossover Doubles
Brackets



1969 - PART 3

by Carol Mancini

- DAN SWEENEY, G.M. at **LA MIRADA BOWL** got so sunburned at the beach, he couldn't bowl.
- The P.W.B.A.'s director was MICKEY FINN??
- **VICTORY BOWL** was next to offer a Maverick to the winning couple of their car league.
- Who can forget the wonderful HELEN DUVAL! She was sponsored by the C.W.B.A. and available just for the asking. Her "Learn to Bowl" classes were always maxed out. She and her family were a National treasure.
- A real character was MIKE LECCESE, big gun at **VERDUGO HILLS**. He would have been at home in Brooklyn or Jersey. He and MANCINI told great stories — some were even true!
- LOU DELANEY was the contact man at **NORWALK BOWING CENTER**. Add him to the MANCINI fan club.
- TED HOFFMAN was named P.B.A.'s Western Director.
- DICK MARQUIS filed a building permit for a bowling center on the moon called "**LUNAR BOWL**". They would use 10 pound pins and 2 pound balls.
- DUKE MCGREW got into the vending business, and loved bowling on T.V.
- The **PARKWAY BOWL** 200th Anniversary Tournament was averaging 350 entries (doubles) per weekend. First place (\$2000.) was won by SYD MAGARGAL and DAN PATT of San Diego. 600 bowlers received prize money. Total Doubles entries 1,124. Total Singles entries 2,192.
- KEN KNAPP became President of the L.A. Men's Assn. He had a support team of 23 directors, plus V.P.'s.
- DICK BRAASCH rolled his 5th 300.
- **IMPERIAL BOWL** was sold.
- A prominent bowling manager skipped town with \$6,600, a men's league prize fund! Anyone remember who that was??
- TYE CRITCHLOW was Junior Bowler of the Year.
- Other names in the news. FRANK BABORE, LAMAR KECK, LARRY GRAY, AL TRIPP, JAY KENNEDY, LUCY SQUIRES, DALE GLENN, BOBBY KNIPPLE, BOB RAMIREZ, TOSH KINJO, HANK MARINO, JOE PARA, JOE LYOU, BILLY MAGLIONE (passed away), MERLE MATTHEWS, DOTTIE CROUCH, DICK COLE, WEB SHERIDAN, HOSS CLAPP, JIM FREEMAN, SARGE PAYNE, FRANK KIETZ, NAT & MIMZEY ROSENFELD.
- The two DICK's — COLE and GOLDSTEIN — team up to present the Thanksgiving "KWIKIE SINGLES". The "KWIKIE" had great appeal and brought a smile just to say "I bowled the Kwikie". The two DICK'S had a good run (for a while).
- **JEFFERSON BOWL** took out 10 lanes.
- "KECK KAPTURED the KWIKIE" - Top story of the month.
- 54 centers in So. Calif. had qualifying squads of "Strike It Rich" in November.
- MIKE McGRATH won P.B.A. in New York.
- Brunswick operated centers included: **BOWLERLAND, SANTA FE LANES, PHOENIX BOWLERO, MATADOR, SANDS, RED FOX, SANTA PAULA, MAGNOLIA, ROSS-MOOR BOWL, CAMARILLO, EL CAJON, ESCONDIDO, RONNELL, LEMON GROVE, ROYAL OAKS, GRANADA LANES** and **HOLLYWOOD LEGION LANES**.
- The news stopped printing BOBBE NORTH's last name because she was on the front page 47 weeks out of 52 in 1969!
- GARY FORD was elected President of So. Cal. Proprietor's Assn. Other officers and directors included: SAL MALKIN, SAM BARNESE, LEONARD BRUTOCAO, HOMER CHESTNUT, HARRY GRANT, MANNY LEVY, NAT ROSENFELD, DICK STOEFFLER, and JOHN LICCARDELLO.
- **CLARK CENTER** jumped on the marathon train for men only. Their "NINE" Gamer prize tag was \$12.50. They paid \$100.00 first with 40 entries.
- **SOUTHWEST BOWL** scheduled a ladies only 10 Gamer on the same day as **CLARK**. \$16.00 entry fee. Action for everybody!
- Slim Troast at **BUENA PARK** doubled the action, offering a 10 Game doubles tournament. JAY ROBINSON and JAY KENNEDY doubled their chances and pocketed the cash.
- AMF's latest ball on the market was the PRO CLASSIC for only \$29.95.
- Subscription to 52 issues of the Bowling News was \$4.50.
- How about other marathons in December? **CENTURY BOWL, MAR VISTA BOWL, WONDERBOWL-DOWNEY**. 18 Gamer at **JACKSON BOWL, SANTA ANITA, COVE BOWL** and **CAROLINA LANES**, just to pick a few. My hand is tired just turning the pages!
- October 30, JACK QUINN was killed in an auto crash in Mexico. According, to DICK SANDERS, the 300 game that JACK QUINN bowled on T.V. was the first in California and possibly in the U.S.A. Letter after letter was printed in the News about JACK. Everyone that ever took a lesson praised his knowledge and ability to pass it on. HE MADE PROS FROM SEMI-PROS. TO BE RECOGNIZED ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS ONE OF THE BEST WAS LIKE GETTING THE ACADEMY AWARD. THANK GOD HE RECEIVED HONORS WHILE HE WAS STILL ALIVE.
- CARMEN ELIAS LIT UP THE LANES AT **LLO-DA-MAR** with her smile when she cashed in 1st for \$200.00 and a trophy.
- The Bowling News moved to their new office in Montrose from Sun Valley.
- The A.B.C. & W.I.B.C. approved "unopposed bowling". O.K., if a league adopts a rule prior to the start of week one. Scores would not count for awards.
- Who wants to share stories with readers? Just E-Mail your story with your name (or write me a letter). If you are old enough to remember the sixties — you might not be on the computer (like me)!



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Xframe Bowling Tournament Club

Xframe Bowling Tour Visits West Covina Lanes Saturday Tournament #5 New Members Welcome to 220 Average

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2nd Place \$500/\$750 w/Bonus 3rd Place \$250/\$375 w/Bonus*

POWER OUTAGE AT ACTION LANES SEE STORY BELOW

EL MONTE — Xframe Bowling Tour will have tournament #5 Saturday at popular West Covina Lanes in a Big 2 Squad One-Day Event. Guaranteed Money First Place is \$1,000 min. and with the newly popular Xframe Bonus which for \$10 you get three chances to cash in the top 3 spots as said in headline. Two qualifying squads at 4pm and 6pm.

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Entry Fees are \$50, 1st entry with re-entry only \$45. Reduced Entry fees only \$35 and will pay 60% of full entry checks. New members welcome up to 220 average. Handicap base is 90% of 220 making it very competitive for all. Separate qualifying for Men, Women and Seniors. Optional Side pots \$7, Brackets \$5 and Match Game 3. \$5 Match Game estimated at \$1,000 this week, carried over from our previous.

West Covina Lanes is located in West Covina at 675 So Glendora Ave Freeway accessible from the 10 Freeway. Take Vincent Ave. go south 1 1/2 miles on the right. Phone 626 960 3636.

The following week May 6 we will have a Bye, and May 13 we are hosted by popular Bowlum Lanes in Montclair. May 20 Hcp Frozen Keystone Lanes and then comes the Memorial Event 3 days at CAL BOWL.

See you at West Covina Saturday! For info Call Bob 562 868 7164, Jeff 919 702 3369 or Vuong 714 622 0842.

Last Saturday April 22 There was POWER OUTAGE at Our event at Action Lanes

The whole area was down for approximately 2 hours

We had a nice 4PM squad with 49 bowlers on the floor when power went out in the 7th frame Game 1 the power was estimated to return around 7:00 PM or after. We refunded or credited the people who had entered both the 4 and 6 PM squads. Then about 6:10 PM the POWER returned we had already refunded and people had left. There were people the who wanted to bowl. After sending over 60 people home etc. We posted in Face book and announced there will be a Mini Tournament at 7:00 PM. \$40 Entry fee 3 games and \$10 Bonus which will pay 1st Place 50% 2nd 30% and 3rd 20% of what is collected. The 60 bowlers bowled it is NO FINALS Beat the Board and old friend, Mamerto Jablan won the event with a nice +139 taking home \$650 he bowled quite well!! 2nd & 3rd place was a tie with Allan Basto and Cory Nakano and they shared the spots for \$300 each in 2nd and 3rd 4th place went to Tomas Chavez 687 \$100, then came Kelly Manuel 686 \$90, Tim Tran 685 \$80, Tres Catalasan 679 \$65 Leah Borillo 679 \$65 Marc Arca 677 \$50, Benjamin Chavez 676 \$40 and Mark Andrews 675 \$40.

Xframe

Action Lanes - 3 Game Sweeper

	Name	Score	Prize	Bonus
1	Mamerto Jablan	739	400	250
2	Cory Nakano	715	175	125
3	Allan Basto	715	175	125
4	Tomas Chavez	687	100	
5	Kelly Manuel	686	90	
6	Tim Tran	685	80	
7	Tres Catalasan	679	65	
8	Leah Borillo	679	65	
9	Marc Arca	677	50	
10	Benjamin Chavez	676	40	
11	Mark Andrews	675	40	

FINANCIAL REPORT

1st Game Side Pot Winners

- 1) Allan Basto 253 \$70
- 2) Justin Taino 252 \$30

2nd Game Side Pot Winners

- 1) Mart Jablan 273 \$70
- 2) Justin Taino 264 \$30

3rd Game Side Pot Winners

- 1) Cory Nakano 263 \$70
- 2) Ronnie Cordero 255 \$30

Total Bracket payouts \$2,170

X-Frame Bonus	\$500.00
Total	\$1,780.00

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4. SEPARATE QUALIFYING FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND SENIOR.
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Second Place \$500 + \$250 Xframe Bonus = \$750
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Optional: Side Pots: \$7, Brackets: \$5, Match Game 3: \$5

ENTRY: \$50 RE-ENTRY: \$45 & REDUCED ENTRY: \$35 (60% PRIZE OR BONUS)
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May 19-20-21

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June 16-17-18

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Bowling Calendar – April thru July

by Bette Addington

April:

- 4/23 thru 7/10 – USBC 2017 Women’s Championships, Baton Rouge River Center, LA
- 24-27 – USBC National Convention & Annual Meeting, The Orleans, Las Vegas
- 27-29 – PWBA 2017 Kick-Off, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park
 - 22 – X-Frame Bowling Tour., 4pm & 6pm, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
 - 29 – HammerPins Spring Singles Scratch 8-Gamer, 10am, Nu Generation Lanes
- 29-30 – Teen Masters Dublin Open, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, teenmastersbowling.com
 - 30 – 8 Gamer Campagnale Summer Swing Tourn. #2, 10am, Bowlium Lanes, Montclair
 - 30 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto

May:

- 4-6 – **PWBA Tour, Steve Cook’s Fireside Lanes, Sacramento**
 - 6 – Cal Bowlers Tour Scratch Doubles Shootout, 12 noon, Delta Bowl, Antioch
 - 6 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourn., AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 6-7 – CUSBC Youth Pepsi State Finals, Classic Bowl, Daly City
 - 7 – Deadline for Associations to register to attend 2017 CUSBC State Convention
- 11-13 – **PWBA Tour, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley**
 - 13 – Silver Foxes Doubles Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
 - 14 – Mother’s Day
- 18-28 – TNBA National Championship, Sunset Station/Texas Station/The Orleans, Las Vegas
- 19-21 – National Native American Bowling Tourn., Canyon Lanes, Morango
 - 20 – CCUSBC Melton Memorial Tourn., AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
 - 21 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
 - 22 – Deadline for Attendees to register to attend 2017 CUSBC State Convention
- 23-26 – USBC Sr. Queens, Circle Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
 - 27 – HammerPins No-Tap Doubles Tourn., 2pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB
- 28-31 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood
 - 28 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourn., KC Bowl, Hanford

June:

- 1-3 – USBC Super Sr. Classic, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
- 1-3 – Xtravaganza Doubles Bowling Tourn., Red Rock Lanes, Las Vegas
- 4-10 – USBC Sr. Masters, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
- 9-11 – CUSBC 2017 State Convention, Visalia Marriott
- 9-11 – PBA Northwest/West Wine Country, Rohnert Park
 - 10 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Visalia Lanes, Visalia
 - 11 – Central Valley Masters Singles Tourn., 10am/2pm, KC Bowl, Hanford
- 11-16 – PBA Storm Sr. US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- 16-7/3 – Junior World Bowling Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
- 17-18 – TNBA So. Cal. Tri-Senates 1st Sr. Tourn., Palm Springs Lanes, Cathedral City
 - 18 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
 - 18 – Father’s Day
- 18-22 – International Bowl Expo, Gaylord Opryland Resort & Conv. Ctr., Nashville, TN, bowlexpo.com
- 23-25 – PBA Sands Regency, Reno
 - 25 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Tourn., AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
 - 25 – HammerPins Mxd. Team Tourn., Cloverleaf Family Bowl, Fremont
- 29-7/2 – 12th Vanessa Brown Homes PBA/PBA50 Western Regional, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto

July:

- 5-7 – High Roller for Ladies Only, Gold Coast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
 - 8 – Silver Foxes TOC Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 8-16 – CUSBC 2017 Youth Championships, Country Club Bowl, San Rafael
- 15-16 – HammerPins Handicap Summer Foursomes, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV
- 15-22 – USBC Jr. Gold National Championships, Cleveland, OH
- 28-30 – Reno Jr.-Adult Invitational Tournament, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
 - 30 – CUSBC Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Qualifier, Cal Bowl
 - 30 – Scratch 6-Gamer Doubles, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
- 31-8/6 – US Women’s Open, Plano Super Bowl, Plano, TX

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the sudden-death shot.

“I had a great ball reaction,” he said. “I could hit the pocket basically from everywhere. In the end, my messenger delivered, John’s didn’t.”

Dallas jumped in front in the second quarterfinal match, tripping the Lee Auto Malls L.A. X team, 223-215, when L.A. X anchor Jason Belmonte left a 2 pin on his second shot in the 10th frame after striking on his first shot. L.A. X was almost perfect in the second game with Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermmaa, Stuart Williams and Belmonte throwing 11 strikes, just missing 300 when the Australian two-hander left a 10 pin on his final shot.

In their sudden-death duel, the Strikers insisted reluctant player-manager Norm Duke throw their first shot, and the PBA Hall of Famer struck. Belmonte then stunned the Portland crowd when he left a 4 pin.

“That was exciting, nerve-wracking, what sports is all about,” Duke said, “especially when you’ve got the team behind you. They know if you falter, they falter. (PBA players) don’t get a lot of that and when we do, it’s thrilling. We’re used to being individuals.

“I’m sure golfers would understand, but Jack Nicklaus would tell you the Ryder Cup is a different feeling.

This (PBA League) is building,” Duke continued. “Don’t think for a minute it doesn’t mean anything to these guys. If it didn’t mean anything, you wouldn’t see the level of fear or the level of confidence in two players standing right next to each other.”

Duke said he didn’t want to be the guy throwing the sudden-death shot, “but my team came to me and said it was either Rhino (Page, a left-hander) or me because we had the best chance of throwing a strike. They thought my ball was going through the pins better and they were right. They put it all on me. I was scared of it, to be honest, but we all know that’s why we’re here and every one of us would have thrown that shot.”

Duke also said winning the Elias Cup in 2016 “was one of the highlights of my entire career. It wasn’t because I was player-manager; it was because there wasn’t a match where we weren’t down 40 pins and had to come back, just like today. And then we bowled that 300 (en route to winning the Elias Cup). That’s why it meant so much. Now we’re in the top four, and I like our chances.”

The final two quarterfinal round matches, airing next Sunday at 1 p.m. EDT, will send the MaineQuarterly.com Brooklyn Styles against the Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters in the first match, and the Barbasol Motown Muscle against the hometown-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the fourth quarterfinal round contest.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine (aired Sunday on ESPN)

Quarterfinal Round Results (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match One: Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen (Ronnie Russell, Dave Wodka, Chris Loschetter, Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood) def. GEICO NYC WTT KingPins (Danielle McEwan, Sam Cooley, John Szczerbinski, Pete Weber, Marshall Kent), 238-248, 227-223, 10-10, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

Match Two: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (Bill O’Neill, Norm Duke, B.J. Moore III, Rhino Page, Tommy Jones) def. Lee Auto Malls L.A. X (Martin Larsen, Jakob Butturff, Osku Palermmaa, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte), 223-215, 217-299, 10-9 in one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

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face. Bowlmor AMF is in constant need of quality managers at all levels. It defies logic to think that we would ever terminate anyone for anything other than legitimate business reasons.

“The person who has been given the most responsibility on the operations side of the business, and who was given sole responsibility for running the 85 Brunswick centers we purchased, turns 65 in May. He’s my right-hand man. I have hired and promoted countless people to the GM position over the age of 40 in the past four years. I couldn’t care less about the age of my employees.

“These claims are bogus and completely without merit. It’s a sad commentary on society that many people terminated for performance make false claims of gender, sexual preference, race, religious or age discrimination (or anything else they can make up) after the fact to exploit their former employer.”

Dowe rejected Shannon's contentions and said "we are not stopping until our clients' claims are addressed."

Dowe added: “Each client was financially and emotionally devastated when terminated. Lost wages alone for the group are well into eight figures already and we represent people from all facets of Bowlmor’s operations, including senior-level human resource personnel who were terminated for trying to stop what was going on.

“We are elated that the EEOC has elected to treat our group as a systemic case and has allocated additional resources to the case.”

Dowe said he believes a ruling by the EEOC “could happen this year or even this summer.”

The New York Post broke the story last week about the EEOC complaints with a headline that read: “Inside the ugly road Bowlmor took to make bowling cool.”

In the story, the Post interviewed many ex-Bowlmor employees who talked about their termination from the company. The Post said former Bowlmor workers claimed that executives replaced outgoing managers with younger more attractive individuals who were given “comparable, if not higher” salaries.

Bowlmor, which is known for its Las Vegas-style sports look with lane-side food and drink service, caters to glamour. The Kardashians frequently appear with little notice at one Bowlmor center in the L.A. area and other celebs reportedly pop into Bowlmor's bowling houses on the East Coast.

According to The Post, Bowlmor fired 287 managers from its 351 bowling centers between 2013 and 2015.

Kelly Shannon, a former human resources manager and now an EEOC plaintiff, said Bowlmor higher-ups terminated workers “for no reason at all.”

Shannon, no relation to Tom Shannon, told The Post that “if [higher-ups] went to a center and didn’t like the way the general manager looked . . . whether it be age or appearance, they came up with some way to terminate them.”

Bowlmor has run into controversy before. A huge segment of league bowlers turned against Bowlmor after the company announced that it was merging with AMF Bowling Worldwide, Inc. on July 1, 2013.

League bowlers found themselves unloved under new management and were either coaxed to move to other centers or they simply left to become part of a friendlier atmosphere.

Those departing league bowlers still hold a grudge against Bowlmor, although Bowlmor still has scattered leagues (some unsanctioned) among its bowling centers.

Despite lukewarm support from league bowlers, Bowlmor – which acquired Brunswick's bowling business one year after taking over AMF – has attracted big crowds at night from its party and dating groups. Additionally, Bowlmor's privately traded stock reportedly has risen sharply.

Still, resentment over Bowlmor's policies remains. Dowe summed up his plaintiffs' feelings.


“What AMF and Bowlmor did to a lot of solid-performing people who loved their jobs is wrong, and we have to get justice for these folks,” Dowe said.



Bowlmor bowling centers have attracted big crowds at night from their party and dating groups but they lack strong support from league bowlers. This Bowlmor site in Woodland Hills has often been visited by the famed Kardashians. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer



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LAKEWOOD — Wow! This month went by so fast. Every where you look there is so much color around. The grass or for some it may be the weeds, but that's okay because everything looks so green and clean. The flowers look like a rainbow with all the different colors and of course the fragrance is just wonderful, makes you think of a special bouquet for you. Enjoy it while it's here.

And of course the league sheets are here so let's see who made the honor roll this week....

V.A.: There may be only 6 teams in this league, but they all have clever names. Check their league sheet. Chris Abing is the high man with his 579 scratch series, Sonnie Grant follows with his 469, and Michelle McGarry 484 for the ladies. Lino Agalep had a nice 208 high game.

Big Bear: Congratulations to our league champs, JUS A "LIL" SHORT!!1, Sue Cant, Shirley Owens, George Reister, Jerry Cant, Emmerson Wafer. High scores for week 31: Emmerson Wafer 246/685, Phillip Gipson 264/675, Ken Seiple Jr. 257/654, George Harper 238/653, David Patterson 257/642, Sonny Dew 239/638, Mark Fowler 238/635, Paul Staff 633, Mark Barcelona 629, Ed Cabs 617, George Reister 230/616, Harold Dubose 234/615, John Dunn 607, Debra Gipson 223/606, Beverly Cuevas 216/599, Shirley Owens 232/592, Michelle Criswell 200/581, Sue Cant 214/550.

Grandma's/Grandpa's: Arlene Stiglie had a "SOUR APPLE". Scores: Rinze Dykstra 237/619, Stan Murren 203/601, Walter Milsap 215/597, Jim Burke 236/591, Fale Sula 230/585, Wayne Moon 548, Art Diemert 223/545, Walter Gist 219/538, Paul Morrison Jr. 202/518, Betty Green 249/619, Tua Sula 517, Yvonne Clarke 490.

Gobs and Gals: Bert Lawson 741, Harold Dubose 639, Mikey Villarreal 725, Sue Cant 651, Shirley Owens 643, Maria Bacos 634.

Mini Couples: Rene Palomo 597, Rudy Tomaneng 584, Danny Peramaki 563, Emily Burchman 563, Cindy Callaway 491, Linda Sarabia 489, Dave Burchman 220, Rick Chambers Jr. 209, Danielle Jones 224.

Fil-Am: Leon Bradford 268/713, Tres Catalasan 272/705, Chris Abing 268/705, Rick Llaneta 269/703, Dan Monzon 243/685, Roland Sanchez 264/664, Emmerson Wafer 249/659, Abe Morales 656, Jing Sablan 237/642, Willie Mallare 236/631, Chris Egullos 621, Liza Agoncillo 257/642, Shirley Owens 235/606, Jessica Garcia 212/562, Emily Burchman 555, Linda Sarabia 530.

Young at Heart: The champs are "THE SIXERS". Congrats to team members Rey Santos, Ron McCain Sr., and Walter Milsap. Scores: Tony White 242/648, Gerald Lunceford 243/616, Rey Santos 227/601, James Lewis 229/599, Jimmy Hamilton 237/595, Walter Milsap 244/580, B.J. 579, Bob Sneed 579, Frances Walker 205/550, Dee Phipps 213/549, Linda Kinney 541, Maxx Paul 538, Oritta Steel 531.

Cal Bowleros: "COME BACK GIRLS" are the champs of this league. Scores: Darlene Hom 201/532, DaRonda Reed 212/509, Danne Van Horn 201/505. Side-pot winners — Game One: Lucy Seiple 231; Game Two: Darlene Hom 193; Game Three: LaRonda Reed 249.

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: (Only handicap scores for this league.) Paul Morrison Sr. 741, Benny Bonan 726, Marcel V 721, Andonea Summerfield 717, Cherise Stephens 680, Nancy Santilan 646.

Sierra Bugs: Connie Wood 207/581, Stephanie Graves 212/522, Linda Kinney 518. Side-pot winners — Game One: Stephanie Graves 241; Game Two: Connie Wood 207; Game Three: Greta Vines 210.

Senior Men's Trio: Daryl McCloud 269/761, Bob Seiner 279/746, Emmerson Wafer 738, Don Gardner 714, George

by Tish

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BURBANK — News Flash! The NLAC-USBC Annual Meeting was held at Pickwick this past Sunday and the membership approved a \$2 increase in local dues. What does this mean to you? Your sanctioning dues for this upcoming winter, beginning August 1, 2017 will be a total of \$25.

Before you start complaining, the association has not had a raise in 11 years and if you wanted to be heard on the matter, you should have attended the meeting. It distresses me that out of 6,000 plus members in the NLAC-USBC, less than 30 showed up for a very important vote. There are many benefits for the bowlers that this increase will allow, such as giving awards that USBC has discontinued. Rant over. Have a great week & bowl well.

Senior Swingers: (scr) Winston Gorriceta 168, Kay Samuelsen & Ester Bugayong 140, Dick Bay 471, Kim Rasmussen 456. (hdcp) Ed Bugayong 225, Cres Cruz 213, Raymond Garcia 655, Seiki Tluczek 610.

Monday 690: (scr) Russ Goetz 228, Ursula Blanco 196, Dave Brubaker 667, Glenda Nale 538. (hdcp) Scott Medeiros 275, Cheryl Mikels 259, John DiPietro Sr 684, Carol Thrasher 629.

LA Metro Telco: (scr) Robert Zappaterreno 245, Joyce Hill 196, Dave Brubaker 657, Judy Lamb 479. (hdcp) Ricky Trinh 290, Judy Kearney 243, Richard Andersen 727, Malena Tappan 687.

Orbits: (scr) Diana Valdez 166, Gini McLoud 150, Catherine Noonan 456, Vicki Olivia 445. (hdcp) Lori Durbin 228, Cara Schneider 208, Jan Levitt 633, Cres Cruz 588.

ICF: John Pemberton 234, Darlene Hudson 269, Marvin Poretta 647, Sydney DeMello 662.

Guys & Dolls: Champions Team #7, ONE MORE BEER. (scr) Ron Craig 221, Colleen Simpson 214, Michael Blair 608, Peggy Eklund 528. (hdcp) Tim Tyler 259, Kristine Bamattre 258, Walter Abdon 730, Lisa Chung 701.

Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Tommy Kientzy 247, Amber Ball 204, Michael Fajardo 686, Susan Cortez 652. (hdcp) Roger Webb 272, Laura Baltazar 231, Andrew Choy 743, Kristine Cotangco 634.

Senior Foursome: (scr) Richard Andersen 186, Ester Bugayong 186, Doug McMillen 517, Bonnie Holcomb 488. (hdcp) Bob Rosenblum & Ron Stearns 232, Cres Cruz 255, Jim DeAngelo 660, Kim Rasmussen 680.

Thursday 890: (scr) Brad Wilson 258, Julieta Ward 192, Vance Bennett 688, Sierrie Herradura 536. (hdcp) Kurt Zappaterreno 286, Danielle Reid 249, Anthony Martinez 776, Teri Lynn Zihlavski 702.

Harper 701, Rick Llaneta 290, Josh Hudson 284, Horace Kinney 264.

Bowling Buddies: Rich Ewaskey 555, Dan Ewaskey 505, Christine Ewaskey 528, Irene Mason 443.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Ray Jenkins 299/725, Tony Kellum 264/720, Eric Bell 657, Will Young 648, Greg Thomas 237/644, Jello Gray 243/641, Emmerson Wafer 625, Precious Davis 244/677, Teya Woodman 234/667, LaJeara Harris 289/650, Phylissia Smith 211/584, Crystal Barker 567, Anita Dobbins 567, Diann Donaldson 555.

C.A.U.L.: David Regul 267/730, Rich Dahmen 250/707, Susan Yormak 229/576, Andy Clark 557, Jimmy Hall 241/557, Reginald Cargo 216/550, Albert Demers Jr. 549, Skye Zbur 543, Jim Johnson 539, Kurt Haidl 538, Lori Gilmore 476.

Funsters: Bob Selner 643, Ed Hansen 609, Abe Morales 600, Christy Estimo 597, Beth Austria 513, Adela Santos 508, Tim Lafarga 263, May Toledo 216.

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SUNDAY –

Vegas Rollers: Off for Easter. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Off for Easter.

MONDAY –

Lake Parkers: Dan Milstead 224, Bob Jacobi 220/600, Cathleen Heimann 205, Natalie Beltran 201.

Golden Awards: Bill Hambly 279/642, Larry McCurry 245/672, Jenny Campbell 183.

Whittier Elks: Dennis Hemmen 232, Clint Meche 227, Dan Milstead 616.

Gambler's Fun: Mark Vasquez 285/629, Ray Lozano 234/660, Todd Pakulski 226, Lisa Nielson 213/578.

TUESDAY –

Glenbrook Gals: Bridget Steffensen 210, Kathy Overholtzer 194, Naomi Rex 189.

Friendly Seniors: Bill Scherger 223/606, Nillie Taylor 191, Jan Swatzell 188.

Pedagogues: Bill Van Nerynen 231/653, Bob Ward 206, Vern Harmon 202.

Guys & Dolls: Jason Amaro 266, Nate White 247, John Francis 655, Lauree Bennett 253/642, Cindy Bradshaw 211, Jenny Campbell 202.

WEDNESDAY –

Silver Foxes: Everett Freywald 289/739, Eric Will 276, 685, Jenny Campbell 219/599, Randi Hein 206.

American National Can: Rick Scialla 257/649, Ray Mankins Jr. 221, Brian Parker 221/641, Karen Balicki 222.

La Habra Doubles: Jeremy Johnson 246/618, Daniel Martinez 226, Angel Alonzo 226/661.

THURSDAY –

Early Birds: Karen Balicki 213, Dell Wellner 213/611, Lisa McCutchan 213.

Sunset Rollers: Bill Scherger 208/600, Jim Ragsdale 208.

All Schools: Larry Bell 217/627, Norm Puckett 194, Kathy Greenwood 184.

Frank's Gold Cup Trios: Summer league starts May 4th!

FRIDAY –

Vegas Gamblers: Joe Jimenez 268/723, Joe Lotspeich 268, Ken Maxey Jr. 702, Tee Delgado 229, Erin La Brada 220/612, Amanda Stewart 215/631.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

JUNIORS

Mini Bees: Rafael Iniguez 162, Authentic Rollin 40, Ari Monroe 94, Lyla Kerner 92.

Bobcats: Brennan Wingfield 425, Nathan Bergevin 394, Jae Ali 384, Kendra Wilson 132.

Classified: Reyamar Santos 533, Chris Borillo 449, Carl Borillo 442, Jocelyn Torres 364, Natalie Ahumada 345.

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Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Audience Climbs

ESPN viewership continues growth trend heading into four-week PBA League series

CHICAGO — Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson’s electrifying win Sunday in the MaineQuarterly.com Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, continued the positive viewership momentum trends of the 2016-17 Professional Bowlers Association on ESPN series.

The live finals average viewership was up 18 percent over last year’s Roth/Holman Doubles. Viewership through 13 PBA on ESPN shows is averaging 642,969 viewers, up 13 percent year-over-year. ESPN’s SportsCenter included highlights from the finals on Sunday night and Troup appeared live via satellite on Tuesday morning’s SportsCenter to talk about the win and his career following in the footsteps of his father Guppy Troup.

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LeClair Benefits From Open by Duke in 10th Frame To Win Pasco County Florida Open for Second Career PBA50 Tour Title

NEW PORT RICHEY, Fla. – An open in the 10th frame of the championship match by PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., enabled tournament top qualifier Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., to win the PBA50 Pasco County Florida Open at Lane Glo Bowl Thursday for his second career PBA50 Tour title.

After LeClair finished with 191 in the title match, Duke needed to mark in the 10th to win but left the 2-4-8-10 split which he failed to convert finishing with 187. It was the fourth consecutive runner-up finish for Duke in the Pasco County Florida Open. “I’ve lost a few that way, so it was nice to be on the winning end this time,” said an emotional LeClair, whose brother Kevin passed away of natural causes in February. “I don’t know what else to say but I think someone was maybe looking down on me today.”

After breezing to wins in the first three stepladder matches, Duke, trying for his fourth career PBA50 Tour title, struggled in the title match throwing splits that he failed to convert in the first three of four frames. He rallied back with five consecutive strikes but the missed split in the 10th ended his title hopes.

“I could see how that could have happened to Norm because I was having trouble with that right lane, too,” LeClair said. “If I had it to do over again I would have made another ball choice but I decided to stick with it because I could see Norm was struggling. Fortunately, I was able to fill the frames when I needed to.”

Duke, the No. 5 qualifier, opened the stepladder finals with a 258-215 win over No. 4 qualifier two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of Las Vegas who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and first since 2012. It was yet another top-five finish without a win for Mohr who had a combined eight PBA50/PBA60 top-five finishes in 2016 and finished second to Hall of Famer Tom Baker in the PBA60 Killer ‘B’ Open which concluded on Monday.

Duke then went on to beat No. 3 qualifier Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., who was making his first PBA50 finals appearance, 266-202, before defeating five-time PBA Tour winner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, who was making his PBA50 Tour debut, 241-227, in the semi-final. As the top qualifier, LeClair dominated taking a 9-3 match play record and 180-pin lead into the finals over Haugen who was the No. 2 qualifier.

The PBA50 Tour travels to The Villages, Fla., April 22-25 for the UnitedHealthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages presented by Radical.

The Sun Bowl In The Villages will be available on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame but on a one-day delayed basis. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for schedule and subscription information.

PBA50 PASCO COUNTY FLORIDA OPEN
Lane Glo Bowl, New Port Richey, Fla., Thursday

- Final Standings:**
- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.
 - 2, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$4,000.
 - 3, Michael Haugen Jr., Phoenix, \$3,000.
 - 4, Stoney Baker, Canton, Ga., \$2,000.
 - 5, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$1,750.
- Stepladder Results:**
- Match One – Duke def. Mohr, 258-215.
Match Two – Duke def. Baker, 266-202.
Semifinal Match – Duke def. Haugen, 241-227.
Championship – LeClair def. Duke, 191-187.



Brian LaClair

Moreno Valley’s Top Senior Women at Midseason

by Frank Weiler

MORENO VALLEY — Like today’s senior men, today’s senior ladies are better bowlers than their predecessors. Previous generations of senior women didn’t have the conditioning, training, knowledge, and equipment today’s ladies have. Today’s senior women bowlers are blest with so many advantages over previous senior generations and they’re taking advantage of them all. Today’s senior lady bowlers are the best senior women bowlers ever.

Moreno Valley’s senior lady bowlers are no exception to this fact. They are great bowlers and better bowlers than their mothers.

The “VALLEY’S” top senior women league bowlers at midseason are:

1. Nedra Cooper	175.0 (average)
2. Angela Scott	174.1
3. Linda Keller	167.7
4. Valerie Pruitt	160.4
5. Barbara Boyd	153.4

The top senior league scores so far are:
High Scratch Series: 623 Nedra Cooper
High Scratch: Game: 236 Linda Keller
Pins Over Average, Series: 143 (536 series) Pearlle Mackey
Pins Over Average, Game: 88 (202 game) Elaine Moore
Great bowling ladies and thanks to WILL JUNE for providing the “VALLEY” league sheets.



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retired in 1999. Those who knew her cite her generosity to her youth bowlers.

“She dedicated her whole life to her kids,” said Carol Mancini, the editor and publisher of the California Bowling News. “If she found a kid who couldn’t pay [for bowling], she found a way to get it paid. She always denied it, but I think she was the one who paid for it.”

Mancini added: “She did her share for bowling, I can tell you that. She got hundreds and hundreds of kids to bowl. She had no less than 16 teams [with four bowlers each] in her [SED] travel league.

“The fact that she required the kids to act like ladies and gentlemen was so great of her. She expected the most from them and she never heard a kid get nasty on the lanes or kick a ball return.” Vega, who was born in Paso Robles, Calif., left a husband (Lyle); three sons: Michael (the oldest), Robert and Elias (the youngest); and five grandchildren. Robert recalled that Vega started her involvement with the sport as a participant “even though she had polio as a child. Still, she was a pretty good bowler herself.”

Later, she would turn to bowling administration where she could work with young bowlers. Those bowlers included all three of her sons, two of whom (Elias and Michael) went on to blast perfect games.

Elias marveled at her mother’s skill at coaching – and particularly coaching her own children.

“When you’re a teenager, you don’t like to be told anything, particularly from your mother. I was resistant to her teaching, but I still listened,” Elias said with a laugh.

Funeral arrangements are pending.



Barbara Vega coached two elite bowlers in Michael Haugen Jr. and Michelle Silver.



31st Year **Brunswick®** *Invitational*



Week Four Meant Back To Reality On The Nationals Pattern

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY — The Brunswick Invitational went back to reality after last week's house shot as they took on the 2016 Nationals pattern. Scores were definitely back to the norm after last week's scorefest.

In the "A" match, **Bowlum** and **G.J.C.** were out in front of the pack with matching 12-3 records after three weeks. Bowlum came out strong to take game one but G.J.C. struck back for a 23 pin game two victory and a split going into game three. Bowlum finished strong for the game three win and a 4-1 total to lead the round and earn a spot in the "A" match next week. Ramiro Garcia paced Bowlum with a 643 set while John Vallin was high with a 584 set for G.J.C.

In the "B" match, **Linder's Insurance** and **J.A.T.** met up for the second time this round. Linder's took the first game by triple-digits but had to hold on as J.A.T. came back to take games two and three as totals just slipped out of their hands. The 14 pin totals gave Linder's a 3-2 win and puts them at 14 wins. Larry Campbell was strong for J.A.T. with a nice 612 set while Jeremy Glover once again paced Linder's at 615. Linder's 14 wins puts them in the "A" match next week while J.A.T.'s 13 wins and total pins puts them in the "B" match.

Erickson's Food Supply and **Herzog Insurance** battled in the 5-6 match. Herzog started the night out with a 78 pin win but Erickson's put up a 820 game to get back within 6 for totals. Game three game down to the 10th frame as open frames and wild anchor shots took it down to the last ball with Herzog scoring a 6 pin win and a 12 pin total-pin victory. Herzog moves to 13 wins and jumps up to the "B" match next week.

Cal Bowl and **Threadworks** came together in the 7th and 8th place match. Threadworks came out strong with a 92-pin win but Cal Bowl found their groove and took the next two by plenty by totals. Ramon Torres led Cal Bowl with a nice 617 set while Eric Snow managed 545 to lead Threadworks.

Professional Approach and **DV8** matched up in the middle of the sheet with both teams looking to get back in the round race. DV8 rode Kurt Arakaki's 631 set to a 4-1 win, dropping only the third game. Juan Zavala led Pro Approach with a 542 set.

Forest Lanes and **Century 21-My Real Estate** battled to a 4.5-.5 result as it was all Forest Lanes except a 735 game two tie. Bobby Campagnale led the charge for Century 21 with a 551 set and Mike Mellick was strong for Forest with a 581 series.

Crown Royal, Smirnoff, Los Altos Trophy and **Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness** rounded out the non-round winner matches. In the liquor battle, Smirnoff took 4 from Crown Royal and Los Altos got a 3-2 win over Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness. Val Wise paced Crown with a 589 set, Carlos Castillo was solid for Smirnoff with a 596 set, Daryl McCloud's 583 was high for Los Altos and Andre Pitchford was big for the Gym boys with a 590 set.

In the battle of the round winners, **Keystone Lanes** increased their overall lead to 8 points with a 4-1 win over **Western Pacific**. **Sysco** kept pace with Keystone with a 4-1 win of their own. Eddie VanDaniker led Keystone and led the league with a huge 701 set, Gary Duran's 658 was high for Western Pacific, Greg Neuer subbed his way to a 558 to lead Sysco and Buddy Lucas managed a 571 set to lead Parkin's.

Sidepots went to Butch Jackson (238) and Eddie VanDaniker (228) for \$63 each while the second game Super Pot went to Raul "Spanky" Rosales (261) for \$189. Financial Advisor's third game pot went to Daryl McCloud (257) for \$200 with second to Ramiro Garcia (231) for \$100.

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 26' short pattern next Monday.

TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 5

Bowlum	16	Cal Bowl	13
Keystone Lanes \$\$\$	15	G.J.C. Janitorial	13
Linder's Insurance	14	Erickson's Food Supply.	11
Herzog Insurance	13	Century 21 My Real Estate	10.5
J.A.T.	13	Western Pacific \$\$	10

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Eddie VanDaniker	701	Jeremy Glover.	615
Spanky Rosales	677	Larry Campbell	612
Ramiro Garcia	633	Gary Wright	601
Kurt Arakaki	631	Mikey Villarreal	598
Ramon Torres	617	Carlos Castillo	596

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