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Chris Barnes Wins PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open

New PBA Hall of Famer strikes out in 10th frame to defeat Jakob Butturff by one pin

LUBBOCK, Texas – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, struck out in the 10th frame to defeat top qualifier Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., 207-206, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open Sunday at South Plains Lanes.

With his first title since the 2016 DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Barnes improved his overall PBA Tour titles total to 19, moving into sole possession of 15th place on the all-time titles list.

“They don’t get any more fun than that,” the 48-year-old Barnes said. “For a lot of reasons, (winning in Lubbock) is really special. As an experienced player, I know I’m not go-



ing to have a lot more moments like this, so it’s pretty special to stand up here. This one went the right way.

“Fortunately, or maybe unfortunately, I’ve had a lot of failures to learn from in situations like that,” Barnes added. “You learn how to breathe, how to enjoy the moment. When Jakob got

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BUDDY’S BOWLING SUPPLY WINS 32ND BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL SWEEPS CAL BOWL, 3-0, TO WIN \$16,000

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – Buddy’s Bowling Supply earned their spot in the Brunswick Invitational playoffs at Del Rio Lanes by winning the third round of the season.

After finishing the year as the number-four seed, they faced an uphill battle in the playoffs, needing to win four matches. Going into Monday night, they had disposed of Herzog Insurance, Sysco and J.A.T. The final test was a match-up against top-seeded Cal Bowl. Cal Bowl won the fourth round of the season to clinch a berth. Then, in round five, which is bowled on all of the different lane conditions, Cal Bowl went 35-5 over an eight-week stretch to clinch the top spot in the stepladder and earned the right to sit out



Ray Minter, Buddy Lucas, Katrina Fujikami, Val Wise

until the championship.

The championship match is a best-of-five game series, using all four patterns. Should the match go to a fifth and final game, the top seed gets to pick the pattern

to bowl on, as a bonus for being the top seed.

Game one was bowled on the fourth round condition which simulates the USBC Nationals team event pattern. Cal Bowl

got off to a quick start, as every member of the team had a three bagger in the early stages of the game. Buddy’s began their comeback mid-game, as every-

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Chris Warren Wins USBC Senior Masters for First PBA50 Tour Title

LAS VEGAS - For more than 40 years, Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, has looked up to and learned from United States Bowling Congress and PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Florida.

Warren was able to put those lessons to work Sunday at the Sam’s Town Bowling Center as he defeated his childhood friend,

live on BowlTV, two times to win the 2018 USBC Senior Masters for his first PBA50 title.

He earned \$20,000 for the victory and became the third bowler in history to win both the USBC Masters and Senior Masters, joining Dave Soutar and Walter Ray Williams Jr. in the exclusive club. War-

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MCCARTHY WINS FIRST CAREER TITLE AT PWBA LOUISVILLE OPEN

LOUISVILLE, KY. – Since the relaunch of the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour in 2015, Erin McCarthy of Omaha, Nebraska, has been knocking on the door of becoming a champion, and she walked through Saturday after winning the 2018 PWBA Louisville Open.

McCarthy, the top qualifier, defeated No. 3 seed Maria Jose Rodriguez of Colombia, 259-210, to capture the win at Fern Valley Strike and Spare for her first career PWBA title.

The stepladder finals were streamed live on Xtra Frame, the Professional Bowlers Association’s on-line bowling channel.

McCarthy came out on fire in the championship match, tossing seven con-



Erin McCarthy

secutive strikes before a 10 pin ended her run at perfection in the eighth frame. Rodriguez also started strong with three consecutive strikes, but she quickly found herself down after an 8-10 split in the fifth frame.

Rodriguez wouldn’t go away as she countered with strikes in frames six, seven and eight to keep it close, but an open frame in the ninth sealed the victory for McCarthy.

“It’s incredible,” said

McCarthy, who became the first player this season to win as the No. 1 seed. “I’m still on cloud nine. I’m speechless. You know, Maria made a great shot in the middle of that game and she left an 8-10. It still was a pretty close match depending on what I was going to do, and it kind of just helped take some of the pressure off and allow me to breathe for at least a frame or two. Again, it was a great shot, just a bad break.”

McCarthy is no stranger to stepladder finals, with three top-five finishes since 2015, including two of those finishes coming at major events (2015 United States Bowling Congress Queens and 2017 U.S.

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CALIFORNIA BOWLING WRITERS Meet in Fresno

by Frank Weiler

FRESNO – The California Bowling Writers (CBW) held their Annual Meeting at the Piccadilly Hotel on June 8. The meeting was chaired by President BETTE ADDINGTON. As is custom the writers held their annual meeting in conjunction with the California USBC Association Annual Meeting.

The organization presented the winner of the 2018 Marijane Viat Writing Award, MARY LYNLY, with a beautiful plaque. Mary was very appreciative for being selected this year’s winner and spoke of writing about the sport of bowling as a labor of love.

The California Bowling Writers annually raises several thousand dollars in support of our military veterans. As of the end of this past year CBW has raised over \$83,500 for our veterans during the past fifteen years.

CBW is also involved in maintaining a part of the Hall of Fame displays in the National Bowling Stadium and helping local USBC Bowling Associations with publicity. CBW is interested in supporting CALIFORNIA BOWLERS as much as possible.

The CBW publishes a quarterly newsletter (“INFOLINK”) which highlights the happenings in the sport of Bowling. The newsletter is edited by award winning author MARY LYNLY and is the best newsletter I’ve ever read. The INFOLINK is sponsored by STORM Bowling Products and the NATIONAL BOWLING STADIUM (NBS) in Reno.

CBW membership is open to all individuals who communicate news and information about Bowling in print, electronically or by any other means. Membership is also open to individuals who promote Bowling by any other means.

For more information about CBW please go to our WEBSITE at: www.calbowlingwriters.org and visit us on FACEBOOK. Please consider joining us in promoting Bowling, the greatest sport in the world.

CBW is grateful to BOWLING WORLD and the CALIFORNIA BOWLING NEWS for supporting our efforts to publicize and promote the sport of Bowling.



Mary Lynly, Winner of California Bowling Writers 2018 Marijane Viat Writer Award.. Story “Mama’s Let Their Babies Grow Up To Be Bowlers”.

EBONITE RECOGNIZES JASON COUCH’S 25 YEARS OF INVOLVEMENT WITH THE COMPANY

Ebonite International wanted to do “something special” to recognize PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch’s 25 years of involvement with the company, as a competitor, coach and regional sales rep.

“They don’t come any more loyal than this guy. His passion bleeds through,” said Ebonite’s North American Sales Manager

Mike Judy before unveiling a sign featuring a silhouette of Couch’s iconic “three-peat” gesture after winning his third consecutive PBA Tournament of Champions title. The “Jason Couch Way” sign will reside at the entrance to Ebonite’s plant in Hopkinsville, Ky. “I don’t know what to say. This is a shock,” Couch said.

Click here to view the presentation: https://www.facebook.com/Ebonitebowling/videos/10160447296775243/?hcref=ARQz6b5BhqbsilpZ_JOAmxyN_GPxW-GAV_NFA-jhqJyGqiN8xGO07sFZp11JSRhH3FHc



Jason Couch

QUICK NOTES

- PBA star Sean Rash’s bowling session with three National Hot Rod Association stars was captured in a short video by FOX Sports. Here’s the clip: <https://www.nhra.com/videos/2018/richie-crampton-and-jr-todd-pick-bowling-tips>.
- Noticeably absent from the PBA50 Tour this season has been PBA Hall of Famer and 12-time PBA50 Tour titlist Tom Baker of King, N.C., who is recovering from back surgery. Baker, 63, has said he hopes to return for the last segment of the 2018 PBA50 Tour schedule.



PBA to Present Mookie Betts with 300 Ring

BOSTON – Professional Bowlers Association CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark will be on hand for a special presentation prior to tonight’s Boston Red Sox-Chicago White Sox game at Fenway Park to award Red Sox all-star right fielder Mookie Betts with a PBA 300 ring for the perfect game Betts rolled during the PBA World Series of Bowling in Reno, Nev., on Nov. 12, 2017.

While Red Sox fans know Betts is one of the most talented players in Major League Baseball and having an MVP-level season, most of his fans know he has other skills as well. Betts, who is leading the Major Leagues with a .359 batting average and fifth in the American League with 17 home runs so far this season, was a top high school bowler in Tennessee and his mother Diana Benedict is a veteran of many national bowling competitions.

Last Nov., Betts was competing alongside 194 of the world’s premier professional bowlers from 26 different countries in the PBA World Series of Bowling at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno. During that event – the largest and most prestigious international competition in bowling – Betts bowled the first 300 game ever bowled by a Major League Baseball player in PBA Tour competition.

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one on the team had matching doubles in the fifth and sixth frame. Katrina Fujikami turned her double into a four bagger, continuing to strike in frames seven and eight. Three opens in the ninth frame for Cal Bowl sealed their fate, as Buddy’s Bowling Supply took the first game, 758-735. Katrina led the team with 221, followed by Buddy Lucas with 201 and Val Wise with 200.

Buddy’s increased their lead to 2-0 in the next game, with an easy victory on the 3rd round, long oil pattern. Katrina once again led the team posting a 211 score. Buddy Lucas added a 199 and Val Wise a 193. For Cal Bowl, Ramon Torres led the way with 207, but had very little help. Game two saw Leonard Ruiz Jr. post the lowest number I’ve ever seen him bowl, regardless of the pattern.

When it was done, Buddy’s was out in front, 764-654. Game three was much closer throughout. It was bowled on the second round lane condition, which is very short oil, and makes for unusually hard spare shooting. Buddy’s had the lead for most of the game, but the margin was never big. Cal Bowl always seemed like they were right on the verge of a run, but then would miss a spare or catch a bad break, like Aarik Torres’ pocket 7-10 in the 9th frame. In all, Cal Bowl faced eight splits in the final game. The high bowler on the pair for the third straight game was Katrina Fujikami, as she rolled a 213 game, including a big double in the 9th and 10th frame to hold the lead. Juan Zavala, of Cal Bowl, tried to keep his team in the game, striking out in the tenth frame for 199. Val Wise matched that with three strikes of his own in the 10th for Buddy’s opening up the lead and essentially sealing the match. The

final score in the clincher was 668-617.
The winning team, Buddy’s Bowling Supply, consists of Katrina Fujikami, Ray Minter, Val Wise and Buddy Lucas. It was the first title for all four of them. Katrina becomes only the second woman to win in the league’s rich history, joining Mary Davin Torres who won in 2001. With the conclusion of the match, another season is in the books. Right around the corner will be the thirty-third season. Some teams are already signed up. We’ll be back at Del Rio Lanes in Downey when September rolls around. The league is scheduled to start on September 10th. Make sure you reserve your spot. Call Mike Cammarata at (562) 927-3351 regarding information on this historic league that just keeps on rolling, year after year. We’re already excited to be starting again and seeing everybody on the lanes. Have a great summer.

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Rooms must be reserved prior to June 26, 2018.

El Dorado Hotel & Casino donates \$5.00 per room night to the scholarship fund, so please support them!

Marchouts will only be available on designated squads; see entry form for info.

Added scholarship monies from unassigned SMART funds will be contributed again this year!

TOURNAMENT RULES (New late charge in effect; see Rule #1)
1. The 20th Annual Reno Junior-Adult Invitational will be held at the National Bowling Stadium, 300 N. Center St., Reno, Nevada 89501, (800) 304-2695. The tournament will be held from July 27 to July 29, 2018, and will be USBC Certified. Deadline for entries is July 10, 2018. **Entries received after the deadline will be charged \$5.00 per entry.** Entries will be accepted 30 minutes prior to squad time and are subject to squad and division availability. **Absolutely no refunds after July 10, 2018.** Tournament management reserves the right to use substitutes to fill cancellations. No faxed entries will be accepted. **Entries WILL NOT be processed without FULL payment and complete information including average verifications. Tournament directors have the right to refuse any entry.**
2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all current USBC members. You MUST show your membership card or proof of membership when checking in. Any bowler not having a USBC Membership Card or proof of USBC Membership must purchase associate membership prior to bowling. Copies of USBC Membership Cards can be printed from bowl.com.
3. **MULTIPLE PARTICIPATION:** Entrants may participate multiple times per event. In order to place more than once in the prize list for position standings at least two players on the team must be different and you must change partners in the doubles event.
4. **ENTERING AVERAGE:** Entrants must use their highest 2017-18 book average. If none, entrants will use their January 1, 2018 average with at least 15 games. If none, entrants must use highest current average of 15 games **at the time of entry. Proof of average verification must be provided with paid entry.** A standing sheet, which must include a date to verify, signed by their coach or league secretary is proof for verification. If no average verification entrants must use a 225 average for all events. **If current season average for at least 21 games at time of bowling exceeds last season’s average by 10 or more pins, current season average must be used (Rule 319a-2). Rule 319e (15 or more pin increase in tournament average of 21 or more games in the past 12 months) must be used or bowler will be disqualified.** It is the bowlers’ responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether submitted by the bowler, team captain, or others. Failure to use the correct average shall disqualify scores if submitted average is lower than correct average, thereby resulting in a lower classification or more handicap. Prize winnings shall be based on the submitted average, if it is higher than the correct average. Corrections in averages can be made up to the completion of the first game of a series, or within 48 hours after completion of the series if the tournament manager, prior to the completion of the first game of a series, has given written consent to the bowler authorizing such extension of time to correct their average.
5. **RERATE/ADJUSTMENTS:** Tournament director reserves the right to rerate or **adjust a bowler’s average upward prior to competition.** If the bowler does not accept the adjustment a refund will be given. Any adjusted or rerated averages, whether accepted or refused, must be reported. Failure to do so is grounds for disqualification. **Any entrants, youth or adult, who have qualified for a cash and/or merchandise prize of \$600 or more in any tournament in final standings, brackets, side pots, all events, special/donated prizes in the last 12 months must report their scores, position and amount won to the Tournament Management prior to bowling for possible re-rating. Failure to comply will be cause for forfeiture of entry fees and prize winnings.**
6. **FORMAT:** There will be two formats for this tournament. There will be a team event consisting of two Juniors and two Adults bowling a 3 game format. There will also be a doubles event consisting of one Junior and one Adult bowling a 3 game format. An optional Junior Gold event may be offered for the USBC Jr Gold members. The entry fee will depend on the division and will be collected at the tournament site prior to bowling. One in five qualifiers will receive a paid entry (not including travel or expenses) to the national tournament. Bowlers must be a current season Jr. Gold member prior to competition. Membership must be purchased prior to or at the tournament. National tournament qualifiers who are not current Jr. Gold members will be disqualified.
7. **HANDICAP:** Handicap will be 80% of the difference between the team’s average and the top of the division (refer to front of entry form for figures).
8. **DRESS CODE:** Matching and/or professional attire is encouraged. Awards for matching teams will be given “Looking Good” pins. Male participants are asked to wear collared shirts and slacks or dress shorts. Female participants are asked to wear skirts, slacks, skorts or dress shorts and proper shirts. Skirts, shorts and skorts **must not** be more than 3” above the knee. Attire must be neat, clean and proper fitting. We **strongly suggest no jeans**, tank tops, hats, or attire advertising liquor or tobacco products, no attire with inappropriate language, or any apparel which the tournament director feels is inappropriate will be permitted. Smoking and/or consuming alcoholic beverages during competition is not permitted.
9. **CONDUCT:** Any conduct deemed inappropriate, foul language, obscene gestures or abuse of equipment may be cause for removal from competition, as determined by the tournament director. Any incident that reflects poorly on the Reno Jr-Adult Invitational, reported to the Tournament Management, whether at the center or otherwise, may result in denial of further participation.
10. **AWARDS:** All prize/award fees will be returned 100% within each event, on a ratio of at least 1 prize for each 10 entries or major fraction thereof. The USBC SMART program will administer all scholarship awards, Acct #9312.
11. **CHECK IN:** Bowlers must check in 1 hour prior to squad time. Tournament spots are on a first-come, first-served basis. **Bowlers failing to check in one half hour before their scheduled squad time will lose their scheduled spot. All substitutions should be made one hour prior to squad time.**
12. Additional squads may be added during the course of the tournament as deemed necessary by tournament management, but no squad shall be added after the last advertised squad time. All decisions by the Tournament Director are final unless an appeal is made in accordance with USBC rule 329. All scores are unofficial until otherwise posted. Any questions or concerns must be brought to one of the Co-Tournament Directors. Official protests must be filed, in writing, with one of the Tournament Directors, within 72 hours of the completion of the tournament.

I'm Still Not Watching Football - But Bowling Is Booming!

by Dave Williams

Last year I wrote a series of articles about my displeasure with professional football and the politicization of the sport. It started with Part One and my memories of Bob St. Clair, a Football Hall of Fame member that worked as a salesman for Clover Dairy near my childhood home of Sebastopol, California. You see, in those days football players had to subsidize their football salary in the off season in order to survive.

Part Two of the Why I Stopped Watching Football saga centered around our family decision on where to eat after the football game, and my personal vote for Mel's Drive-in... the actual site used for the filming of American Graffiti (1973) on Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco.

Next, I focused in Part Three on Mel's Bowling Centers, an offshoot of the drive-in chain; and how it later affected my life when I joined American Recreation Centers, the eventual owners of the remaining Mel's Bowling Centers in San Jose, Hayward, Redwood City and Alameda.

Part Four brought attention to some of the lifelong friends that I made during my affiliation with the Mel's Bowl properties... two of which I am still associated with today through my 300 Bowling Creations, LLC consultancy.

Finally, in Part Five I reminisced about all of the bowling centers that have closed, and how markets such as San Diego, San Jose and Los Angeles represented some of the highest potential for growth in the bowling industry.



Main Event exterior: The chain's latest exterior design is reminiscent of a multi-screen theatre, and that's not a bad thing. We only hope that a Main Event will be opening soon in California. Photo courtesy of Main Event Entertainment.

Bowling is on Fire!



Main Event Interior: Their slogan says "Eat, Bowl, Play," but I would rather bowl, eat, play (Never liked to bowl with a full stomach). Photo courtesy of Main Event Entertainment.

Six new sites are on the books for Punch Bowl Social in 2019, including Milwaukee, WI, Austin, TX, Miami, Salt Lake City, Washington, DC and St. Louis. For the record, Punch Bowl Social already has two established locations in California at Sacramento and Rancho Cucamonga.

Bowlero (formerly AMF, Brunswick and Bowlmor): While Bowlero's focus is centered more on the reconfiguring of existing properties, the conglomerate has announced plans for new ground up locations in Arcadia, CA, Scottsdale, AZ, and Dallas (Fairview), TX in 2018. At press time there were no plans for new ground up locations in 2019.

Lucky Strike: California is well represented with 4 of the 20 Lucky Strike locations in Hollywood, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Orange County. Their website lists only one new site for 2018 in the Boston suburb of Somerville. Like Bowlero, Lucky Strike lists no plans for new ground up locations in 2019.

Splitsville: This chain recently opened their 7th location in Disneyland. They also have a site in Disneyworld, as well as Miami, Tampa, Fredericksburg, VA, Foxborough, MA, and Ontario, Canada. There was no mention of any prospective locations in 2019 on their website.

Dave & Busters: Not all of their locations include bowling, but it's worth the drive to check out the video and food attractions, even without the bowling. Among their plans for 2018 are new locations in Northridge and Torrance.

While no new sites are listed on their website for 2019, they do already have 8 existing locations within California at Daly City (near San Francisco), Hollywood, Los Angeles, Arcadia, Orange, Ontario, Irvine and San Diego.

Main Event: One of the most active multi-unit operators is Main Event, with 43 locations nationwide. But they have yet to enter the California market, with their closest location to the west coast in Phoenix.

Their plans for 2018 include new sites in Austin, TX, Baltimore (Columbia), Avon, OH (near Cleveland), St. Louis (Chesterfield), Knoxville, TN, Houston (Humble), and Wilmington, Delaware. We can only hope that a Main Event will open soon in the Golden State, for their properties are very well constructed with an incredible attention to detail (see accompanying photos).

Weekends Are For Bowling!

What all this says to me is that the declining NFL ratings are having an effect on bowling... a very positive effect. If my mathematics are correct, there's a total of 41 bowling centers listed in the paragraphs above, with 26 being constructed in 2018 and 15 in 2019 (so far). Having been involved with new site selection during my days at AMF, I only hope that the powers that be have thoroughly investigated their locations, because it would appear that more than one facility is going up at the same time in Milwaukee, Salt Lake City, Boston, Dallas, St. Louis and Austin, Texas.

The saving grace could be the reduced number of lanes attributed to each site. In the heyday of bowling, the typical bowling center accommodated a ratio of 1 lane for every 2,000 people, with 40 lanes being the ideal size to maximize personnel and other operating factors. Today's new trendy centers rarely exceed 30 lanes, with most ranging from 10 to 20 lanes. So the population to lane ratio of yesteryear is probably not as important as the number of bars, health and recreation centers, and theatre complexes in a given neighborhood.

Speaking of the heyday of bowling, I remember that AMF's famous slogan in those days was "We Make Weekends!" Borrowing upon that slogan and all of the new bowling clubs being constructed across the nation, in addition to the negative ratings of professional football, I think that it would be appropriate to say that "Weekends Are For Bowling!" We're back baby!

Less than one year later, it looks as though some of the hot new conglomerates in bowling may have taken a long, hard look at Part Five, because bowling is booming in the USA! Just take a look at some of these releases from the top trendy bowling chains:

Round 1 Entertainment: Hayward, comfortably nestled between Oakland and San Jose in the East Bay Area, has been announced to open in 2018 at the Southland Mall, joining seven other Round 1 locations already open in California (Salinas, Concord, San Jose, Santa Ana, Lakewood, Moreno Valley and City of Industry).

The Round 1 folks have also announced no less than seven other openings outside of California in 2018, including Chicago (North Riverside), Louisville, KY, Portland, ME, Albuquerque, NM, Erie, PA, Salt Lake City (Sandy) and Milwaukee (Greendale).

Then in 2019 the Round 1 chain have already made plans for new locations in Burbank, Roseville and Temecula (all in California), Tucson, Las Vegas, Reno, Baltimore (Towson), Boston (Holyoke) and Lincoln, Nebraska. It's nice to see so many locations from Round 1 Entertainment opening in the next two years, because they seem to focus more on youth and family activities than the other groups.

Punch Bowl Social: Although not as aggressive as Round 1 in the announcement of new openings, the Punch Bowl set have addressed possibly the best opportunity of all, with a new location slated for San Diego in 2018. Other new sites planned to open in 2018 by Punch Bowl Social include Arlington, VA, Dallas, TX, and Fort Worth, TX.



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Women’s Open). But, this week felt slightly different for McCarthy because she’s been busier with life off the lanes and has only competed in three events. The 27-year-old right-hander has been busy working two jobs as a registered nurse and enhancing the new home she’s recently purchased. In an odd way, the time away from the PWBA Tour has helped her feel more relaxed, which is different in comparison to previous attempts at winning.

“I’ve just been more relaxed coming into it,” said McCarthy, who is a three-time Team USA member. “I keep myself busy with work, and I just bought a house so that’s been distracting me a bit. I’m not putting as much pressure on myself. I still want to perform to the best of my abilities, but I don’t get down as often. I don’t stress out, so I can stay in the moment and stay true to that statement.”

The busy schedule means McCarthy spends many days at one of the two hospitals she’s employed at, which also means she spends many days with her inquisitive co-workers. Those individuals have helped McCarthy by being supportive of her goals and dreams on the lanes.

“It means a lot to me,” McCarthy said. “My co-workers back home are very supportive and some of them were probably watching. They always ask me about bowling and how it works, and they always want to learn more about the game when I get back home. It kind of makes it easier to compete knowing that they’re behind me 100 percent.” Rodriguez advanced to the title match by defeating Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 228-149. McEwan was looking for her second title of the season.

In the opening match, Rodriguez defeated Esther Cheah of Malaysia, 265-168. Cheah was looking for her first career PWBA Tour title. Competition this week at the PWBA Louisville Open at Fern Valley Strike and Spare included two eight-game qualifying blocks on Friday to determine the 32 players for Saturday’s Round of 32. An additional eight-game block Saturday morning narrowed the field to 12 players, who bowled six additional games to determine the stepladder finalists. The 2018 PWBA Tour season continues next week with the seventh stop of the season at the PWBA Greater Harrisburg Open at ABC West Lanes in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

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Bowling Calendar

by Bette Addington

June

Now-6/30 – USBC Women’s Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, bowl.com

Now-7/1 – CUSBC 2018 Adult Championships, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com

Now-7/29 – 69th Peach Classic, every weekend, McHenry Bowl, Modesto, 209/571-2695

10-15 – Suncoast PBA Senior US Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas, pba.com

16 – Central Valley Masters Trios Tournament, 10am & 2pm, Rancho Bowl, Santa Maria, centralvalleymasters.com

16 – Scratch 6 Game Doubles, 6pm, Harley’s Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018

16 – Gold Pin Scratch 6-Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony’s Dublin Bowl, 925/828-7550

16 – Xframe Tourn., 4pm & 6pm, Oak Tree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 909/860-3558

17-21 – International Bowl Expo 2018, Las Vegas Convention Center, bpaa.com

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This was our second year with Down Lane Clothing in selling our custom Pepsi jerseys. They were a great hit and added just over \$850 to our scholarship fund! We will be teaming up with a new company Strike 12 Creations for next year's jerseys. We will have flyers available in the fall when the new seasons begin. You can view their stock designs now at Strike12Creations.com. The pricing is only \$54.99 per jersey.

The State Finals were held at Winnetka Bowl on May 5-6. Bowlers in the U12, U15 & U20 divisions qualified to this level based on a ratio of 1:5 from District to State. We had 288 bowlers travel from across the state to attend and bowl in six game blocks. 29 of these bowlers will earn Scratch Scholarships totaling \$29,060. We also ran an optional Handicap Division, in which 190 bowlers participated and we will pay out \$1,740 to 19 bowlers. Six bowlers: Vaughn-Jayden Oliva-Colobong, Abby Werth, Daniel Hong, Emily Rose Iles, Michael Loera, and Joanne Alibayan earned the FREE berths into the USBC Junior Gold Finals in Dallas, TX this July. Each of our six champions will receive a travel stipend up to \$400 for the Gold Finals along with their state scholarship and a custom embroidered jacket. All scholarship recipients will receive a scholarship packet

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and all funds will be held with USBC SMART. We will be distributing the scholarship packets at the California USBC Convention in Fresno on June 9-10 and will mail the remaining packets directly to each bowler. Full tournament results and scholarship breakdowns can be downloaded online at CalUSBC.com.

We are extremely thankful for our many sponsors this year. For the 18th year in a row, BowlersParadise.com and EliteBowling.com sponsored this event along with Columbia 300, Chico USBC, The Strike Shop (inside Steve Cook's Fireside Lanes), Bowlers Experience Too (inside Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl), Average Joe's Pro Shop (inside KC Bowl), Bergers Pro Shop (inside Harley's Valley Bowl), Revolution's Bowling Supply (inside Victor Bowl), Apex Bowling Pro Shop (inside Chaparral Lanes), and Roofer's Pro Shop (inside Mira Mesa Lanes). These sponsors all donated items for our fundraising raffle at the District and State Finals sites to help us raise more scholarship dollars. Thanks to Digital Team Photography for taking great Pepsi pics for District 7, 8 and at the State Finals. They are donating a portion of those sales to our scholarship fund, which is always very much appreciated. Also special THANKS to Bonaventure Butts for taking great pics for District #5.

THANKS to all of the District Directors: Robyn Hricik, Shelby Sanz, Tim Pato, June Brown, Tom Leigh, Andrea Sisk, Andre Eubanks, and Linda Stewart for their hard work in running the District Finals this year. Special thanks to David Waybright for bowling and working District #5 and recruiting his great parents, Amber and Chester to work as well!! All of the extra help is extremely appreciated! Thank you Robyn for running District #1 Pepsi. She will be stepping down this year. I appreciate all that you have done for the kids in that District! We will announce who Robyn's replacement will be in the fall.

District Directors will be contacting centers that just participated in Pepsi in regards to hosting this event for March 2019. Thanks again to all of those that supported this event – it would not be a success without your help! Tournament packets for 2019 will be mailed to all youth programs in October and of course all information will be posted online at CalUSBC.com.

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ren’s Masters title came in 1990 as one of his six career wins on the PBA Tour.

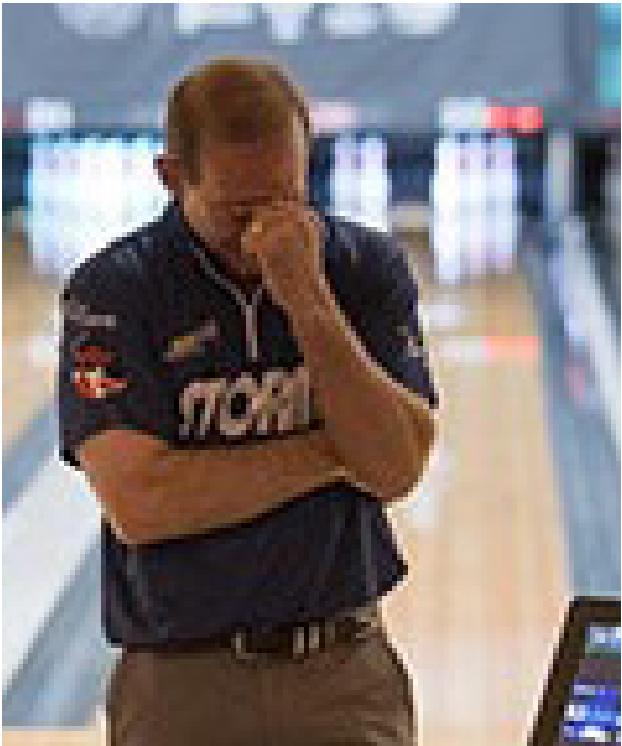
As the undefeated top seed in the double-elimination format, Duke had a second chance at the title after falling 269-220 in the first game of the title tilt.

Duke got out to an early lead in the rematch after Warren left, and failed to convert, a 7-10 split in the second frame. Warren rallied to finish with seven consecutive strikes and a nine-count on his fill ball, forcing Duke to strike on the first shot of his final frame and get at least eight and a spare to win by a single pin.

After delivering the strike he needed, Duke left the 3-4-6-7-9-10 combination to fall short, 246-241.

“There’s no words to describe how good Norm Duke is,” said Warren, a PBA journeyman whose last national title came in 1992. “Norm beat me at what I do best, which is throwing strikes, but it came down to one error. I outscored him, but he bowled an incredible game. You never want to see that happen to your buddies, and it happened. I just feel fortunate to have been there, and winning really is incredibly special.”

Prior to making the deciding shot, Duke did the math, knew what he needed to win, or at least tie, and used his decades of experience to make the best shot he could.



“I trusted myself to make my shot, and I didn’t,” said Duke, who has 38 PBA Tour titles and four PBA50 wins. “But, I look back and say, ‘Norm, you made the greatest shot in the history of your lifetime for the win, and you won it there, and then you lost it.’ I won it with one shot and lost it with another. That is sport. This is hurting right now, and it’s supposed to. If it didn’t hurt, we wouldn’t care. And if we care, it hurts. This is a tough one, but Chris is an excellent, excellent, excellent player, and a well-deserving champion, and I’m so happy for him.”

Warren, Duke, hall of famer Del Ballard Jr. and a slew of other Southwest standouts grew up bowling together in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. They’ve pushed each other for decades and shared countless successes and defeats.

In Warren’s recollection, they beat up on him pretty handily, but it helped make him the bowler he is. That’s still true today, along with the continued support of his six brothers, three sisters, wife, Michelle, and mother, Mary, who turned 92 this weekend.

“Norm is someone who could always execute and make his spares, and I learned a lot from him in those areas, and Del is someone I always looked up to because he had no fear,” Warren said. “Del still helps me work on a lot of things, both mentally and physically, and Norm has helped me with my spare game tremendously. It’s amazing. Yes, we’re competitors, but we’re also lifelong friends. We’re family.”

On the way to the 2018 Senior Masters title, Warren broke four tournament records. Including the shootout round that helped him earn his spot in the stepladder finals, and the second game with Duke on Sunday, Warren bowled a record 14 matches at the Sam’s Town Bowling Center. He collected 13 wins, which were consecutive, both records, after losing his first match to Jerry Smith or Englewood, Colorado, 511-501. The streak includes surviving the shootout round.

In his 14 matches, Warren averaged a record 243.9, including a high series of 847 in a win over Noel Vazquez of Sacramento, California, and a 300 game on the way to eliminating Williams, the defending champion, 772-756.

Two-time Senior Masters champion Tom Baker of King, North Carolina, previously held the tournament records for most matches (13), most wins in one tournament (12) and most consecutive wins (nine), all set in 2006 on the way the first of his two consecutive Senior Masters wins. Ross Packard of San Jose, California, averaged 243.8 in match play at the 2005 event.

As he climbed his way to the title from the No. 4 position Sunday at Sam’s Town, Warren averaged 255 for his five games, shooting 236, 234, 290, 269 and 246.


In the semifinal Sunday at Sam’s Town, Warren defeated 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year and 2018 PBA50 Player of the Year frontrunner Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, 290-197.

Warren left a 2 pin in the first frame and then rattled off 11 consecutive strikes, while Haugen left a 7-10 split on his first offering and only was able to throw one double the rest of the way.

Warren earned the meeting with Haugen by defeating PBA50 newcomer Keith Lesko of Prosper, Texas, who was competing in the first major event of his career, 234-168.

The opening match of the stepladder was a nail-biter against two-time PBA50 Player of the Year Ron Mohr of North Las Vegas, Nevada, in which Mohr had an opportunity to shut out Warren with two strikes and nine pins in his final frame.

Instead, Mohr left a ringing 10 pin on his first shot, allowing Warren to strike on his first shot to seal the win. He achieved that and tossed two more strikes to escape with a 236-217 victory. The Senior Masters is the premier event for USBC members age 50 and older, and the 2018 edition featured 272 entries.




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Belmonte Advances to PBA Tour Finals Title Match After Group 1 Semifinal Round Win

ALLEN PARK, Mich. – Four-time PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte of Australia won his PBA Tour Finals Group 1 stepladder semifinal round at Thunderbowl Lanes to earn the first berth in the title match. The Group 1 Semifinal Round aired Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

In a battle of two of the premier two-handed stars on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, Belmonte, the reigning player of the year, defeated three-time PBA Tour titlist Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, 2-0, in the best of two-game final match to advance to the title match which will air on CBS Sports Network Tuesday, June 19 at 8 p.m. ET. Belmonte will face the winner of the Group 2 Semifinal Round, which airs next Tuesday (June 12) at 8 p.m.

Starting with nine strikes in the first game of the final match on the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition, Belmonte barely won a strike-fest with Simonsen, 265-259. In the second game, Belmonte overcame a 35-pin deficit in the fifth frame after failing to convert the 3-6-10 but then capitalized on an open frame by Simonsen in the sixth and then picked up the 3-4-7-10 split in the sixth frame before reeling off five consecutive strikes.

Belmonte was still trailing by 10 pins heading into the ninth frame when Simonsen fell victim to the same unusual 3-4-7-10 split in the 10th, which he did not convert, ending his hopes. Belmonte doubled in the 10th frame to win the second game, 239-216, for a two-game sweep.

“The start of the match was good, but all of a sudden there was an abrupt change and I couldn’t find the (lane condition) blend with the ball I was using,” Belmonte said about his second game mid-match troubles. “I switched to a ball with more surface and was able to start striking again.”

Had Belmonte and Simonsen tied after the second match they would have entered a 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break the tie.

“You never allow yourself to think you’re out of the match,” Belmonte added. “Even though I was assured of a roll-off after winning the first game, I was thinking as long I can still string strikes to win, I’m still in it. The pressure was actually off so if I could start throwing strikes, there was an opportunity to force him to throw another strike somewhere to stay ahead of me.”

Sean Rash started the Group 1 Semifinals stepladder with a 279-169 win over England’s Dom Barrett. Simonsen then eliminated Rash, 247-218, to move on to the title match.

Belmonte, who was runner-up in the 2017 PBA Tour Finals will take on the winner of the Group 2 Semifinal which will involve Tommy Jones, Marshall Kent, Jesper Svensson and EJ Tackett, the group’s top qualifier and the defending PBA Tour Finals champion.

As the runner-up in Group 1, Simonsen will bowl in the third-place match vs. the Group 2 runner-up in the opening match of the final show on June 19.



The semifinal stepladder rounds, as well as the championship round, feature the best-of-two-game championship final match with ties broken by a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. The two group winners will then meet in the best-of-two-game championship match which will air June 19.

PBA TOUR FINALS GROUP 1 SEMIFINAL ROUND RESULTS

(Winner advances to championship match to air on CBSSN June 19 at 5 p.m)

Match One – Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. def. Dom Barrett, England, 279-169.
Match Two – Anthony Simonsen, Austin, Texas def. Rash, 247-218.
Best-of-two-game Championship Match - Jason Belmonte, Australia def. Simonsen, 265-259 and 239-216.

CBS Sports Network PBA Tour Finals Remaining Schedule
Thunderbowl, Allen Park, Mich.
June 12 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Group 2 Semifinal Stepladder
June 19 – 5 p.m. - PBA Tour Finals Championship

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that bad break, you ask yourself, how cool would it be to pull this off?”

Neither player could get a sustained string of strikes going, and both made a key mistake early in the match, but Butturff, the 2016 Lubbock Sports Open winner, failed to lock up the title when he struck and then left a 10 pin on his second ball in the 10th frame. That gave Barnes a chance to win with three strikes in his 10th frame.

“I’d like to get to 22 titles. That’s Marshall (Holman’s) number and he’s an idol of mine, but for now, to be one title ahead of Tommy Jones is fine with me,” said Barnes, who was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame earlier in the year. He and Jones are long-time rivals, but also close friends and frequent doubles partners who are in a good-natured, on-going contest to see who can win the most PBA Tour titles.

In the first stepladder match, Barnes won the battle between former PBA Players of the Year, defeating Wes Malott of Pflugerville, Texas, 258-223. One pin separated the two until the 10th frame when Malott left and failed to convert the 3-4 split.

Barnes then advanced to the championship match by throwing strikes on nine of his first 10 shots to race past PBA rookie Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 269-214. Pate, the 2017 Male Collegiate Bowler of the Year with Midland University, couldn’t match Barnes’ strike pace.

The Lubbock Sports Open was the fourth of eight PBA Xtra Frame events that are part of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule. The next Xtra Frame event will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open June 30-July 1 at Parkside Lanes in Aurora, Ill., launching PBA’s new relationship with FloBowling.com. Monthly and annual Xtra Frame subscription packages are available for \$7.99 and \$64.99, respectively, through June 29. Three-day passes for \$3.99 are available through June 25. Visit xtraframe.tv to enroll. After June 29, FloSports subscription rates will apply.

PBA XTRA FRAME LUBBOCK SPORTS OPEN presented by Ebonite South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas, June 10

Final Standings:

- 1, Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, \$13,000.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$7,000.
- 3, Nick Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn., \$4,000.
- 4, Wes Malott, Pflugerville, Texas, \$2,200.

Stepladder Results:

Match One: Barnes def. Malott, 258-223.
Semifinal Match: Barnes def. Pate, 269-214.
Championship: Barnes def. Butturff, 207-206.



AS I REMEMBER

by Sheila Messler

As a child, one of the greatest things that ever happened to me was the discovery of a bowling alley. I was shy, but strong willed. I liked to emulate the people around me. Little did I know how silly and sometimes dangerous that could be. So young and yet wanting to be an adult. I had no inclination to what consequences would be paid until I had to pay.

My first bowling alley adventure was at Paradise Bowl in Westchester. It wasn’t to bowl - - it was to sneak to the ladies bathroom upstairs to buy a pack of cigarettes. Guess what! I got caught.

Peggy Cannon was the day desk lady. She heard the coins go clunk, the pull of the knob and the pack of Pall Mall non-filtered cigarettes drop to the bottom of the machine. She knew what I was doing and let me have it as soon as she caught me waltzing towards the door. “Just what do you think you are doing”? “How old are you”? “Even if you are old enough, don’t you know smoking is bad for you”? “Give me that pack of cigarettes you just bought and if I ever catch you buying or smoking I’ll call the police and they will take you away. Or call your parents.”

My first venture into a bowl was short and not so sweet. Oh, did I mention, I was eight years old? ?

Fifty years later my love for bowling is as strong as ever. The cherished memories of working in various centers, the people and events are always with me.

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SUNDAY – Summer Rollers: Off. **Wally’s Vegas Cruise:** Starts June 17th.

MONDAY – Golden Awards: Martin Enderle 219, Gary Hein 215, Bob Esler 212, Randi Hein 190. **Adult/ Jr.:** Miguel Marmolejo 244/660, Richard Delgado 243/609, Andrew Fund 236/647, Suzanne Allison 200, Daniel Hong 279/668, Joshua Tan-Torres 241, Michael Marmolejo 605, Halie Morgan 197.


TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors: Larry McCurry 211, Margaret Nye 208. **Guys & Dolls:** Steve Grossman 230, Vince Marano 205, Phil Padilla 202, Sandy Jan 190.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Fred Reinecke 236/611, Al Mycroft 224, Martin Enderle 219, Randi Hein 201. **American Nation Can:** Tim Lopez 203, Grant Walker 202, Gilbert Gissendaner 200, Karen Balicki 258.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Karen Balicki 197, Susan Lee 195. **Sunset Rollers:** Fred Salazar 206, Dolores Harmon 212. **Frank’s Gold Cup Trios:** Marlow Dinger 300, Joe Wilhite 266/903, Kevin Jones 262/892, Mike Mellick 896, Barneisha Hull 215.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Joe Jimenez 263/637, Les Lotspeich 256, Nathan Hornung 254/730, Rick Vanderhaar 654, Shelly Maxey 199.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!



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by Joy McGregor

ANAHEIM – Dick McKenzie is using his maple moxy and bowling oh-so-well as evidenced by his performance in our 1st set in the Rocky Marsh Doubles. Dick tossed 243/202 to tally the top series at 445.

Al Lara is at the top of his game and rolling the ball well. He rolled a nice 235, followed by smooth-strokin’ Chris Hefner at 233 and lefty, Rod Cantrell close behind at 232. Next in line, we saw Don Gardner 216, Norm Walker 215, Sandy Magana 214, Maiya Tallakson 213, Willy Bordenave 213, Terry Brent 213, Steve Sparks 212/207, Carl Adinolfi 210, Dan Milstead 210/206 and Ron Douglass 206.

Our 2nd set garnered some heat, featuring Don Gardner at the helm with 246/237 to post high series at 483. Janet Anderson shot the high game of the morning at 258. Tony Hale was on point with 207/245 for 452, followed closely by Nick Lam at 214/226 for 440. Rose Williams 245, Maiya Tallakson 228, Sandy Magana 223, Larry Green 221, Steve Sparks 215, Ron Douglass 214, Carl Adinolfi 213, Terry Brent 203, Chris Hefner 202, Joy McGregor 201 and Norm Walker 200. Until next week.... practice, practice.

CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT
by Lil’
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LAKEWOOD — **NOTICE LEAGUE SECRETRIES!**

If your league is sanctioned (certified) it’s time to send in your May 30th ending averages. The form from the Association requests the I.D. numbers for all members.

If you need any league information ask Carol or Leonard or Eric.

Here are the scores from the past week...

Funsters: Fale Sula 727, Willie McMahan 682, Vic Santos 613, Fred Guray 246, Jim Plante 231, Abe Morales 209, Elvie Del Rosario 560, Janet Kastor 510, Odette Dalton 480, Dorothy Ruggiero 199. Side-pot winners—MEN—Game One: Fale Sula 273; Game Two: Fale Sula 266; Game Three: Fred Guray 275. WOMEN—Game One: Lenore Knudson 252; Game Two: Evie Del Rosario 223; Game Three: Barbara Crawford 240.

C.A.U.L.: Hey David Regul. Did you buy a new ball? The one you used this week is a winner. Scores: David Regul 266/679, Jimmy Hall 642, Rich Dahmen 613, Anthony Avitia 242/597, John Surface 579, Yosemite Hamilton 441.

Sierra Bugs: How old is this league? Some Cal leagues started in the 70’s. Scores: Pamela Johnson 500, Donna



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by Tish

BURBANK – Here are this weeks scores:

Senior Swingers: (scr) Raymond Garcia 237, Barba Liberto 176, Rick Langer 572, Cres Cruz 469. (hdcp) Andre Giacomelli 266, Barbara Teitel 236, Kelly McDounough 722, Tessie Lampa 663.

Monday 690: (scr) Bob Hazzard 235, Judy Treidler 192, Jesse Enriquez 589, Carolyn Lollar 505. (hdcp) Ray Nelson 264, Marlene Mendola 236, Zoran Jacimovic 809, Glenda Nale 670.

Disney League: (scr) Ryan Pantages 220, Janet Leong 168, Mike Olejarczyk 605, Maggie Evenson 486. (hdcp) Zak Ryan 263, Susan Lin 249, Ed Zeigler 685, Kira Foltz 648.

Holy Bowlers: (scr) Jeff Ellis 381, Jenny Romagnino 312, Patrick Thomas 207, MelissaProcanik 174. (hdcp) Hugh Lefevre 461, Rita Recker 445, Brad Recker 259, Jenny Falchini 243.

Guys & Dolls: (scr) Harry Gordon 235, Trina Moriarity 213, Cory Neill 665, Colleen Simpson 622. (hdcp) Ron Jancula 293, Brittany Blanco 262, Robert Farias 731, Ursula Blanco 760.

Wed Nite Hdcp: (scr) John Hjelmstom 248, Sheilah Faller 195, Dan Pilgrim 678, Stepahnie Rakers 536. (hdcp) Stan Jones 309, Laura Baltazar 258, Erich Petros 832, Amber Ball 719.

Senior Foursome: (scr) Winston Gorriceta 201, Marie Menez 167, Richard Andersen 541, Seiki Tluczek 428. (hdcp) Art Segura 232, Barbara Teitel 226, Jim DeAngelo 671, Lydia Gantt & Kathy Lilliquist 624.

Thursday 890: (hdcp) Jason Jones 233, Kim Bax 215, Dana Rouse 299, Crissy Gianficaro 244. (scr) Brad Wilson 689, Stephanie Rakers 684, Alan Chandler 764, Kristi Carnegie 678.

Until next time...keep the ball rollin’!

Yeske 483, Cathy Anderson 481, Connie Wood 477, JoAnn MacKnight 469. Side-pot winners—Game One: Greta Vines 217; Game Two: Cathy Anderson 174; Game Three: Bea Saeki 202.

Cal Bowlers: Team Seven thinks it STRIKE TIME all the time. Scores: Karen Roubinov 522, Vedia Moore 500, Anna VonMuegge 487, Susan Garcia 211, Carol Hovis 204. Side-pot winners—1st Game: Susan Garcia 256; 2nd Game: Vedia Moore 181; 3rd Game: Carol Hovis 250.

Pin Heads: WHATEVER? Why is JIMMY’S CREW wearing TOM’S T-SHIRTS? Do the TRI STARS try harder? Scores: Tom Komadina 497, Kevin Farrell 460, Jerry Waken 440, Don Louis 421, Pamela Johnson 561, Stacy Kelly 528, Mel Leach 486.

Recycled Teens: Victor Santos WAS THE “VICTOR” this week. His 708 included games of 206, 213, 289. Team 12 has the hex. Why? They don’t have a team name. Scores: Victor Santos 289/708, Boylee Inocente 245/607, Rick Seneris 595, Chris Abing 593, JoJo Jasmin 221/574, Jim Burke 533, Ron Leidholdt 518, Paul Morrison Jr. 508, Lanore Knudson 488, Dorothy Ruggiero 486, Vancie Keith 475.

YOUNG AT HEART: WOW! Debra Gipson has the highest average in this league 189! There are 11 women and 31 men on the rosters. Way to go Debra! Scores: Earl Hullett 246/634, Jimmy Hamilton 594, Sam Foster 236/566, Ron McClain Sr. 555, Bob Sneed 552, Clarence Williams 537, Fale Sula 534, Josh Hudson 530, Phil Gipson 523, Rich Sharp 522, James Thompkins 513, Debra Gipson 214/567, Frances Walker 213/564, Carla Dean 512, Tua Sula 491, Carla Thompkins 489, Dee Phipps 459, Myra Kremen 431, Bea Sueki 415.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Team 12 needs a name! Scores: Jonathan Gale 259/695. Brandon Mims 571, Katwuan Sauldsberry 566, John Wells 510, Paul Wells 504, Cindy Radcliffe 492, Elaine Harmon 476.

Fil-Am: Where are all your great Team Names? Scores: Emmerson Wafer 724, Vic Hidalgo 699, Ike Topacio 664, James Borillo 280, Chris Abing 258, Arnie Ruiz 255, Benjie Calinawan 255, Jessica Garcia 539, Carla Sanchez 538, Elvie Medestomas 530, Danielle Whitlock 202.

Gobs and Gals: Juan Camarena 740, Joe Torres Sr. 711, Rick Barbara 710, Jamie Carrington 710, Leon Bradford 269, Fred Catamisan 269, Juan Ellison 265, Crystal Alvarez 638, Lauretta Boulton 620, April Griese 616, Jessica Jauregui 246, Rita Soares 245, Donna Owens 234.

Grandma/Grandpa’s: These Grandparents are the best! Why? They bring their grandkids bowling! The family that bowls together — can tell great stories! Scores: Walter Milsap 244/615, Billy Williams 217/603. Walter Gist 581, Al Romero 535, Larry Cosgrove 530, Chuck Stonebraker 513, Stan Murren 496, Paul Morrison Jr. 490, Vancie Keith 517, Joanne Burke 503, Elena VanDeven 200.

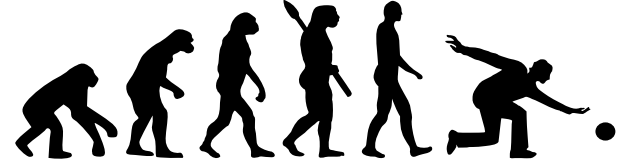
Senior Men’s Trio: “NEVER Waver” Emmerson Wafer wacked the pins for 278, 298/793. Sonny Dew did it GOOD, Big 730. Archie Stull stacked up 276/683. Scores: Pat Kinard 269/661, James Tipton 660.

Varsity: Kim Ho 535, Rivk VonKolen 494, Chase Arenalla 436, Sarah Best 429, Madison Mooney 371, Yolie Ascencio 348.

Big Bear: Emeka Williams 242/670, Emmerson Wafer 657, Jerry Cant 654, Curt Soares 651, Butch White 651, Shorty Ramos 639, Jamie Carrington 631, Greg Kelly 626, Steve Bryant 625, Leon Bradford 619, Ken Seiple Jr. 618, Sue Cant 257/614, Susan Alvarado 586, Rita Soares 585.

V.A.: 633 will be hard to beat — But give it a try! Ryan will be watching! Scores: Ryan Davis 633, Dan Martinez 474, Joe Morsell 439, Gina Meyers 437, Lindsay Roulusonis 407.

See you next week with more interesting scores from our bowlers here at Cal Bowl.





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Announce Multiyear Rights Agreement

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AUSTIN, Texas – FloSports, the innovator in live digital sports and original content, today announced a multiyear rights partnership with the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA). As part of the announcement, FloSports will launch FloBowling.com, a new site where fans can access PBA’s Xtra Frame for live and on-demand PBA coverage and more. The site will offer fans access to professional competition, breaking news, highlights, original documentaries, and more.

The agreement enables FloSports to provide live and on-demand coverage for more than 40 professional events each year with increased production value at several competitions, such as the Go Bowling! PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Tour. Live coverage begins June 30.

As part of the new partnership, Xtra Frame subscribers will have their monthly or yearly subscriptions automatically transferred to a FloSports PRO subscription at no cost. Subscribers will continue to pay their current rates and, as a bonus, will gain access to FloSports’ extensive variety of sports channels.

FloBowling will also serve as title sponsor of the FloBowling PBA Fall Swing, Oct. 14-20, at The Lanes at Coffee Creek in suburban Tulsa, Okla. The multi-event tournament, open to an elite field of 120 PBA members only, will be covered exclusively on FloBowling.com and will award three PBA Tour titles during the PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and FloBowling Tulsa Open events. A full list of the remaining 2018 schedule is as follows:

- June 30-July 2 – PBA Parkside Lanes Open, Aurora, Ill.
- July 18-20 – PBA50 River City Extreme Open presented by Ebonite, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.
- July 24-26 – PBA50 South Shore Open presented by Hammer, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.
- July 27-29 – Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas.
- July 29-31 – PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship presented by Track Dave Small’s Heritage Lanes, Kokomo, Ind.
- Aug. 5-7 – PBA50 Dave Small’s Championship Lanes Classic presented by RotoGrip Anderson, Ind.
- Aug. 10-12 – PBA50 Cup presented by DV8, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
- Aug. 14-16 – PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by 900 Global, Pro Bowl West, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
- Aug. 18-19 – PBA Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.
- Aug. 25-26 – PBA Kenn-Feld Group Classic Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.
- Sept. 29-30 – PBA50 Storm Invitational, Planet Fun Bowling & Entertainment Center Shallotte, N.C.
- Oct. 14-20 – FloBowling PBA Fall Swing including PBA Wolf Open, PBA Bear Open and Tulsa Open, The Lanes at Coffee Creek, Tulsa, Okla.
- Oct. 25-30 – U.S. Open, Northrock Lanes, Wichita, Kan.

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Clark noted that current Xtra Frame subscribers will soon see improvements and innovation in FloBowling’s coverage as PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling is the next evolution in live streaming of the greatest bowlers and bowling events in the world, and added that FloBowling subscribers will also have PRO access to more than 20 channels across the FloSports network at no additional cost.

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The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

I WAS WRONG..... MAYBE

This may sound like an article my wife made me write, but the truth is, it’s a conclusion reached all by myself. Last week I wrote an article detailing many reasons Glenn Allison’s name should be prominently displayed at the top of the list of those who have scored a 900 series during sanctioned league play. The truth is, I no longer believe that with absolute certainty.

Say, WHAT!!!!? This all has to do with something I realized while writing that article; that Glenn Allison’s history-making performance happened under far more difficult circumstances than any other 900 ever bowled. Take a moment and consider the following circumstances:

- It was a second shift league. The oil pattern was disturbed and unpredictable from the start. To elite bowlers such as Mr. Allison, this makes a huge difference in how they play a lane. Since the second-shift condition is much dryer than the fresh condition, he would have had to adjust, and he did. My guess is that he used a shot called, the “Rocket-to-the-Pocket,” made famous by Bo Burton when he used it to win the 1984 Angle Tournament with a record-setting 4-game score of 1050. Whatever shot he delivered, it worked, because for everyone else, scores were generally lower that night.
- It was a mixed league. It would have been nearly impossible for Glenn to develop a track to the pocket because, in such a format, all other bowlers may be playing different “lines” and moving the oil randomly. This is why elite bowlers score higher when bowling with other elite bowlers. They play similar lines and wear a path, or “track,” through the oil. This allows them to hit the pocket more consistently.
- The lanes were all wood. The list of bowlers who have scored a 900 is quite lengthy today, and it is impossible to find even one that didn’t have the benefit of “synthetic” lanes. Wooden lanes were harder to score on because the width of each lane, at any given point, was created by 39 separate boards. Each individual board, whether maple or pine, had its own characteristics. They would swell or contract with temperature and humidity. Annual or biannual sanding (to renew the surface) resulted in microscopic height differences between boards as more material would be removed from softer boards (light-colored) than from the harder wood (darker-colored). On top of that, as the urethane finish deteriorated, oil entered the wood, causing them to swell by varying degrees. In other words, there was considerably more variation to the surfaces of the lanes Glenn Allison prevailed upon as compared to his 900-series peers. (Do you believe all those people would be on today’s list if they competed on lanes similar to those upon which Allison did? The answer is, NO!)
- Allison’s ball was a plastic Columbia Yellow Dot. While it was one of the finest balls produced at that time, it’s effectiveness pales in comparison to the families of enhanced balls which produced all the 900s on today’s list.

In summary, the modern list of bowlers who have achieved league perfection, did so with the aid of technology. They bowled with orbs that were engineered to produce more pin-chaos than ever. They delivered their shots onto smoother lanes with synthetic composition. They probably bowled against pins developed specifically to provide higher scores*. It is for these reasons that Mr. Glenn Richard Allison’s name SHOULD NOT be placed on the same list as the others. It would belittle his accomplishment.

Think of it this way if you like: A “Varipapa 300” is rare but does happen occasionally. The same can be said about bowlers converting the dreaded “7-10 split,” rolling a “Dutch 200” or an “all-spares game.” But..... an “Allison 900” will never, EVER happen again. His 900 should, and will, stand alone as the greatest series ever bowled during sanctioned league play. That’s why his fans will always respect and honor it!

*Recommended to view: Google - Championship Bowling: Steve Nagy VS Andy Varipapa and/or Championship Bowling: Glenn Allison VS Buzz Fazio. Any doubts that today’s pins are livelier than those Glenn Allison conquered will be dispelled by watching either of these online videos.

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1983 - PART 1

1983 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR AND HERE'S WHY

- **AZUSA BOWL** hosted a crazy 24 game "Endurathon". GILBERT GARCIA posted a 5,236 total for the win. ROBERT CALVERT'S pinfall tallied up to 5235! One pin difference after 24 games and re-adding 3 times.
- When HARRY GRANT was injured in an accident - the big question was "Will the Grant Classic still be held?"
- Part of the California State B.V.L. Fund was spent on a Wheelchair Van and a room full of Gym equipment for the V.A. Hospital in Loma Linda. Every year over \$100,000 was spent purchasing requested items for the V.A. Hospitals. What a great program made possible by bowlers donations.
- Yup — HARRY GRANT was back at his sign-in table exchanging \$ \$ \$ and chit chat. (Some was even the truth.)
- What the ? ? ? Ad read "FOR SALE — HOT GOLD STAMPER" Plus Type and Cabinet! Need one? ?
- The P.B.A. was 25 years old.
- MARTIN LUTHER, the German reformist and founder of the Lutheran Church, is credited with writing the first rules for bowling. He was born in 1483, so the rules are about 450 years old.
- There was an "alley" at 49th and Central in Los Angeles called HARLEM SPORTS CENTER. One man ran the desk, set the pins and was the foul judge. (I'm quoting a news story, not my personal memory.) One of the first in California.
- JOE STATON was juggling his bowling career between bowling on tour, his Pro Shop and practice - practice - practice.
- GLENN ALLISON and ANDY MARZICH put on an exhibition match at **LIGHTHOUSE LANES** in San Pedro. Where? LIGHTHOUSE is the old Pro BOWL at 9th and Pacific. (We learned something today!)
- The ABTA finals were aired every Saturday at 5 P.M. on KDOC.
- In 1983 CARMEN SALVINO was the only full time touring pro who is a PBA Charter Member.
- ROY HOERNKE was proprietor of **MISSION BOWL** in Oceanside. And still had his lane maintenance company. He was the best!
- WIBC Hall of Famer MERLE MATTHEWS died at age 67. She averaged over 192 for 20 years; a three-time WIBC champion, BPAA champ, founder of 2 Pro Groups and owned a center.
- The first Los Angeles W.B.A. Queen was DIANE DRESSEL, beating out VIRGINIA NORTON at **KEYSTONE LANES**.
- The L.A.W.B.A. City Championships was held at DAN SWEENEY'S **LA MIRADA BOWL** under the guidance of President PHYL KNOLL and Secretary EVA MASON.
- **LIGHTHOUSE LANES** was located at 9th and Pacific in downtown San Pedro. (No one has ever mentioned bowling there.)
- EARL ANTHONY was pictured on the front page with the Wisconsin Governor. Big Deal? ? ? The Governor's name was ANTHONY EARL!
- MARSHALL HOLMAN and STEVEN SPIELBERG was both natives of Medford, Oregon.
- New item in the Pro Shops. "DRY WIPE" a disposable towel that absorbs oil and dirt. That was a hint to what was going on with lane conditions.
- At the ABC Convention in Niagara Falls the following out-dated rule was changed: Each five-man team in a sanctioned is limited to 3 balls per team! Each doubles team limit, two balls. And in singles, each man could use his own ball. Hey GLENN — was that true? ? The facts were submitted by Steve Festa in his column.
- EVELYN GAY and "PANCHO" HARTSFIELD were married on lanes 19/20 at **TROPICANA LANES**.
- Murrey International installed their new "Pathfinder Lanes" made of 1/2 inch aluminum alley with a malamime finish in PALOS VERDES BOWL. Clunk, clunk, or was it clink, clink? ? **WATCH FOR PART 2 NEXT WEEK!** by Carol Mancini

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scholarship winners from
Cal Bowl - June 10th!**

**Season Begins
August 2018**

**Next event: Fun Event-
Pre-Registration and
Yamo Challenge - 8/12**



JAT Farm Club
2nd Evan Bigornia, Champion Michael Marmolejo, and 3rd Brandon Howard



JAT Open Division
3rd Nick Caner, Champion Leoj Chin and
2nd Anthony Schanen



JAT Preps - 4th Lathan Chin, 2nd Emily Schriber, Champion Henry Lee, 3rd Stephanie Fung and 5th Cameron Lawrence

For more information: www.bowljat.org



CA State Singles Championships

Walk-Ins
Welcome!

WEST VALLEY BOWL

2365 East St., Tracy, CA 95376
(209) 835-5262

Youth Bowlers
are eligible to
participate!

- 6 games total on the same pair of lanes
- Two Handicap Divisions: 176 & up / 175 & below (male & female)
- Optional Scratch Divisions Available On-Site (male & female)
- Handicap: 100% of 230
- \$50 Entry Fee

Sat., October 13, 2018
12pm & 5pm

Sun., October 14, 2018
10am & 3pm

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2018 Senior Singles

Hosted by: **Central Coast USBC**

Sign-up Early
and Get Your
Squad Time!

RANCHO BOWL

128 E. Donovan Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93454 • (805) 925-2405

Open to
All Adult
Bowlers Aged
50 & Up

AUGUST 17-19, 2018
9am & 2pm

Walk-ins & Re-entries welcome!
Based on lane availability.

- 6 games total on same pair of lanes
- 6 Age Divisions (Open & Women)
- Handicap: 90% of 220
- \$50 Entry Fee
- Champions in each age division will qualify to the 2019 USBC Senior National Championships

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