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Kulick Earns Top Seed for TV at 2017 PWBA Fountain Valley Open

FOUNTAIN VALLEY — Like any athlete, each time Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, competes, there is the hope that everything will align physically and mentally, and a clear-minded focus will result in a successful outing.

The reality is that those days are rare, so when the lane condition at the 2017 Professional Women's Bowling Association Fountain Valley Open allowed Kulick to play to her physical strengths, she was able to capitalize on the opportunity and offset the fact that she wasn't feeling as focused as she was at this point in past PWBA Tour seasons.

This week's 38-foot oil pattern at Fountain Bowl allowed Kulick to open up the lane and attack it in a left-to-right fashion, and being in her wheelhouse helped her get more comfortable with each round on her way to the top seed for the televised portion of the event.

She will be joined on the show by No. 2 seed Verity Crawley of England, No. 3 Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, and No. 4 Cherie Tan of Singapore.

Kulick and Crawley earned their spots on the show by leading their respective match-play groups Saturday at Fountain Bowl, with total pinfall, bonus pins included, determining the top seed. Johnson and Tan each rolled

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Top 4 seeds - Kelly Kulick, Verity Crawley, Liz Johnson and Cherie Tan

Brian LeClair Wins Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

FARMINGDALE, N.Y. — Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., won the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Brunswick Tuesday to become the season's first PBA50 Tour two-time winner.

LeClair defeated two-time PBA50 Player of the Year and eight-time winner Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, 245-195, in the championship match at Farmingdale Lanes to also win his third career PBA50 Tour title.

LeClair, who was the top qualifier for the finals, dominated from the start throwing strikes in the first eight of nine frames. Mohr, who qualified second, was able to get his ball to the



pocket but had trouble with pin carry during the match.

"I don't know that I bowled that much better of a game than Ron," LeClair said. "The key for me was

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Dallas Strikers Repeat as L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup Champions

Player-manager Norm Duke earns Mark Roth Most Valuable Player award

PORTLAND, Maine — Crafty strategy and clutch shots at every critical turn helped the Shipyard Dallas Strikers successfully defend their L.L.Bean PBA League Elias Cup title at Bayside Bowl in a hotly-contested battle with the local-favorite L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks.

Led by player-manager Norm Duke, the Strikers won the singles, trios and five-player Baker format matches for a 5-1 victory over the Lumberjacks. The finals aired Sunday on ESPN.



Duke, who was named Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the event, gave Dallas a 1-0 lead with a 269-247 win over Portland's Ryan Ciminelli in the opening singles match. Portland evened the score

at 1-1 when Wes Malott and Kyle Troup topped Duke and Rhino Page in the doubles match, 238-209.

"We decided to put me first, and then me with a lefthander (Rhino Page) in the doubles match in order to preserve the lanes,

because with all of the rev rate from our other guys, there wouldn't be any oil left on the inside of the lane for anyone except me, and I needed more help than that," Duke said. "And that left a fresher condition for our rev guys. They were able to make the adjustments and make the shots, and that's why we came out on top."

Dallas regained the upper hand with a 234-227 victory in the Baker trios match, with high-rev power players Tommy Jones, Bill

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Xframe Tournament Club

4pm 6pm

May 20 - Keystone Lanes

FOR THE FANS WHO WERE BOWLED OVER BY "TURKEY" AND ALSO NATE JAZZ

MIKE KROL

MIKE KROL FRIEND CLUB

Mike Krol is a Los Angeles-based musician hailing from Wisconsin. He's a dude who loves bowling, pretzels and making his dreams come true with vision, hard work, and talent. His first two albums, "I Hate Jazz" and "Trust Fund" were self-released. Shortly after, he was signed by Merge Records (a label he's followed for forever). In 2015, they released his latest album aptly named "Turkey" — basically, his third strike in a row. A couple of his pals (and #1 admirers) wanted to create a fansite where other Mike Krol enthusiasts could post stories, photos, and fan-art. Thus, MikeKrolFriend.Club was formed. We'll end on a note from his friends to him: "Happy Birthday, Mike! We're super proud of you!"

John Losito to be honored as 2017 BPAA Proprietor of the Year

John Losito of Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, Nebraska, has been selected as the 2017 Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA) **Proprietor of the Year**.

The BPAA Proprietor of the Year Award is presented annually to a proprietor who has excelled at developing relationships within their community, including comradery with the local United States Bowling Congress association, while actively promoting the sport of bowling with a strong league base, by hosting tournaments, and participating in BPAA programs.

The individual, selected by the BPAA Awards Committee, runs an exemplary center and shares his successful business practices with the industry.

"I am truly honored to be the recipient of the 2017 BPAA Proprietor of the Year award," Losito said. "To be recognized by my peers, in the industry that I truly love, means a great deal to me. I really am fortunate and that would not be possible without my team at Sun Valley Lanes. I share this award with them, as well as all my friends, both near and far, that have helped make me successful."

Losito will be honored at the Annual Awards Luncheon on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, during International Bowl Expo 2017 at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. He also will be featured in the June edition of Bowling Center Management, and will receive complimentary airfare and accommodations to Nashville, as well as Expo registration for two. Sun Valley's center BPAA dues will be complimentary in 2018.



John Losito

"John is a perfect recipient for this award as he represents what every proprietor should strive to be," **BPAA President Nancy Schenk** said. "He is continually updating his center and developing and implementing new ideas. This year, John remodeled his center, adding a beautiful game room to his traditional 32-lane center. Sun Valley Lanes is a perfect blend of league and open play. Besides hosting the state high school championships, collegiate tournaments and a Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour stop, this year Sun Valley Lanes also hosted the World Youth Championships."



"Tournaments of this magnitude are not always huge revenue generators, but John does them out of love for the game and not what they bring to his bottom line. For John, it's about showcasing and growing the top competition at all levels of the sport."

"His commitment to the sport and the business of bowling are rivaled by few in our industry. His customer service is second to none, and I have modeled some of my own customer service initiatives directly from his. It is a great honor to award the BPAA Proprietor of the Year to John."

Each year, State Bowling Proprietors Association Presidents and State Executive Directors are encouraged to submit the name of a stellar proprietor in their state to be considered for the national award.

GLENN ALLISON'S ANCHOR GIRL TRIO TOURNAMENT

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PBA’s GEICO World Series of Bowling IX Returns to Reno November 7-19

National Bowling Stadium to again host world’s premier international bowling showcase



RENO, NV — For the third consecutive year, Reno and the National Bowling Stadium will host the world’s premier international bowling showcase when the ninth annual edition of GEICO’S Professional Bowlers Association World Series of Bowling begins a 13-day run on Tuesday, Nov. 7 and concluding with the PBA World Championship on Sunday, Nov. 19.

WSOB IX, presented by Eldorado Resorts Reno properties, Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino and Circus Circus Reno in cooperation with Reno Tahoe USA, is expected to attract a capacity field of 185 PBA members from more than 20 countries to compete for shares of an estimated \$700,000 in prize money and five PBA Tour titles in nationally-televised ESPN finals.

In keeping with PBA World Series tradition, the multi-event program will again present players with the world’s most prestigious test of bowling skills involving a variety of lane condition challenges and competition formats. The PBA members-only event, with an all-inclusive entry fee of \$1,000 covering all five PBA Tour events, will include the PBA Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Championships plus the PBA World Championship, the final major championship of the 2017 season.

The World Series, which always plays a significant role in PBA Player and Rookie of the Year competitions, will again feature the PBA’s most comprehensive test of versatility, using the composite 60-game qualifying totals from the four animal pattern events to determine the five players who will compete for the \$60,000 first prize in the PBA World Championship finals. In 2016, EJ Tackett’s PBA World Championship victory propelled him to 2016 PBA Player of the Year honors.

In addition to the five PBA Tour events, the World Series also will host the fifth annual PBA Challenge Series, inviting the top players from PBA50 and PBA Regional programs to participate in the WSOB program. The PBA Regional points leaders in the East, South, Central, Midwest, Southwest, West, Northwest and Japan Regions as of the Oct. 15 qualifying deadline will receive WSOB and PBA Challenge Series invitations. The top eight players based on PBA50 Tour points will be determined at the conclusion of the PBA50 Tour season on Aug. 12.

The 2017 World Series will get underway earlier than it did in 2016 to avoid a conflict with the World Bowling Men’s World Championships which is scheduled to take place in December.

World Series competition officially begins with Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark Championship qualifying rounds Nov. 7-12. Qualifying will involve two-five game on freshly-oiled conditions, one squad with five players per pair, and one in six entrants cashing in each animal pattern event. Combined 40-game qualifying totals from those four events also will determine cashers who will advance to the final 20 games of PBA World Championship qualifying Nov. 13-14. The top 16 qualifiers in each of the four animal pattern events will then bowl single-elimination match play rounds Nov. 15-16 to determine the ESPN finalists in each event.

The 40-game qualifying totals for the four animal pattern championships also will serve as the basis for selecting the five American and five international players who will compete in a special USA vs. The World team event at the end of WSOB IX.

All ESPN finals are scheduled for Nov. 18-19 for delayed telecast on ESPN, but all shows will be live streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app as they happen. The ESPN telecast schedule will be announced at a later date.

Entries for the World Series will be accepted on pba.com beginning July 10. All players are required to stay at one of the three Eldorado properties: Eldorado, Silver Legacy or Circus Circus Reno. Room reservation information will be announced soon.

All preliminary rounds of WSOB IX will be covered live, exclusively on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, as well as via live scoring on PBA’s official website, pba.com, and all outlets included as part of the PBA Network.

PBA WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING IX National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev., Nov. 7-19

- Tuesday, Nov. 7**
10 a.m. – PBA Cheetah and Chameleon practice session
1 p.m. – PBA Regional and PBA50 Challenge finals, 8 games round robin match play
4:30 p.m. – PBA50 Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)
5 p.m. – PBA Regional Challenge Finals (Xtra Frame)
7 p.m. – Players meeting
- Wednesday, Nov. 8**
11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Cheetah Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15
- Thursday, Nov. 9**
11 a.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Chameleon Round of 16 match play on Nov. 15
- Friday, Nov. 10**
Noon – PBA Scorpion and Shark practice session
- Saturday, Nov. 11**
11 a.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Scorpion Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16
- Sunday, Nov. 12**
11 a.m. – PBA Shark Championship qualifying, 5 games
5 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship qualifying, 5 games
Top 16 after 10 games advance to Shark Round of 16 match play on Nov. 16
Top 25 percent of field after 40 combined qualifying games on Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark patterns advance to PBA World Championship cashers’ round on Nov. 13.
- Monday, Nov. 13**
1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, five games, Cheetah pattern
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, five games, Chameleon pattern
- Tuesday, Nov. 14**
1 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, five games, Scorpion pattern
5 p.m. – PBA World Championship cashers’ round, five games, Shark pattern
Top five after 60 combined qualifying games on Cheetah, Chameleon, Scorpion and Shark patterns advance to PBA World Championship stepladder finals)
- Wednesday, Nov. 15**
11 a.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play
1:30 p.m. – PBA Cheetah Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play Four winners advance to ESPN Cheetah Championship finals.
3:30 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play
6 p.m. – PBA Chameleon Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play. Four winners advance to ESPN Chameleon Championship finals.
- Thursday, Nov. 16**
11 a.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play
1:30 p.m. – PBA Scorpion Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play. Four winners advance to ESPN Scorpion Championship finals.
3:30 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship Round of 16, best of five games single-elimination match play
6 p.m. – PBA Shark Championship Round of 8, best of three games single-elimination match play. Four winners advance to ESPN Shark Championship finals
- Friday, Nov. 17**
6 p.m. – National Bowling Stadium pro-am
- Saturday, Nov. 18/Sunday, Nov. 19**
ESPN finals, all events
(details to be announced; all finals will be live streamed on ESPN3/Watch ESPN app)



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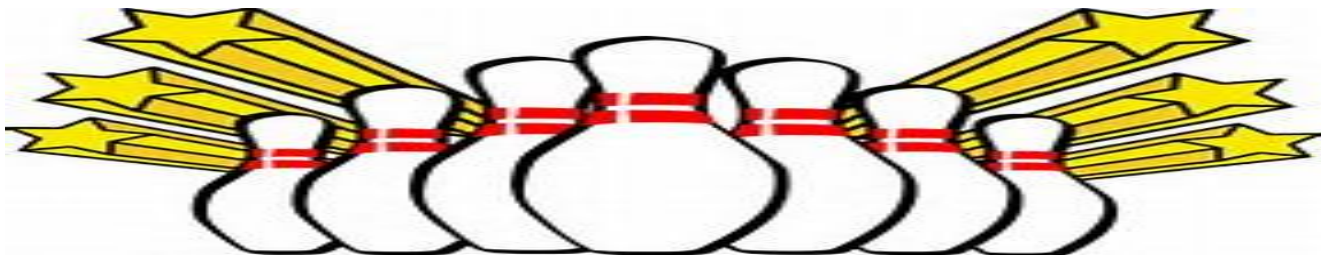
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- 2. MAXIMUM AVERAGE IS 220. HANDICAP IS BASED ON 90% OF 220.
- 3. MAXIMUM HANDICAP IS 60 FOR MEN OR WOMEN.
- 4. SEPARATE QUALIFYING FOR MEN, WOMEN, AND SENIOR.
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- 5. SOME LOCAL TOURNAMENT AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT FOR APPROVAL.
- 6. ONLY TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS CAN MAKE DECISIONS AND RERATE BOWLERS ANY TIME.
- 7. ELIMINATOR FORMAT: HALF OF THE FINALIST WILL BE ELIMINATED AFTER EACH GAME
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QUALIFYING RATIO: MEN 1:5 1/2 WOMEN 1:4 1/2 AGE FOR SENIORS: MEN @62 AND WOMEN @55

1970 – PART 2

- Let’s start Part II in July. CLIFF LA POINTE was bowling at **PRO 300 LANES**. On his approach the ball slipped off his hand. It stayed on the lane to take out the 10 pin - - - which bounced off the back-board and wiped out the 7 pin. 7-10 on first ball? Yup!
 - BILLY MYERS kicked of his Ragtime Doubles for the 9th time. Don’t think I ever cashed!
 - The “Miracle Marathon” at **CAROLINA LANES** had a \$27.00 entry fee and 22 ways to cash.
 - DON GLOVER, out of Bakersfield won the Portland P.B.A. Open. (Don made the paper almost every week in the 70’s. He is the only Californian that has a tournament named for him in 2017.)
 - Most popular bowling balls of the day: Black Beauty, Ebonite, Black Diamond, Carter Gyro & Weber All-Pro to name a few.
 - **JAVA LANES** presented the 1st Annual Queen Mary Singles. ‘Twas popular for a few years.
 - JIM BURKE (now bowling at **Cal Bowl**) rolled a season’s high for four games at **JAVA LANES** of 920. He is STILL a great bowler!
 - Southern California had “KWIKIE-ITIS”, so shouted the headlines. Symptoms included feelings of joy, despair, anxiety, and a burning sensation of the pocketbook. Various forms of the ‘KWIKIE” was a magnet for weekend pin warriors. It was reported that 2499 had ‘KWIKIE-ITIS”!
 - **MAR VISTA BOWL** had this fun offering. For \$25.00: 1. Roll 20 balls across 20 lanes and knock down 7 or more pins each time. 2. \$5.00: Four splits are set up, pick up all four. 3. \$3.00: Roll 5 balls between the 4 and 6 and don’t hit one. 4. Predict your exact score for one game and break the bank.
 - **PRO 300 LANES** featured a daily special — all you can eat \$1.29 — Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw and rolls, or spaghetti for \$1.10.
 - **COMPTON BOWLING CENTER** closed suddenly leaving MANNY PERKISS and LUCY SQUIRE without jobs.
 - On July 17,1970 the KWIKIE Singles guaranteed a \$25,000.00 prize fund! \$7.50 entry fee.
 - The A.J.B.C. had 515,604 sanctioned junior bowlers.
 - Up went the guarantee for **HARRY GRANT’S** Singles. \$18,000.00 at the bank.
- “So much summer action in Southern California. I don’t know how a bowler could decide what to invest in.” “I was married to NICK MANCINI in 1970, so I remember those long lines of sign-ins, taking money and greeting ole friends. What a summer!” C.M.
- AL HORN beat son BUD HORN at **SOUTH BAY** to become King of the Hill.
 - The Southeast District Bowling Ass’n. moved to Bellflower, and is still the office for local bowling heads.
 - When **COMPTON BOWL** closed, all leagues found new homes and all bowlers received their prize monies. The employees were so great, they were snapped up right away.
 - LUCY SQUIRE worked at **WONDER BOWL DOWNEY** and ended her career at **DEL RIO LANES**.
 - What happened to the 500, 600 and 700 Clubs? I’ll keep asking until someone can give me a logical answer.

- DUSTY MIZUNOUE won the W.W.B. at ART GODDARD’s **ARCADIA BOWL**. CHERYL KOMINSKY cashed in \$300.00 for second place.
- Up, Up, Up — KWIKIE reached \$40.000.00 guaranteed. Do we hear a raise from HARRY???
- August 7, 1970. The KWIKIE had signed in over 5,000 entrants.
- **COVE BOWL** had 25 cents games — day and nite.
- The San Gabriel Valley Men’s Ass’n was 12,333 strong. The ladies were almost the same. 23 centers were in their district. 15 have disappeared! Can you name them?
- **IMPERIAL BOWL** and the whole city of El Segundo went dark during the 6:00 P.M. squad of the KWIKIE. 45 minutes is a long time in the dark! In a bowling center!
- Who were the great bowlers prior to 1950? Give up? DON CARTER, STEVE NAGY, DICK WEBER, BUDDY BOMAR, JIMMY BLOUIN, HANK MARINO, ANDY VARIPAPA and the most unforgettable COUNT GENGLER. COUNT who?? Maybe RIP VAN WINKLE’s doubles partner! SIR FRANCES DRAKE was a bowler. Want more? Read on.
- Shocking headline — “ASHER SHOOTS RICCILLI”, Tournament, that is!
- The 1970 Bowling News was sent to every center in the 11 Western States.
- **MISSILE BOWL** and **CAL BOWL** were among the top five centers in California in lineage.
- ANDY GRANATELLI’s sister-in-law rolled her first 600 at **JEFFERSON BOWL**. She said she dipped her ball in STP!
- DON SNYDER (L.A. Times Writer) scored a hole-in-one on the Santa Anita course.
- Remember NAT and MIMZIE ROSENFELD when they were at **CANOGA PARK BOWL**? What a team.
- Air France put on a national campaign to win a trip to Paris. Qualify in your home center. Trips, cash and prizes were available. Didn’t fly??? Maybe we will find the answer.
- DON CARTER was voted “ALL TIME BEST”. He was living in Tarzana.
- A happy JOYCE GANN out of La Mirada won the ‘KWIKIE” Singles for \$1,000.00. It drew 10,828 entries!
- The Men’s State Ass’n tournament was held in San Diego. 6,560 checks were mailed out to cashers.
- **CAL BOWL** and **MISSILE BOWL** got new 82/70 pinspotters.
- FRANK BABORE won three marathons in three weeks. His back-up ball was working!
- Brunswick blasted headlines for their 20 City National Handicap Tournament. \$25,000.00 first for men and women. All without a computer!
- GLENN ALLISON quit the tour to become an instructor in So. Calif.
- California bowlers donated \$93,000.000 to B.V.L.
- RUDY FASULO won 250,000 Blue Chip Stamps at **ROCKET BOWL** for a 300 game.
- The legend HANK MARINO and DON CARTER were at **LLO-DA-MAR BOWL**’s 30th Anniversary party.
- 1970 - - - What a year. Not many new centers built. But lots of local stars made head-lines. “Ah - - - I rememnber them well.”

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Jennifer Loredo Makes It a Three-Peat

by Fred Eisenhammer

FRESNO – One thing can definitely be said about Jennifer Loredo.

She knows how to have fun. The 14-year-old lefthander from Fresno also knows how to bowl.

First, the bowling part: On May 7, Jennifer put on a show at the 2017 Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships at Classic Bowling Center in Daly City. She won the girls’ 15-and-under division title in dominating fashion, scoring a 1,272 (198, 180, 199, 195, 252, 248) for six games. Finishing a distant second was Madison Bailey with a 1,991.

It marked the third state title at the Pepsi event for Jennifer, who also claimed the girls’ 15-and-under championship in 2016 and ruled the girls’ 12-and-under division in 2015.

Interestingly, Jennifer was even more prolific in the Pepsi tournament in 2016, recording a 1,317 score, or a remarkable 219.5 average. That was at age 13!

Jennifer, who “wants to make Team USA one day,” entered this month’s Pepsi event with plenty of momentum. The previous week, she bowled a career-best 289 at the Youth Bowlers Tour at Classic Bowling Center. She struck on her first 10 shots before leaving a seven count on her next shot. Jennifer then converted the spare.

Jennifer, who started bowling competitively four years ago, has a career best series of 727.

Now, for the fun part:

As the accompanying photo shows, Jennifer knows how to enjoy herself at bowling events. That photo was taken at the NorCal Junior State Tournament at Pacific Avenue Bowl in Stockton. Jennifer is shown sharing some hijinks with teammates Amanda Vogt, Sara Nassberg and Domenic Favaloro. Photo by Bruce Shoji

The team failed to win a title, but as Jennifer says, “We had a lot of fun and that was the best part.”

Perhaps not surprisingly, Jennifer comes from a bowling family that includes talented brother, Nickolai, 22, and father, Joey David Jr.

Jennifer has definitely broken out as a top-tier junior bowler. Asked how she has risen up the ranks so quickly, Jennifer says, “I think it’s just going to tournaments a lot – and lots of practice.”

Next big tournament for Jennifer: a national competition at the Junior Gold Championships in mid-July in Cleveland. One thing is likely: She’ll have lots of fun, win or lose.



From left, teammates Amanda Vogt, Sara Nassberg and Jennifer Loredo enjoy a break in the action and provide a lift for Domenic Favaloro. Photo by Bruce Shoji



NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT - 2017

FRANK & THERESE WEILER

1. ANNUAL MEETING.

A. Credentials Report:

800 Voting Delegates (Association 772, Athletes 9, Board 19). 171 Guests. Associations represented (348 of 3,000).

B. Current USBC Mission:

To be the leading authority in the sport and guarantee a future for bowling.

C. Youth:

Pepsi Tournament: 20K local participants
Jr. Gold: 3,292 participants, on CBS Sports TV
Int’l Bowling Campus: 213 Colleges, 3,600 members

D. National Tournaments (2017):

Open:10,100 Team Entries
Women’s: 4,457 Team Entries

E. Technology (New):

WinLabs 12
Find a Member
Website
Tournament Registration

F. Executive Director’s (Chad Murphy) Report:

Finances: Form 990’s on USBC Website
National Leadership Academy opens this summer (free)
Lane Inspection: New Procedures & Standards
New League Designations: Standard, Challenge, Sport

G. BVL:

Life Time Contributions: \$58,000,000 (approximate)
Last Year’s Contributions: \$600,000 (approximate)
Top States: California (\$108K), Michigan (\$48K)
Top Assoc’s: Phoenix (\$22K), CITRUS BELT (\$18K)

H. Bowl For The Cause:

Last Season Raised: \$528,000

I. World Bowling Association:

Goal: Bowling in 2020 or 2024 Olympics

J. Int’l Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame:

Chairman: Bob Godert
Xtravaganza 2017: June at Red Rock Lanes, Vegas

K. SMART Program: \$1,000,000 in the bank

L. Miscellaneous Reports:

BPAA, PBA, TNBA, STRIKE TEN

M. Legislation:

Adopted League Rules:
LR1: Allows for cap on handicap game/series at max scratch score

Adopted Tournament Rules:

TR4: Requires reporting of \$300 won in an event
TR5: Requires reporting of \$500 won in a tournament
TR6: Requires reporting of \$1,000 won in a year
TR7: Allows for cap on handicap game/series at max scratch score

Adopted By Laws:

B1: Nat’l Convention Delegates per Association cap at 30 and increase formula for delegate reps
B2: Gives Nat’l HofF Members a Nat’l Convention vote
B3: Allows for one quorum for adult & youth delegates to merged State meetings
B5: Allows for one quorum for adult & youth delegates to merged local meetings

2. SEMINARS ATTENDED (see notes for details)

- A. Rules
- B. Fundamental Leadership
- C. The Art of Getting Things Done
- D. The Highly Effective Board
- E. Growing and Utilizing Association Revenue
- F. Cultivating An Effective Team
- G. Why Certify

3. TOWN HALL MEETING.

Executive Director (Chad Murphy) & Deputy answers questions

4. ATTENDED HALL OF FAME INDUCTION DINNER

Inductees:
David Ozio - Superior Performance
Mike Shady - Outstanding USBC Performance

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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE:
JOSH BLANCHARD
WINS 11TH REGIONAL

Josh Blanchard of Mesa, Ariz., posted a 5-4-1 match play record and knocked down 4,136 pins Sunday to win his 11th career regional title in the PBA Sunset Automotive Group Open presented by US Foods at Daffodil Bowl in Puyallup, Wash.

Blanchard, who earned \$2,000, defeated Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, by 48 pins for the title. Barnes had an 8-2 match play record and 4,088 pins for his 18 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Daffodil Bowl Open presented by Sunset Chevrolet, Pat Johns of Seattle, Wash., went 4-1-1 and knocked down 2,930 total pins to top amateur Jimmie Dillingham of Tacoma, Wash., for his first Northwest PBA50 Regional title. Dillingham had a 4-2 match play record and 2,895 pins for 14 games including match play bonus pins.

● Former USBC Masters champion Tom Hess from Urbandale, Iowa, won seven of his eight matches to claim his ninth PBA Regional title and \$2,500 in the 10th annual PBA Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open presented by Hammer Sunday in Junction City, Kan.

Hess, who had three top-three finishes in Junction City in the last four years, closed the deal this time with a 258-235 victory over Wichita State collegian *Wesley Low Jr.* from Palmdale, Calif., in the final position round match to finish with a 21-game total of 4,951 pins. David (Boog) Krol of Nixa, Mo., jumped to second with a 269-195 position round win over non-member Alex George of Wichita, Kan., finishing 75 pins behind Hess with a 4,876 total, including match play bonus pins.

● In a battle of non-related namesakes, Stoney Baker of Canton, Ga., defeated PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 222-214, to take the \$1,500 first prize in the inaugural PBA50 Data & Sound Specialties Blue Ridge South Open at Fannin Lanes in Blue Ridge, Ga., Sunday.

Stoney Baker had earned the number two spot for the three-man stepladder finals, 250 pins behind Tom Baker with an 5-3 match play record and an 16-game total of 3,553 pins, including match play bonus pins. In the first match Stoney Baker defeated Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., 198-189.

● The May 12-14 PBA Regional calendar includes the Taylor Kia Central Open presented by Hammer from Holiday Bowl in Struthers, Ohio, and the Planet Bowl Southwest Open presented by Radical from Oklahoma City.

● PBA Regional competition over the May 19-21 weekend includes the Romeo Chevrolet/Buick/GMC Open presented by Ebonite from Patel’s Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y.; the PBA50 Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central/Midwest Open presented by DV8 plus the one-day PBA Baldo Campana Memorial/Ohio Lottery Central Open from Rebman Recreation in Lorain, Ohio; the American Family Insurance Midwest Open presented by Homewood Chevrolet from Oak Forest Bowl in Oak Forest, Ill., and the PBA50 Spare Times Hampton South Open presented by Ebonite from Spare Times Bowling Center in Hampton, Va.

● PBA Regional events over Memorial Day weekend include the Colony Lanes Eastern Challenge, a reduced entry fee event, in York, Pa., and the Celeste Walker Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport, Ill. – two events for players who have not won a PBA title.

● For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab, click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area.

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O’Neill and BJ Moore III holding off Portland’s Malott, Bryon Smith and Liz Johnson.

In the decisive three-point five-player team finale, Duke’s strikes on both of his attempts, in the second and seventh frames, were converted into a turkey and a double ultimately made the difference in the Strikers’ 237-219 victory that locked up the Elias Cup.

“Obviously it’s disappointing, but (Dallas) bowled a really good game,” said Portland manager Tim Mack. “They’re defending champions for a reason, but we made them earn it.”

Going into the finals, Duke was concerned about being an underdog in terms of fan support.

“I watched the semifinal match between (Portland) and the (Silver Lake) Atom Splitters, and that was a wow-wow-wow moment,” Duke said of the Lumberjack’s miraculous win. “They pulled it out, and when you have this many people rooting you on, and that much energy flowing their way, it’s hard to say destiny wasn’t on their side.

“But my group never flinched. They just kept at it. They’re champions, all of them.”

Duke’s passion for PBA League competition has continued to grow over the program’s five-year history, which is interesting considering he had least amount of team experience throughout his career of any player in the league. He never experienced high school, collegiate or Team USA competition.

“That’s why you see so much excitement from me,” the PBA Hall of Famer said. “I’m 53 and slowing down a bit, but not when you jack me up like that. I feel like I’m 17 again. This is the kind of atmosphere we all want to play in front of. This league thing is going to take off; we all know it and it’s going to grow.”

Winning the MVP award, he added, took him completely by surprise.

“The MVP out of that group? No way,” he said. “Normally I wouldn’t put myself in position to win an award like that, but my crew kept saying, Norm, you’re throwing it last. We debated until the end, but my guys liked the way my ball was getting through the pins and they liked my chances, so that’s what happened.”

During the Elias Cup finals, Bayside Bowl co-owners Charlie Mitchell and Justin Alfond, along with PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark, announced the sixth annual PBA League finals will return to Portland in 2018 on dates to be announced.

The PBA Tour resumes competition with the inaugural eight-player Main Event PBA Tour Finals May 19-20 at Main Event-Orlando, Fla., which will air on five consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 p.m. EST on CBS Sports Network beginning May 30, followed by a pair of PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup events, the PBA Xtra Frame Wilmington Open from Ten Pin Alley in Wilmington, N.C., May 26-29, and the PBA Xtra Frame Jonesboro Open from Jonesboro Bowling Center in Jonesboro, Ark., June 2-4. Both Storm Cup events will be covered live, from first ball to last, on PBA’s Xtra Frame video streaming service. Visit xtra-frame.tv for subscription information.

L.L.BEAN PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

Final Standings: Shipyard Dallas Strikers (\$60,000) def. L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks (\$50,000), 5-1.

Singles Match (one point): Norm Duke, Dallas, def. Ryan Ciminelli, Portland, 269-247.

Alternate Ball Doubles (one point): Wes Malott/Kyle Troup, Portland, def. Norm Duke/Rhino Page, Dallas, 238-209.

Baker Trios (one point): Dallas (Tommy Jones/Bill O’Neill/BJ Moore III) def. Portland (Wes Malott/Bryon Smith/Liz Johnson), 234-227.

Five-Player Baker Team (three points): Dallas (Bill O’Neill/Norm Duke/Rhino Page/BJ Moore/Tommy Jones) def. Portland (Liz Johnson/Bryon Smith/Kyle Troup/Ryan Ciminelli/Wes Malott), 237-219.



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to keep my hand behind the ball at release to get more forward roll. Sometimes that’s an advantage and sometimes it’s not, but it looked like guys were having trouble with pin carry if they had too much side roll.”

LeClair went undefeated in the final round of match play winning all six of his matches to earn the top qualifying position for the stepladder finals.

“It was one of those days where it seemed like I couldn’t bowl a bad game and my opponents couldn’t get anything going,” said LeClair, who won the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open. “All the pieces just seemed to fit this week.”

LeClair finished second in last year’s Johnny Petraglia BVL Open losing to reigning PBA50 Player of the Year Pete Weber 223-204 in the title match.

In the semi-final match, Mohr, who was hoping to end a five-year drought without a PBA50 Tour win, defeated five-time PBA Tour and three-time PBA50 Tour winner Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 226-168, to advance to the title match.

Learn advanced to the semi-final with a 243-197 win over PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela in the second stepladder match.

In the opening match, Monacelli, who was trying for his eighth PBA50 Tour title, beat John Conroy of Mahopoc, N.Y., 224-194. Making his first stepladder final appearance, Conroy earned a career-high fifth-place finish.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis May 13-16 for the PBA50 Miller Lite Players Championship, the first major of the season.

PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN
Presented by Brunswick

Farmingdale Lanes, Farmingdale, N.Y., Tuesday
Final Standings

- 1, Brian LeClair, Delmar, N.Y., \$7,500.
- 2, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$4,000.
- 3, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa., \$2,500.
- 4, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, \$2,000.
- 5, John Conroy, Mahopoc, N.Y. \$1,750.

Stepladder Results
Match One – Monacelli def. Conroy, 222-194.
Match Two – Learn def. Monacelli, 243-197.
Semi-final Match – Mohr def. Learn, 226-168.
Championship – LeClair def. Mohr, 245-195.

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2nd: Kevin Valmonte & Alex Abiera | Score: 1222 | Payout: \$500

3rd: Rodney Payne & Will Jackson | Score: 1218 | Payout: \$400



DOUBLES DE MAYO SINGLES CHAMPION

Dean Townsend

Score: 698 | Payout: \$500

- 2nd: Steve Smith | Score: 666 | Payout: \$225 *Tie*
- 3rd: Joel Arciniega | Score: 666 | Payout: \$225 *Tie*
- 4th: Michael Duran | Score: 665 | Payout: \$180
- 5th: Robert Page Jr. | Score: 661 | Payout: \$150
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Mayfield, Kuhlkin & Johnson: A PWBA Trio Each Touring for a Title

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

With the PWBA (Professional Women’s Bowling Association) 2017 Tour recently kicking off for its third straight year at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park and having three stops in California, got to catch up with three touring PWBA members while they came to practice at AMF Southwest Lanes in Bakersfield between tour stops. Gabriella Mayfield, 23, who recently moved back to her hometown of Lake Isabella is touring with Liz Kuhlkin, 23, of Schenectady, NY and Kayla Johnson, 27 of Washington, IL. This is the third year for all three to be on the PWBA Tour.

To listen to the backgrounds of all three of these young ladies, one couldn’t help but be inspired for them and their quest to have a successful professional career. Kayla probably has the most experience of the group as she had bowled in the BPAA/Majors before the tour came back (2003-2015 bowling the majors of the US Women’s Open and the Queens). She is currently representing Team USA. Liz won a title in 2015 (Topeka Open in Kansas where she also shot the first 300 game since the tour had been back, and was on a USBC Queens Telecast in 2015 where she placed 5th). Gabriella, after dealing with losing her family home last year during the tour to the infamous Erskine fire, miraculously was able regroup and make the Top 16 at the Players Championship the day after the tragedy.

Liz Kuhlkin, who rose to immediate recognition last year when she posted games of 300-300-290 for a new USBC women’s high series of 890. Her record series was bowled in her local center in Schenectady, NY, back on October 17, 2016, where she also averages 241! She since has rolled 300-300-279 on February 13, 2017! She is on national staff with Hammer/EBI, Turbo and Kameleon. Liz has taken her talents and become a full time professional bowler. She would “love to stay a full-time professional bowler” in the future or “have a job that’s bowling-related—maybe coaching a women’s bowling program for college, since bowling is my passion.”

Kayla Johnson, who is currently averaging 209, has been bowling since she was 18 months old. Coming from a bowling family, her grandparents owned a bowling center when she was growing up, to say the least she has been around the sport of bowling all her life. In fact, she currently owns THREE pro shops—one in Roxy’s Lanes in Pekin, IL, Mt. Hawley in Peoria, IL, and one stand-alone shop in her hometown of Washington, IL. Kayla is on national staff with Hammer/EBI and Turbo. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Graphic Design and designs most of the jerseys all the ladies sport out on tour. As far as her future ambitions she said that was a “tough question.” Kayla said, “I would like to be in the bowling industry and give back to the industry. I want something that will allow me to stay in the sport of bowling but be able to have and support a family.”

Gabriella Mayfield has bowled since she was 10 years old. She played other sports through high school, such as softball, but kept getting injured so she was drawn to the sport of bowling. She is on national staff with Motiv, Ultimate Inserts (west coast sales rep), Genesis, Mongoose and Kameleon Sportswear. Gabriella announced that she had just bought Mt. Mesa Lanes in Lake Isabella and plans to bring the 8-lane center back to life. She plans to have a grand opening in August once she is done bowling on tour. She graduated with her Masters degree from Valparaiso University in Sport Administration, so owning a bowling center is right up her alley! Her future plans include “making Mt. Mesa Lanes into a successful bowling center, giving back to her community, and of course playing with her puppy, Hazel!”

To gain some insight into the 2017 PWBA Tour itself, I asked if this year was any different than the past two years? “The formats are the same. Probably the only difference is when they will be announcing the patterns, sometimes the PWBA won’t announce until the TV show,” said Liz. Kayla added, “There are more stops this year as well, there are two extra events since the previous years.” And Gabby brought up, “They added Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley, CA and the PWBA hasn’t bowled there in 25 years.”

So how did this trio decide to do the 2017 Tour together? “This is our first year we’ve all roomed together,” said Liz. “We all knew each other before the tour,” chimed in Kayla. And, “We all knew each other in college because we bowled against each other,” reflected Gabby. Touring together helps reduce the cost of hotel rooms as they split the bill three ways. It also helps when they can go to centers between tour stops and practice and help each other with their game. Kayla added, “There is a program with the PWBA that any center can register, that gives PWBA tour players a low rate like \$1 or \$1.50/game to come to their center to practice. It would be wonderful if like Marriott would become a PWBA sponsor and give PWBA touring professionals a discount to stay at those hotels.”

While touring across our great country, here’s their favorite stops. Gabby likes Green Bay, WI because “It’s packed when we bowl there! The fan base up there are always excited that we are there, and the Pro-Am’s have a great mix of people!” Liz added she also likes Green Bay because “it has a crazy bowling atmosphere.” And Kayla said, “All the Mid-West stops show good support. The Proprietors draw them in to come watch the Tour.” When asked how many spectators, Kayla said, “A couple hundred!” Liz’s absolute favorite tour stop is Lincoln, NB. And, Kayla also likes Lincoln because “I see everyone I went to college with and know the coaches (Liz and Kayla both went to University of Nebraska, Lincoln), so we get to work with them before the stop.” Gabby said she “bowls well in Wichita and Green Bay.” These two stops are scheduled in the middle of their tour. All three plan to be bowling all the tour stops.

So how do these ladies prepare both mentally and physically for these stops? Liz said she does “mini sessions between stops which allow her to step back and work on the small things.” Gabby reflected, “We just did it!” (Referring to them just finished practicing at AMF Southwest Lanes.) “Motiv just released a new spare ball, so I was getting use to throwing that ball along with the bowling balls I drilled that week on the truck.” They use sessions like this to try new balls and they usually practice for like an hour and a half each session.

Practice hopefully makes you near perfect and as far as goals for these three? Liz stated, “I would like to win as many titles as I can!” (Champions receive \$10k for a Tour title; \$20k for a Major title; and \$25k for a US Open title.) Gabby said she “would like to make as many cuts this year as I can. Taking mini steps.” And, Kayla said, “Be consistent. Every time I shoe up I want to win. Bowling on the multiple patterns, I hope to find consistency to be near the top.” And all three were excited that the PWBA season finale has just been announced that it will take place at the Richmond International Raceway in Richmond, VA during the track’s fall NASCAR race week festivities (Sept. 3-6) where the Top 16 will compete. When asked how many balls each of them takes on tour, Liz said, “15-20.” Gabby said, “13 I just switched companies so I am still getting used to their equipment. I also just drilled 3 at this stop.” Kayla didn’t reveal a number but said, “Less and add more.”

Are they coached by anyone while on tour? Kayla said she is “Big on University of Nebraska coaching staff—they can fix me from afar!” Liz resorts to her boyfriend, Ryan Shafer/PBA bowler, along with the coaches from the University of Nebraska. Gabriella said she consults with “Joe Jimenez from southern CA who has coached me since high school and Matt Nantais who I coached under at Valparaiso University.”

So what’s the schedule like when they arrive at a tour stop? Gabby started with “Long days! Between travel, practice, making sure you have the right ball in your hand, and then the actual tournament, they end up being about 12 hour days.” Kayla said, “It depends on the stop or the proprietor. We usually have a Pro-Am on Thursday before practice or it takes place on Saturday afternoons after qualifying and step ladder is done. We bowl 12 games of qualifying. Then we have the Pro-Am and get maybe an hour and a half break and back to bowling and are done around 10:30pm that night. Gabby added, “Fridays and Saturdays morning roll call is at 7:30am-8am. If you make the cut on Saturday you will bowl 6 games, cut to the Top 12, do a Round Robin of 6 and then you have the Stepladder Finals to make the TV show.”

And how much does it cost to be on the PWBA Tour? It costs an amateur \$300 to join the PWBA and if you enter as an amateur and you cash twice, you have to join the PWBA. Tour stops cost PWBA members \$300 for a regular and \$400 for a major (if you are an amateur, these two fees are \$100 more). Entrants must wear jersey’s with their name on the back and wear either dress pants, capris, short or skirts/skortis.

So keep an eye out for these three competing in the 2017 PWBA Tour. You can stay up with their progress by logging on to www.PWBA.com or by following them on Facebook.



Gabriella Mayfield, Kayla Johnson and Liz Kuhlkin

Xframe Bowling Tour at Keystone Lanes Saturday May 20 *HANDICAP FROZEN for the Memorial Special Event at Cal Bowl May 25-26 27 See Story Below*

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SUE LEE SANTERO is Fontana's Top Senior Female Bowler

by Frank Weiler

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| 2. Ce Ce Acquino | 186 |
| 3. Kay Cook | 182 |
| 4. Rolann Karper | 180.8 |
| 5. Mary Robles | 180.0 |

Sue Lee Santero’s 279 game and 750 series were the high scores for the season. Ce Ce Acquino rolled a 277 game and 665 series.

Congratulations to the ladies for bowling so well and DARWIN BALDING and LEE FITZGERALD for providing me with the data for this article.

CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT

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LAKEWOOD — We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. The weather was perfect . . . saw people taking walks, having picnics, and just enjoying the nice weather. It's hard to believe that Summer is just around the corner.

Well, we have several leagues that have started their Summer leagues, so let's see how they are doing. Others have a couple more weeks before they are done.

Big Bear: Ken Seiple Jr. 278/801, Steve Bryant 258/719, Dion Morris 246/707, Sonny Dew 259/697, Curt Soares 244/696, Grover Dye 258/691, Louis Whitlock 678, Travis Morris 257/667, Raleigh McCormick 258/660, Jerry Cant 656, George Reister 641, Carlos Salcedo 630, Ken Shearen 628, Shirley Owens 254/729, John Woods 249/681, Debra Gipson 245/627, Jamie Carrington 227/585, Sue Cant 585, Naimah Williams 212/563.

V.A.: Armand Ivory 568, Melvin Hogan 530, Michelle McGarry 499.

Funsters: (Week 3) Dan Monson 708, Earl Hullett 653, Bob Selner 652, Janet Kastor 591, Adela Santos 557, Elvie Del Rosario 516, Jim Plante 278, Ralph Montgomery 235 Beth Austria 231. (Week 4) Jim Plante 747, Bob Selner 643, Ernie Vina 585, Christy Estimo 596, Divina Buhay 527, Fred Guray 278, Steve Ralph 254.

Grandma's/Grandpa's: Larry Cosgrove 582, Wayne Moon 536, Stan Murren 531, Vancie Keith 501.

Mini Couples: Danny Peramaki 655, Ron Ipjian 631, Kirk Van-Doren 545, Orrelle Dennis 591, Cindy Callaway 561, Rena Palomo 225, Danielle Jones 238.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Congrats to our champs, "WE'RE BAAAACK!!!". Scores: Jonathan Gale 268/722, Rob Lee 233/602, Brandon Mims 213/537, Kyle Patterson 215/536, Donna Smith 513.

Young at Heart: Ellis Houston 245/623, Ralston Smith 621, Walter Milsap 237/609, Fale Sula 251/603, Bob Selner 598, Bob Sneed 598, Rich Heid 577, Dee Phipps 510.

Recycled Teens: Ralph Montgomery 237/682, Bob Selner 234/634, Ed Hansen 237/623, Jim Plante 247/598, Jojo Jasmin 225/586, Rick Seneris 234/565, Boylee Inocente 524, Sharon Greene 202/509.

Pin Heads: Chuck Appleberry 220/540, Audrey Louis 210/570, Pamela Johnson 507, Don Louis 491.

Cal Bowleros: DaRonda Reed 207/589, Carole Fischer 579, Carolyn Rousseau 535, Leona Belletti 207/532. Side-pot winners — Game One: DaRonda Reed 237; Game Two: Carole Fischer 190; Game Three: Leona Belletti 247.

Practice League: WEEK 2 of 13 — 39 TEAMS. WOW!! Ron Jay 606, Curtis C ????? 595, Freddy Zamora 581, Jessica Garcia 538, James Talley 244, Nadine Smith 192.

Senior Men's Trio: Chuck Blais 713, Steve Ritchie 257/701, Herman Ferguson 257/697, Dave Wilson 691, Paul Staff 278/690, Rich Kelly 279, Armondo Ramos 259.

C.A.U.L.: Steve Gearhart 244/691, Frank Rossello 246/652, Nori Ito 214/606, Scott Scarborough 597, Dave Winter 246/581, Lori Gilmore 505.

Bowling Calendar – May thru July

by Bette Addington

May:

- 18-28 – TNBA National Championship, Sunset Station/Texas Station/The Orleans, Las Vegas
- 19-21 – National Native American Bowling Tourn., Canyon Lanes, Morango
- 20 – Xframe Bowling Tour, 4pm - 6pm, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk
- 20 – CCUSBC Melton Memorial Tourn., AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
- 20 – Gold Pin Scratch 6-Gamer, 1pm, Dublin Bowl, earlanthonysdublinbowl.com
- 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 – HammerPins Scratch 6-Gamer, Travis AFB, hammerpins.net
- 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
- 10 – Cal Bowlers Tour Handicap Doubles, Delta Bowl, Antioch
- 10-11 – Youth Pins for Pets Tourn., National Bowling Stadium
- 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:

- 2-9 – TAT Amateur Tournament, The Orleans, Las Vegas
- 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 – Glenn Allison's Anchor Girl Trio Tourn., 9am, 1:15pm & 6pm, La Habra Bowl
- 8 – Cal Bowlers Tour Handicap Doubles, Diablo Valley Bowl, Concord
- 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
- 18-19 – 1st Modesto Queens Tourn., Yosemite Lanes, yosemitelanes.com
- 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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by Ed Saleh

BURBANK — There are times when we get news we just don't want to hear. I received some today. A dear bowling friend passed away. He was mentioned in a past article when I spoke about fantastic league secretaries.

His name was Mitch and he was an avid bowler, most recently at Mission Hills Bowl. Not only was Mitch a great bowler, he was a kind and caring man. I learned a lot from him over the years and it wasn't always about bowling.

He would often share old photos of his bowling teams from the past. When the guys would wear real bowling shirts with a sponsor and often wore matching trousers as well!

We would laugh together and long for the good old ways of bowling. Yes, I meant ways, not days. Mitch, I will never forget your friendly smile and the lessons you shared with me. You will forever be missed.

Senior Swingers: (scr) Rick Langer 176, Barbara Teitel 159, Winston Gorriceta 521, Kim Rasmussen 469. (hdcp) Raymond Garcia 245, Mary Robbins 233, Marvin Robbins 664, Josie Pemberton 667.

Disney League: (scr) Joshua Perez 216, Colleen Holtz 174, Greg Kriemeyer 583, Regina Beaner 463. (hdcp) Jay Wonn 237, Kim Weisberg 235, Robert Ferragamo 715, Pam Palma 588.

Guys & Dolls: (scr) James Marquez 220, Danica McMahon 188, Mike McMahon 600, Peggy Eklund 504. (hdcp) Setu Molia & Bryan Mahoney 259, Danielle Hernandez 246, Nate Wong 629, Colleen Simpson 618.

Wed Night Hdcp: (scr) Michael Fajardo 246, Kristine Cotangco 205, Steven Warren 693, Susan Cortez 566. (hdcp) Nanding Cotangco 267, Vanessa Melendez 257, Joe Ponce 708, Sandy Hubbard 755.

Thursday 890: (scr) Adam Cohen 300, Vickie Maas 207, Kurt Zappaterreno 766, Danielle Reid 526.

Sunday Night Hdcp: (scr) Terron McElroy 267, Sharon Brown 198, Sylvester Foster 681, Danica McMahon 526.

Until next time...keep the ball rolling!

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There are five head of cattle in the corral. A rancher enters the corral and leaves with two heads. How many are left in the corral?

Carol Mancini Sez The Answer is: Four left in the corral. The rancher left with one cow and his own head.

DIAMOND BAR — We have one opening on Wednesday night, looking for a lady at 6 pm. Our Vegas Bound league that bowls Monday at 6:30 pm is looking for 2 bowlers. One of our fun leagues Let It Ride any combo of 4 adults will be starting July 13, 2017 and sweeps November 11, 2017 at Riverside Lanes in Laughlin. This league fills up quick so if you want in, call. If you are interested in any of our leagues give us a call and ask for Alex.

Our Youth leagues all started this past week Tuesday 6:30 pm, Thursday 4:30 pm & Saturday 10 am. If you are interested or want more information, call the center or 909-623-6980 and ask for Annette. Our Youth will be having a Fundraiser Yard Sale on Saturday May 27, 2017 from 6 am to 3 pm in the bowling center parking lot, so if you can, help them with donations or stop by and buy something. It will be greatly appreciated.

Don't forget about our ongoing Friday Sr. No-Tap Tournament, cost \$10.00 a person, check-in at Noon, bowl at 1:00 pm.

May 27, 2017 check in @ 2 pm bowl @ 3 pm Singles Scratch Tournament 6 gamer bowling on 2016 Open Championships sport shot. The cost \$45.00. There will be optional side pots & brackets. You will move to the right after each game and we will pay top 4 places.

Come support a good cause Sunday June 4 Zachary's 11th Annual Bowlathon. Take a bite out of "Heart Disease & Stroke" \$20 per person 11 & older. \$10 per person 10 & under. You get 2 hrs of bowling & shoes. Each lane gets a large 1 topping pizza & pitcher of soda. Vendors will be there from 2 pm to 6 pm and the bowl-a-thon will be from 3 pm to 5 pm. There will also be great RAFFLES and 50/50. RSVP with Tricia Cannon at 909-868-8076.

Don't forget you can go onto www.leaguesecretary.com and download your league sheets every week.

Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr.: 677 Andrew Rietta, Rob Anderson 619, 515 Sheila Gatlin, 247 Brian Chesbro, 226 Steffan Doss-DeWinter, 193 Shellie Camarata.

Club 55: Scr.: 565 Dick Kakuta, 522 Tom Barron, 494 May Hoagland, 213 Tony Thousand, 207 Albert Delos Santos.

Calvary Chapel: Scr.: 497 Alex Lujan, 441 Jim Jaimes, 351 Lorraine Lujan.

Chamber & Friends: Scr.: 595 Jim Harriosn, 594 Brad Shearer, 582 Clara Lotton, 520 Silvia Shearer, 233 Bob Boothe, 215 Peter Ruiz, 200 Pat Mitas, 199 Heidi Boothe.

Pinheads: Scr.: 479 Richard Garcia, 474 Don Lindsay & Kyle Nakamura, 434 Anna McArdle, 182 Damon Nixon.

Let it Ride: Scr.: 670 Darren Updegraff, 663 Mike Samartzich, 463 Janice Sawyer, 235 Carnage Burdick, 164 Cece Vanthiel.

ABTA-Filam Keglers: Scr.: 712 Athony Magpaili, 657 Mark Huertas, 558 Vanessa Huerta, 548 Cherry Gatapia, 265 Jon Stein, 247 Brian Jacobo, 200 Margie Acevedo, 188 Beth Rabaja.

Vegas Gamblers: Scr.: 672 Kevin Greaves, 514 Travis Scudellavi, 495 Mari Kelley, 226 Larry Leach, 178 Francis Vendiola.

TBYBP Pin Heads: Scr.: 519 Chris Pagador, 383 Andrew Maston, 381 Mia Maston, 147 Kyle Yonezawa

TBYBP Rug Rats: Scr.: 57 Damien Donlucas, 66 Harley Murga.

TBYBP Pin Pals: Scr.: 289 Logan Murga, 273 Tori Ruiz, 231 Jazzy Ruiz.

TBYBP Jr/Adult Strike Force: Scr.: 525 Dante Montoya, 426 Dominic Fisher, 428 Bella Roseli.

Check our website www.oaktreelanes.net for more information and our youth website www.tbybp.com. Keep up those great games.

LA HABRA — Check out our weekly No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00am. Sign ups are now being accepted for the Glenn Allison Anchor Girl Trio Tournament on July 8, 2017.

Congratulations to Gary Wingett on his 300 game and Mike Mellick on his 300 game, 834 (1077 for 4) during the Frank's Gold Cup Trios. Congratulations to Brandon Kraye on his 300 game, 848 series during the Vegas Gamblers league.

SUNDAY –

Vegas Rollers: Steven Brogdon 267/673, Albert Acosta 265, Phil Padilla 259/654, Kevin Bleick 671, Traci Gioia 198.

Wally's Vegas Cruise: Brian Bendt 257/726, Eric Verne 236, Jason Amaro 224, Erin LaBrada 189.

MONDAY –

Lake Parkers: Brian Parker 225/619, Bob Jacobi 212/612, Becky Simon 190.

Golden Awards: Brian Parker 256/632, Larry Green 246, Vince Palmer 235/658, Roland Sanchez 235, Brenda Edwards 185.

TUESDAY –

Friendly Seniors: Larry McCurry 202, John Mulay 192, Mary Callinan 190. **Guys & Dolls:** Randy Vasquez 246, Howard Lavoot 238, Bill Kessler 619, Amanda Robertson 186.

WEDNESDAY –

Silver Foxes: Al Mycroft 235, Gary Hein 235, Jerry Rudd 234/653, Martin Enderle 615, Brenda Edwards 197, Jackie Head 194.

American National Can: Ray Mankins Jr. 245/657, Wayne Gaither 236, Brian Parker 236/630, Kirk Keith 637, Karen Balicki 223/597, Mary Beth Thompson 205.

La Habra Doubles: Daniel Martinez 212, Eric Sokol 202, Therese Patron 186.

THURSDAY –

Early Birds: Karen Balicki 225/605, Mary Beth Thompson 225/609, Leslie Schulte 204.

Sunset Rollers: Jim Ragsdale 219, John Mulay 213, Laura Oyster 200.

All Schools: Larry Bell 233, Avice Osmundson 185.

Frank's Gold Cup Trios: Mike Mellick 300/1077, Gary Wingett 300/960, Chris Groom 276/931, Tee Delgado 266/819, Jordan Kraye 236/844, Meleina Vo 229/795.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Brandon Kraye 300/848, Kirk Keith 279, Ken Maxey Jr. 268/790, Greg Garcia 726, Shelly Maxey 227/615, Amanda Stewart 224/611, Starla Battiest 215, Lauree Bennett 215.

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BOWLIUM WINS THE FIFTH ROUND OF BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL
TWO TEAMS HAVE A SHOT AT THE WILD CARD WITH ONLY ONE WEEK TO GO

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY — The team from **Bowlium** had led the majority of the final round in the Brunswick Invitational, only to be chased down by **Herzog Insurance** over the last couple of weeks, setting up a showdown between the two on the final night of the round. In addition to these two teams, both **Century 21—My Real Estate** and **Cal Bowl** were lurking just a couple games behind, hoping for a split on the top pair that would allow one of them to sneak in.

Bowlium drew first blood in the match, taking game #1 by 18 pins, 704-686. Dean Sanderson led the way with 201. Herzog Insurance came back to take the 2nd game, and a 10 pin lead for totals behind a 212 game from Lee Liu. It all came down to the final game, and Bowlium wasn't to be denied. It was Dean Sanderson pacing the scoring yet again, shooting a 233 game (608 series) to help Bowlium win the game and totals. The four wins gave them 25 for the round, which eliminated Cal Bowl and forced Century 21 to sweep to keep pace.

Century 21 wasn't able to get the sweep they needed from Cal Bowl. In fact, they got swept, although the match was much closer than the result indicated as a couple of games came down to the finals frame and bowler. Leonard Ruiz Jr. led Cal Bowl to the victory, shooting a 230/612 set. Cal Bowl came up one game short for the round, but hold a four game lead for the wildcard heading into the final night, meaning they'll need to win only one game from Linder's Insurance to lock it up.

Linder's Insurance was out of contention for the round, but is in a tight battle for the wildcard position. That tight battle had to make losing the first game by only pin sting quite a bit. **GJC** pulled out the first one, 706-705, behind a 221 game from Dan Gartin. Linder's came back to win the next two games and totals, giving them four wins for the night. Jello Gray led Linder's Insurance with 573.

J.A.T. took 3 ½ games from **Erickson's Food Supply** but needed a little more to remain in contention for the wildcard spot. Anthony Santos did all he could, shooting a very nice 246-244-679 set. DeeRonn Booker had a 213-209-232/654 in defeat.

DV8 is another team that was fighting for a wild card spot, and fell out of contention on this night, losing four out of five to team **Smirnoff**. Vernon Adams led the pair, shooting a 204/569 series for Smirnoff. Kevin Valmonte of DV8 was right behind with 209/565.

Threadworks took four out of five games from **Los Altos**

Trophy, losing only the first game. Eric Snow started poorly for Threadworks with a 146 game, but finished strongly to lead the pair with 212-238/596. Butch Jackson of Threadworks added 215-219-592. Nick Rodriguez posted a couple 200 games in defeat for Los Altos.

Jon Diso led **Forest Lanes** to a 4-1 victory over **Crown Royal** on the next pair. Jon was tops on the pair with 553. Mike Mellick helped with a 210 game, and Gip Lentine added a 204.

The Professional Approach team swept past **Gym W.R.A.T.T. Fitness** on the final pair of non-round winners. Juan Zavala, fresh off his 300 game yesterday morning in the M.A.B.A. League, led the pair by a wide margin, shooting 216-222-226/664.

As far as the round winners go, **Keystone Lanes** and **Sysco** squared off on the first pair. Keystone went into the night with a two game lead for the top seed in the playoffs. Keystone quickly raised the lead, winning the first two games and opening up a big lead for totals. Sysco took the final game by only 11 pins to salvage one game, but the four from Keystone means they'll need only one win next week to clinch the top seed. Jonathan Huff of Keystone Lanes led the pair with 233-213/634.

Western Pacific still has a chance at the #2 overall seed, after taking four games from **Parkin's Bowling Supply**. Ralphie Ramirez led Western Pacific with 255/602 to lead them to the four wins. Going into next week, Western Pacific is three games behind Sysco for the second position in the playoffs. Parkin's Bowling Supply is locked into the 4th seed.

Arnold Cheesman took the first sidepot of the night, shooting a 243 game. The second and third sidepots both went to Anthony Santos for 246 and 244. The 246 was worth \$207 in the super pot, and the 244 was good enough to win the Financial Advisors Pot as well, for another \$200. Nice night for Anthony. Eric Snow took 2nd in the Financial Advisors Pot for \$100 with his 238 game.

Next week will be the final night of the regular season. The top seed is on the line with a match between Keystone Lanes and Sysco. The wildcard is on the line with a match between Cal Bowl and Linder's Insurance. And, with substantial money separating every position in the standings, all the other matches will still matter for those year end prize envelopes even if they don't have playoff implications. The matches start at 8:30 at Del Rio Lanes.

TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 5


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| Bowlium | 25 | Century 21 My Real Estate | 20.5 |
| Cal Bowl | 24 | Smirnoff..... | 19 |
| Herzog Insurance | 23 | J.A.T. | 18.5 |
| Linder's Insurance | 22 | Western Pacific \$\$ | 18 |
| Keystone Lanes \$\$\$ | 21 | Threadworks | 18 |

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

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|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|-----|
| Anthony Santos | 679 | Leonard Ruiz Jr. | 612 |
| Juan Zavala | 664 | Dean Sanderson | 608 |
| DeeRonn Booker | 654 | Ralphie Ramirez | 602 |
| Jonathan Huff | 634 | Eric Snow | 596 |
| Eddie VanDaniker | 618 | Steve Brode. | 595 |

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