# FOREVER HOPE FOUNDATION WINS BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL \$16,000

DOWNEY, Calif. - It's time for the final. Could Goliath be slayed? Let's find out.

Game 1 was bowled on the third round long pattern. In this best-of-five game series the teams will move pairs every game so that they are bowling on a fresh shot.

This game was bowled on 27 and 28. The team that seemed unbeatable for most of the season flexed its muscles in Game 1, cruising to a 788-687 win. Vernon Adams led the way for Forever Hope Foundation with a 225 game. Vince Duarte fought back with a 197 for Family Ties.

It seemed like the start of another league night for Forever Hope Foundation.

Family Ties wouldn't just let them have their way though and we headed into Game 2 on the house pattern. The teams would move over to lanes 21 and 22.

It was a strike fest, which was to be expected on the non-sport shot.

Talk had already begun



Forever Hope Foundation (Round 1 Winners) - Joe Smith, Ramsey Basurto, Matt Murtishaw, Vernon Adams

**CHERIE TAN WINS 2022** 

about how Forever Hope Foundation, the top seed in the roll-off, picked the house shot for a potential Game 5 tiebreaker.

Why pick the pattern that's typically a coin toss for any matchup? Forever Hope Foundation lost only one point the WHOLE season on the house pattern. Unheard of.

And in case you wondered why I call them Goliath, now you know. This team did some ungodly things this season.

Anyway, the coin flip landed on tails, and Family Ties imploded for a great game, led by Mike Villarreal's 279 game as the team rallied together to shoot 959 against Forever Hope

Foundation's 920 to even up the best-of-five game

Fans in the crowd were mixed between happy for Family Ties to even up the series, but also stunned that there would not be a sweep

Round 4's flat pattern would be the next challenge for these teams. The teams

moved to lanes 23 and 24, where Vince Duarte was a superstar. He kept calm, cool and collected as he rolled Family Ties into the 10th frame with a chance to take a commanding two

Why? Ramsey Basurto left a bucket and chopped three of the four pins, leaving one very stubborn pin

games to one lead.

standing against two strings by Family Ties going into

The underdogs finished like they were the favored team. It was an 839-813 win for Family Ties. Duarte finished that game with a 246, while Joe Smith led the way for Forever Hope Foundation with a 231.

They'd move a pair over to the right onto 25 and 26 for a date with the short pattern. The teams saw a little bit of everything on this night.

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mentum fell on its face for Family Ties in Game 4, and the team struggled. Forever Hope Foundation did too, but not as bad. Matt Murtishaw shot 214 to lead Forever Hope Foundation to a 780-688 blowout win to even up the series. Mike Villarreal shot 207 to pace Family Ties.

It came down to the fifth and final game on lanes 19 and 20. You guessed it they were bowling on the house shot.

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#### LIZ KUHLKIN WINS 2022 PWBA LONG ISLAND CLASSIC

by Emil Williams

ROCKVILLE CEN-TRE, N.Y. - When the 2022 season began, Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, felt she needed to revive her career on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour.

On Wednesday night, she declared her return to the winner's circle when she defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, 192-190, to win the PWBA Long Island Classic at Maple Lanes.

She earned \$10,000 for the win, which was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

Kuhlkin won her third career title in front of her native New York crowd and ended a winless drought which lasted a little more than two seasons.

"It's a revival of my career." Kuhlkin said. "I really have felt the last two or three years my game has

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Cherie Tan parlayed a dominant match-play performance into her third career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title on Friday night.

The 34-year-old lefthander defeated Colombia's Clara Guerrero, 237-213, to win the PWBA BowlTV Classic at Maple

collected

\$10,000 top prize for her first win of the 2022 PWBA Tour season. The BowlTV Classic was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

In the title match, Tan, the No. 1 seed, began with three consecutive strikes against Guerrero and looked much like she did during the earlier matchplay rounds. Guerrero opened with a strike and followed with two consec-

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#### **BRYANNA COTE DOMINATES** WINS PWBA BVL CLASSIC

by Emil Williams

**ROCKVILLE** CEN-TRE, N.Y. - Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, was in full control as she climbed the ladder in dominating fashion to claim her third career Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title Sunday.

The reigning PWBA Player of the Year defeated Danielle McEwan of Stony Point. New York. 212-152. to win the PWBA BVL Classic at Maple Lanes.

Coté earned \$10,000 for the win, which was her first of the 2022 PWBA Tour season. The BVL Classic was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Coté, the No. 4 seed, entered the title match on a roll after tossing games of 289, 243 and 278 for an 810 series.

She continued the strong start against McEwan, striking in three of the first continued on page 8





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# CAROLYN-DORIN BALLARD AND ALYSSA BALLARD CROWNED CHAMPIONS AT PBA KING OF THE LANES: ROYAL FAMILY EDITION

by Jill Winters

JUPITER, Florida – An event to crown two kings was won by two queens.

The only mother-daughter team in the inaugural PBA King of the Lanes: Royal Family Edition Alyssa Ballard and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard felt somewhat like they were underdogs coming into this event, but they were far from intimated.

"I actually like competing against the guys," Alyssa said. "With the sport evolving, there is more two-handers and higher rev rates. We as women can't really create that as easily, so it makes me work a lot harder."

Alyssa was making her first TV show appearance and after a nervous first frame resulted in a split and open frame, she was able to settle in and read what the lanes were giving her against fellow Junior Team USA 2022 teammate Brandon Bohn and Parker Bohn III.

"She has had some awesome mental and physical coaches and they prepared her," Carolyn said about her daughter's ability to quickly adjust. "When you get good coaching and your foundation is so solid, you can do anything."

The lefty Bohn duo came out swinging with a five-bagger as they held a 31-pin lead through five frames. The ladies responded with four straight strikes to cut into their opponents lead. Brandon struck every time on the right lane heading into the foundation frame but left a pocket 6-8 split for an open frame and a score of 215.

Needing a double to shut out the Ballards, Parker struck on his first shot then left a solid 7-pin, which he picked up.

"We set ourselves up perfectly," Brandon said. "There is nothing that we would have changed. Carolyn stepped up in the 10th and made it happen."

Prior to Carolyn needing a double and 9 to win, her daughter gave her some words of advice.

"I just told her you have done this before, so you've got this," Alyssa said.

Just like she did so often in her career, Carolyn delivered in the clutch throwing three straight strikes to earn the 237-235 win. "The Hall of Fame parents and these kids are so good," Carolyn said after the win. "It's about filling frames and keep repeating, so you can strike." "There is nothing more rewarding as a parent than to get to do something with your kids," Parker said. "I wanted to win to give him (Brandon) more airtime." "My father is my role model," Brandon said. "This was a wonderful opportunity and a special moment for me to bowl with him for sure."

In match two, the Ballards had their eyes on the crown as they took on the Royal Family of Chris and Ryan Barnes. Both teams lived in the 1-3 pocket, and it came down to who had the better carry. Each parent and kid had a spare and a strike to start as the Ballards held a 10-pin lead through four frames.

Alyssa, who has committed to attend and bowl at Vanderbilt University, and Carolyn maintained a 10-pin lead through six frames before they put together a five-bagger for a 248 game. The Barneses left five 10-pins and posted their first string of strikes at the end of the match to lose with a 217.

The ladies hugged Chris and Ryan, put on their new crowns and showed on the final day of this family event they are now the Queens of the Lanes.

"We are very much alike, and we clash a lot," Alyssa said about she and her mom's personalities on the lanes. "So going in, I really didn't know how it was going to go. But we both stayed pretty calm, and everything turned out our way. It feels unreal, like it was all a dream."

"Special events like this one game baker match, anything can happen," Carolyn said. "I hope this sets precedents for years to come."

"This was really about the kids and showcasing the talent that bowling has," Carolyn said about this event. "The great thing about this sport is my daughter, (Ryan) Barnes and (Brandon) Bohn all of them bowl, and I hope they have such a great experience that when they grow up and have children it will just continue to flourish."

"In the end, we are all a giant family," Parker said. "We have watched all of these kids grow up and to see what they have become is incredible."

#### MATCH SCORES

Match 1 – Alyssa Ballard and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard def. Brandon Bohn and Parker Bohn III 237-235 Match 2 – Alyssa Ballard and Carolyn Dorin-Ballard def. Ryan and Chris Barnes 248-217

# Too Much Of A Good Thing

by Dave Williams

For as long as I can remember, I've always had an interest in cats. Their coy nature is alluring to me. Their life seems to be consumed in sleep, often precipitated by eating a large quantity of food. I noticed these traits while growing up on a small farm and having as many as 18 cats on our property... at one time!

And so it goes in our human life as well. One of the pleasures that I've always enjoyed is watching a good bowling match on television. I often plan my Saturdays or Sundays around the television network bowling broadcasts. This includes a last minute stop at a sub shop or fast food emporium so that I can partake a satisfying meal (large quantity of food) while watching the best bowlers in the world.

What invariably happens is that within a half hour I'm in a deep sleep and awaken after the telecast is over! Just like the cats, I've overindulged in that meal and paid the resulting consequence of sleeping through the whole show. After almost 50 years of practicing this food-sleep habit, you would think that I might have learned my lesson.

The CBS Sports telecasts this week did not help the situation. Being a creature of habit, I was surprised at the new format that was being featured: two different rounds of 4 players each, bowling 4 games, total pins, on two different oil patterns, to determine the stepladder finals later in the week. In all honesty, and with my belly full of food, I was having a bit of difficulty following the action across 4 lanes.

Whatever happened to a straight-up, one game match between two competitors? I remember once a survey was done to try and understand the popularity of bowling for so many years on ABC-TV. The result was that bowling scored very high among non-bowlers because of the predictable format each week, and also the emotion and resulting pathos towards the players involved in the mano a mano confrontation.

Needless to say, before the end of the first game I was in a deep sleep and awakened after the bowling shows had ended. Because of the lack of interest in this format, I did not tune in the next day when a more traditional stepladder finals was employed for the two finals groups. Were it not for YouTube, I would have missed the outcome of the event, and probably resorted to pba.com to read their news release about the telecasts from Arlington, Washington.

What I also failed to witness on that second day was history. Two players, Kyle Troup and Jason Belmonte, both rolled 300 games during the stepladder competition. That's a first on national television, but not the first time that it's ever happened. On June 22, 1959, Ed Lubanski of Detroit rolled back to back 300 games in a televised exhibition from Miami. In the unique "scotch doubles" format that was sponsored by AMF, Lubanski's female partner never even threw a ball (you can still witness this famous match at www.youtube.com/watch?v=oy8bPTOCAis).

Belmonte was the eventual winner of the televised marathon from the state of Washington, earning \$30,000 for 1st place, and an additional \$10,000 for his perfect game. The win was his 30th career title, tying him with the legendary Dick Weber for 7th on the all time title list. Many have commented that with five titles in 2022, Jason will almost assuredly earn his seventh PBA Player of the Year award. That would tie him with Walter Ray Williams Jr., who compiled his POY honors over a myriad of changing conditions from 1986 to 2010.

When asked by commentator Randy Pedersen about his ability to match up with the various patterns presented on tour, Belmonte was philosophical about his ability to fulfill in only ten years what took Walter Ray a total of close to 25 years: "Walter Ray, the man is a living legend and someone who I see as the best player that I've ever seen. To equal him is a huge accomplishment and something I'm very, very proud of. But it also motivates me to get just one more."

Bowling writer Nolan Hughes put the POY honors by Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Jason Belmonte in perspective. "Only Wayne Gretzky, Barry Bonds, Tiger



Kyle Troup picking it out at the Jonesboro Open in 2020.

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I wonder if we have too much of a good thing with all of the televised bowling shows provided by different networks? There's too many contrasting formats to follow, in my opinion. Bowling legend Frank Esposito came up with the ideal arrangement for television more than 60 years ago. The "speed bowling," four lane playoffs, double elimination, etc., do not enhance the tour. In fact, an article at bleacherreport.com suggests that bowling fans refer to the new formats as "circus-like," and that they irk the viewers ("Bowling Drama: The PBA's Struggle to Survive").

Incidentally, did anyone else notice that there was no blue (or red) oil on the lanes this week, highlighting the obvious easy condition?

The group that I miss the most are the seniors, which this year are being provided exclusively at bowltv.com. Their next PBA50 scheduled event is June 18th - June 22nd, and live streamed in its entirety, from the first ball of qualifying through the stepladder finals, which will be aired on June 22nd at 6:30PM EDT. The next televised PBA national tournament finals is slated for July 6th at 8:00PM EDT, on Fox Sports (FS1). Whether it's the PBA50 or the PBA national tour, I'm going to try and contain my cravings for food until after those shows, or eat a large afternoon snack, followed by a "cat nap."



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# KYLE TROUP WINS THE CROWN AT PBA KING OF THE LANES

by Jill Winters

JUPITER, Florida – Kyle Troup is always ready to put on a show especially inside Bowlero Jupiter.

In a showdown for the throne at the final day of the PBA King of the Lanes, Troup executed at a high level as he again proved his dominance inside the bowling center.

The North Carolina native opened with three strikes and picked up backto-back 10-pins. His oppo-

nent, reigning King of the Lanes Jason Sterner started off with a double before leaving the dreaded 7-10 split. Troup held a 12-pin lead in the fifth followed by six strikes.

He finished off with a 266 game which was just too much for Sterner who rolled 225. Troup proudly grabbed his crown and scepter, donned his new robe, and even added one continued on page 8

#### **Brunswick Inv.** continued from page 1

important game is to grab the lead early. There were four opens in the first two frames. Adjusting from short to any shot is such a difficult thing to do.

Rewind to earlier in the night though, and Forever Hope Foundation knows it has now lost only twice on house. Could they lose more in one night on that pattern than they had all season?

Hold their drink.

Strike after strike fell for both teams. But the strings favored Forever Hope Foundation.

Ramsey Basurto came up in the 10th frame and buried a strike, giving his team enough for a victory. After he connected with the hit he let out a loud cry of excitement.

He then let Mike Villarreal finish up his 10th frame before completing his team-high 258 as Forever Hope Foundation shot 940 against Family Ties' 892 to win the Brunswick Invitational and \$16,000 dollars!

For Ramsey it was his second championship in a row and second overall. He bowled with Cal Bowl last season. It was Vernon Adams' fourth championship win. Matt Murtishaw and Joe Smith each earned their first-ever crown.

There were just under 100 people in the stands cheering on as each shot knocked pins down. If you couldn't make it, be sure to do so next season for the 36th annual Brunswick Invitational.

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Family Ties (Round 4 Winners) - Steve Gurrieri, Mike Villarreal, Vince Duarte, Jon Huff

# LOTS OF GREAT MATCHES IN BRUNSWICK INVITATIONAL ROLL-OFFS WHICH TEAM MADE IT TO MONDAY NIGHT?

by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY, Calif. -- After a fun-filled season that began in September, it was playoff time for the Brunswick Invitational's 35th season. Have you had a favorite throughout this season? Now's the time to cash in on your horse. Let's meet the six teams that qualified.

It started out with our house pattern in Round 1, where Forever Hope Foundation began their season-long domination, winning 123 wins overall and clinching the automatic berth in Monday night's final roll-off.

Representing Forever Hope Foundation was Joe Smith, Vernon Adams, Matt Murtishaw and Ramsey Basurto. Round 2 was our short pattern, which would go to the team representing Bowlium. On the season they took 94 points overall.

Bowlium was represented by Butch Jackson, David Schiada, Arnold Cheesman and Billy Myers, Jr.

Up next was the long pattern in Round 3. This round belonged to the defending league champions from Cal Bowl. Cal Bowl won a nice 101 points on the season.

Bowling for Cal Bowl was Ramon Torres, Carl Labayan, Herman Ferguson and Leonard Ruiz, Jr.

Family Ties was your fourth-round winner. That round was bowled on the flat pattern from the USBC Nationals. Family Ties won 108 points throughout the season.

The bowlers on Family Ties were Steve Gurrieri, Vince Duarte, Jon Huff and Mike Villarreal.

Round 5 was a hodge podge round where every week the patterns were shuffled up. The winner of the quick round was perennial league power, US Foods. Overall, US Foods won 110 points during the season.

This season's US Foods team was represented by Paul Barraco, Charlie Kinstler, Kasey Uyesugi and Gabriel Martinez.

Rounding out the teams was the overall points leader that had not won a round. With 106 points, DV8 had clinched their ticket into the opening round matchup.

DV8's team featured JT Jackson, Jeff Carr, Scott Smith and Kyle Duster. Now that the lineups have been introduced, let's get onto the lanes!

#### No. 6 DV8 vs. No. 5 US Foods - Round 2 (Short Pattern)

The opening round matchup got off to a close start. It stood close all the way until the 10th frame of Game 1 in the best-of-three matchup. With a two-pin lead, Kasey Uyesugi came up with a chance to put a lot of pressure on DV8. He threw the ball and left a split giving the momentum to DV8 and a chance to steal game one. Scott Smith responded beautifully, doubling and then knocking down seven to finish with a 189 game. Kyle Duster added another strike to take the 16-pin lead up to 26. Gabriel Martinez struck right back but left four pins standing on a split, and DV8 took Game 1, 797-781.

A turkey can be a huge deal in these roll-off matches, and one turkey stood out midgame by JT Jackson. He led his team and the pair with a 216 game in a 39-pin victory: 696-657. A little momentum can go a long way, and DV8 found its way into the second round against Bowlium. Jeff Carr led the way for DV8 with a 428 set. Paul Barraco shot 416 to lead the way for US Foods.

#### No. 6 DV8 vs. No. 4 Bowlium - Round 1 (House Pattern)

The good thing about momentum is that it can carry you far – especially if using it on the same night.

Fortunately for DV8 they'd continue their night of bowling immediately after finishing the first round. A beer frame was how DV8 started the match off. They stuck Kyle Duster. And then they'd do it again in the second frame, getting Scott Smith. Great start. But Bowlium didn't go away. Fast forward to the 10th, and this one was tight. Bowlium held a four-pin lead and Butch Jackson doubled to put the pressure on. JT Jackson was able to notch one strike before sparing up in the 10th. The lead rose to 13 for Bowlium.

Stepping up was Jeff Carr, who was on a five-bagger. Bam, he nailed the first one; and then he did it again before leaving two pins standing for a 263 game. David Schiada's turn to respond, and he didn't. He knocked nine down and missed the spare. Momentum had turned DV8's way again.

Two bowlers remained for each team. Up first: Scott Smith on a turkey. He knocked down nine pins, and you'll never guess what happened next, he missed it! Could Bowlium take the momentum back? Arnold Cheesman had a chance at it. He throws the ball and left a split! The pressure was cooking in Game 1.

It would come down to the anchors. Kyle Duster's first ball: strike. Billy Myers, Jr's? Nine count. Duster came back with another strike while Myers cleaned up his spare. Duster finished his strike out for 229 and the win for DV8. Myers struck to finish with 258. Game 1 to DV8: 893-877.

Duster kept it going for DV8 in Game 2, starting with the front five strikes. He was determined to push his team into the third round next Thursday against Cal Bowl. But so was Bowlium, as the trio of Butch Jackson, Arnold Cheesman and

Billy Myers, Jr. started off with 10 of 15 strikes to open up a 49-pin lead. David Schiada struggled; but his team had his back.

DV8 cut into the lead, but still trailed by 39 pins. JT Jackson doubled up for DV8 against Butch Jackson's strike and spare. David Schiada opened on a nine count. Jeff Carr doubled with an eight count. And just like that the lead was down to just 11 pins for Bowlium. Here came DV8. A win and they'd advance to Round 3. But Bowlium understood the task at hand and Arnold Cheesman and Billy Myers, Jr. hit five of six strikes to close out the match, 839-813. On to Game 3 we go!

So remember we were talking about momentum? The bad thing about momentum when it's against you is that it compounds and can really get you. David Schiada more than recovered, starting out with the front nine strikes. But before we jump that far ahead let's get a mid-game update.

Bowlium had an 83-pin lead through five, and it was looking promising. DV8 would connect on 23 of 27 strikes after that. However, Bowlium only needed to connect on 14 strikes to hang on to a 32-pin victory to advance to the following Thursday night.

Schiada would miss in the 10th but finish up with a 276. Every member of DV8 struck out in the 10th. It didn't work out. Kyle Duster led the way with a 724 set for DV8. Billy Myers, Jr. led the way with a 716.

#### No. 4 Bowlium vs. No. 3 Cal Bowl - Round 3 (Long Pattern)

The beginning of the second week of the roll-offs would start out really tight in this hotly contested matchup. In Game 1, Bowlium kept its momentum rolling (literally) and opened up an 89-pin lead through—five frames. It seemed liked it could be a runaway. But Cal Bowl stood its ground, and Leonard Ruiz, Jr. would string together five strikes in a row, alongside a turkey by Carl Labayan to creep back into the match.

Going into the 10th, Bowlium's lead was cut down to just 10 pins. Here we go. Butch Jackson would leave two pins standing and take one of them down. Ramon Torres struck and spared. Cal Bowl now led by one pin. It was getting good and close. David Schiada struck and spared to get Bowlium right back on track. Carl Labayan would leave four picks and convert three of them. Just like that, Bowlium reclaimed its lead. It was a 10-pin lead for Bowlium. Arnold Cheesman hit a strike before grabbing nine pins. Herman Ferguson would strike and spare. Both anchors would strike, but both anchors would grab eight pins right after that. Bowlium hung on for a nine-pin Game 1 win.

It stood close in Game 2. Bowlium led by 30 pins and looked to capitalize on a slow start by Cal Bowl. But they awakened a sleeping giant and Cal Bowl reversed course heading into the 10th frame, leading by 19 pins.

It came down to Leonard Ruiz, Jr. to even up the set. On a strike he would double in the 10th and grab seven for a 176. It was a 705-689 win for Cal Bowl and we were headed to Game 3.

In Game 3, Ramon Torres went for it. He shot a 255, coupled with Leonard Ruiz, Jr.'s 222 game and Cal Bowl rolled over Bowlium, 808-708 to move on to the semifinals.

Leonard Ruiz, Jr. shot 599 to lead Cal Bowl. Ramon Torres was just behind him with a 598. Arnold Cheesman shot 586 to lead Bowlium. Billy Myers, Jr. was just behind him with 584.

#### No. 3 Cal Bowl vs. No. 2 Family Ties - Round 4 (Flat Pattern)

Just like the week before, the team moving on from the earlier match came out firing at will. This time it was Cal Bowl. They were motivated for a chance to defend their championship from a season ago. While Cal Bowl was as closely knit as possible, firing on all cylinders, Family Ties didn't have it going for them.

Game 1 was a route, 871-712. Ramon Torres led Cal Bowl with a 245 game. Carl Labayan was the low man for Cal Bowl with a 192. Mike Villarreal shot 245 for Family Ties, but the rest of the team combined to shoot just 467.

Change was needed if Family Ties was going to compete on Monday night.

Whatever speech was muttered among the bowlers worked. Game 2 was another blowout – but this time it favored Family Ties. It was an 805-688 drubbing of Cal Bowl as the tide had effectively turned. Mike Villarreal led Family Ties once more, this time shooting a 219. Ramon Torres and Leonard Ruiz, Jr. both shot 191 to lead Cal Bowl.

The deciding game was a 13-pin difference heading into the 10th frame. After Steve Gurrieri got just nine pins in the 10th, and Ramon Torres struck and got eight pins, the lead was just four.

Game on, Family Ties said, as Vince Duarte, Jon Huff and Mike Villarreal would each strike out to grab the reigns and also the berth in the finale on Monday night. The victory came off a 26-pin win, 787-761.

Mike Villarreal led Family Ties with a 677 series. Ramon Torres led Cal Bowl with a 630.

The matchup would be on for Monday night between Forever Hope Foundation and Family Ties.



# DINO CASTILLO WINS 2022 USBC SENIOR MASTERS

by Joe Jacquez - Bowlers Journal International

LAS VEGAS - When it is your day, it is your day. It certainly was Dino Castillo's day. As the No. 5 seed at the 2022 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters, Castillo, of Highland Village, Texas, ran the ladder to win his first career Professional Bowlers Association 50 Tour title at Sam Town's Bowling Center inside Sam's Town Hotel and Gambling Hall on Sunday live at BowlTV.com.

A die-hard Cowboys fan who is always representing his favorite team, even with his sock choices, shot games of 300, 257, 255 for 812 in his three games against No. 4 seed Chris Barnes (300-222), No. 3 seed Jack Jurek (257-196) and No. 2 seed Parker Bohn III (255-219) to reach the championship.

In the USBC Senior Masters format, No. 1 seed Chris Warren, who came into the stepladder undefeated in the tournament, had to be beaten twice to lose the tournament.

Warren had the best look all week, but Castillo had just come off averaging nearly 271 with his Black Widow Ghost, a ball that he switched to late in the day to get to the show, because he needed a different shape and more importantly, needed to start striking in bunches. That he did. To do it against some of the best players in the world, including hall of famers, Castillo said was a dream.

"It almost feels like a blur, because I had five matches to bowl," Castillo said. "Someone was having trouble coughing and so that kind of took the pressure off, because it became a joke to me."

At that point, knowing he was lined up, Castillo was loose and just needed to repeat shots. Having a bunch of miss room helped, too. "The only way I could beat Chris and Jack was to get them off their spot," Castillo said. "My look was not very good on the fresh, so I talked to Shawn Maldonado last night, and he said that is what I need to do."

Castillo took his Black Widow Ghost, sanded it up at 360 and 240 and took the approach of trying not to bowl bad and getting his opponents off of their line.

He did that. "What I didn't know was that I was going to be able to create an unbelievable reaction for myself," Castillo said. Castillo defeated Warren, the 2018 Senior Masters champion, by scores of 253-201 and 216-169 to win the 2022 event. He finished with 1,281 pins knocked down in the stepladder.

Castillo stopped trying to win on the regular tour after making some shows in his first five years, but as a rookie on the PBA50 Tour this year, he has been as motivated and as focused as ever to win. Ball rep Jeff Johnson said entering Sunday's stepladder finals, he could tell Castillo was there to win. "I am a good reader of body language, and I knew it was a Dino day," Johnson said. It certainly was a Dino day.

Castillo was not only able to get his opponents off their spot, but besides avoiding trouble, he was able to create so much miss room that even on shots that he missed right, the ball got back to the pocket, because of the ball he was using, his hand, the tricks he has and his rev rate, which is higher compared to most players on the senior tour.

He said he wasn't really thinking about what his score was for a set of games, but after the fact, that was a different story. "But now that I know, holy crap I shot 812, that's amazing," he said. Castillo said he could have never dreamed of winning the Senior Masters because of the format and how tough it is. "I knew it was going to come, but this is the last tournament I would have expected to get," Castillo said. "It's just a dream I never thought I would have."

Now it's a reality. Castillo collected the top prize of \$20,000 with the win, while Warren took home \$12,000 for the runner-up finish.

The 2022 Senior Masters started with 261 players age 50 and older competing in three five-game qualifying blocks to determine the top 63 joining defending champion Tom Hess of Granger, lowa, in the double-elimination bracket. Hess was guaranteed a spot in the bracket as the defending champion and finished the 2022 event tied for ninth place.

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gotten better, but sometimes you need to see it on paper. To win the title kind of shows yourself, 'You know, listen, you belong. You're an elite player on tour.' And, winning this today is a revival of my career. This was the Liz Kuhlkin of 2018, but now she's back in 2022. It really feels that way."

The title match began with a flurry of strikes from Kuhlkin, who connected in four of the first six frames, but Coté wasn't far behind with three strikes of her own in the first six frames. Things became interesting in frames seven and eight for Kuhlkin, when she missed two makeable spares. Coté split in the seventh and followed with a spare in the eighth to trail by just five pins. After trading spares in the ninth frame, Coté stepped up in the final stanza looking to apply pressure, since she couldn't shut out Kuhlkin. She filled 20 pins with a spare and strike to finish at 190.

This left Kuhlkin needing to fill 15 pins, if she struck on her first shot in the 10th frame, to secure the victory. She left a 10 pin on her first offering and followed with a spare, which meant six pins was the magic number to win. Kuhlkin's final shot crept high on the head pin but left the 4-6-7 split to grab the win.

Before the fill shot was thrown, Kuhlkin contemplated tossing her spare ball down the middle of the lane to secure enough pins but thought better of it because it wasn't something she's used to doing.

"I really wanted to win for myself and for my family," Kuhlkin said. "I had to take a breather, because there were a couple of shots where I really don't think I executed the best I could've. I was letting my emotions get to me a little bit. I knew that I was going to have to bowl a good game because Bryanna's a great player. She's been bowling fantastic. I actually told myself before the match started that I had to make seven or eight good shots to win, and I think I ended up doing just that.

"A 10 pin was probably the pin I wanted to leave to make because I felt that's an easy spare for me to pick up. I'm glad I didn't leave a 3-6 because I missed it about 100 times this week. Then, I got emotional when I made it, but I realized, "Hey, listen, you got to get six.' It kind of ran through my mind, 'Do I do the Pete Weber thing and throw it 100 miles an hour down the middle with a plastic ball?' But, I've never done that and probably would've gotten three off the right, so I told myself just throw a good shot. I thought I threw a good shot and it still hooked. It could have been disastrous as well, but I got seven and got the job taken care of."

Kuhlkin has had some honest conversations with herself during the last few seasons and realized what she had to do. The weekly grind that is the PWBA Tour can be exhausting and humbling, but also rewarding. That's why being a professional bowler is her dream job. But, at the same time, she had to keep it real. She knew she had the talent, and her passion was still there, but the wins were not following.

It was clear she had to take things more seriously. Following her U.S. Women's Open win in 2018, Kuhlkin admittedly relaxed, which cannot happen around the best players in the world because "they're too good out here."

After doubting her career accomplishments and wondering if she had overachieved, Kuhlkin spent the offseason bowling more competitive tournaments and watching video. She saw that hard work pay off Wednesday night.

"You have to always be on your game out here, and I've been on my game," Kuhlkin said. "I'm pretty lucky to be where I'm from in the Capital Region, because there are a lot of good bowlers there. There's a lot of bowling tournaments on the weekend, and it's competitive bowling. You can practice until your heart bleeds out, but you really need to have the competitive juices on the weekend, every weekend.

"I practiced a lot. I watched a lot of video, as weird as that sounds. I watched a lot of video from 2018 when I was making shows. I watched video of the women who are really good out here. The Shannon O'Keefes, the Dasha Kovalovas, the ones who have been winning a lot. I increased my ball speed and got my feet moving. I've been taking the offseason more seriously, and it's showing."

Coté had earned the top seed for Wednesday's stepladder finals on the strength of a 10-1-1 record in match play earlier in the day at Maple Lanes. She finished match play with a 5,366 total, including bonus pins. She made her third consecutive championship-round appearance (Twin Cities Open, St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open) and was in search of her third career PWBA Tour title. She finished as the runner-up for the second consecutive event. Kuhlkin advanced to the title match by defeating four-time titlist Dasha Kovalova of Ukraine, 185-161. Kuhlkin again used a strong start to hold off Kovalova and advance.

Kuhlkin defeated Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 209-205, in Match 2. Kuhlkin survived after Johnson didn't deliver a strike on her first shot in the 10th frame, which would have given her the win.

Kuhlkin kicked off the stepladder with a win over four-time champion Diana Zavjalova of Latvia, 215-180. Kuhlkin was clean throughout, while Zavjalova lost her look late in the match. Zavajalova was making her second consecutive championship-round appearance.

The Long Island Classic featured 12 games of qualifying on a 38-foot oil pattern Tuesday to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play Wednesday. Total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 24 games determined the five finalists for the stepladder. The combined qualifying totals for the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the BVL Classic. Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the BVL Classic, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Saturday and Sunday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Sunday's stepladder finals.

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five frames, while McEwan opened with two single-pin spares, a strike and an additional single-pin spare. But, the fifth frame foreshadowed the rest of the match for McEwan as she left a 7-10 split to trail by 23 pins after five frames.

For the first time Sunday, Coté couldn't put together three consecutive strikes and settled for spares in the sixth, seventh and eighth frames to hold a 21-pin lead. McEwan, working on a strike in the seventh, had a chance to take the lead but left back-to-back 7-10 splits in the eighth and ninth frames, which sealed the win for Coté.

Coté was making her fourth championship-round appearance in the last five events, and the fourth time proved to be the charm.

"It feels relieving and amazing," said Coté, a seven-time Team USA member. "In my interview for TV today I said, 'You have to learn to bowl on TV.' I think I had to learn how to bowl on TV again. I was fortunate enough to win my first time on TV in 2016, and winning on BowlTV last year. It's just steppingstones of learning to make good shots, learning to win matches and then finally being able to make the shots when they count. And, stick to a simple game plan, and that's what I did today and it paid off."

The 36-year-old right-hander looked similar in her runner-up finish at the recent St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open. She was in control during the first three matches before losing her ball reaction against top qualifier Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina.

The outcome was certainly different today as Coté had a better understanding of how the lanes might play as the matches continued.

"I think I had a better handle on the pair as it transitioned," Coté said. "In St. Pete, I felt the lanes really transitioned quickly in the championship match against Bre, so it kind of got away from me. I couldn't play catch up quick enough, and she bowled phenomenal. I was fortunate enough to be on top of my moves today and know what the game plan was if I saw something different. Today, it was simply to control the pocket, make your spares and hope they fall."

At the season-opening Rockford Open, Coté missed the cut. It was her first event as the reigning player of the year, and she admitted that maybe her "emotions got the best of her" after "having some expectations that she didn't see coming."

She regrouped quickly at the United States Bowling Congress Queens, and despite being eliminated earlier than she would've liked (tied for 17th), it was a quick turning point for the season. Following the first major, Coté began her streak of three consecutive championship-round appearances and four appearances in five events.

Her finishes during that span include a fourth-place finish at the Twin Cities Open and back-to-back runner-up finishes at the St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open and Long Island Classic, respectively.

"I told myself not to think about that," said Coté, referencing the unnecessary expectations she placed on herself after winning the 2021 PWBA Player of the Year award. "You're still you. You still go out there and still be consistent. You hit the pocket and you make your spares. Last year is done. This is a completely new year, and you need to just be yourself and bowl.

"It started to turn around at the Queens. I felt like I got knocked out early, but I bowled well and started to build the momentum for the rest of the season. I just kept riding the wave and stuck to my game plan, being me, and not thinking about what could be or what was."

In the semifinal match, Coté defeated two-time PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, 278-224. Coté started the match with eight consecutive strikes before a 10 pin ended her run at the \$10,000 bonus from GoBowling.com for a perfect game. O'Keefe was looking for her 16th career PWBA title.

In Match 2, Coté knocked off Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, 243-166. Another strong start from Coté combined with some late-match struggles on the right lane for Johnson was the difference. Johnson was searching for her fifth career PWBA title.

In the opening match, Coté began with a conversion of the 4 pin before connecting for 10 consecutive strikes to defeat Latvia's Diana Zavjalova, 289-202. Zavjalova was looking for her fifth career title.

The BVL Classic was the third and final event of the Long Island Classic Series, which also included the Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic.

Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, and Singapore's Cherie Tan each won their third career PWBA titles at the Long Island and BowlTV Classic, respectively.

The Long Island Classic and BowlTV Classic featured the same format. Each event featured 12 games of qualifying to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play. At the conclusion of match play, the top five athletes, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, advanced to the stepladder finals.

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The PWBA Tour heads to upstate New York and South Glens Falls for the U.S. Women's Open. The event will be held at Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center. Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, is the defending champion.

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utive eight-count spares before striking again in the fourth frame. She remained clean but would not strike again until the eighth frame and posted her first double of the game in the eighth and ninth frames.

Tan added a double in fifth and sixth frame, followed by a 7 pin she converted in the seventh frame for a 34-pin advantage. She tossed another double in the eighth and the ninth, which forced Guerrero to strike out in the 10th to keep her chances of winning alive. Guerrero notched the first strike in the 10th but couldn't strike on the second shot to give Tan the victory.

"It's great to win and be back in the winner's circle," said Tan, who won for the third time as the top seed. "I've been feeling pretty good about my game, so I think this is validation that I'm going in the right direction."

Tan entered this morning's match play rounds in 11th but flipped the script once match play began. She made the biggest jump in the standings after dominating her way to an 11-1 record, on the strength of two six-game sets of 1,398 and 1,404, an average of 233.5.

"I think it was more of getting comfortable with the shape and the reaction," Tan said. "And, fine tuning the surfaces on my equipment to match up to the pattern, because I had 12 games to slowly figure it out. My teammates and my coach also suggested I try a different area during practice, and it looked really good, so I carried on with it."

Tan, along with her Team Singapore teammates, are in the United States to compete in this week's Classic Series and next week's U.S. Women's Open in South Glens Falls, New York. Tan was the runner-up to Josie Barnes of Hermitage, Tennessee, at last year's event, in which Barnes earned \$100,000 for the win, the richest prize in women's bowling history. The team includes Shayna Ng, New Hui Fen and her sister, Daphne Tan.

Guerrero advanced to the title match by defeating Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, 216-204. Both players were clean throughout the match, but O'Keefe could not apply pressure in the 10th frame, allowing Guerrero to advance. Guerrero was making her second championship-round appearance while O'Keefe was making her third.

In Match 2, Guerrero defeated Daphne Tan, 217-173. Guerrero proved to be too much throughout the match, and an open in the 10th frame by Daphne sealed her fate.

In the opening match, Daphne defeated Julia Bond of Aurora, Illinois, 228-226. The two players traded four-baggers early, but Daphne had the lead after a missed 2-4-5 spare conversion in the first frame. The match came down to the 10th frame when Bond needed to strike on her first shot to advance, but she left a 10 pin on her first shot.

Both Bond and Daphne were making their first championship-round appearances.

The Long Island Classic Series features three events — the Long Island Classic, BowlTV Classic and BVL Classic.

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Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York, won her third career title at the Long Island Classic, defeating Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, in the title match, 192-190.

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Bond, Guerrero, O'Keefe and Daphne Tan qualified for the BVL Classic.

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of his Afro pick combs to the outside of his new headpiece in true Troup fashion. "I have won a quarter of a million dollars in this building, so a lot of great memories here and we get to add another one to it," he said. "King of the Lanes is something I have always wanted to win, especially watching Wes Malott be a dominant figure in this tournament for a long time."

"Who knows where the next King of the Lanes will be, maybe Portland, Maine," Troup guessed. "That would be awesome. I get to hold this title for awhile, so I am going to wear the crown well." Troup now adds his King of the Lanes attire to his two WWE championship belts. He earned that second belt just last month by defeating Tommy Jones 3-1 at the 2022 Kia PBA Playoffs, earning his ninth career PBA Tour title along with a cool \$100,000.

Troup, who has been nearly unbeatable at Bowlero Jupiter, was impressive against Jones once again. Having won his first major title at the 2021 PBA Players Championship for \$250,00 inside this exact bowling center, Troup relied on his past experience. He was perfect on the left lane and one stubborn 10-pin in the second frame cost him a perfect game against Jones. The charismatic two-hander won 280-207. "Once I found a ball that controlled the pocket on both lanes then it came down to me," Troup said about his game plan. "If I made the right shot with my speed control then it was going to strike. I just chose to go with that, and we definitely executed a few shots there." Next season, Troup has his eyes on winning another title to become Hall of Fame eligible.

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Match 1 – Troup def. Jones 280-207

Match 2 – Troup def. Sterner 266-225



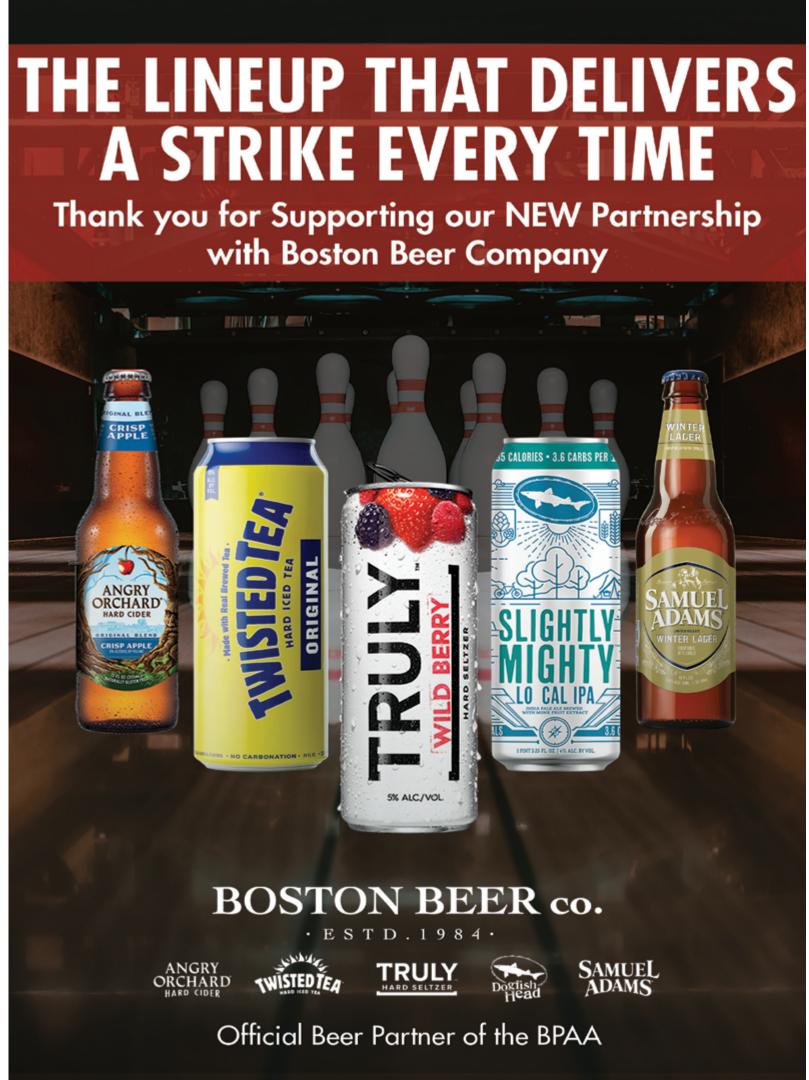
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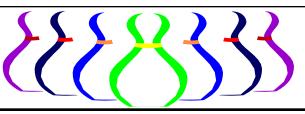
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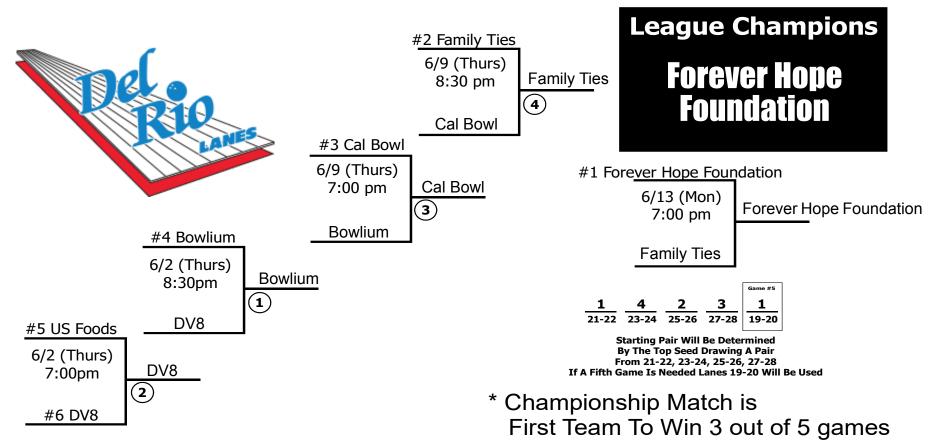
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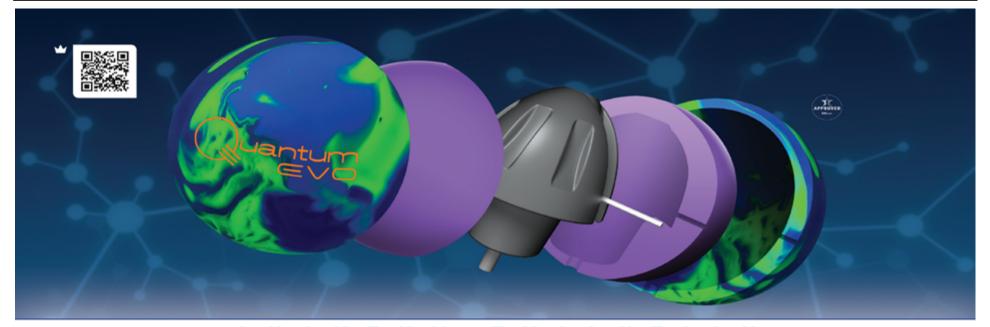


# Brunswick B





The First Team Winning 2 out of 3 games\* Will Then Advance To The Next Match It Will Be The Responsibility of Each Team To Be Ready To Bowl When The Next Match Is Available To Start.



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