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Bob Adams: This 'Sparemeister' Lived Life to the Fullest

by Fred Eisenhammer

CANOGA PARK – Bob Adams was bowling's so-called "Sparemeister," but he was so, so much more.

Bob was one of the most popular bowlers at his various Winnetka Bowl leagues, perhaps the most popular. Everyone liked him and he liked everyone.

And how could you not like Bob, who was quick to smile and would smartly talk about a wide range of subjects? And joke. They were funny jokes, too.

Once after converting the daunting 5-7 split in his River Maniacs league, Bob walked back to his seat and cracked, "I closed my good eye."



Bob Adams was a renowned spare bowler, rolling at least three all-spare games.

Bob had lost his left eye in 2011 because of glaucoma but that didn't keep him from building a reputation as a prolific spare bowler.

Sadly, Bob died April continued on page 4

Pluhowsky Wins 2024 PWBA GoBowling! Twin Cities Open

by Donovan Grubaugh

EAGAN, Minn. — Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, won the first Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour event of the season by defeating England's Verity Crawley by a score of 236-203 during Saturday night's step-ladder finals at the 2024 PWBA GoBowling! Twin Cities Open, which was contested at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan, Minnesota.

Pluhowsky led after four rounds of qualifying and was the number one seed for the stepladder, which was streamed live on BowlTV. That meant that Pluhowsky



would only have to win one match to capture her third career PWBA title – she won the 2021 PWBA Tour Championship and the 2006 United States

Bowling Congress Queens, both of which were majors.

Saturday night's stepladder started with Crawley taking on reigning

U.S. Amateur champion Crystal Elliott of Palm Bay, Florida, who was competing in her first tournament as a PWBA continued on page 5



HALL OF FAMER TOM HESS WINS SIXTH PBA50 TITLE

by Jill Winters

ABERDEEN, North Carolina – Tom Hess is a self-described dream chaser. He has always believed in himself and his ability on the lanes. Less than a week ago, he said all of his dreams came true when he was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. He fol-

lowed that milestone moment up by leading the 2024 PBA50 Granville Financial Open wire-to-wire and finished the job.

Just as he dominated the field this week, he defeated the greatest winner this sport has ever seen Walter Ray continued on page 8

TROUP, BELMONTE, KROL, SVENSSON ADVANCE TO QUARTERFINALS OF PBA PLAYOFFS

by Nolan Hughes

Kyle Troup, the two-time defending PBA Playoffs champion, began his quest for a third championship belt on Sunday afternoon at Angel of the Winds Casino Resort in Arlington, Wash.

Troup won his Round of 12 match against Chris Via to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2024 PBA Playoffs.

Jason Belmonte, David Krol and Jesper Svensson also won their Round of 12 matches on dual patterns with 39-foot Mike Aulby pattern on the right lane and 45-foot Dick Weber pattern



on the left lane.

Top qualifiers EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Anthony Simonsen and Bill O'Neill await the winners in the quarterfinals, which will air next Sun-

day, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

Krol fell behind in the opening match as Zach Wilkins fired the front-five. But Krol, who made the Playoffs after starting

the season competing in pre-tournament qualifiers, has never been one to go down without a fight.

Wilkins, the two-hand- continued on page 6

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Rolling Into The 80's...

Another Look Back At Strike 'n Spare Lanes

by Dave Williams

After reliving all of those memories of Strike 'n Spare Lanes from the 1970's, I was excited to receive an email from Kari Smith Williams at the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame with all of the photos that appeared in the April Museum Newsletter.

"It's okay to use the photos, just give credit to the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame," wrote Kari. So, without further ado, here are some more memories of Strike 'n Spare Lanes in Northbrook, Ill., this time from the 1980's.

One of the photos that caught my eye immediately was the view of the lanes from Skokie Boulevard, looking east toward Interstate 94 and the Skokie Golf and Country Club on the other side of the freeway. To the far right in the picture you will notice a metal canopy that extends several feet from the bowling center, but with no support beams to the ground.

I often wondered about the unusual metal awning whenever I would use that southern entrance to the building, but just assumed that it must be safe and a part of the unique construction that was Strike 'n Spare. But several years later, when I had advanced to the corporate offices of AMF in Westbury, N.Y., I overheard the operations manager talking about how the canopy had blown away in a powerful windstorm associated with a tornado.

The metal awning actually blew over the entire Interstate 94 extension, and landed in the Skokie Lagoon that was nestled in the Skokie Golf and Country Club! And while on the subject of tornadoes, one of my favorite Strike 'n Spare stories involves a bowling party that I was to oversee as part of a promotion to form a new company league at Strike 'n Spare in 1980.

As I was preparing for the party, showering and changing clothes at my efficiency apartment in Niles, Ill., a "beep, beep, beep" warning came across the

television alerting everyone in the area of Northbrook to seek shelter. As I watched the weather report and warning, I called the bowling center to let them know that because of the tornado, I would not be making the trip north to Strike 'n Spare for the party.

"Oh, that's okay. We can handle it," came the reply from the woman at the desk. They never let me forget that day, as I later discovered that tornado warnings in Chicago are like earthquakes in California with a 2.0 reading on the Richter scale.

Bernardi and the Retirement Party

Another fun experience that I was reminded of while sorting through the photos from Kari was the retirement dinner and bowling fun fest at Strike 'n Spare Lanes for Art Bernardi. I was lucky enough to secure Sam Weinstein to be the Master of Ceremonies for the event. My guess is that Weinstein must have felt an obligation after all of those years that the lanes accommodated Sam with his MDA fundraisers.

To my surprise, I was able to locate a photo that I took with a Polaroid Instamatic during the festivities. It's a bit dark after all the years of moving and being transported from one file box to another, but you can still make out Sam Weinstein on the left, and Bernardi to the right. The duo are holding up a copy of the E-X-T-R-A "special edition" newspaper that Weinstein had printed for all of the attendees. The headline reads:

"AMF Stock Plummets as Art Bernardi Retires"

Bernardi and Charlie Crovetti made quite a team, with Art handling the evening affairs at the center, and Crovetti and his wife Mary handling the promotion, bookkeeping and daytime activities. When the center was sold to AMF, Bernardi remained for a few years as the night manager, finally retiring in 1981.

The retirement party included many local bowling dignitaries, including Remo Picchiatti of DBA Products in Lake Bluff, Illinois. Picchiatti wrote the book on lane maintenance, with distribution of DBA Products to 65 different countries. Picchiatti eventually sold his business to Brunswick in 1997, but remained an integral part of bowling by serving on many committees for USBC and the BPAA. Remo passed away in 2011, at the age of 81.

Mary Strong was another lifetime kegger that was present for Bernardi's retirement dinner. She came to Chicago from Connecticut as a regional supervisor for AMF and set up her office at Strike 'n Spare. She eventually married Pat Bosco, another transplant from Connecticut, who moved to Illinois to take the reigns of the Chicagoland and Illinois State Bowling Proprietors for many years.

Yet another Connecticut transplant, Bill Spigner came to Strike 'n Spare and managed the pro shop for many years, before he and wife Barb opened their own bowling center in Vernon Hills, Ill., called Hawthorn Lanes, in 1989. Also on hand for the festivities at Bernardi's retirement dinner were Tom Kouros, best selling author of bowling instruction books, and Jim Dressel, the award winning editor of the International Bowlers Journal for 38 years.



Sam Weinstein (left) and Art Bernardi hold up mock newspaper announcing Bernardi's retirement.

Bernardi's retirement dinner was indeed a lot of fun to coordinate. It was the first time that I had enjoyed the East of Eden Restaurant inside Strike 'n Spare. Prior to that, I had always enjoyed their snack shop in front of the restaurant for a quick bite to eat. On the evening of Bernardi's retirement, I discovered a vegetable that I had never tried before - brussel sprouts - served in a buttery sauce. When I got home that night, I discovered that the second, or possibly the third helping of brussel sprouts was too much for my tummy to handle!

- Photo of Sam Weinstein and Art Bernardi provided by Dave Williams
- Other photos compliments of the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame



Charlie Crovetti (top) and Art Bernardi hang ad material for the final BPAA All-Star Tournament.



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Strike 'n Spare Lanes, from Skokie Boulevard, showing the elongated metal awning to right of photo.



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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 2024	9:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers Playoffs Semifinals LIBE	FS1
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 2024	7:00PM EDT	PBA Elite League Presented by Snickers Playoffs Finals LIV	FS1

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30 at age 84. He had suffered a massive heart attack last year and had recently been placed in hospice care. His wife Candy, to whom he had been married for 42 years, had died seven years earlier.

“Candy was his first and only love,” said Georgette Studnicka, adding that Bob also thoroughly enjoyed his bowling leagues, flying model airplanes and roller-skating dancing.

Georgette was one of 12 members of a group that has looked after Bob for the past year. All were bowlers in Winnetka’s Classic 500 Thursday senior league and they nicknamed themselves, “Bob’s Support Girls.”

The Classic 500 was a league in which Candy bowled before she died and Bob later immersed himself into that league, though he didn’t bowl in it.

Bob competed in Winnetka’s Funtimers senior league but he was a strong enough bowler to take part in Winnetka’s ultra-competitive Monday night River Maniacs league. In fact, superstar Johnnie Englehart recruited Bob for his River Maniacs team and they joined forces in the following years to win four league titles.

Bob, a longtime Canoga Park resident, was renowned in all his leagues for his spare shots; in fact, he bowled at least three all-spare games. Englehart once said: “Missing a spare to him is like losing a limb, especially the 10 pin causes he takes pride in making that.”

Bob said flatly: “I rely on my spares heavily. I don’t get a lot of strikes. Spares are my game.”

Bob was no slouch with his strike ball. He rolled a high game of 279, which is an 11-strike game. And he smoked a flashy 770 series.

Still, Bob was proudest of his ability to knock down spares. He and his wife often conferred about bowling strategy. Said Bob: “I have a saying. ‘Strikes are for show and spares are for dough.’ When it comes down to the end, you can lose a lot of matches if you don’t make your spares.”

Georgette said Bob loved life. She recalls that Bob’s live-life-to-the fullest side came out again not long ago.

“He wanted a tricycle cause he wanted to ride around his mobile home park,” she recalled. “So he bought a three-wheeler and said, ‘This was a good seat.’ And he rode it down the ramp of his mobile home and then around the park. It wasn’t more than six weeks ago.”

Elite bowler Karl Kurtz said that tricycle anecdote was not surprising to him. “He didn’t like sitting around,” he said, adding that “I was actually impressed he was a professional roller skater and went on competitions into his 70s.

“He was just a great person and got along with everyone.”

One of Bob’s biggest supporters was Candy, who met Bob while both worked at General Telephone. She repeatedly told this reporter how “amazing,” her husband was. “He flies model airplanes and is still driving and [roller] skating,” Candy once said. “I have enough trouble with two eyes and he has just one.”

Incidentally, Candy was a more-than-respectable bowler herself, once racking up a 255 game and compiling an all-spare game too. “They were a very cute couple,” ace bowler Kelly Gold said years ago.

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member.

Nevertheless, Crawley did not show the rookie any compassion as she recorded 11 strikes in a row to start the opening match before leaving a seven count on her final shot to finish with 297.

Elliott fought valiantly and ended with a 225 of her own, but it wasn't nearly enough, allowing Crawley to advance and leaving Elliott to settle for a fifth-place finish and \$5,500.

Up next for Crawley was reigning PWBA Player of the Year Jordan Richard out of Tipton, Michigan, who came to Eagan looking to win her sixth PWBA title after reaching the winner's circle three times last season.

The match proved to be a good one with the two competitors going shot-for-shot with one another, which didn't allow either player to pull away as the final frames approached.

However, Richard was presented with the opportunity to shut Crawley out after Crawley left a 7-pin in the ninth frame. That meant that if Richard could double during the 10th frame, she'd move on to the semifinals.

But Richard's first ball went wide and never recovered, leaving the 2-8-10 split, which she was unable to convert. That gave Richard a final score of 222, which meant Crawley only needed to mark in the 10th to secure the win.

Crawley was up to the task as she delivered a strike on her first ball of the final frame to clinch the victory and move on by a final score of 244-222.

Richard collected \$6,500 for her fourth-place finish.

In the semifinal match, Crawley's opponent was five-time PWBA Tour titlist and 2021 Rookie of the

Year Stephanie Zavala of Long Beach, California.

Crawley got into trouble early on, opening for the first time in three matches after leaving the 6-7-10 split during the third frame. Zavala, on the other hand, kept her game clean through three frames to take the early lead.

However, a ball change for Crawley proved to be the difference as after making the switch, she connected for five straight strikes to erase the damage from the open frame and put herself back in the driver's seat once again.

Zavala tried to hang with her, but back-to-back opens in the seventh and eighth frames sunk her chances and only allowed her to finish with 172.

Riding the momentum of the ball change, Crawley, meanwhile, ended with 232 to win her third match in a row and earn the right to bowl Pluhowsky for the title.

Zavala earned \$7,500 for finishing third.

Crawley entered the championship match sporting a 3-0 record on the night and having averaged over 257 while inching ever closer to her third career PWBA title. At that point, the only thing that appeared to be standing in her way was Pluhowsky.

But Crawley soon found herself battling an additional adversary once the title match began, bad pin carry.

The good carry that Crawley enjoyed during the three previous games disappeared completely in the title match as the right-hander left five 10-pins during the first seven frames.

Meanwhile, working from the left side, Pluhowsky struck on seven of her first eight shots with her only miss being a 4-6 split.

Despite the momentary hiccup of the open frame, Pluhowsky had full control of the match from start to

finish.

Crawley threw her only double of the match during the 10th frame to end with a 203, but by then, Pluhowsky only needed a few pins to clinch the title, which she promptly did with a strike that allowed her to finish at 236 for the title and the \$20,000 top prize.

Crawley earned \$10,000 for her runner-up finish.

During the finals, Pluhowsky used the same strategy that won her the 2021 PWBA Tour Championship.

"I didn't practice very much on the pair, only a few shots to keep it as fresh as possible," Pluhowsky said.

After the first two rounds of qualifying, Pluhowsky was in a tie for 16th place, but she climbed her way to the top seed by averaging over 233 during rounds three and four.

Past experiences as the No. 1 seed for the step-ladder finals have not always been kind to Pluhowsky, so it was a relief for her to come away with the win.

"To finally be the top seed and win, I always say I'd rather be there and only have to bowl one game, and it's a 50/50 chance to win. This time, I got the good side of it," Pluhowsky said.

With a win at the season opener under her belt, Pluhowsky will look to make it two in a row next week when the PWBA Tour heads to The Cherry Bowl in Rockford, Illinois, for Bowlers Journal Rockford Open, which will take place from May 8-11.

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ed Canadian, left an untimely pocket 7-10 in the sixth frame and the 10-pin in the ninth. Krol, after starting with a spare and an open frame, rallied with nine of the final 10 strikes to close out Wilkins. "I just want to get one strike first," Krol said of needing the final four strikes to shut out Wilkins. "Throughout this whole year, it's always been that I need to get one before I get the rest of them. I didn't think about the next three. I made sure to get the one in the ninth frame. Then that 10 frame is there."

Krol advances to face top seed EJ Tackett, who Krol defeated in seven games to make the PBA Delaware Classic finals earlier this year. Krol went on to win his first career PBA Tour title in that event, ending his PTQ career. "It's an awesome feeling," Krol said of advancing to the quarterfinals. "I'll treat it like Delaware, except I have one game instead of seven. I get him on the fresh, too. We'll see what happens but I feel pretty confident."

Belmonte took out Tom Smallwood in the second match, 218-207. Smallwood fired 298 in Saturday's play-in stepladder final match to advance to Sunday's Round of 12. "I think Tommy is one of the better heads-up bowlers, especially over the past five-10 years," Belmonte said. "I knew if he was feeling it, he was going to be really hard to beat and the fact that he bowled 298 last night is a pretty good indication that his bowling ball rolls well here."

However, Smallwood's A-game did not translate from Saturday to Sunday.

"I don't think Tommy gave me his best today. I think he'll tell you that," Belmonte said. "But it was still relatively close; I still needed a mark. There's honestly not many spares worse than looking at the 10 pin knowing you need to make it."

Belmonte converted the 10-pin in the 10th frame to advance with a 218-207 victory. Belmonte will face Bill O'Neill in next Sunday's quarterfinals.

The third match featured the season's top two lefties, Svensson and Matt Russo, and the only left-handers remaining in the field. The two southpaws qualified first and second in the World Championship, but were both defeated by EJ Tackett.

"I was picturing in my mind bowling Russo for the World Championship title. That didn't happen, but this is pretty much how I visualized the World Championship title match going," Svensson said. "

Svensson fired six straight strikes to start the match, a stark contrast from the nine-count fest he endured at the World Series of Bowling. His pin carry reverted back late in the match as he left two 7-pins and a 10-pin to allow Russo a chance to steal the match.

Russo, needing a double and two pins, struck on the first shot. Russo left a 10-pin on the second shot, allowing Svensson to advance with a 249-246 victory.

The final Round of 12 match pitted Troup against Chris Via. Troup, in addition to his two PBA Playoffs victories, also won the Tour Finals at Angel of the Winds last season. "I've won here, I bowled 300 here, so I've done just about everything you can here," Troup said of Angel of the Winds. "I love this building, the fans and I match up pretty well to the lanes as well. So I had a lot of confidence coming in."

Seemingly every year, Troup finds a way to lock in for the postseason events. But he admitted he was not locked in to start his match against Via, starting with two spares on the high-scoring patterns.

"I was definitely not locked in the first few frames and got a little thrown off my process," Troup said. "That's why I had to almost punch myself and tell myself to wake up a little bit."

The match between the two-handers was closer than the 236-194 final score would indicate. Via guttered twice, once on a double and once on a spare. Those two shots alone were the difference in the match.

"100% is not enough in this moment," Troup said. "(Simonsen) is a freak. Anytime I've bowl him, I've got to be 110% locked in. We're going to be the last match, so it's going to be about carrying and matching up with the right gameplan. That's going to be part of the battle as well, but it's going to be a fun match."

The PBA Playoffs feature the top 16 players in competition points from the 2024 season. The top four qualifiers earned a bye to the semifinals, while the 12th through 16th qualifiers competed in Saturday's play-in stepladder for the right to face Belmonte in the Round of 12.

The quarterfinals will be taped on May 5 at Angel of the Winds, but will air next Sunday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on FS1.

ROUND OF 12 SCORES

No. 9 David Krol def. No. 8 Zach Wilkins, 246-233
No. 5 Jason Belmonte def. No. 12 Tom Smallwood, 218-207
No. 10 Jesper Svensson def. No. 7 Matt Russo, 249-246
No. 6 Kyle Troup def. No. 11 Chris Via, 236-194

PBA PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

Round 3: Quarterfinals | May 12 at 6:30 p.m. ET on FS1
No. 1 EJ Tackett vs. No. 9 David Krol
No. 4 Bill O'Neill vs. No. 5 Jason Belmonte
No. 2 Marshall Kent vs. No. 10 Jesper Svensson
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These Bowling Quotes Are Worth Repeating

by Fred Eisenhammer

WOODLAND HILLS – If you bowl in a league, you know that you're surrounded by a bunch of characters.

And these colorful bowlers often produce colorful quotes.

Here is a sampling of some of those quotes that I've accumulated in my 12 years of covering the sport:

George Ritter, on the giving nature of teammate Saul Jenkins: "I can call him in the middle of the night and ask him for something and he'd say two things: 'Where?' and 'When?' And he wouldn't do it just for me. He'd do it for anyone."

Al Reiswig, who has registered an 800 series and three 300 games using an unusual bowling technique in which he leaves both his hands up at the end of his follow-through: "I'm just going to stick with my dumb style."



Al Reiswig has crushed some lofty scores with his inimitable bowling style.

Karen Beeler, on husband Jamie, who survived three games in league play at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills despite suffering from excruciating kidney stones that forced Jamie into an emergency visit to the hospital that night: "Nothing keeps him from his bowling. Nothing."

Jerry Zerg, on his team's league name, "The Irritable Bowl Syndrome": "It was the most apt name we could get."

Dustin Markowitz, on Art Rosenberg's continuing to bowl through a myriad of injuries: "Bowlers who love to compete find a way to compete because of the love of the game. It doesn't matter how old you are and how broken you are, the heart of a champion lives on forever."

Siena Cawelti-Carrion, on her love for the sport: "I live and breathe bowling and if I could eat a bowling ball, I would."

"Rockin' Ray" Miller, the late musician who wrote and composed the iconic song, "Grab Your Balls, We're Going Bowling," summarizing the game in his final verse:

"We'll add up all our scores in just a blink.
Then we'll buy ourselves another drink.
We'll spend an hour trying to explain.
Why we didn't bowl a better game."

Adam Lew, on the United States Bowling Congress commemorative 300-game ring he received in 2017 for his first perfect game: "Some people ask me why I wear it on my wedding finger and I'll say, 'It's because I got married to the game.'"

Jillian Wiseman, who sported a 110 average before putting on a show and claiming the title of a Corbin Bowl no-tap doubles handicap tournament with partner Nicholas Huang in 2017: "It was shock and awe. It will never happen again."

Carol Mancini, the late editor/publisher of the California Bowling News who's witnessed five weddings at bowling centers: "I've never seen one that ever lasted."

Professional Bowling Assn. Hall-of-Famer Chris Barnes, giving advice to league bowlers: "You can throw a bad shot, but don't throw a bad shot from the same place. Throw the same bad shot from a different spot on the lane."

Jerry Simmons, on using his Brunswick "Black Beauty" rubber bowling ball for more than 55 years: "I don't wash it. I don't get it de-oiled. I don't put it in a machine that polishes it. I don't wipe it down and I don't even use a cloth. It is what it is."

Brian Lane Duke, on receiving his commemorative 300-game ring a trifle late because of a San Diego United States Bowling Congress mix-up: "I was presented with my 300 ring for a game I bowled at Valley Bowl [in El Cajon] on April 8, 1996. It only took 21 years, but I finally got it."

Randy Silverman, on watching the late, great Andy Varipapa perform a one-man, trick-shot exhibition at now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl long ago: "One thing that stands out in my mind is that he set up the 7-10 split with one pin (the 7) on one lane and another pin (the 10) on the lane to his right. He used two bowling balls, one in each hand, and he released the balls and they would cross each other. One ball would pick up the 7 pin on the lane he was on and the other would cross the lane and pick up the 10 pin. He was spectacular."

North Dakota resident Kathryn Pinke, making light of her 82 average in league play after rolling a 50 on her birthday: "As my husband Nathan, has said on a few occasions, 'There are a lot of things you are good at, Katie, but bowling has never been one of them.'"

San Diego's Michele Carter, who considered herself "just a league bowler and not much else," on turning in a stunning performance in the 2016 Golden Ladies Classic in which she won all four of her matches in the stepladder finals, including a 300-256 victory over Hall-of-Famer Tish Johnson in the championship match: "It was just surreal. It felt like an out-of-body experience. I just tried to take it one shot at a time and not look out at the crowd."

Bob Edwards, a former longtime bowling general manager, remembering how his 40-year career began: "I wanted to be in the bowling industry, which my father was in. He told me, 'If you want to run a bowling business, you have to know how to do everything yourself. So this week, you're going to be the janitor.' And he handed me a mop."

Ace bowler and bowling coach Mike Weekley: "I would like to say that anyone who has confidence in what they are doing can get a 300 whenever they want."

Top women's bowling pro Diandra Asbaty, standing up for her sport: "I've been practicing since I was 5 years old and I've been playing tournaments. I sweat. I throw a 15-pound ball. I fail and I win. I want bowling to get the respect it deserves."

Greg Kolski, on whether he would consider a repeat performance of what he did more than 10 years ago: bowling a whopping 100 practice games in one day at AMF Woodlake Lanes: "Possibly, but I'd probably need a sponsor because I couldn't afford to bowl 100 games."

Dick Sanders, the late West Coast Senior Tour owner/director, on how technology had cheapened bowling scores: "The perfect example is a 300 game in tournaments. No one knows he did it but the guy who shot it. Three-hundred games are so phony baloney, although it's still exciting for the guy who shot it for the first time. Everyone's a pro now. If you collect money in league at the end of the season, you're a pro."

Justin Adams, on bowling his first 300 game: "It was one of the coolest feelings. The last shots were gut-wrenching. I literally took a lap around the bowling alley."

Gail Marlis, on switching to her left hand after incurring an injury to her right (throwing) arm: "Not bowling is not an option. Gail Marlis, again, on what bowling means to her: "Bowling is like my play date with my friends."

Sami Rice, calling her husband Mike's mental outlook a factor in his 288 game in which he opened with 10 strikes: "He keeps bowling better each year. He's never bowled this well. He just doesn't take the game as seriously as he did in his 100-some years of bowling."



Mike Rice impressed his wife Sami with his bowling and with an improved mental outlook.

Temmy Walker, who sports a distinctive first name, on how she knows she's not the only Temmy around: "I know there is another one in L.A. because she got the [personalized] license plate that I wanted."

Kamie Katzarska, looking on the bright side after barely failing to break into triple figures during a league game: "Ninety-nine. That's almost 100."

Veteran bowler Ken Borshell, on his desire to bring more women bowlers into his league: "Damn tootin'. I'm not dead yet. When I get older, my eyes get younger." Ken Borshell, again, on why he takes part in monthly card games with friends despite always losing: "I enjoy getting together . . . to hell with the money." Ken Borshell, once again, on never getting stranded on the road through all the years that he's traveled from faraway places to San Fernando Valley bowling centers: "Drive cars that last and not American cars."

Carol Tucker, counting her blessings amid her retirement from teaching: "I feel like the luckiest person on Earth because I enjoyed my career so much and I was able to retire with enough money to buy bowling shoes, running shoes and frozen yogurt."

Geoff Gast, exulting about leading his league team to victory despite his relatively low average: "It was like I was being Shaq and Kobe and leading the way. I was being the Big Fella and the Big Man and bringing home the win."



Geoff Gast has led the charge on his league bowling teams.

Rick Auerbach, on elite bowler Charles Kenny: "He hits the pins so hard I told him that on my way home, I would look for some pins on Ventura Boulevard."

Hollywood icon Susan Sarandon, promoting her worldwide ping-pong social clubs while at the same time taking a paddle to bowling: "In ping-pong, you don't have to wear someone else's shoes."

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Williams Jr. 257-193. Hess envisioned himself having to put up a high game to win his sixth PBA50 Tour title, so he came into this match calm and focused. Just as his license plate says, "Bowl to win."

"I wanted the opportunity to step up, strike out and shut Walter out," Hess said, about his plan to have Williams Jr. start the match. "I like to finish first unless there is a huge difference between the right and the left lane."

Hess admits he played both lanes almost exactly the same, moved his feet to the left, and kept his ball speed down. Seeing his opponent with two opens in the first four frames relaxed Hess. Williams Jr. finished the match by bowling two-handed striking out in the ninth and 10th frame.

Reflecting on his day, Hess admits he wasn't sharp Wednesday morning during the Advancers Round. After his first-round bye, he felt the pressure of being the No. 1 seed and began to fire the ball down the lane getting "out of whack" against Brian Dennis. He calmed down and got through it then came a battle with Brad Angelo. The fire and emotions usually displayed by Hess were evident. Hess admits he was lost on the lanes early losing 246-162 then bounced back winning 299-217 and 249-202 to maintain the top seed in the stepladder. He admits he "got lucky to beat Brad. I carried everything."

After thinking about his fellow Hall of Famers in this stepladder, Hess reflected. "I am in the Hall of Fame, and I belong. I am where I belong, and I am one of the guys to beat every week on this tour." Now it's time for Tom Hess to establish some new dreams.

In the semifinal match, Williams Jr. cruised to a 263-203 win over Chris Barnes, striking nine times. The closest match of the stepladder saw Williams Jr. defeat Tom Adcock 236-216 in match two. Adcock held a two-pin lead in the seventh frame then Williams Jr. struck four out of his final five shots. In the opening match, Parker Bohn III had three straight splits for open frames early on and Adcock earned the 235-167 victory.

MATCH SCORES:
Match 1: Adcock def. Bohn III 235-167
Match 2: Williams Jr. def. Adcock 236-216
Match 3: Williams Jr. def. Barnes 263-203
Championship match: Hess def. Williams Jr. 257-193

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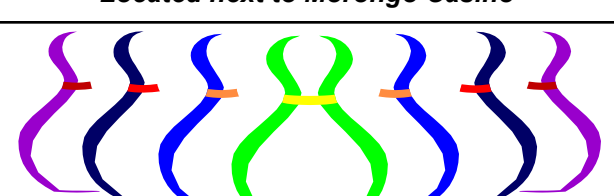
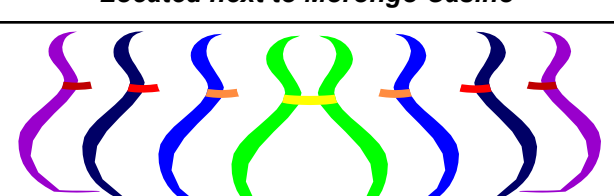








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US Foods Extends Their Wildcard Round Lead; Anthony Rieger Is Perfect

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the fifth week of the Wildcard round. With just two weeks to go in the 6-week Wildcard round, teams were battling to get into position for next week's final battle.

In the battle for the round, the "A" match featured **US Foods** (Gabe Martinez) who was coming off a huge sweep last week, to move to 16-4 and take on 14-6 **DV8** (David Cogswell). DV8 took advantage of an open in the 10th to take game one, but it was all US Foods from there as they cruised to a 4-1 win. Kasey Uyesugi was huge for US Foods with a 767 series while Daniel Hong was a pin shy of eight with a huge 799 series for DV8.

The "B" match was **Del Rio Lanes** (Marquan Rivers) looking to bounce back after last week, matched up with **Forest Lanes** (Jon Diso) with both teams sitting at 13-7 and trying to bank wins while watching the "A" match closely. Forest Lanes started strong and took the bookend games, but the big thripe-digit win in game two was enough for Del Rio Lanes to take a 3-2 result. Jonathan Huezco led Del Rio with a 716 set while Marshall Degnan paced Forest Lanes with a 685 series.

Threadworks (Eric Snow) took on **Pro Approach Del Rio** (Eric Daniels) with the two teams sitting at 11-9 and all but eliminated from round contention. Threadworks took a 4-1 result led by a solid 711 effort from Ryan Cunningham. Austin Wasielewski led Pro Approach Del Rio with a 623 series.

Westminster Lanes (Jonathan Gale) and **Pro Approach Oak Tree** (John Struckman) were sitting around the .500 mark and looking to bank some wins to keep an overall wildcard berth alive. Westminster Lanes dropped the first game by a bunch but stormed back to take games two and three by enough for a 4-1 win. Sub Darrion Tipton led Westminster Lanes with a 662 set while John Struckman's 639 series paced Westminster Lanes.

Touchstone Homes (Christian Eichelkraut), **Forever Hope Foundation** (Vernon Adams), **iColor Printing** (Augie Labrado Jr.) and **Pro Approach Keystone Lanes** (William Morris) rounded out the night's round action. Forever Hope Foundation took a 4-1 win over Touchstone Homes led by sub Ramsey Basurto's 765 series. Touchstone Homes was paced by Anthony Rieger's huge 786 series including a perfect 300 in game two. Pro Approach Keystone swept iColor Printing 5-0 led by Joshua Wade's 671 series with iColor Printing getting a nice 634 set from Omar Ponce Jr.

In the battle of the round winners, it was a fifth straight week of **Junior Amateur Tour** (Kevin Valmonte) taking on **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) with J.A.T. sitting on a 4-game lead in the overall standings. **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) cut the lead between 3rd and 4th to just three games last week, and they rematched with **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) again. Junior Amateur Tour came out huge with a 994 start in the match, but it was all Cal Bowl from there as they took game two and then closed game three with 9 straight in the 10th for a 4-1 win. Cal Bowl closes the gap to one game as the two teams will rematch next week. Ramon Torres was the high of three 700 sets for Cal Bowl with a 724 set while super-sub Michael Marmolejo led Junior Amateur Tour with a solid 764 series. Family Ties started out huge with a 63-pin win but dropped the next two games, keeping it close enough to take totals and the 3-2 win. Mikey Villarreal led Family Ties with a big 736 set while Billy Myers Jr. struck to a 732 set for Bowlium.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Anthony Rieger (300) for \$160 with 2nd to Kasey Uyesugi (288) for \$70. Sidepots went to Arnold Cheesman (267) and Kasey Uyesugi (288) for \$51 each with 2nd to Daniel Hong (266) and Mikey Villarreal (268) for \$27. SuperPot went to Daniel Hong (266) for \$154 with 2nd to Leonard Ruiz Jr. and Kasey Uyesugi (258) for \$40 each.

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