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Memorial Day Etiquette For Bowlers

by Frank Weiler

Many bowlers have served our country with honor. Many bowlers have given their life's that we may be free. Free to speak, free to worship and free to pursue happiness as we choose. Oh yes, and **FREE TO BOWL!** Memorial Day is celebrated by bowlers nationwide so let us understand why we do and how we should.

Memorial Day is all about remembering those who gave their lives to preserve our freedom. It is a "solemn day" that deserves more attention than it's given today. We owe those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so much. **They gave their lives for us. They gave their lives for YOU!**

I consider Memorial Day as important as any other National Holiday. **Abraham Lincoln** said it best when in his **Gettysburg Address** he said that we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow the

ground in which our war dead are buried any better than they themselves did in fighting and dying to preserve this nation. Nonetheless, we must never forget what these soldiers did.

That remembrance is what Memorial Day is all about. Honoring our war dead.

We must always remember, we must forever ensure that Memorial Day be celebrated. We owe it to those who made the ultimate sacrifice, we owe it to the nation, we owe it to ourselves.

What then is Memorial Day, what is its history and its traditions?

Memorial Day has been a tradition in the United States since the Civil War. Back in the day it started with ordinary citizens honoring their loved ones who gave their lives in battle. They did so by holding spring time tributes, decorating gravesites with flowers

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JOHN JANAWICZ WINS 2024 PBA50 JOHNNY PETRAGLIA BVL OPEN

by Jill Wibters

CLEARWATER, FL – John Janawicz was simply on fire Wednesday at the 2024 PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open.

The reigning PBA50 Rookie of the Year averaged nearly 250 over 16 games to win his third career PBA50 title.

He was in 58th place after Monday's first seven games of qualifying before climbing into 23rd place after day two. On Wednesday, he averaged 251.25 during the advancers round to move into ninth place. He needed 14 more pins to earn a first-round bye, but instead he took a longer path to the winner's circle.



All three of his best two-out-of-three game matches went to game three, including his Round of 8 match against No. 1 seed Tom

Hess. Hess took Game 1 237-226, but Janawicz responded with 279 and 239 to get the win and the No. 3 seed in the stepladder finals. Hess

got the No. 5 seed.

"Tom Hess has been bowling unbelievably well," Janawicz said, about the victory. "To ac-

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Brunswick Invitational Playoff Teams Set Playoffs Start June 5th 7pm

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the final week of the regular season with the second through fourth seeds still up for grabs amongst the round winners, and one huge wildcard spot waiting for the team who didn't manage to win a round but banked the most overall wins after tonight.

In the wildcard hunt, the "A" match featured Forever Hope Foundation (Ramsey Basurto) sitting at 101 wins, taking on DV8 (David Cogswell) who were 2 back at 99

wins. Forever Hope Foundation reworked their lineup, bringing back original anchor Ramsey Basurto and dropping in a sub to try and wrap up the wildcard spot, needing two points to lock it up. Forever Hope took the first game by 123 pins, but DV8 stormed back for a big 10-pin win in game two to stay alive, but needing a huge effort to get the 2-points for total pins sitting 113 pins down. Forever Hope Foundation took care of business, taking game three and the 4-1 win to get to

105 wins and taking the last playoff spot. Forever Hope Foundation will take on the Wildcard round winner US Foods in the first match. Eric Williams Jr. was huge for Forever Hope Foundation with a 724 set while Tyler Veneracion put up a good fight for DV8 with a 645 set.

In the fight for the second, third and fourth seeds, Junior Amateur Tour was looking for one win to lock the second seed. Bowlium could move up with a sweep, but also had a magic number of two with Fam-

ily Ties to lock up the third seed. Family Ties needed a sweep, combined with a Junior Amateur Tour sweep to have a shot at the third seed. Junior Amateur Tour started the night big, taking the first game to lock up the second seed. In the top match, Bowlium took game 2 from Junior Amateur Tour meaning they needed one more win, or a Family Ties loss to wrap up the third seed. The last game was a battle as the lanes broke wide open and Bowlium's huge 854

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Bowling Machines That Could Last A Lifetime... Or Two

by Dave Williams

A recent request from the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame caught my eye a couple of times this week — first for the interesting photos of four different bowling pinsetters (or pinspotters), and secondly for three fascinating videos that were included showing the machines in action.

When asked to identify the machines, I could only come up with one that I knew for sure, AMF's 82-30 machine that reigned supreme until the introduction of the AMF 82-70 in the late 1960's. "The Brain" at the top of the machine was a dead giveaway.

Speaking of "The Brain," there's a story behind that immediate recollection. While working for Jim Decker, a proprietor of four different bowling centers in Sonoma County, I was frequently asked to fill in as a mechanic whenever I was not competing on the tour or in other tournament action.

A better term for my position would have been pin chaser, because I was really not trained as a certified mechanic. One evening, while working at Rose Bowl in Santa Rosa, Calif., my patience was worn a bit thin as a number of machines malfunctioned at the same time. Thankfully, veteran manager Gene Tibbles came from behind the counter to help me get back on track.

When I returned to the maintenance room behind the machines, I slammed the door and a rebuilt "Brain" fell from a shelf above the work bench. The elder Decker, father of recent BPAA president Jim Decker III, said that my moment of anger would cost \$300 for the damage done to "The Brain."

Lesson learned, although he never did charge me for the damaged equipment. Perhaps the head mechanic was able to repair the damage, but the incident caused me to forever remember the 82-30 machine with "The Brain" that set atop the pinspotting device. Check out this nifty video of the AMF 82-30 in action:



AMF 82-30 Machine

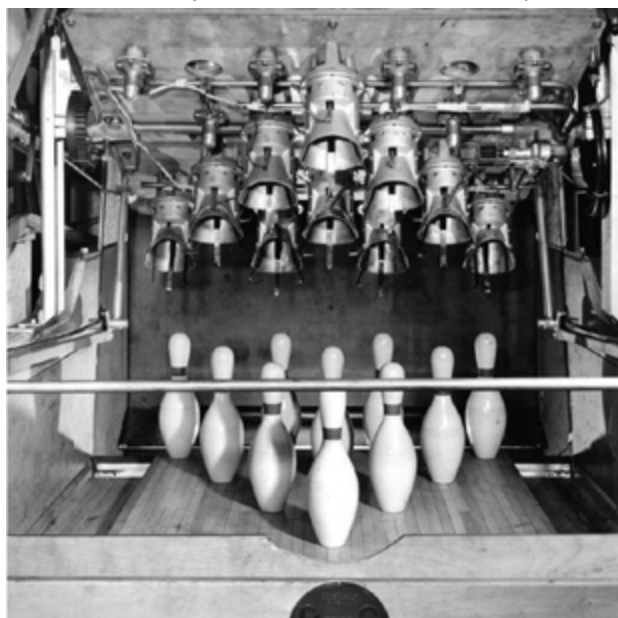
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Incidentally, have you ever noticed why the machines are sometimes referred to as pinsetters, and other times as pinspotters? As it turns out, there's a reason for that as well. Pinsetters are generally used to define Brunswick machines, while pinspotters are machines developed by AMF.

Another interesting machine from AMF that I didn't immediately recognize is the 82-10 machine that was introduced during the Buffalo ABC Tournament in 1946. AMF actually set up two lanes in a warehouse across from the building that housed the tournament that year. One of the promoters for the lanes was a mechanic turned marketing guru named Woody Woodruff, who stayed with AMF long enough to retire as the vice president of marketing for the Bowling Products Group.

I've told this story before, so I will try to keep it brief, for those of you that may have already heard my fond memory of Woody Woodruff. When I first arrived at the AMF Headquarters in Westbury, N.Y., Mr. Woodruff would stop by my office almost every day with the same question: "There's something wrong here," said Woody. "I've been working for AMF all my life and drive a Dodge Omni. You just got here and drive a Datsun 280-ZX!"

Having migrated from California, where an automobile is a necessity, I always had a nice car and spent a fair amount of money on them, because I was constantly moving and renting efficiency apartments. In essence, the car was my house payment. But after a couple of years in Chicago and New York, my once prized auto was virtually destroyed by the elements. (Footnote: My next car was a Hyundai Excel, the least expensive car that I could find!)



AMF 82-10 Machine

Here's a fascinating video of the AMF 82-10 machine that was introduced to the public in 1946:

<https://youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=DogVYVOqMNq>



Brunswick B-1 Machine

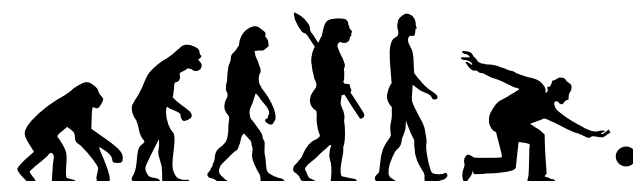
Our final video is of a Brunswick B-1 machine at the Southport Lanes in Chicago. The bowling center, which closed in 2021 (another COVID-19 casualty) after almost 100 years of operation, contained two of the B-1 machines, and two B-10 machines — the motorized version of the B-1. Check out the comments below the video for a look into the age of pin boys and the speakeasy. Here's the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NHm178IOpw>

Last we have only a photo of what appears to be a Brunswick A Series machine, primarily because of the shroud that is protecting the pin buckets. If you have any knowledge of this machine, the approximate age, or even a video of the machine in operation, please let us know and we will forward to the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame.

Thanks for joining us in an adventure back in time to the golden age of bowling!

All the photos and videos were provided compliments of the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame



Brunswick A Series Machine?

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tually be able to beat him like I did in my match felt like a Herculean accomplishment there.”

Janawicz continued to put on a show rolling 28 strikes in his 35 frames over three matches in the stepladder to raise the bowling ball trophy, defeating No. 1 seed Chris Warren in the title match 268-246. “I knew I was striking a lot, but I didn’t realize how much. That is really cool,” he said. “I knew I was in a pretty good zone. To be able to get a win feels great.”

Janawicz, who won the 2023 PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Tournament of Champions, would like to see more tournaments featuring the 46-foot Petraglia oil pattern, which he felt matched up perfectly with his game. His key after day one was getting slower and using equipment that was cleaner and weaker. “Everything worked out amazingly,” he said. “I got into a pretty good rhythm with my timing. I knew I was hitting the line, and I was able to stick the finish really well.”

His confidence on the lanes was running high. In the third frame he raised his right leg up after his delivery looking to almost kick down the 5 pin that stood for a few seconds. His next time up on the left lane, again he raised up his right leg with authority showing the pins who was in control. Janawicz began the championship match with seven consecutive strikes earning a 33-pin lead over Warren. Three straight spares from Warren in frames sixth through eight kept him in catch-up mode. Warren finished with four straight strikes but came up short in his attempt to win his second PBA50 title.

In the opening match, Hess squared off against last year’s PBA50 Player of the Year Troy Lint. The powerful left-hander and Hess battled each other frame-for-frame. Lint, who returned this season after having knee surgery, put together six straight strikes starting in the fifth frame, while Hess had a key open in the sixth to fall behind. Lint earned the win 267-226. Janawicz came on in match two and he was basically lights out. He took an early 23 pin lead in the fourth frame before reeling off eight straight strikes for the 269-159 win over Lint.

Janawicz started his semifinal match against Brad Angelo with three strikes and two single-pin spares through five frames before he was back on the strike train closing out the match with six strikes and an 8 count for the 257-224 win.

Prior to the start of the stepladder, the five players agreed to donate 5% of their individual winnings to BVL, the official charity of the PBA. Petraglia, who is an ambassador for Bowlers to Veterans Link, told Janawicz during the trophy presentation “I love watching talent and your talent is exceptional.” “Any tournament with Johnny’s name on it is going to be a very prestigious event,” Janawicz said. “It makes it even more special to win knowing that you are bowling for a great cause and the people that helped fight to give us the freedom to be able to bowl these events is very special.”

Janawicz enjoyed leftover Key Lime Pie after his win. He also received the green light from his full-time employer at Kegel Training Center to bowl the whole season. “I wanted to thank Chris Chartrand, Don Agent, Doug Dukes and all the staff at Kegel for giving me the time to pursue this dream and covering me while I’m away.” “Hopefully I can build on this and try to make a good run at defending my USBC Senior Masters title,” he added.

Championship Round Scores

Match 1: No. 4 Troy Lint def.

No. 5 Tom Hess, 267-226

Match 2: No. 3 John Janawicz def.

No. 4 Troy Lint, 269-159

Match 3: No. 3 John Janawicz def.

No. 2 Brad Angelo, 257-224

Championship match: No. 3 John Janawicz def.

No. 1 Chris Warren, 268-246

PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open Standings:

1. John Janawicz, \$7,500
2. Chris Warren, \$4,000
3. Brad Angelo, \$3,300
4. Troy Lint, \$2,700
5. Tom Hess, \$2,200

SCOTT FILIPI Update on PALA CASINO Scratch League

by Frank Weiler



TEMECULA – Scott Filipi has been Secretary of the PALA CASINO 620 Scratch League for over a decade during the “BEST OF TIMES” for this “SUPER LEAGUE”. Under SCOTT FILIPI’S leadership the league has grown to eighteen teams attracting the top bowlers in the southland.

Scott regularly reports the latest league scores, highlights and trends. While John Cooper continues to top the league in average, Nathan Bishop has moved from fourth to second in the rankings after bowling a perfect 300 game and huge 814 Series. Jordan Wrona has replaced William Conrad as the fifth ranked bowler.

The **TOP FIVE** League bowlers follow:

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| John Cooper | 225.2 | Average |
| Nathan Bishop | 225.0 | |
| Jason Hockman | 224 | |
| Jeff Lewen | 223 | |
| Jordan Wrona | 222 | |

The **TOP FIVE** League female bowlers follow with no changes in the rankings since Scott last reported:

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| Dawn Gorman | 212 | Average |
| Rose Wolhar | 208 | |
| Kathy George | 195 | |
| Trish Barnett | 192 | |
| Dina Duran | 191 | |

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and reciting prayers. Some communities began celebrating with parades, speeches and picnics. Still there was no official holiday.

Eventually some states and local communities set aside a day of remembrance in honor of our fallen war heroes. At first this solemn holiday was called **Decoration Day** because of the tradition of visiting cemeteries and decorating gravesites.

While there is a record of a soldiers memorial celebration in Charleston, South Carolina in 1865 the Federal Government declared Waterloo, New York as the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo first celebrated Memorial Day on May 5, 1866 with an annual community-wide event, during which businesses were closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

General John A. Logan, the leader of a Northern Civil War veterans organization called for a nationwide day of remembrance on May 5, 1868 later that month on May 30, 1868. On that first so called Decoration Day **General James Garfield** (yes, the future President) spoke at Arlington National Cemetery. Five thousand participants decorated 20,000 graves of Civil War soldiers.

Decades passed and many Decoration Days came and went. Still no official National Holiday. Finally United States Congressional legislation went into effect in 1971 making Memorial Day a National Holiday. Now Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday in May. Confusion sometimes exists about what is the difference between Memorial Day, Veterans Day and Armed Forces Day. Memorial Day honors those men and women who died while serving in the military. Veterans Day honors our military veterans living and deceased and Armed Forces Day honors the men and women currently serving in the military.

What about Memorial Day customs? It is customary to fly the flag nationwide. Proper protocol calls for the flag to be flown at half-staff in the morning, until noon. At noon the flag should be raised to full-staff. In the morning, when lowering the flag to half-staff the flag should first be raised to full-staff before lowering it to half-staff. The flag should never be lowered from the poll from a half-staff position. The flag is always raised to full-staff before lowering and removing it from a flag poll.

Did you know that 3 P.M. local time on Memorial Day is special? At that time **A NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE** takes place every year on Memorial Day? **SILENCE PLEASE!** Where were you and what were you doing at 3 P.M. on Memorial Day?

Speaking of custom and tradition: **Never wish anyone "Happy Memorial Day"**. It is considered impolite.

Many people celebrating Memorial Day wear a red **POPPY** flower in their lapel or on their collar as a mode of remembrance for our fallen comrades. It all started with a World War I poem "In Flanders Fields". This tradition became popular after "**The War To End All War**" and was popularized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organization. As a young man I fondly remember this custom. **Those were the days when bowlers loved their country!**

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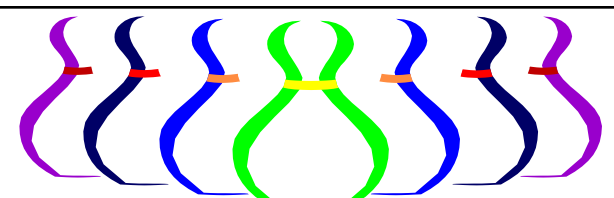
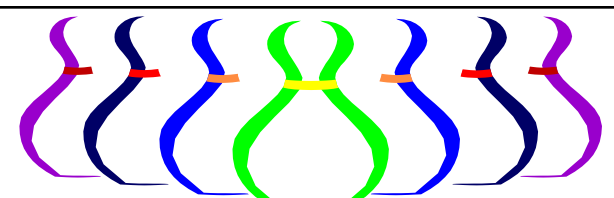
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game was enough to wrap up the win and the third seed. Family Ties fought hard with a 823 last game but fell just short and will enter the rollofs as the fourth seed. Billy Myers Jr.s' huge 753 series was strong enough for his team to ride his back into the third-seed position.

The other teams in the league finished up their regular season banking wins to help their envelopes next week. Threadworks took 3 from Forest Lanes, Westminster Lanes banked a 4-1 win over Del Rio Lanes, the Professional Approach Del Rio shop guys were the 4-1 winners over the Oak Tree bunch, Professional Approach Keystone took 4 from Touchstone Homes and iColor Printing banked 4 wins over the scores of the Keystone bunch.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Paul Varela (255) for \$160 with 2nd to Jesse Perez (254) for \$70. Sidepots went to Eric Williams Jr. (265) and Paul Varela (255) for \$46 with 2nd to JT Diso (233) and Jesse Perez (254) for \$23 each. SuperPot went to Mikey Villarreal (248) for \$138 with 2nd to Marshall Degnan (247) for \$69.

The rollofs are set with wildcard Forever Hope Foundation taking on US Foods on Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. bowling on the 3rd round long-oil pattern. The winner of that match will take on Family Ties at 8:30 p.m. on the house shot. The winner will advance to take on Bowlium on Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. on the short-oil pattern, followed by Junior Amateur Tour at 8:30 p.m. on the 4th round USBC Nationals shot. The winner will advance to the Championship Match on Monday, June 10th at 7:00 facing top-seed Cal Bowl. The order of the patterns for the Championship Match will be 4-3-2-1 with Cal Bowl choosing the final pattern should the match go 5. Should be an exciting rolloff with some great teams!

Come on out and watch Southern California's Richest League as the playoffs start Wednesday, June 5th at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come down and watch!

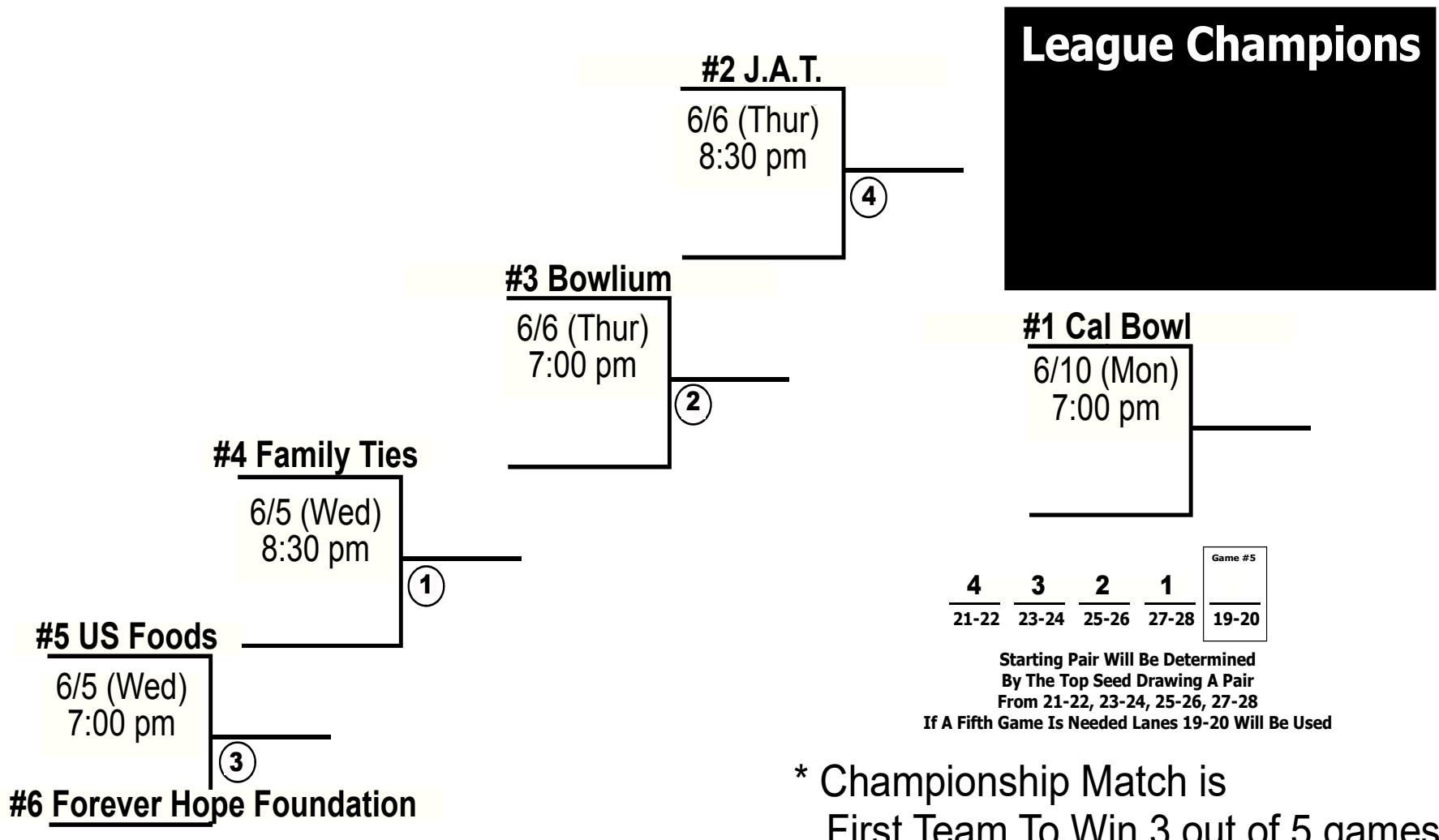
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