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Ed Chow Gets His Big Shot

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA — Sometimes older doesn't mean older.

Sometimes, it just means better.

Ed Chow will put that thesis to the test when he makes a rare tournament appearance in a West Coast Senior Tour event June 11 at Winnetka Bowl.

The 77-year-old Chow, a top-of-the-line league bowler for the past several decades, will be watched closely as he faces much younger competition. He'll be one of the oldest players ever to compete in a WCST event, which is open this year to eligible bowlers 60 and older.

Chow competed only once in a WCST event — and that was in the 1990s at now-defunct AMF Bowl-erland in Van Nuys. And he recalls that he didn't do particularly well in that tournament.

But hope springs eternal, especially with the Winnetka continued on page 5

Singapore's Bernice Lim Wins 2016 USBC Queens

LAS VEGAS — Bernice Lim of Singapore became the sixth international player to win the United States Bowling Congress Queens, defeating top seed Sandra Andersson of Sweden, 248-223, at The Orleans Bowling Center on Thursday.

Lim started the championship match, live on CBS Sports Network, with six consecutive strikes, before a 10 pin ended her run at perfection. She needed just three pins on the first shot of her final frame to secure the victory. The Queens is the first major of the 2016 PWBA Tour season.

The 24-year-old right-hander is the first bowler from Singapore to win the coveted tiara, previously claimed by bowlers from Japan (two), Australia, Latvia and Colombia.

"This was my first TV show in the United States, so it's a big deal for me, and I'm very proud," said Lim, who earned \$20,000 for the

win, but as an amateur, will not get credit for an official PWBA title and does not qualify for the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship. "It also means so much to be the first one from Singapore to win. I'm just happy to do my country proud."

In order to stay relaxed and focused during competition, Lim works with a Rubik's Cube, which she solved twice during the semifinal before proving her dominance of the 40-foot oil pattern used at USBC Queens this week.

"It helps keep my mind off things, so I don't think too much when my opponent is bowling," Lim said. "It's a puzzle, just like bowling, and it represents the game well."

The title tilt was a re-



match of the final winners' bracket match, in which Andersson defeated Lim, 712-646 to earn the top seed for the stepladder.

"I am so proud of myself," said Andersson, who now will head home to prepare for the European

Women's Championships in June. "I've been struggling a lot lately with my mental game, and this week just proves I'm back. It's truly amazing."

As the No. 2 seed for TV, Lim used her opening match against Team USA's

Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, to get comfortable in her first appearance under the television lights.

She earned her spot in the championship match with a 238-221 win over continued on page 5

2016 BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL PLAYOFFS COOK'S BOWLING SUPPLY SURVIVES THE FIRST WEEK

DOWNEY — The 30th year of the Brunswick Invitational is wrapping up at Del Rio Lanes over the next couple of weeks, as the playoffs have begun. Over the next couple of Mondays, we'll go from six teams with high hopes to one team on top, as they battle for the \$16,000 top prize with the championship match taking place on June 13th.

On the first night of playoffs, teams bowl in two out of three game matches, using one of the patterns that were in play during the season. For the first match last night, the 2nd round short oil condition was on the lanes as Linder's Insur-



Cook's Bowling Supply. Left to right, Matt Schermerhorn, Mikey Villarreal, Brian Main, Jonathan Huff, Al Macabuhay. And remembering Chip Pettiford.

ance battled Los Altos Trophy.

Linder's and Los Altos have had a couple great matches in recent weeks that helped shaped the

playoff field, as Los Altos Trophy made it in as the 5th round winner on the second to last night of bowling. Linder's clinched their spot one week later, as the wild

card, on the final night of the year.

In game one, scores were surprisingly high considering the challenging continued on page 2



Ed Chow will be making his second appearance in a West Coast Senior Tour event when he competes June 11 at Winnetka Bowl.

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condition. Michelle Tran, of Linder’s Insurance had an early double and a late four bagger, all while staying clean, on her way to 237 to lead the pair. She was helped by Anthony Santos and his 226, which was also a clean game. With those scores, Linder’s won the first game 816-758. Lee Liu led Los Altos in the defeat, with his 236 game.

The second game saw a rally from Los Altos Trophy, as Joe Jimenez and Lee Liu both started with strings of strikes. Joe had the front five, and Lee had the first three, which is usually enough to build a big lead on low scoring patterns. Still, Linder’s stayed within range long enough to keep their confidence and ride out the fast start. Kurt Arakaki helped to keep Linder’s close striking on five of the first six. Anthony Santos and Kevin Valmonte added early doubles too. Anthony Santos, who struggled early in the game, with three consecutive opens, rallied to close with a six bagger though and Arakaki stayed hot to finish with 231. The late strikes not only put Linder’s in the lead, but they wound up pulling away to win 796-725.

Taking the match, two games to none, Linder’s advanced to the next round. As for Los Altos Trophy, they finished in sixth place, winning \$5000.

Waiting on the sidelines during the first match, and taking on the winner, was Cook’s Bowling Supply. Cook’s finished as the fourth seed, with 96 wins, having won the fourth round of the season. The second match of the night remained a 2 out of 3 format, but switched to the third round lane condition, the long oil.

Game one was a close one throughout. Early three baggers from Matt Schermerhorn and Brian Main helped Cook’s Bowling Supply get started, while bowlers made adjustments for the heavy oil. Frames 5-7 saw Linder’s come back behind doubles from Santos and Valmonte and a couple opens on the other side. The game came down to the tenth frame, with the game within a few sticks. Anthony Santos got a double to keep Linder’s alive, but Mikey Villarreal struck to seal the game for Cook’s, 763-748, giving them a 1-0 lead. Matt Schermerhorn led Cook’s Bowling Supply with 200 game. Kevin Valmonte led the pair with 215.

Cook’s got off to a terrible start in the second game, having seven opens in the first three frames, digging a hole early. They regrouped through the middle frames, staying clean and getting three baggers from Matt Schermerhorn and Jonathan Huff. A bad 7th frame shifted momentum back to Linder’s, who held a four pin lead heading into the 10th frame. Cook’s grabbed the lead after Schermerhorn struck and Kurt Arakaki split for Linder’s. After Michelle Tran missed a washout, it appeared all but over for Linder’s, but on the tough lanes, anything can happen. The third bowler for Cook’s, Brian Main, split in the 10th, giving Linder’s a slim chance. When Mikey Villarreal struck for a three bagger, again it appeared over. Next up was Kevin Valmonte, and he carried a strike that was nowhere near the pocket, causing everyone to look up at the scoreboard and start doing math. Mikey needed 7 to tie, and 8 to lock out Linder’s, regardless of Kevin’s next shot. Sure enough, Mikey went through the face, keeping the match alive, as he only got seven. Kevin made a great second shot, doubling, forcing Mikey to at least get one of his spare (the 6-9-10) to lock out Linder’s. He ran down all three, locking out Kevin, and clinching the match, two games to none.

With the win, Cook’s Bowling Supply advances to next Monday night, when we’ll have two more matches. The first match will be against Don Julio Tequila on the house shot pattern, starting at 7:00 p.m. The winner of that match will face DV8 immediately afterwards on the U.S. El Paso Team.

Speaking with members of Cook’s Bowling Supply after the match, they wanted to make sure I mentioned their fallen teammate. When the season started, Chip Pettiford was a part of their squad. Chip was trying to do what he loved and continue bowling while he battled cancer. He wanted to be part of this team. Chip lost his fight earlier in the season, and while the team made the necessary roster changes, they want to make sure he’s remembered as being part of this group and be mentioned as a teammate as they make a run towards the championship.

Come on out to Del Rio Lanes, on Florence Avenue in Downey, next Monday night at 7:00 for the next two rounds of the playoffs. When they’re done, we’ll have our championship match set.



Team Members (L-R) Likapeka Ibarra, Lee Fitzgerald, Therese Weiler and Pacita Baker.

California State Women’s Tournament Brings Back Memories

by Frank Weiler

LAKE FOREST — When I was a kid TEAM COMPETITION was the face of bowling. The PBA was just getting started and singles competition didn’t receive the publicity accorded team events.

Team competition was and still is my favorite. Team bowling is my favorite because it is all about togetherness, teamwork and fun. Life is the same. Life is all about teamwork and getting things done together and fun. Team bowling prepares us for life. Team bowling is life. Winning bowling teams prepare together, work together breaking down lane conditions and make equipment adjustments together. Team bowling is my favorite.

For the aforementioned reasons I enjoyed last Saturday’s California State Women’s Tournament team competition. It was all about togetherness, teamwork and fun. I was there watching my wife’s team compete, watched her teammates cheer each other on and have fun together. It was great watching them work together and having fun together.

My wife’s team, the Sand Trap Bar and Grill quartet, is a “BEER TEAM”. While they are not sponsored by a brewery they are “fueled” by the barley, wheat and malt industry. While they are not professionals they are damn good and they can score. In fact they finished Saturday’s team competition in second place in the Classic Division. Their scratch score was 2,243.

Team captain LEE FITZGERALD rolled the foursomes high game of the day (238) followed by my wife Therese’s 224. The ladies averaged 187 per game, seven pins higher per game than their 180 norm. They each won a couple of brackets and together they won all three side pots. They are damn good.

The California State Women’s Tournament team competition brings back memories. Memories of old time team competition. Memories of the Budweisers, Falstaffs and Strohs “BEER TEAMS”. Memories of great teams from all parts of the country. While the best teams were quartered in the midwest, there were “BEER TEAMS” where I grew up in upstate New York. My favorite was the Genesee Brewery team from Rochester, the “Jennys”.

The “Jennys” were a quintet that featured local legend John Quincy. While he may not have been an in-law of the Massachusetts’s Adams clan he was reputed to be the “BEST IN THE WEST” at that time. Western New York that is. I saw the Jennys bowl. I saw John Quincy bowl. Memories. My dad saw BABE RUTH hit. I saw John Quincy bowl. Memories.

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Prolific Bowler Charles Kenny Says He's Moving to Las Vegas

by Fred Eisenhammer

NORTHRIDGE – It's Las Vegas' gain and L.A.'s loss. Charles Kenny, perhaps the Valley-area's most electrifying bowler, will be leaving the area "at the end of the year."

The 35-year-old Kenny cited "economic reasons" for his decision to move to Nevada. "It's time for a change," Kenny said.

In February, the right-handed Kenny turned in a stunning performance when he blistered an 876 series with games of 300, 277 and 299 in league play at Jewel City Bowl in Glendale. Kenny, a Northridge resident, rolled 34 strikes out of a possible 36.

That series is believed to be the second-highest sanctioned series in San Fernando Valley history – surpassed only by the 888 that Anthony Sharperson recorded in 2011 at now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl.

The 800 series and 300 honors scores were nothing new for Kenny. That perfect game was his 81st and his 800s number in the 50s.

Kenny has shot a perfect game at virtually all the current Valley bowling centers. Two years ago, Kenny recorded another spectacular performance when he blasted four perfect games within one month – all at different bowling centers. Those venues included Winnetka Bowl, Santa Clarita Lanes, Mission Hills Bowl and Jewel City Bowl.

Kenny said the closing of Mission Hills Bowl in May 2015 has been tough on him. "It's not as much fun anymore," he said. "All the people I used to hang around with I never see any more. Mission was like a second home for me. I bowl all over the place now. I really don't have a home."

Las Vegas has become a mecca of bowling with all its Professional Bowlers Assn. events and tournaments. In comparison, L.A. can seem like a wasteland and that fact hasn't gone unnoticed by Kenny.

"I love to bowl and I like a new challenge," said Kenny, who was born in Granada Hills and is known for his powerful shots.

Interestingly, Kenny grew up making a name for himself in another sport – baseball. A second-team All-City first baseman, Kenny led Chatsworth High School to the City Section baseball championship with a 17-7 victory over Poly in 1999 at Dodger Stadium.



Charles Kenny turned in a brilliant performance in February when he crushed an 876 series in league play at Jewel City Bowl in Glendale.

Kenny had three hits (two singles and a triple) in three at-bats and drove in six runs with a stolen base in that title game. He was 18 years old.

"That ranks far and away as my favorite moment," Kenny said. "I played with people who I grew up with. The year before we lost at Dodger Stadium and our whole goal was to go back and win. Baseball was always the main thing and bowling was the hobby."

Injuries sidetracked Kenny's baseball aspirations so he went on to thrive for 10 years in the highly competitive Bill Mossontte Majors league at Mission Hills Bowl. When the Mossontte Majors league found a new home at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana, Kenny moved over with the league.

Troy Gibson has bowled with Kenny in the Mossontte league and calls his colleague "the best bowler I've seen, for sure. He's like a machine."

Top senior Russell Booth, who often bowls with Kenny, says "I'm going to miss him as a friend. I've seen him come a long way since I met him for the first time in bowling. I've seen him become much better skillfully."

And Booth adds: "Hardly anyone in L.A. throws pins around like he does."

Kenny has been widely mentioned as one of the most likely bowlers to become the first in the L.A. area to roll a 900 series.

Kenny has said that a 900 series is an ultimate goal of his. Told that his chances to reach that mark in L.A. will be diminished because of his move to Las Vegas, Kenny laughed.

"You never know," he said. "Maybe I can do it in both places [L.A. and Las Vegas]. Anything's possible."



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The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

The Act of Bowling: What is Bowling All About?

Andy Varipapa made a living doing impossible tricks with bowling balls. His skills have never been equaled. But there was a trick-shot that evaded his mastery; the ability to throw a strike without the ball ever leaving the lane.

It isn’t because it can’t be done. The fact is, it occurs more often than a 7-10 conversion. Personally, I’ve seen it happen at least half-a-dozen times. Spend enough time in a bowling center and you will see it, too.

When is this rarity most likely to happen? During league play? No. At local tournaments? Uh-uh. While watching the pros on TV? Hardly. It’s most likely to occur when a young family goes bowling, and one member of that family is a two-year-old.

Here’s what you’ll see. An adult will lead a child to the alley and place a six or eight-pound ball on the foul line. Using both hands, the little one will push it down the lane and squeal happily while racing back to the parents. After what seems an eternity, the ball will reach the pins, barely knocking down the head pin. The ball will roll a bit farther until being halted by the next pin it encounters. That pin will fall as well.

Just as one falling domino can cause thousands more to topple, so too is the slow-motion reaction created by those two pins. In the end, they all lie on their sides, the ball sitting motionless among them. During that moment in time, a toddler is as great as any bowler on the planet. The tyke has delivered a strike! On top of that, the tot also accomplished something the legendary Andy Varipapa couldn’t.

Was the child lucky? Of course, but the point is that luck allows children to accomplish what great bowlers find to be impossible. Imagine what *YOU* might be able to achieve if you were luckier.

But what is luck? It’s nothing more than the law of averages applied to preparation meeting opportunity. Without any preparation whatever, the child merely put a bowling ball where it needed to be. Essentially, that’s what this sport is all about. Whether you’re shooting for a strike or a spare, you need to put your ball on a line that takes it where it needs to be.

The moral of this story is: The law of averages dictates that all bowlers will occasionally get lucky and deliver a decent shot, but becoming a respectable bowler requires doing so consistently. If you struggle with a low average year after year, the reason is simply that you haven’t prepared yourself to deliver good shots.

You’re not alone. Consider this: Until the day someone averages 300, every bowler will be able to improve their scores. Ironically, very few people take any action to do so. Here’s a tip: There are two ways to get better at this game. One is to bowl more often, but for many, that’s not an option because life gets in the way.

The second, and more effective way, is to learn HOW to bowl. Coaches are the best way to go, but seriously, that’s not practical for many, either. Fortunately, some of those coaches have written countless magazine articles, books and manuals. If you are interested in becoming a more respectable bowler, your first action should be to get your hands on some of that text and read it. Here are a few tips about selecting such material.

- For now:
- > Avoid books written by pro bowlers. Most offer stories and advanced information you can’t use. You need to focus on basics. Look for books authored by coaches.
 - > Avoid the 200 page tomes. That’s too much information to effectively cram into a 3-second delivery. You’ll most likely get bored and lose interest.
 - > Avoid books with catchy or outlandish titles. Titles indicate content. The content you need is about putting your ball on a line that takes it where it needs to go. A prime example of this rule is Michelle Mullin’s book, *How to Pick Up Spares*. The title says it all.
 - > Read the reviews of any book you are considering (Amazon.com is a great resource for this).
 - > Look for techniques that apply to young, old, male, female, large and small bowlers. Those are universal in nature and will put you on the right track. If the cover of the book has a young, powerful bowler with a sky-high backswing, ask yourself, “Am I capable of that?” If the answer is , “No.” that book is probably not for you.
 - > There is a plethora of information on the internet. While it’s free, discerning good advice from bad can be difficult. Be careful here; bad advice can make your bowling problems worse, including the risk of physical injury.

It’s been said, “Knowledge is power!” and nowhere does that apply more than in the game of bowling. Two-year-old toddlers can roll strikes but lack the knowledge to repeat the process. They are two-year-olds.....what’s your excuse?

Remember, the most important part of anyone’s game is dead-on accuracy. If you want to say, “Hello!” to better scores and a higher average, find advice that improves your precision. It’s out there, it’s incredibly simple, and it’s important because bowling is all about knowing how to get your ball where it needs to be.

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PBA50 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HOST CENTER MAKING MAJOR UPGRADES

SEATTLE — Signature Lanes in Elkhart, Ind., the host center of the season-ending PBA50 National Championship to Benefit Riley Hospital for Children Aug. 14-17, is undergoing \$300,000 in upgrades in anticipation of the event.

Signature Lanes is working with QubicaAMF to do a comprehensive technology upgrade that includes 50-inch flat screen 3D scoring monitors and new tablet-based lane consoles, new scoring and game software, and a major upgrade of existing pinsetters among other upgrades. A number of activities for fans also are planned leading up to the event including an auction, special dinner with the pros, celebrity BBQ contest and live entertainment.

NATIONAL DEAF BOWLING NEWS

by Connie Marchione

PACIFIC COAST DEAF BOWLING ASSOCIATION SET TO CELEBRATE ITS 75th ANNIVERSARY JUNE 27-30 AT SUNSET STATION HOTEL BOWLING CENTER

HENDERSON — Seventy-five years is a long time ago and curiosity beckons how it all started. This is a short story about PCDBA’s beginning and the changes it went.

The late Paul Fest, Vancouver, WA who was its first secretary when founded, told this writer that in 1938 the founder Cortland Greenwald, also Vancouver, WA read about the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association’s 4th annual tournament being held in Syracuse, NY and asked another bowler Charles Lynch about going there. Together they drove from Portland, OR to Syracuse and returned with information on how to start a deaf tournament.

Then in 1939 Greenwald started the Northwest Deaf Bowling Association in Portland with 8 teams. When the Los Angeles and Oakland-San Francisco bowlers found out about it and in 1941 the name was changed to the present Pacific Coast Deaf Bowling Association. The annual event was to be held alternately between Portland and Oakland but was put on hold for three years during the World War 2. In 1946 Oakland resumed hosting the event with 6 teams.

Next in 1947 Portland doubled the team entries with 12 teams and Los Angeles was permitted to host the 1948 event and drew 21 teams. Also Seattle was accepted as 1949 host and it drew 18 teams.

This writer, before moving to California from his hometown Detroit, had participated in 3 Great Lakes Deaf Bowling tournaments (1946 Pittsburgh, 1948.Cleveland and 1949 Detroit). While living in his new home state, he participated in two (1951 and 1952) PCDBA events tournaments and discovered faults in its system.

While the tournament was ran correctly as it should be but PCDBA was not organized and set up like GLDBA. This writer spoke about it in both meetings and nothing was done about it. But in the 1952 meeting I was nominated for president and was elected for my Los Angeles Club to be responsible as the 1953 host following the rules as they had in the past years.

As President and host Chairman, we selected my late friend Morris Fahr as the Secretary-Treasurer to take care of the tournament. We had the 1953 tournament at the short lived 56 lanes (largest in the world at that time) Sunset Bowling Center, a grandeur in Hollywood. The event drew 16 teams. In my President report I urged the bowlers to change PCDBA rules to like of GLDBA, doing away with just president and his host club to run the tournament and to vote for officers to run by 3 years terms, have clubs submit bids to host and charge membership dues to raise funds.

Six years later this writer’s late friend Charles Hart as president of Valley Silent Club informed me that his club won to host the 1961 PCDBA tournament and would like me to be the secretary-treasurer and run the tournament. During that 6 years, this writer got married and was busy raising a family and bowling in a league with fellow workers.

So that year was the turning point. PCDBA did not change, so this writer took matters to make the changes and in addition he added the Deaf Masters, the All Stars Team and Bowler of Year and the PCDBA Hall of Fame and the Senior Masters. That is what PCDBA is now in its 75th year.

PBA50 Tour Returns to Southern California For PBA50 Fountain Valley Open June 5-8

FOUNTAIN VALLEY – The second stop of the 2016 PBA50 Tour western swing returns to Fountain Valley Bowl in Fountain Valley, Calif. June 5-8 for the PBA50 Fountain Valley Open presented by Track.

Defending champion Brian LeClair of Delmar, N.Y., will join an expected field of 100 of the world’s greatest bowlers ages 50 and over, who will compete in the sixth stop of the season.

After 18 years competing on the PBA Tour, LeClair won his first PBA50 Tour title in his rookie season in dramatic fashion after surviving two come-from-behind matches which included a sudden-death roll-off in the championship match. LeClair defeated two-time PBA50 Tour titlist Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., for the title with a strike in the second sudden-death frame to Boresch’s nine-count after the players tied with 247 games.

“I don’t know what to say,” said LeClair after winning last year’s event. “This whole tournament was about finding a way to get it done. From choosing the right equipment to how I played the lanes, it was all about fighting back.

“My next win could come next week or 10 years from now, but what matters right now is that I won tonight.”

Also among the star-studded field will be eight PBA Hall of Famers including Pete Weber who has won a record-tying three consecutive PBA50 Tour titles this season and is trying for a record fourth in this week’s Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by 900 Global in Las Vegas.

Other Hall of Famers expected to compete are Tom Baker, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, Amleto Monacelli, Brian Voss and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

Competition begins Monday, June 6 with the first of two eight-game qualifying rounds. The entire field will return for another eight-game qualifying round on Tuesday, June 7. Match play begins on Wednesday, June 8 which will determine the top five players for the stepladder finals that will get underway at 7 p.m. PT. A practice session will be conducted from 9 a.m. – noon on Sunday, June 5 and a pro-am squad will be conducted at 1 p.m.

For admission and pro-am information contact Fountain Valley Bowl at (714) 963-7888. The Fountain Valley Open will also be streamed live start-to-finish on PBA’s on-line bowling channel Xtra Frame. Visit www.xtraframe.tv for subscription and schedule information.

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SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN STORYLINES

PBA50 Superstars Eye Career Milestones in First Major of the 2016 PBA50 Tour Season

LAS VEGAS — The world’s greatest bowlers ages 50 years and older will compete in the first major tournament of the 2016 PBA50 Tour season when the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open presented by 900 Global returns to the Suncoast Bowling Center in Las Vegas May 29-June 3.

Several of the PBA’s all-time great players will be trying to add another milestone to their legendary careers in the fifth stop of the season including defending champion Pete Weber’s bid to become the first player to win four consecutive PBA50 Tour Tournaments.

Bowling fans will be able to catch all the action – start to finish – on pba.com’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame. For subscription and schedule information click on www.xtraframe.tv.

Here’s a look at several compelling storylines for the 14th annual event:

Defending champion Pete Weber will try for a record fourth consecutive PBA50 Tour title:

Defending Senior U.S. Open champion PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber, off to a blazing start in the 2016 PBA50 Tour season, will try to become the first player ever to win four consecutive PBA50 Tour titles. The reigning PBA50 Player of the Year finished fourth in the season-opening Pasco County Florida Open and since then won the United Healthcare Sun Bowl In The Villages, Mooresville Ford Open and Johnny Petraglia BVL Open in successive weeks. Weber currently shares the record for PBA50 consecutive titles with fellow Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C. who set the mark in 2006.

Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open is still looking for its first three-time winner:

PBA Hall of Famers Amleto Monacelli of Venezuela, and Tom Baker of King, N.C., will be trying for a record third PBA Senior U.S. Open title. Monacelli, a 20-time PBA Tour and five-time PBA50 Tour winner won the event in 2012 and 2013. Baker, a 10-time PBA Tour and 12-time PBA50 Tour winner also won the event back-to-back in 2005 and 2006.

Baker, who currently is tied for second in career PBA50 Tour titles with Gary Dickinson and Dale Eagle with 12, will also try to move into second place by himself behind all-time titles leader John Handegard with 14 wins.

PBA legend Johnny Petraglia trying to become oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title:

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia is trying to become the oldest player to win a PBA50 Tour title at age 69. In more than 50 years of PBA competition, Petraglia has won 14 PBA Tour and eight PBA50 Tour titles. He is the only player in PBA history to win a PBA Tour or PBA50 Tour national title in six different decades. He’s still competitive with a best finish of fourth in 2015 and a fourth-place finish this season.

Senior U.S. Open is first of four PBA50 Tour majors:

For the first time in the more than 30 year history of the PBA50 Tour, players will have the opportunity to compete in four majors. After the Senior U.S. Open, the remaining majors are the USBC Senior Masters, PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino PBA World Championship and PBA50 National Championship.

Players vying for season-ending PBA50 Tour TV finals:

The top eight bowlers from the 2016 PBA50 Tour points list advance to the PBA Challenge held in conjunction with PBA World Series of Bowling VIII in Reno in December. The top two PBA Challenge competitors in the PBA50 division advance to a final to air exclusively on PBA’s online bowling channel Xtra Frame, following an eight game match play round.

Hall of Famers competing in the Senior U.S. Open:

Eight PBA Hall of Famers are entered in the Senior U.S. Open including Walter Ray Williams Jr., Pete Weber, Tom Baker, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, Brian Voss, Johnny Petraglia, and Dale Eagle.

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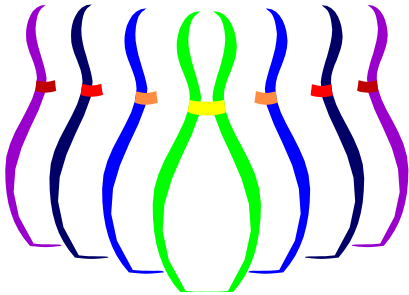
Five Past Senior U.S. Open champions are entered including Pete Weber (2015), Norm Duke (2014), Amleto Monacelli (2012-2013), Ron Mohr (2011) and Tom Baker (2005-06).

Challenging format:

The PBA Senior U.S. Open is considered the most demanding test for players because of its grueling format and challenging lane conditions. Like the U.S. Open on the PBA Tour, the Senior U.S. Open demands patience, quality shot-making and a strong mental game over 42 games of qualifying and match play. The top four players will then meet in the stepladder finals to determine the winner.

SUNCOAST PBA SENIOR U.S. OPEN WINNERS

- 2015 Pete Weber
- 2014 Norm Duke
- 2013 Amleto Monacelli
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- 2011 Ron Mohr
- 2010 Mark Williams
- 2009 Wayne Webb
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McEwan.

Lim responded to a fourth-frame split from by McEwan with four consecutive strikes to pull ahead, and she tossed three more strikes in the 10th frame advance. McEwan took home \$6,000 for the third-place finish.

Five countries were represented in the stepladder, while this week’s event featured 63 international players from 20 countries outside of the United States. There were 29 international bowlers among the 64 players in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

Lim was one of eight players Singapore entered in the 2016 Queens, and all eight made match play this week.

While most of the Singapore contingent bowled the first four stops of the 2016 PWBA Tour season, the Queens was the only event for Lim, who is on a different schedule. She now will return home to focus on the Asian Tenpin Bowling Championships in September.

In the second match of the day, McEwan and Birgit Poppler of Germany combined for 13 strikes in the first seven frames, before the high-scoring start turned dramatic. After back-to-back splits from Poppler in the ninth and 10th frames, McEwan doubled in her final frame to escape with a 245-233 win.

Poppler, who led qualifying this week at The Orleans Bowling Center, posted a string of 12 consecutive strikes in her two matches, but finished fourth overall, earning \$5,000.

In the opening match, Poppler struck eight times, including her last five shots, to outlast Malaysia’s Li Jane Sin, 242-224. Sin started with five consecutive strikes, but a pair of splits proved to be her undoing. Sin finished fifth and earned \$4,000.

A total of 256 players bowled 15 games of qualifying over three days to determine the 63 bowlers who would join defending champion Liz Johnson of Cheektowaga, New York, in the double-elimination match-play bracket.

For more information on the 2016 USBC Queens, visit BOWL.com/Queens.

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ka tournament so close to Chow’s home in Granada Hills. Chow has been bowling as well as he ever has, drilling a practice 300 last week at Winnetka Bowl.

Chow acknowledged that the odds will be long for him to win the title considering he’ll contend with a tournament pattern instead of a house shot. Additionally, he noted that he doesn’t have the tournament experience that others possess.

“Having not bowled in a tournament like that in 10 years, it will be something new for me,” said Chow, a left-hander who has five sanctioned perfect games and two 800 series. “I’m feeling a little goosy going in. I hope I can perform up to standards.”

Ron De Maio is the oldest player to win a WCST title, having finished first last year in a tournament at Del Rosa Lanes in San Bernardino. De Maio was 77 at the time. De Maio, who has won 11 WCST titles, also is entered in the Winnetka Bowl field.

So Chow, who turns 78 in October, has a chance to tie De Maio’s record for the oldest player to claim a WCST title. The competition, which starts at 10 a.m., has a double-elimination finals.

Added Chow: “I am entering this tournament to win. If I don’t, I will still have fun. After all, it’s only a game.”

Dick Sanders, the WCST owner and director, welcomed Chow’s entry. “[Chow] likes to bowl and likes to be around people,” said Sanders, whose tour is in its 24th year.

“We’ll be glad to have him because he’s 25 years ago,” he said, laughing.

The Winnetka tournament will represent a milestone of sorts. The WCST hasn’t made a stop in the Valley since May 2012 when now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl served as the tournament host.

Winnetka Bowl, formerly called Canoga Park Bowl, used to be a fixture in the WCST lineup. It served as a WCST tournament site 10 times between the tour’s debut year in 1993 and 2004.

When Winnetka Bowl stopped drawing enough competitors, the bowling house was dropped from the WCST schedule.

The WCST has attracted some of the premier bowlers in the L.A. area. They include Eric Forkel, a former San Fernando Valley resident and five-time Professional Bowlers Assn. tour champion, and the late Barry Gurney, a standout on the PBA senior circuit. Forkel has won 19 WCST events and Gurney captured 18 titles. Kevin Gannon of Lakewood is far and away the all-time leader in WCST championships with 46. Gannon has entered the Winnetka event. The WCST is in the midst of holding 14 tournaments this year. The tour will next travel to Laughlin for a July 9-10 event.



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‘A Dutch 200’ Is Truly, Really a Big Deal

by Fred Eisenhammer

NORWALK — So you’re an elite bowler? What do you like to talk about? Your 800 series? Your perfect games? Your 7-10 conversions? How about all your Andy Varipapa 300s in which you string at least 12 strikes over two games? How about your tournament titles? Wait. No mention of your “Dutch 200s?” That’s the term for that wonderfully freakish occurrence in which a bowler alternates strikes and spares en route to a 200 game. It’s sad that bowlers rarely boast about a “Dutch 200,” almost as if it’s an accidental occurrence (and sometimes it is) but it’s still a joyful moment to savor. It’s truly a mad-deningly difficult feat to achieve.



Russ Gothrick had a “Dutch 200” in his sights.
Photo by Fred Eisenhammer


So the question is: Why such little hoopla about “Dutch 200s?” Kathy Franke is a great person to answer that question. She’s an elite bowler and a talented and analytical bowling reporter for the Green Bay (Wis.) Press Gazette. As best as she can remember, she has notched three or four “Dutch 200s,” so she has some special insight on the matter. Here’s Kathy’s take: “I would not rate throwing a Dutch 200 anywhere close to getting a 300 – whole different animal in my opinion. A 300 is an ultimate goal for most bowlers and it’s tough to carry 12 consecutive strikes, especially battling the nerves in the later frames and mostly in the 10th frame. “A ‘Dutch 200’ just kind of happens. I don’t think anyone sets out to toss one because bowlers are always looking to double up on strikes during the game when they can. The hardest part of getting a ‘Dutch,’ though, is the tenth frame. “You either have to strike on the lane you weren’t able to the whole game or you have to spare on the lane you were zeroed in on. For my first [‘Dutch 200’], I finished the 10th frame on the lane I was striking on and got the first strike with no problem. “I moved a board or so to the left in the hopes of leaving the 2-4-5 and left a washout instead. I picked it up and it was pretty fun for me, but I don’t think too many other bowlers took much notice. I shot my second one at a State

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tournament and didn’t even realize I got it until I looked up to see what kind of game I bowled. “So, they’re fun to get, but don’t rate like a 300. And since they stopped awarding patches for them, I rarely hear anyone talk about them anymore.” So the “Dutch 200” may not hold the luster of a perfect game. But to be sure, it’s more than an afterthought for many bowlers who can successfully pull it off. There actually can be a lot of suspense – if one realizes what’s going on. That’s what happened two years ago when ace Russ Gothrick was making a strong bid for a “Dutch 200” at Winnetka Bowl. And he was enjoying every dramatic moment down the stretch. “I’ve never had a ‘Dutchman’ and I’ve been bowling for 37 fricken’ years,” announced Russ as he walked to the line in the 10th frame in the River Maniacs league – his hopes still alive. He needed a spare and a strike for his “Dutchman.” Russ nailed the spare and then was just a strike away from reaching another milestone to add to his two perfect games. Russ, a right-hander, then let loose with a pocket shot on his final toss – and left a solid 10 pin. “That’s a semi-Dutchman,” joked Russ as he walked back to his seat. Russ finished with a 199. Russ admitted that had he struck on his final shot, it would have been a big deal – an accomplishment worthy of cherishing. “It’s certainly not as good as a 300,” Russ said. “But a lot of people never have had one. It’s difficult to do. You almost have to be unlucky to do it.” So next time you rack up a “Dutch 20,” go ahead and feel proud. It may prove difficult to do again.

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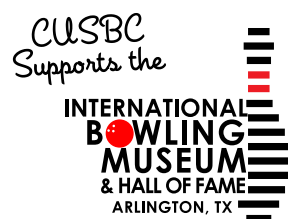
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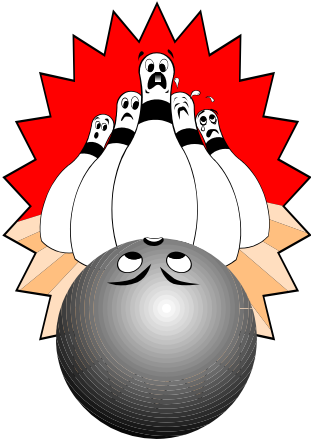
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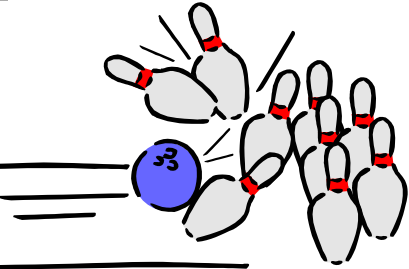
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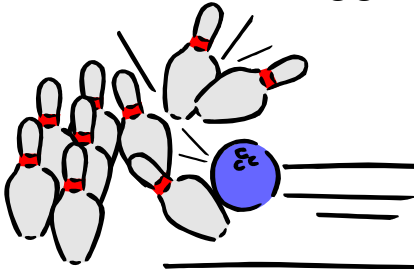
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