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Mike Cammarata: Remembering the Man That Loved Us All

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY – The world lost one of its finest sons and role models on Thursday, June 1, 2023, when 52-year-old Michael James Cammarata, more commonly known as Mike, passed away after a bout with glioblastoma.

Mike was the face of Del Rio Lanes in Downey, Calif. for over 20 years, serving both the bowling community and also the city of Downey as the center's general manager.

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Mike Cammarata

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Whether you entered Del Rio Lanes for the first time, were a long-time league bowler, or lost and down on your luck, you always were continued on page 10

JOHN MARSALA WINS 2023 SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC IN LAS VEGAS

RESULTS: [Group Stepladder](#) | [Championship Stepladder](#)

LAS VEGAS – John Marsala of University City, Missouri, averaged more than 249 during the championship stepladder at the 2023 Super Senior Classic to claim the victory Sunday at Sam's Town Bowling Center.

The 60-year-old left-hander fired nine strikes in the title match for a 244-168 win over Jack Jurek of Lackawanna, New York, to take home the \$8,000 top prize. Ju-



John Marsala

rek, the top seed, earned \$6,550 for the runner-up finish.

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DOWNEY'S STEPHANIE ZAVALA WINS BOWLTV CLASSIC FOR FIFTH CAREER PWBA TOUR TITLE

WYOMING, Mich. – When Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, was growing up, she dreamed of one day becoming a household name on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour and being mentioned in the same breath as legends such as Liz Johnson, Kelly Kulick and Shannon Pluhowsky.

Just three years into her professional career, Zavala is no longer just dreaming about it; she's making it happen.

The 27-year-old right-

hander took another step on Sunday night when she defeated Pluhowsky, 223-202, at Spectrum Lanes to win the 2023 PWBA BowlTV Classic and record her fifth career PWBA Tour victory in just under two and a half seasons.

Zavala, who earned \$10,000 for the win, has now captured at least one title during each of her three seasons on tour. The stepladder of the BowlTV Classic was broadcast live at BowlTV.com.

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2023 BowlTV Classic Champion Stephanie Zavala



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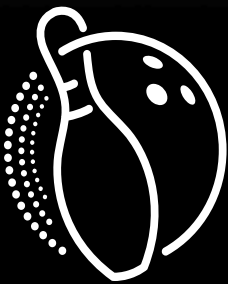
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How To Know You're Getting Old

by Dave Williams

You know you're getting old when:

- You wake up looking worse than your driver's license picture.
- It takes two tries to get up from the couch.
- All you want for your birthday is not to be reminded of your age.
- Getting "lucky" means finding your car in the parking lot.
- Everything hurts — and if it doesn't hurt, it probably doesn't work.

Those are just a few of the thoughts that I had while trying to find the early round results in the 2023 USBC Super Senior Classic from Sam's Town Bowl in Las Vegas. Could it be any more difficult? I finally found a complete roster of the 207 entries at scores.bowl.com. The list begins by assuring everyone that this is a "certified" event. Whatever happened to the word sanctioned?

As I continued reading the format for the tournament, I came to realize that maybe you need to be "certified" in order to enter the tournament. That's certified, as in mentally unstable! Sure, the practice sessions and A and B squads' terminology still look the same, but then you get into the bowling procedure. It used to be that the bowlers would skip a pair of lanes after every game, always moving to the right. That sounds logical, and easy to remember.

But now, in 2023, the procedure is a bit more complicated. For instance, in Round 1, you skip 4 pair after the first game, then 3 pair after the second game, 5 pair after the third game, 2 pair after the fourth game, and 3 pair after the fifth game. If that isn't enough to lose your sanity, the powers that be have mixed it all up for Round 2: you skip 2 pair after game one, then skip 5 pair after game two, skip 4 pair after game three, skip 3 pair after game four, and skip 2 pair after game five.

Is this some version of "Chinese water torture?" No wonder they changed the terminology to certified, rather than the more reasonable connotation of sanctioned. But wait! There's more. If you are lucky enough to advance to the Cashier's Round, you are then subjected to another completely different skipping procedure. In this round, you skip 2 pair after game one, skip 1 pair after game two, stay on the same pair for game three, skip 2 pair after game four, and 1 pair after game five.

Yep, this procedure is certifiable.

Looking For The Old Timers

Below this crazy formatting procedure, a list of the 207 entrants follows. I thought it would be fun to look through the list of entrants to see if there are any bowlers that I can remember from my touring days and confirm the title of this week's column; namely, How To Know You're Getting Old. My apologies to any of you that know me for not recognizing your name. I've also included the names of some obvious super stars that came along after I left the tour but have reached the age of 60.

The first name that I came upon which I remember from the bowling wars is Darryl Bower from Middletown, Pennsylvania. Darrell is now 67 and has been a PBA member for almost 45 years. Next on the list is Kevin Croucher from Grants Pass, Oregon. Kevin was always a consistent cashier whenever he was competing. Kevin is also 67 and has been a member of the PBA for 41 years.

Next up on the list of old timers that I remember is Russ Davies of Las Vegas. I can recall competing against Russ in the Las Vegas All Stars league at Charleston Heights Bowl. He also won one of the 8 Game Scratch Sweepers that I conducted at New College Park Bowl in North Las Vegas. Russ is now 68. Another Las Vegas resident on the list of competitors is Vaughn Doody, who must have made a living for many years from his performances in the the West Coast Senior Tour (WCST). Doody was a Super Senior 20 years ago!!

The name Rick Francis from Jasper, Indiana, looked so familiar. When I saw photos from his Facebook page, I knew that it was him! I bowled with Rick on the same team at Cordova Lanes in Rancho Cordova, Calif., over 30 years ago. Cordova was a great place to bowl with very consistent lane conditions, and never a breakdown. It was run by PBA champion Don Bickford, who won the San Antonio Open way back in 1962.

The next recognizable name from my past is Tish Johnson from Colorado Springs, Colorado. Tish grew up near me and bowled out of Napa, California. She appears to be one of only two female entrants in this contest. She was one of the first women to topple the \$1,000,000 figure in earnings, along with 25 PWBA titles. Another kegger that's familiar to almost everyone is Robert Lawrence of Del Valle, Texas. I remember when Robert was the tournament leader at the ARC Sacramento Open at Mardi Gras Lanes, but lost to another Texan, Mike Scroggins, in the TV finals.

Next up comes Bob Learn Jr., who for many years lived in Erie, Pa., but now calls Spring Hill, Tennessee his home. Bob "stole" my nickname of Mr. 300, but he has earned it in the days since the easier conditions have made bowling 300 rather commonplace. He now has over a hundred 300's to his credit, including one on television at the 1999 U.S. Open, that netted him a cool \$100,000.

Alvin Lou of El Cajon, Calif., is next on the list. Lou, one of the most cheerful individuals you would ever want to meet, won 2 PBA titles way back in 1980. I can remember when he opened a pro shop at the beautiful new Kearny Mesa Bowl in San Diego. Within a couple of years, AMF elected to sell Pacific Beach Bowl to a shopping mall management group for a tremendous amount of money, rather than try to compete with Mr. Lou and the new center. The old site of Pacific Beach Bowl is still the Pacific Plaza Shopping Center, while Kearny Mesa Bowl closed permanently following the COVID crisis, and remains an empty shell.

Twin brothers Paul and Pete McCordic, both from Texas, are included. Pete is no stranger to bowling fans, having rolled a 300 game for a \$100,000 bonus at Gable House Bowl in Torrance, Calif., in 1987. He recently retired as the Southwest Region PBA Supervisor. Brother Paul has competed in more than 50 USBC national events.

Hugh Miller from Mercer Island, Wash., is included on the list. I remember when the PBA came to Chicago while I was working out of AMF All Star Lanes in Skokie. Hugh fell in love with one of our bartenders, who was quite attractive. Needless to say, I saw a lot of Hugh that week. At the age of 66, Hugh is approaching \$900,000 in earnings on the tour, with 14 titles.

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2023 Grand Rapids Classic Champion Verity Crawley

CRAWLEY WINS 2023 PWBA GRAND RAPIDS CLASSIC

WYOMING, Mich. – England's Verity Crawley secured her first Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title since 2021 and the second of her career Friday night at the PWBA Grand Rapids Classic.

Crawley defeated Germany's Birgit Noreiks 258-189 in the title match at Spectrum Lanes to record the win live on BowlTV and earn the \$10,000 top prize. Noreiks earned \$5,000 for the runner-up finish.

Crawley entered Friday's stepladder finals as the No. 2 seed after posting an 8-4 record during match play on the 44-foot oil pattern being used at the Grand Rapids Classic.

Nevertheless, as soon as she got on the championship pair Friday night, it was obvious that the 28-year-old right-hander was going to be tough to beat.

She began her run to the title by defeating Lauren Pate of Ballwin, Missouri, 235-226 in the semifinals.

Pate, who was making her PWBA stepladder finals debut, certainly didn't make it easy as she closed the match with a four-bagger to force Crawley to strike on the first ball of the 10th frame to win.

Crawley was up to the task, however, delivering a flush strike to secure the victory and advance to the title match.

Getting the job done in such a crucial moment is no easy task, but it's something that Crawley simulates often during practice.

"Those are the moments I work for and practice a lot," Crawley said. "I knew I needed the strike, but, in the end, if I make a good shot and it doesn't strike, that's okay."

But it did strike, sending Crawley through to the finals against top-seed Noreiks and forcing Pate to settle for third place and \$3,500.

Crawley only got stronger once the title match began, starting with a spare and then tossing a six-bagger in frames two through seven to build a 43-pin lead with just three frames to go.

Noreiks, a three-time winner on the PWBA Tour and the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion, did her best to hang tough, but she simply couldn't match Crawley's striking power on this night.

By the time both players stepped up for the 10th frame, the match was already decided in Crawley's favor.

Despite the rather lopsided final score, Crawley didn't relax until the final balls were thrown.

"I'd like to think that I had the mindset that I was going to win before the match even started, but it's hard to say when it really hit me," Crawley said. "Honestly, I didn't even know that I'd shot 250 until they told me during the interview with BowlTV."

That may be because Friday night was about more than just putting up a couple big games and getting back in the winner's circle. For Crawley, it was also about solidifying the confidence that was shaken during a disappointing start to the 2023 season.

"The beginning of the season was awful; I knew it couldn't get any worse," Crawley said. "It kind of sounds like a fairytale, but people always say that your highest highs come after your lowest lows."

"I've always felt like that was probably true, but I never really experienced it. Now, I truly feel like sometimes you have to feel like you're at rock bottom to figure out what to do next and start over."

Crawley won't have to wait long to see if she can keep the momentum going as the Grand Rapids Classic is the first of three tournaments being contested at Spectrum Lanes this week.

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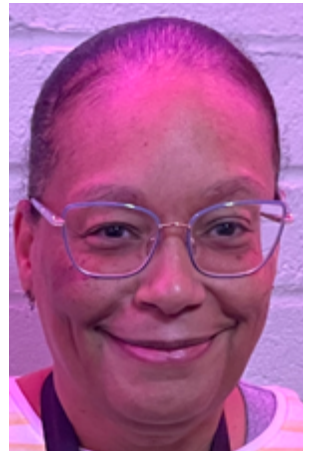
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by Frank Weiler

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The IELC standings at the end of April follows:

Place	Name	Peterson Points	Average
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2.	SueLee Santero	35.04	185
3.	Barbara Jackson	32.94	144
4.	Cari Burris	32.58	146
5.	Victoria Fox	30.84	165

The IELC Scoring Average Leaders:

1.	SueLee Santero	185
2.	Stephanie White	168
3.	Janice Riley	167
4.	Victoria Fox	165
5.	Therese Weiler	164

High Scratch Series:	SueLee Santero	791
High Scratch Game:	Janice Riley	226
High Handicap Series:	Amber Teresin	842
High Handicap Game:	Barbara Jackson	236

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Next on the list is Amleto Monacelli from Barquisimeto, Venezuela. He’s one of the greatest bowlers of all time with 29 titles and close to \$2,700,000 in earnings. At age 61, we might continue to see Amleto competing for another 10, or even 20 years, because of his physical fitness regimen.

There are so many more, including, but not limited to: Warren Nelson, Hemet, Calif., Skip Pavone, San Jose, Calif., Jimmie Pritts, Methuen, Mass., Marv Sargent, Temecula, Calif., Ed Silva, Manteca, Calif., Ray Valdovino, Sacramento, Calif., Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., and Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Florida. It’s nice to see so many former stars still competing into their sixties. I guess what bowling announcer Fred Wolf used to say about bowling as an exercise is true: “It’s great fun... Bowling makes you feel like you’d like to!”

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Those who tuned in got to see Zavala put on quite a show.

The 2021 PWBA Tour Rookie of the Year earned the No. 3 seed for the stepladder finals after finishing match play with a 7-5 record and coming in with a 24-game total of 5,578, which included 30 bonus pins for each of her seven match victories.

Zavala's first stepladder opponent was No. 4 seed Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, who earned the right to face Zavala after defeating United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer and seven-time PWBA Tour titlist Kulick, 259-216, in the night's opening match.

Kulick, who earlier in the day recorded just the second 300 game of the 2023 PWBA Tour season, earned \$2,000 for her fifth-place finish.

Although Zavala and Gramly squared off in Match 2, their bout ended up being the match of the night.

Zavala began the bout with an open frame, which allowed Gramly to take a seven-pin lead after three frames.

Gramly would return the favor one frame later, however, after her first ball in the fourth frame didn't make it back to the pocket and left a 2-8-10 split.

After Gramly failed to convert, Zavala took advantage, going strike, spare, turkey in frames four through eight to establish a double-digit lead with just three frames remaining.

When Zavala stepped up for her ninth and 10th frames, she controlled her own destiny. Even with Gramly having recorded a triple of her own in frames seven, eight and nine, if Zavala could strike in the ninth and first ball in the 10th, she'd move on.

But Zavala didn't strike in the ninth; instead, her ball drifted high and left the 3-4-6-7 split. She made a valiant effort at the conversion, but the 7 pin remained standing, resulting in a costly open frame.

Nevertheless, Zavala didn't have time to dwell on the mistake; she needed to finish strong in order to apply pressure to Gramly.

Showing the poise that helped her reach the winner's circle four times before, Zavala did just that, striking out to post a final score of 203.

That forced Gramly to go nine, spare, nine or better to win or eight, spare, strike to tie.

Despite being a PWBA Tour rookie, Gramly is quite familiar with being asked to come through in high-pressure situations.

In April, she was faced with a similar scenario while bowling anchor for McKendree University during the finals of the 2023 Intercollegiate Team Championships in Las Vegas.

On that occasion, Gramly stepped up and delivered a flush strike to defeat Maryville and give the Bearcats their second USBC Collegiate national title.

Things would turn out differently this time, however, as Gramly's first ball in the 10th frame went out to the right and refused to recover, coming in light and leaving the 2-4-8.

She converted the spare and threw a strike on her fill ball, but the seven count to start the 10th was enough to allow Zavala to emerge with a hard-fought 203-202 victory.

For Zavala, the ability to come through in the clutch boils down to refusing to pine over mistakes and never giving in.

"I told myself that I needed to make her show up in the 10th; make her earn it," Zavala said. "Sometimes that mentality fires me up a little bit. If I'm going to lose, I'm going to go down swinging."

"I knew that I was lined up and that it was my fault that I split in the ninth because it was just a bad shot on my part. I cleared my mind and remembered that I hadn't missed on the left lane. It was just about having a short memory."

Gramly, who was making her third stepladder finals appearance of the season and second in less than three days – she also qualified for the finals at Friday night's PWBA Grand Rapids Classic – was forced to settle for fourth place and \$2,500.

Zavala's semifinal opponent wasn't a rookie, but, like Gramly, she was seeking her first PWBA Tour title.

That opponent was Melanie McDaniel of Joliet, Illinois, who was making her first stepladder finals appearance after earning the No. 2 seed thanks to a 7-5 record and 5,691 24-game total (including bonus pins).

As those numbers clearly indicate, McDaniel performed brilliantly during qualifying on Saturday and throughout Sunday's two rounds of match play. Unfortunately, she was unable to keep the momentum going once the stepladder began, opening four times in the first eight frames to allow Zavala to cruise into the finals with a 224-169 victory.

Although her last game didn't go as planned, McDaniel still had plenty to be proud of as she walked away with a career-best third-place finish and a check for \$3,500.

Zavala, meanwhile, had punched her ticket to the championship match, and there she found a familiar opponent waiting for her in Pluhowsky.

Pluhowsky and Zavala battled for the title at the final major of the 2022 PWBA Tour season, the Tour Championship, which was held at USA Bowl in Dallas.

Zavala got the better of Pluhowsky on that occasion, defeating the then 39-year-old left-hander by a final score of 252-181 to pick up her first major title while denying Pluhowsky's bid for a third.

Despite having gotten the better of Pluhowsky last time, Zavala certainly wasn't overlooking the two-time PWBA Tour champion and 23-time Team USA member heading into Sunday's rematch.

"Shannon is a phenomenal bowler, and she's going to be a hall of famer," Zavala said. "She's somebody that I grew up watching and looked up to. I have pictures of me and her standing together with me holding up a pin that she signed for me, so it's really great getting to compete against her."

Despite the obvious respect that she has for Pluhowsky, Zavala made it clear from the first ball of the title match that she wasn't intimidated by her childhood idol.

Instead, Zavala threw the first punch, starting with a double and two spares to jump out to a 22-pin lead, which was helped by a Pluhowsky 4-7-10 split in the fourth frame.

After making a ball change, Pluhowsky attempted to get back in the match with a turkey in the fifth, sixth and seventh frames. It wasn't enough to gain any ground, however, as Zavala responded with a triple of her own over the same stretch, which kept her lead intact heading into the final three frames.

Some of the spectators at Spectrum Lanes may have had their hopes up for another dramatic finish like the one between Zavala and Gramly in Match 2, but it wasn't meant to be.

Instead, Zavala and Pluhowsky matched one another spare, strike, spare during each of their next three deliveries.

Pluhowsky had the higher fill ball, finishing with a strike to one-up Zavala's ending nine-count; nevertheless, it was Zavala who emerged with the victory and tour title No. 5.

As expected, Zavala was very excited to find the winner's circle again.

"This feels insanely great," Zavala said. "This is what we dream of and work for. One day, I hope I'm a hall of famer, and I feel like I'm getting closer and closer with every win I'm able to get under my belt."

On Sunday, Zavala demonstrated once again how tough she is to beat whenever a title is within her grasp.

The ability to close and get the job done when it matters most can be a very difficult skill to master, and it's one that has eluded many talented bowlers over the years; nevertheless, when victory is in sight, that's when Zavala is at her best.

"Once you're in that title match and it's so close that you can taste it, you have to put your foot on the gas and never look back," Zavala said. "That's the mentality I like to take in."

"I just wanted this win really bad. I wanted to defend my title at the end of the year at the Tour Championship, and this is the first step because now I'm in. You've just got to want it, and I did."

The BowlTV Classic started with nearly 100 athletes on Saturday. All competitors bowled two six-game rounds of qualifying to determine the top 12 for Sunday's match-play rounds. Advancers bowled two six-game rounds of match play, with total pinfall and bonus pins determining the top five for the stepladder finals.

The BowlTV Classic was the second of three events in the Classic Series – Grand Rapids.

England's Verity Crawley won the Grand Rapids Classic on Friday at Spectrum Lanes for her second PWBA Tour title, and competition at the PWBA Great Lakes Classic gets underway Monday at 10 a.m. Eastern.

The combined qualifying totals for the Grand Rapids Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) determined the 24 athletes advancing to the Great Lakes Classic. Pluhowsky led Great Lakes Classic qualifying with a 24-game total of 5,475 (a 228.13 average). Gramly (5,325), Zavala (5,194) and Kulick (5,062) also advanced.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Great Lakes Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Monday and Tuesday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will move on to Tuesday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the Great Lakes Classic will be broadcast Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Eastern on BowlTV, with the winner earning the \$12,000 top prize.

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cast live at BowlTV.com. The momentum during the finals switched in Marsala's favor during the fifth and sixth frames, and he never looked back.

Jurek had delivered a double in the third and fourth frames, but he was unable to convert the 3-6-10 combination in the fifth. Marsala followed with a pair of light-pocket strikes in his fifth and sixth frames, while Jurek opened again in the sixth after leaving a 3-4-6-7 split. Marsala added two more strikes in the seventh and eighth frame, while a Greek Church in the eighth from Jurek allowed Marsala to coast to the winner's circle. The win was the first Professional Bowlers Association 60 Tour title for Marsala, to go along with two victories on the PBA50 Tour.

Jurek, who had earned the top seed by leading Group A during the split match-play round Saturday at Sam's Town, was looking for his first PBA60 Tour title as well. He's the owner of two PBA Tour titles and two PBA50 Tour wins. Marsala had some struggles during the 2022 PBA50 Tour season, so he stayed busy in the offseason working on a few parts of his game. He couldn't have asked for a better outcome in the first event of the 2023 season.

"For me, speed is everything," Marsala said on the BowlTV broadcast. "I don't have a lot of rev rate, so I really have to be focused on my speed control. That's one of the things I worked on – moving back and forth on the approach, slowing the ball down and really trying to stay more solid at the line and keep my balance. That's what I worked on all winter. "It's very special. I'm a (Super Senior Classic) champion, and not many people get to do that. Every time you go out here against all these guys, whether it's 50 or 60, it doesn't matter. They're all great competitors."

Marsala advanced to the finals with a 247-233 win over United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Lennie Boesch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Through eight frames, Boesch held a one-pin lead but found trouble in the ninth after leaving the 4-7-10 split. The open frame gave Marsala the opportunity to secure the victory with marks in the ninth and 10th frames. He covered a 7 pin in the ninth and struck out in his final frame.

Boesch now has two top-three finishes at the Super Senior Classic. He finished as the runner-up in 2022 to USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas. Mohr is the tournament's only two-time winner (2017 and 2022).

In the opening match of the championship stepladder, Marsala was able to defeat fellow southpaw Gary Reh of Jasper, Indiana, 257-207.

Marsala had a brief hiccup early in the game, leaving a 4-6 split and open frame in the third. He bounced back with nine consecutive strikes to finish the match. Reh started with a double and stayed clean, but he was only able to add three more strikes for the rest of the game.

Marsala felt comfortable on Lanes 19-20 throughout the week at Sam's Town, and he also noted how his match against Reh helped to create a little more space for him to work with against Boesch and Jurek.

"Every time I hit these pairs, I scored very well on them," Marsala said. "That kind of helped. Gary Reh throwing urethane definitely helped. It kind of set the lane up for me and gave me a little bit of shim that I wouldn't normally have, and that was a really big help, too."

Sunday's action started earlier with a pair of group stepladders at Sam's Town, with Marsala advancing out of Group B to earn his spot in the championship round as the No. 4 seed. Reh was victorious in Group A to take the No. 3 seed.

The 206-player field at the 2023 Super Senior Classic bowled 12 games of qualifying Thursday and Friday to determine the top 52 competitors for Saturday's cashers' round. The advancers bowled six more games, and at the conclusion of 18 games, the top 12 made their way to Saturday's split match-play round.

The bowlers were split into two groups based on their final qualifying position. The six odd seeds (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11) were Group A, and the six even finishers (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12) made up Group B.

The match-play finalists competed in a six-game round robin, with the top finisher in each group earning their spot in Sunday's championship stepladder. Jurek took the top seed over Boesch based on total pinfall.

The second, third and fourth seeds from each group faced off in simultaneous group stepladders Sunday before the main event to determine the final two spots in the championship stepladder.

In Group A, Skip Pavone of San Jose, California, won the opening match, defeating PBA Hall of Famer Bryan Goebel of Shawnee, Kansas, 217-155. Reh defeated Pavone, 202-183, to advance to the championship stepladder.

In Group B, 2013 Super Senior Classic champion Kerry Painter of Henderson, Nevada, recorded a two-pin victory (206-204) over Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Oregon. Marsala started his striking Sunday with a 267-193 win over Painter to earn his spot in the main stepladder.

The Super Senior Classic featured the top players age 60 and older. The excitement will continue at Sam's Town with the USBC Senior Masters from June 5-11. The event is a major on the PBA50 Tour schedule and is open to bowlers age 50 and older.

The winner of the 2023 Senior Master's will take home \$20,000 for the win.

Aaron Smith, USBC Communications

2023 PBA50/60 TOUR SCHEDULE

(PBA50 Majors are in bold, PBA60 events are italicized):

- **June 5-June 11: USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas**
- **June 14-June 19: Senior US Open, Highland Park Lanes, Greeley, Colorado**
- *July 2-July 5: Tristan's TAPS Memorial, Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl, Columbus, Ohio*
- July 10-July 13: PBA50 South Shore Classic, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Indiana
- **July 15-July 23: PBA50 World Series of Bowling, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan**
- July 16 & July 19: PBA50 Ballard Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- July 17 & July 20: PBA50 Monacelli Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- July 18 & July 21: PBA50 Petraglia Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan
- **July 16-July 23: PBA50 World Championship, JAX60, Jackson, Michigan**
- July 31-August 3: PBA50 Morgantown Classic, Suburban Lanes, Morgantown, West Virginia
- **August 6-August 10: Players Championship, Bowl America Dranesville, Sterling, Virginia**
- August 14-August 18: PBA50 The Villages Classic, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, FL
- August 20-August 23: PBA50 Ft. Myers Classic, Lightning Strikes Lanes, Ft. Myers, FL
- **August 26-August 30: PBA50 Tournament of Champions, Orange Bowl, Lakeland, FL**

2023 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

- June 5-6, PWBA Great Lakes Classic** – Great Lakes, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., BowlTV
- June 8-10, PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open**, Yorktown Lanes, Parma Heights, Ohio, BowlTV
- June 13-20, U.S. Women's Open**, ABC Gates Bowl, Rochester, N.Y., National TV
- July 27-30, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles**, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, BowlTV
- Aug. 8-10, PWBA Waterloo Classic** - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowlTV
- Aug. 11-12, PWBA Pepsi Classic** - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, BowlTV
- Aug. 13-15, PWBA Tour Championship** - Waterloo, Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa, National TV

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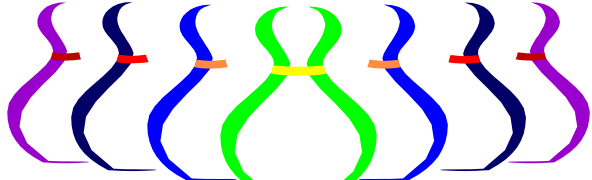
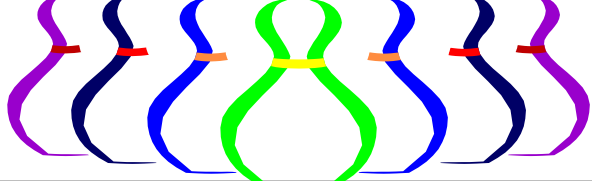
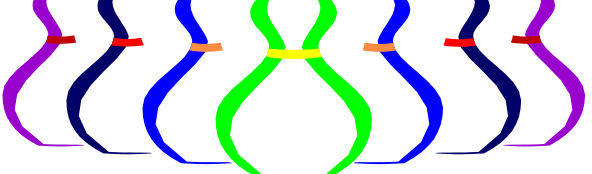
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greeted with a smile and warm hospitality.

Working for Mike was easy too - as long as you got the job taken care of. Mike and Del Rio Lanes always had a duty to take care of the customers, no matter what. You always knew what you were getting at Del Rio Lanes.

Mike bowled too. He was a lefty, in case you didn't know, and I'd put him up there with some of the best lefties I ever knew. If he found a line, it was over for his opponents. He was smooth, consistent, confident, and most importantly, the upmost professional and absolute fun teammate and opponent you could have. He'd offer to buy drinks and pizza for the team, and drinks for the opponents.

His favorite pizza was a pepperoni, sausage and mushroom pizza - specifically when Del Rio was able to get the sliced sausage from the distributor. It just tasted differently.

And yes, he loved those wings.

If he was having a drink with one of his many loyal customers, I understand he would have a Captain and Coke.

His choice of music was definitely rock. He loved his rock. I have never been much of a music person but have always wanted to learn about it. Mike loved to talk about Def Leppard among other artists. In fact, I remember one time I got an email from the Los Angeles Dodgers about a presale for Elton John performing at Dodger Stadium. I asked him if he was interested in the link. He said, "Garza, that's a musician you need to watch live once in your life." Quickly he called one of (if not the) his best friends, Dave

Piazza, and they made plans for Mike, Angie (Mike's wife), Dave and Casey (Dave's) wife to get these tickets almost a year out.

Mike also loved sports. He loved the USC Trojans dearly, specifically the football Trojans. I'm a UCLA Bruins fan, and well, I just didn't get too many chances to one up Mike. We did share love for baseball and the Los Angeles Dodgers, though.

In fact, baseball is how Mike, and I became friends. I was a radio student at Cerritos College and Mike was intrigued by it. We not only talked baseball more than bowling, but we played in fantasy baseball leagues together. Mike is from New Jersey, but when he came to California became a Dodger fan. He loved Sandy Koufax. He loved Clayton Kershaw. He loved to poke fun at the Angels. He loathed Pete Rose and detested the idea that he ever be let into the Hall of Fame.

One thing about Mike is that he was a genius. Bring an idea up with Mike and that Midas touch turned it into gold. We'd talk about naming bowling teams and at the snap of a finger, he'd come up with Great Scott for Scott Shelley's team or Soler Powered for Danny Soler's squad. These were teams in the Jackpot Trios league that we created to precede the great Brunswick Invitational on Monday nights. I'll take credit for the name, which was a testament to Patti Fisher and her famous Friday Jackpot at Forest Lanes that turns out over 100 senior bowlers every Friday - such an impressive feat! It was Mike's idea to create a league with every sidepot you could think of. You paid lineage and added onto the league as you wanted.

My favorite idea of Mike's though was our beloved fantasy baseball league called the Strike Zone. The

league is now in season 11, and Mike's beloved Brooklyn Cyclones always were in the thick of competing for the Landis Cup. Mike was so gifted in finding the right people for a league, whether it be bowling or fantasy baseball.

No tribute to Mike Cammarata is going to be 500 words or less. Mike loved his people dearly. He adored his wife Angie Mitrovich Cammarata, whom he married in 2014. He also loved his daughter Jordan Cammarata so much. If either called or were on their way to the bowl, Mike was so excited to spend his lunch or dinner break catching up with "Ang" or "kid". He'd talk about his next trip plan with Angie, which typically included a baseball stadium or two. They also loved going to musicals at the Pantages Theatre in Hollywood. Disneyland was another place they frequented.

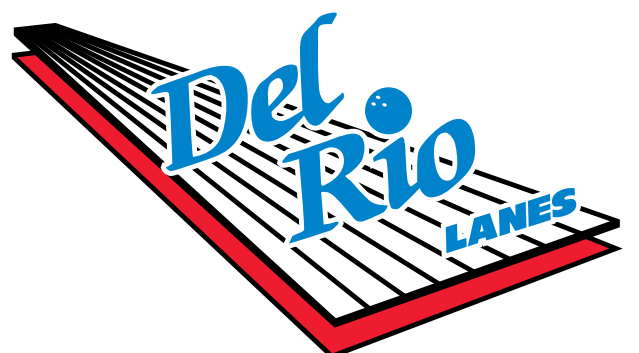
Then there were the bowlers. Sometimes you frustrated the guy, and many of us (including Heather, Germain, Sabrina, myself and many more) were there to hear him vent whenever something didn't go as planned. But he'd exhale and together we'd continue to bring the best to the customers. It didn't matter who worked for Del Rio Lanes, we all loved that place because Mike loved Del Rio Lanes and its customers. There's far too many to list here, but some of his customers became some of his closest friends. Danny Prado, Joe Torre, Sr., Russell Skersick just to name a few. I knew he and Ed Gardner went way back. Doug Hoskins, David Van Gaston were coworkers, but also friends. I can't tell you how many times he was there for me when the rest of the world wasn't. He was the older brother I never had.

He was there to run the No-Tap tournaments, which began during COVID when you couldn't bowl. Mike made sure you could and gave you a lane to keep your game fresh because the ABC didn't want to allow you to play the game you loved.

I speak on behalf of bowlers across California, and probably throughout the country and world in saying: We're going to miss you, Mike Cammarata. The impact you had on all of us was unique. There will never be another Mike Cammarata. You were taken from us far too soon and far too quickly. However, we know you are watching over us ready to crack the next joke and provide the next smile.

Gone, but never forgotten has never been more of an understatement. Del Rio Lanes will never be the same again.

We love you, Mike. Until next time, our friend.



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