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## Jason Belmonte Wins 2018 PBA Tour Finals

**Australian star beats defending champ EJ Tackett in 9th and 10th frame roll-off**

ALLEN PARK, Mich. - In a hotly-contested rematch between the last two Professional Bowlers Association Players of the Year, Australian two-hander Jason Belmonte defeated defending champion EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in a two-frame roll-off to win the 2018 PBA Tour Finals, earning his 18th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. The finale was telecast on the CBS Sports Network from suburban Detroit's famous Thunderbowl Lanes.

Bowling on the 45-foot Dick Weber lane condition chosen by Belmonte, the 2017 PBA Tour Finals runner-up held the upper hand in the best-of-two-game match after defeating



Tackett in the first game, 239-205. But Tackett, the 2017 PBA Tour Finals winner, rebounded to win game

two, 219-170, to force the 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the title.

"I didn't know what to

do," said Belmonte after appearing to be lost following his 170 game. "I tried playing outside and then I

went back to playing inside. I think I probably was over-playing my adjustments and making too radical of

changes, so I went back to my original ball and started playing in the middle of what I was trying to do earlier in the game."

In the roll-off, Belmonte started with a strike and finished with a spare/strike in his 10th frame while Tackett, who was trying for his 10th career title, spared in his ninth but left the 2-8-10 split on his first ball of his 10th frame, resulting in a 40-26 loss and giving the title to Belmonte.

Belmonte stressed the importance of his strike on his fill ball in the 10th frame of the second game leading into the roll-off.

"That (final ball) in the 10th was huge because that continued on page 6



## Belmonte, Page, Smallwood, Svensson Earn ESPY "Best Bowler" Nominations

Reigning PBA Player of the Year Jason Belmonte, 2017 U.S. Open champion Rhino Page, 2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship titlist Tom Smallwood and Sweden's two-handed powerhouse, Jesper Svensson, are ESPN's candidates for the 2018 "Best Bowler ESPY," ESPN announced Wednesday.

Fan voting is now open

([http://www.espn.com/es-pys/story/\\_/page/voting52/vote-best-sports](http://www.espn.com/es-pys/story/_/page/voting52/vote-best-sports)) for "best bowler" and a variety of other categories. The annual ESPYS telecast, hosted for the first time by a woman - auto racing star Danica Patrick - will air live on ABC on Wednesday, July 18, from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. Fans also can vote at ESPN's

social media platforms (@ESPN on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter) and @ESPYS (Twitter).

The ESPYS and related events benefit the V Foundation for Cancer Research in memory of the late Jim Valvano.

Belmonte, who has won the "Best Bowler" ESPY in fan voting the past three continued on page 6

## Gabriel Martinez Makes A Run At USBC History!

by Jon Diso

NORWALK - What a show Gabriel Martinez put on this past Saturday, June 23rd at the California USBC State Tournament at Keystone Lanes!!!

Bowling Team Event in the 11:30 squad, he thrilled everyone by opening up with a perfect 300 game. The strikes continued to mount in game two with twelve more strikes for ANOTHER 300!!!

The roar from the crowd for the first 300 was loud, but after the second one, everyone knew something special could be brewing, and the cheers were more intense.

After striking on his 25th consecutive shot, a stubborn 4-pin ended his

run. Gabe went on to throw 5 more consecutive strikes. 880 and a new Keystone house record was surely in sight, but a pocket 4-9 in the 8th frame brought it all to a screeching halt. After failing to convert the spare, he finished with the last 4 strikes for a fantastic 846 set.

The 3pm Doubles/Singles squad was up next. The strike barrage continued, as Gabe started out with the front 6. A stone ten in the 7th didn't discourage him, as he converted the spare and punched out for 279. Game two, he started with five strikes. Once again, another stone ten and off the sheet for a second 279. Needing 242 in game three



Gabriel Martinez for back-to-back 800s, he sprinted out of the gates with the first four strikes. A third solid ten in the fifth frame and four more consecutive strikes meant that the 800 series was pretty much secured, barring an open with bad count, but backing up an 846 series continued on page 6



## At Last!! Live Saturday Afternoon Bowling Returns!!

## June 30 - 2 p.m.



# 2018 CUSBC State Convention Recap – Part 1 of 2

## June 9-10, 2018 - Piccadilly Inn, Fresno, CA

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

*The 12<sup>th</sup> annual CUSBC State Convention took place up north in Fresno the weekend of June 9-10. Delegates from associations all across the state attended. Here is a recap of what took place on Saturday.*

### Saturday, June 9

FRESNO – Saturday morning was the Youth Meeting. We had a nice attendance along with a handful of the youth bowlers. Since we had youth in the room, we picked their brain in asking them questions about other sports and how their schedules are with youth bowling programs. One youth, Derek Delgado from North LA County, spoke on how he plays high school basketball, golf and volleyball. He explained how the basketball season works and on the different costs they need to spend for equipment and apparel. David Waybright, from Golden Empire USBC, spoke about his high school team and how he has similar costs that needed to be spent each season for shoes, uniforms, etc.

We discussed how the “normal” Saturday morning youth programs are not necessarily the best time for some of these youths, especially the ones playing high school sports. Andre mentioned how Lynn Matsubara started her own league that is only once a month and it’s called the “Average League” because that is what you end up with--21 games and an average league. It’s an adult youth league and Andre’s son even qualified for Pepsi in that league. All you need is 4 people to make a singles league!

We also discussed short seasons and some great suggestions came out of the meeting such as family discounts for multiple kids that are joining the youth program, practice discounts and one-time league fees in the beginning.

Our other main topic for discussion was bridging the gap between youth bowling and adult bowling. That stepping stone is Collegiate Bowling. We passed out some information explaining how Collegiate bowling is setup with USBC and we are compiling a list of the active California colleges that need bowlers or are trying to start their own bowling teams. Currently, the active CA schools are UC Davis, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU Fresno and San Jose State University. We will publish info on the CalUSBC.com when we get more information.

Saturday afternoon was the USBC Jamboree that started with a presentation by David Prange/USBC Western Regional Manager. David gave us a recap of what was covered at the recent USBC National Convention that was held in late April in Reno.

First we saw a video of this year’s motivational speaker, Sam Glenn entitled “Igniting Progress” which was centered around our attitude. He demonstrated by painting a canvas himself which surprised everyone when it turned out to be an eagle. His main points were to combat stress with a good sense of humor. Is there any benefit to being uptight? A real leader understands they are a student every day. He then reflected on his Mom and her fight with cancer and who is now a cancer survivor because attitude is everything! He also used an example of sharing your popcorn is sharing your heart.

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Tournament Rule 303 – requires all tourn. mgrs. be members of USBC.
  - Tournament Rule 319a – Assoc. Mgrs. not required to use printed Average Books anymore.
  - Tournament Rule 325 – Allows a tourn. to have a rule to allow teams bowling alone to set their own pace.
  - Bylaws B3 – Allows State Assoc. to have (2) “At-Large” Directors.
- The above are all effective Aug. 1, 2018.

#### LANE CERTIFICATION INFO

Next up was explaining the new requirements for Lane Certification Committees that took effect Apr. 1, 2018 on measurements and the new requirement of having three signatures on the reports (person doing inspection, proprietor and Assoc. Mgr.). This service is being done for the proprietors. Did you know, 85% of the lanes in the country are synthetic (measuring 5 panels)? Three panels are for wood lanes. All lanes will be certified because of now measuring all 5 panels. Next year they may not if the lanes don’t make the corrections or fix problems. Inspection equipment can be ordered at USBC bowling store.com but it’s not cheap (\$695). Also, Lane Dressing Inspection Reports are required annually.

#### BOWLING BALL STUDY

Then he went into the Bowling Ball Technology Study which is the result of four years of testing. Some of the changes to ball requirements will come in 2019; others in 2020. The reason for these changes is because the volume of oil has tripled over the last decade. Bowling balls have advanced technology, but the lanes/playing field are still the same.

One of the biggest changes that affects the most bowlers is that the balance holes must be plugged by July 31, 2020 (this process can start Jan. 1, 2020). We were told these changes need to be done to protect the playing surface because things like scuffing grit on urethane balls is hard on the lanes. Also, we were told not to plug balls now or they are illegal. Another change to be aware of is bowlers can only use a dry towel during competition. We were told that if centers add more and more oil to protect the lane surface and slow down the transition. USBC wants to keep the same scoring pace with lower oil volume.

#### IBM & HOF

Next up was Tracy Ebarb/International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame. Tracy is the Director of Business Development. He pitched the annual fee of \$29 for having a Sustaining Membership into the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame which had (46) members in 2016; (173) members in 2017 and their goal is to get (400) in 2018. For \$29 you get a sticker and a membership card signed by Mike Aulby. They also have a brick program to honor a bowler or organization. Info can be obtained at bowlingmuseum.com

#### MERGER UPDATE

125 mergers of associations completed this last season. There is approximately 250 left to complete this year. Nationally, USBC processed 60 of the 250 already this year. Tracy, CA is the only association in CA not merged.

#### ARC INFO AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE

He mentioned ARC (Assoc. Resource Center) that is on bowl.com and is updated and invited all to go in and check it out and download it.

#### AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday night was the Awards Banquet honoring this year’s State Hall of Fame inductees – Earnest Lou Gilles for Meritorious Service and Johnnie Englehart for Superior Performance along with Johnny Humble for Manager of the Year, Chris Preble for Coach of the Year and Ken Meryman for Youth Director of the Year. Matthew Carpenter and David Waybright were also recognized as the 2018 \$1,000 Youth Scholarship Winners.



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Assistant Tournament Manager:  
Barbara Metzinger  
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[mbabs118@aol.com](mailto:mbabs118@aol.com)

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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](http://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, skirts 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. Entry fees will not be refunded.  
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.



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## PBA's YouTube Channel Reaches 100,000 Subscriber Milestone

*Global fans help PBA become first bowling channel to reach elite "Silver Level" status*

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association’s YouTube channel is the first bowling channel to achieve YouTube’s elite Silver Level status, surpassing the 100,000 subscriber milestone last week.

By reaching Silver Level status on the [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) ranking system, the PBA bowling channel will receive a Silver Creator Award which will include a silver play button and other perks that will help the channel grow even more. Silver Level status also means the number of fans following PBA on YouTube has continued to grow, achieving the fourth milestone on the video streaming website’s popularity scale.

One reason the PBA has achieved the Silver Level milestone is its archive of more than 1,300 videos residing on its YouTube channel, including complete tournament telecasts, Xtra Frame highlights, full coverage of big events such as past World Series of Bowling and PBA League competition, player highlights, the “60 greatest moments in PBA’s 60-year history” countdown, original content, and more. The PBA bowling home page ([youtube.com/pba](https://youtube.com/pba)) includes a comprehensive list of playlists that feature the PBA’s most relevant content.

“PBA bowling on YouTube is one of the key aspects of the PBA Network,” said PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark. “It’s the perfect complement to our broadcast and cable television coverage, our comprehensive schedule of programming on [FloBowling.com](https://www.flobowling.com) that begins in less than two weeks, our social media network and our ongoing mainstream media outreach.”

The best news for bowling fans is that subscriptions to PBA bowling on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) are free. By simply signing on and clicking a button, subscribers are notified every time the PBA adds new content.

## PBA XTRA FRAME ON FLOBOWLING.COM DEBUTS FOLLOWING BOWL EXPO

PBA’s Xtra Frame live streaming service will take a week off for the bowling industry’s annual trade show, International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, before returning to live action June 25-29 with exclusive coverage of the preliminary rounds of the U.S. Women’s Open from Orlando, Fla. Liz Johnson of Palatine, Ill., will be trying for her fifth consecutive, and seventh overall, U.S. Women’s Open title. CBS Sports Network will air the stepladder finals live on Saturday, June 30, at 2 p.m.

The Go Bowling! PBA Tour returns to Xtra Frame on June 30 on its new online home, FloBowling.com. The inaugural event on the FloBowling calendar will be the PBA Xtra Frame Parkside Lanes Open from Aurora, Ill., June 30-July 2.

The PBA50 Tour will make its PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling debut July 17-20 with coverage of the PBA50 River City Extreme Open, presented by Ebonite, from River City Extreme in Monticello, Minn.

Fans can still enroll as XtraFrame subscribers through June 29 by visiting [xtraframe.tv](https://xtraframe.tv). An entire month of coverage costs only \$7.99. A three-day subscription is also available through June 25 for \$3.99, and the 12-month Season Ticket plan is offered for about \$1.25 week. Monthly and year-long subscriptions will be honored by FloSports as the PBA moves to Xtra Frame on FloBowling as of June 30. As of June 30, new subscribers will enroll through FloSports.com at the current FloSports PRO subscription rates.

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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  
29-30 – Xframe 4th of July Tourn., West Covina Lanes, West Covina, 626/960-3636  
30 – Teen Masters Double Trouble XL, South Point, Las Vegas, teenmastersbowling.com  
30-7/1 – CUSBC Diddy Watts Youth Challenge Qualifier, Linbrook Bowl, Anaheim, calusbc.com

## July

1-6 – Teen Masters Boys Championships & Girls Championship, South Point, Las Vegas, teenmastersbowling.com  
2-7 – ABT Summer Nationals, South Point, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com  
2-8 – 2018 TAT (True Amateur Tourn.) Amateur Classic, The Orleans, Las Vegas, 1/844-321-8100, tatbowl.com  
4 – July Firecracker Jr./Adult Tournament, Fireside Lanes, Sacramento  
6 – Early entry deadline for Glenn Allison’s Anchor Girl Trio (7/14), La Habra Bowl, 562/691-6721  
7 – Mt. Mesa Lanes Trios Tournament, squads at 1pm & 5pm, Lake Isabella, 760/379-3131  
7 – Scotch Doubles, 12 noon, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, 562/868-3261  
7-8 – HammerPins Handicap Summer Foursome Tourn., Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, hammerpins.net  
8 – Turbo Tech Collegiate Expo (for high school bowlers), Fort Worth, TX, turbogrips.com (registration ended 4/30)  
14 – Adult/Sr. VIP Doubles Tourn., Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 909/628-3966  
14 – Glenn Allison’s Anchor Girl Trio, 10am & 2pm, La Habra 300 Bowl, 562/691-6721  
14 – Silver Foxes TOC, 10:30 check-in/bowl at noon, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis, 559/381-0356  
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**PBA TOUR FINALS** continued from page 1  
*was the only indicator I had that I could find some kind of shot going into the playoff.”*

The PBA Tour Finals was draining for Belmonte because it followed an especially grueling travel schedule for him just prior to the event.

After competing in the Oceanview at Falmouth PBA League in Portland and then traveling to Florida to visit with Hannah Carbocci, a member of Stoneman Douglas’ high school bowling team, he returned home to Australia for a short four-day break before flying all the way back to Detroit for the PBA Tour Finals.

*“I’m exhausted, but I wouldn’t miss this event in this historic venue and the great Detroit bowling fans,” Belmonte said. “This is a great event that I believe really puts a spotlight on our top players so I really enjoy competing in it. Plus, I had some unfinished business after last year’s runner-up finish (when he lost to Tackett).”*

The PBA Tour Finals featured an elite field of the top eight players in combined PBA earnings from the 2016, 2017 and first four months of 2018. Competition consisted of four games of total pinfall positioning round competition on four different lane conditions, followed by a semi-final stepladder round for each four-man group. Belmonte won Group 1 over Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett and Sean Rash while Tackett topped Group 2, topping Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent and Tommy Jones.

As the high average leader heading into the title match, Belmonte got to select the lane conditioning pattern out of the four patterns used in the event: Johnny Petraglia 36, Mark Roth 42, Don Carter 39 or Dick Weber 45 (the numerical distinction behind each pattern name refers to the distance in feet oil is applied to the lanes). Coincidentally, Tackett also favored the Weber pattern.

Preceding the title match, a match to decide third- and fourth-place featured the No. 2 qualifiers from each semi-final round. Sweden’s Svensson, a left-handed two-hander, defeated Simonsen, a right-handed two-hander from Austin, Texas, in another best-of-two-game match that also resulted in a 9th and 10th frame roll-off. Svensson won game one, 248-204. After Simonsen came back to win the second, 229-201, Svensson won the roll-off, 49-39, to finish third.

For Belmonte, the title was his second of the 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season after a win with partner Bill O’Neill in the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship in February. Belmonte is trying to defend his 2017 PBA Player of the Year title and win PBA’s most prized individual honor for the fifth time in six years. Tackett disrupted Belmonte’s reign when he won the 2016 PBA Player of the Year award.

**PBA TOUR FINALS**  
Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park, Mich. (aired June 19)  
Championship (best of two games; 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break tie)  
Game 1 – Jason Belmonte, Australia def. EJ Tackett, Huntington, Ind., 239-205.  
Game 2 – Tackett def. Belmonte, 219-170.  
Roll-off - Belmonte (\$30,000) def. Tackett (\$18,000), 40-26.  
Third-Place Match (best of two games; 9th and 10th frame roll-off to break tie)  
Game 1 – Jesper Svensson, Sweden def. Anthony Simon- sen, Austin, Texas, 248-204.  
Game 2 – Simonsen def. Svensson, 229-201.  
Roll-off – Svensson (\$10,000) def. Simonsen (\$5,000), 49-39.

**ESPY’s** continued from page 1  
years, could become the first bowler to win the honor four consecutive years. He also is a four-time winner, tying Norm Duke and Pete Weber for second place behind the all-time ESPY leader, Walter Ray Williams Jr., who has won the award seven times since its inception in 1995. Belmonte and Duke are the only recipients to win three years in a row.

Belmonte is coming off a 2017 season in which he be- came the first player ever to win three PBA majors in a single season, and thus far in 2018 he has won the Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship (with partner Bill O’Neill) and the PBA Tour Finals as well as posting top-five finishes in the PBA Tournament of Cham- pions and the Barbasol PBA Players Championship.

In addition to his U.S. Open win, Page won the Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic title and he finished fifth in the USBC Masters earlier this season. In addition to winning his second major in the PBA Players Champion- ship, Smallwood helped the Sysco Philadelphia Hitmen to a second-place finish in the OceanView at Falmouth PBA League Elias Cup finals. Svensson, after runner-up finishes in the 2017 PBA World Championship and 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions, helped the GoBowling. com Silver Lake Atom Splitters win the 2018 Elias Cup.


**Martinez** continued from page 1

with a triplicate 279 set would be amazing. After a blower 7-pin in the tenth, Gabe settled for 258 and an 816 series.

The USBC record for a nine-game series is 2,468, held by PBA member Eugene McCune, which he bowled on November 1st, 2010. Gabe would need to shoot 807 to break the record. Game one of Singles, he started out with a strike and yet another ringing ten pin in frame two. Nine consecutive strikes followed with a ringing ten on his count ball for his third 279 in four games. He would need 528 in his final two games.

Game two started just like the previous game with a strike and solid ten. Five strikes ensued, as the crowd who had gathered and followed all day were in complete awe of how locked in he was. Two more ten pins in frames eight and nine followed by a strike, and it wasn’t until the 11th frame of this game where Gabe missed the pocket for the first time the entire day when he left the 3-6-7-10 split. He got two pins and finished with 236.


Entering the final game of the tournament, Gabe need- ed to shoot 292 to break the national record. His chance to make history ended in the first frame of the last game, when he started with a pocket 7-10 split. He finished the game with three more splits, which bookended a six-bag- ger for a final score of 197. Nonetheless, a 2,374-scratch total (263.78 average) and a near shot at the record books is not too shabby. It was absolutely unbelievable to watch. Great shooting Gabe!!!



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CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT

by Lil'

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LAKEWOOD – Welcome to those lazy, hazy days of summer. We've had the longest days of the year, wow the days will be getting shorter. Or are the daylight hours shorter?

**Funsters:** Willie McMahan 657, Rey Santos 634, Vic Santos 633, Chris Abing 258, Randy Antazo 225, Beth Austria 519, Cecilia De Jesus 506, Janet Kastor 504. Side-pot winners: **Men**—Game One: Willie McMahan 260; Game Two: Rick Seneris 235; Game Three: Chris Abing 263. **Women**—Game One: Leona Belletti 245; Game Two: Ceccelia De Jesus 183; Game Three: Lanore Knudson 255.

**Senior Men's Trio:** Herman Ferguson 267/760, Victor Santos 694, Paul Staff 689, Jimmy Hamilton 265/681, Rob Kordich 675, Paul Johnson 278, Rick Seneris 269.

**C.A.U.L.:** Rich Dahmen had a great night 276-206-201/683. Teri Friend was pin friendly, felling 193-159-148 for a nice round 500. Scores from week 8: Stuart Yormak 603, Alan Nyberg 583, Keith Hanson 222/554, Allan Lee 546, Tom Davis 543, Blayke Miller 542, David Regul 512, Teri Friend 500, Lori Gilmore 478.

**Cal Bowleros:** Susan Garcia 532, Carole Fischer 57, Pat Bates 504, Hedy Schoner 213. Side-pot winners—1st game: Vedia Moore 240; 2nd game: Carole Fischer 212; 3rd game: Hedy Schoner 266.

**Young At Heart:** We had two big 6's and they were by Jimmy Hamilton 464 and Debra Gipson 614. Way to go!! Other scores reported were by Walter Milsap 595, Josh Hudon 221/577, James Thompkins 563, Ray Santos 556, Bob Sneed 547, Phil Gipson 543, Henry Redman 542, Earl Hullett 539, Scott Robbins 526, Andrew Morton 525, Carla Dean 476, Dee Phipps 475, Myra Kremen 462.

**Recycled Teens:** Rey Santos strikes again.....and again, and again for 757! Lanore Knudsen could and did. 501 is better than a 502! More scores were reported. Chris Abing 278/710, Jojo Jasmin 618, Joe DeJesus 220/616, Doug Johnson 223/604, James Lewis 233/577, Donna May 499, Joanne Burke 497, Adela Santos 487,.

**10 For 10 Monday:** 10 weeks/\$10 each, equals a new ball, new friends and a fun night out. Scores from week 5: James Matthews 638, Don Matthews 589, Andre Barry 581, Ryan Davis 244, Daniel Albino 221, Toni Hixon 513, Sharon Soberanis 407.

**Pin Heads:** Super Sub Greg Kelly made the paper this week with his 237/612. Mel Leach led the ladies in game one, then Audrey Louis took over. Nice games by all. Other nice series were turned in by Tom Komadina 437, Pamela Johnson 420.

**Varsity League #Two:** Only one more week for this league. It's been fun. Four teams can still jump to the top! Here are some scores to report: Travis Morris 529, Kim Ho 521, Yolie Ascencio 450, Amanda Thomason 333.

**Laughlin Bowler Bears:** Come on Team 12 - - - Where is your lucky teams name? We have scores to report. Bandon Mims 238/676, Jonathan Gale 601, James Ward 595, Travis Patterson 562, Katwuan Sauldsberry 233/556, John Ferlazzo 526, Allen Swickard 516, Tomeka Lee 218/524, Toi Sauldsberry 503.

**Big Bear:** Butch White was "King of the pins" this week 247/235/233=715. Shirley Owens grabbed the "Queen's Crown" 226/203=595. Scores: Butch White 247/715, Chris Abing 246/678, Emmerson Wafer 234/670, Curt Soares 638, Tony Leavell 634, Paul Staff 632, Alfred Barcelona 616, John Woods 235/613, Shirley Owens 226/595, Ebony Hamilton 559, Sue Cant 556.

**Grandma/Grandpa's:** Team 10 is tops! This week - How about next week? Chris VanDeven 236/593, Walter Milsap 513, Stan Murren 503, Walter Gist 500, Vancie Keith 500.

**Gobs and Gals:** Paul Varela 732, Arnold Cheesman 715, Donna Owens 611, Shirley Owens 573, Laurette Boulton 548, Juan Camarena 269, Mikey Villarreal 258.

**Fil-Am:** Teams 10, 8, and 5 all tied at the top. You got 11 weeks to make your move. Scores?? Rob Kordich 674, Derrick Whitlock 664, James Borillo 635, Louis Whitlock 256, Randy Antazo 250, Rick Llaneta 246, Beth Austria 607, Odette Dalton 534, Emma Trinidad 614.

**Sierra Bugs:** Connie Wood — COULD AND DID! She didn't break 500 but bent it real good with her 492. Other scores: Connie Wood 204/492, Myra Kremen 483, JoAnn MacKnight 482, Sharon Greene 481, Mary Brooks 476. Side-pot winners—Game One: Cheryl Bilton 212; Game Two: Jo Ann McKnight 181, Game 3: Connie Wood 222.

**Practice:** You'll never be perfect — But it sure is fun trying. Scores from week 17: Chris Gurule 588, Byron Keys (LH) 560, Paul Napolitano 551, Gregory Custer 233, Toni Hixon 476, Peggy Alexander 461, Tina Tarvin 449.

**JUNIORS**

**Adult Youth:** (Week 4) Men/Women: Andy Torres 244/635, Anthony Ahumada 233/601, Louis Whitlock 225/618, Lulu Torres 181/460, Kim Calhoun 127/338, Kyle Farrell 212/524, Jocelyn Torres 172/495, Kendra Wilson 141/382. Boys and Girls: Noah Whitlock 223/581, J.P. Griffin 144/393, Natalie Ahumada 158/419, Kaitynn Griffin 218/620.

**Mini Bees: Boys/Girls:** Jaime Montano 72/115; Dylan Corbin 53/98; Santos Magallanes 20/28, Brielle Dropkins 129/221, Brielle Dropkins 129/221. Nellie Delacruz 83/162, Lalai Magallanes 19/33.

**Summer Youth: Girls/Boys:** Kameron Agulto 178/438, Natalir Ahumada 153/360. Kendra Wilson 161/388. Joycelyn Torres 172/452.

Before we end our column for this week, we have some sad news to report. ALMYRA PERRIZO, 99 years, passed away this week. Her claim to fame: Kaiser Health Care filmed her bowling for their Senior Care commercial.

RALPH BUCKLES bowled the "Big Bear" league with his wife Millie. He was a retired Long Beach Motor Police Officer. Our sympathy goes to all the families.



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by Tish

BURBANK – Summer is flying by & it is never too early to start thinking about your winter league. Get your teams lined up now!

All sanctioned bowlers are invited to attend the Annual Open Meeting for the NLAC-USBC Association...YOUR association. Corbin Bowl, upstairs meeting room, Sunday July 15 at 6:30 pm. You can stay on top of the association news at nlacbowling.com, on FB (North Los Angeles County USBC Bowling Association) or call 818 810-6263. BTW they are in search of presidential candidates. See you there!

**Senior Swingers No Tap:** (scr) Fred Lampa 207, Kay Samuelsen 164, Dick Bay 594, Kim Rasmussen 531. (hdcp) Art Segura 254, Bonnie Holcomb 230, Raymond Garciaua 710, Seiki Tluczek 678.

**Monday 690:** (scr) Steven Sinn 253, Crissy Gianficaro 185, Roger Desgroseilliers 640, Glenda Nale 523. (hdcp) Win Kato 254, Marlene Mendola 221, Zoran Jacimovic 741, Collette Rector 635.

**Holy Bowlers:** (scr) Chris Andrew 205, Kelly Bin Miloud 155, Steve Sekely 277, Kathy Marriott 288. (hdcp) Wayne Smith 253, Alicia Oberlander 246, Patrick Thomas 446, Elaine Hodges 433.

**Guys & Dolls:** (scr) Mike McMahon 246, Cortney Lyon 179, Cory Neill 697, Colleen Simpson 600. (hdcp) Ryan Wishart 269, Michelle Davis 238, Roger Desgroseilliers 739, Peggy Eklund 663.

**Wed Night Hdcp:** (scr) Adam Lew 258, Sheilah Ffaller 192, Stephen Warren 724, Laura Baltazar 573. (hdcp) Shant Megerdchyan 287, Alexis Arnold 279, Chris Williams 746, Amber Ball 776.

**Senior Foursome:** (scr) Winston Gorriceta 182, Bonnie Holcomb 157, Richard Brown 556, Seiki Tluczek 433. (hdcp) John Pemberton 231, Josie Pemberton 219, Richard Andersen 655, Kathy Lilliquist 684.

**Thursday 890:** (scr) Brad Wilson 244, Suzanna Martinez 187, Kurt Zappatterreno 674, Stephanie Rakers 545. (hdcp) Aaron Hodges 277, Vickie Maas 270, John Crespo 746, Debbie Reid 715.

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



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by Ed Saleh

LA HABRA – Weekly High Scores. Check out our weekly Sr. No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am. Congratulations to Jerry Vertigan on his 815 series that he bowled during the Vegas Gamblers league! The Glenn Allison Anchor Girl Trio Tournament is Saturday, July 14, 2018. Squad times are 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Sign up now!

**SUNDAY – Summer Rollers:** Scott Schneider 213, Celso Alhambra 213, Nancy Craig 194. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** David Brogdon 213/610, Brian Bendt 203, Erin LaBrada 235.

**MONDAY – Golden Awards:** Larry Green 244/642, Bob Esler 243, Jerry Rudd 237, Brian Parker 611, Jenny Campbell 204. **Adult/Jr.:** Jerry Vertigan 255/708, Kevin Jones 244/645, Michelle Passage 198, Alex Zieg 286/701, Michael Marmolejo 255/714, Stephanie Fung 202.

**TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors:** Larry McCurry 202. **Guys & Dolls:** Richard Nydell 255, John Pastorello 210, Steve Grossman 201.

**WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes:** Jerry Rudd 250, Fred Reinecke 247/635, Eric Will 222/603, Carl Brooks 612, Randi Hein 194. **American Nation Can:** Grant Walker 247, Brian Parker 235/604, Mike Thompson 217/621, Mary Beth Thompson 213.

**THURSDAY – Early Birds:** Mary Beth Thompson 215. **Sunset Rollers:** Willie Keith 223, Gabriel Romo 215, John Mulay 213. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Scott Kraye 278/979, Warren Nelson 278, Allen Tou 257, Kevin Jones 920, Mike Fowler 900, Jordan Kraye 245/852, Heather Morkes 238.

**FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers:** Jerry Vertigan 290/815, Marlow Dinger 269/753, Rick Vanderhaar 266/727, Starla Battiest 234, Tee Delgado 223, Jackie Lotspeich 202, Carie Morgan 202.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!



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Summer leagues are in full swing now at the center but a few of the leagues still have some openings. So if you are still looking for somewhere to bowl? Come on over and check us out. Sign up today.

Now onto this week's scores:

**Vegas Bound:** Scr: 675 Tyler Salverda, 649 Alex McKendall, 628 Shellie Camarata, 524 Linda Tippings, 246 J.R. Ayotte, 241 Rudy Perchez, 211 Nancy Jimeno, 176 Mary Ann Avila.

**Club 55:** Hdcp: 731 Tom Barron, 659 Steve Valenzuela, 617 Pat Copeland, 605 Carmen Barron, 250 Albert Delos Santos, 245 Don Cunningham, 210 JoAnn Cunningham, 204 Darla Lloyd.

**XFrame-TAT:** Congratulation to Team 9 for winning the league in the roll off. Anyone interested in signing up for this league for the new season they will be starting up on Aug 14, 2018 it will be a 3 person team bowling at 7:30 pm on Tuesday night.

**Chamber & Friends:** Scr: 576 Yong Gibert, 508 Stacie Davis, 639 Al Kapaska, 611 Steve Dolphin, 228 Heidi Boothe, 170 Jo Clark, 248 Mike Bennett, 230 Jim Harrison.

**Young @ Heart:** Hdcp: 709 Jim Harrison, 643 Camilo Capati, 677 Sandy Fine, 630 Amy Abalos, 242 Jim Hernandez, 238 Pete Veloff, 244 Janet Nguyen, 230 Ramona Ornelas.

**Let it Ride:** Scr: 505 Sancha Acevedo, 419 Craic McCrink, 679 Spanish McBurney, 647 David Molina, 157 Donna Frankin, 147 Amy Weinstein, 268 Desmond Warren, 235 Brian Jacobo.

**Fil-Am:** Scr: 547 Geline Chua, 540 Tess Dizon, 879 Mark Huertas, 696 Jason DeJesus, 226 Bonnie Chan, 219 Millet Delacruz, 258 Oscar Chan, 247 Allen Espino.

**TBYBP Jr/Adult Turtle Crew:** Scr: 517 Henry Lee, 164 Sarah Lee, Adults: 354 Sonia Silao.


**TBYBP Pin Heads:** Scr: 363 Erynne Jones, 345 Ryan Young, 76 Chloe Harper, 101 Zachary Cannon.

**TBYBP Rug Rats:** Scr: 82/137 Damien Donlucas, 140 Bailey Phipps.

**TBYBP Pin Pals:** Scr: 287 Kira Ihara, 378 Yao Yi Peng, 127 Kai Sandra.

**TBYBP Jr/Adult Strike Force:** Scr: 350 Bella Roseli, 444 Kirin Ihara, 226 Leoj Chint, Adults: 606 Mike Velasco.

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by Joy McGregor

ANAHEIM – Our top scorer covering both sets this morning in the Rocky Marsh Doubles was Hong Kha. Hong's games were 212-185-288 and 213 to post 907.

Our 2nd place award goes to Norm Walker. Norm tossed games of 195-224-267 and 217 to score a close 903 set.

In our first set, on the distaff side, Maiya Tallakson came out on top with a nice 238 game, followed by Mark Guillaume with 233, Nick Lam 233/202, Larry Green 203/225, Terry Brent 207/218, Ron Douglass 214, Chris Hefner 214, Tony Hale 211, Makcha Nelson 210, Steve Sparks 204/201 and Willy Bordenave 205.

In our second set, Alan Bloom set the pace with games of 258/241, Dave Easel wasn't far behind with his games of 232/256, Tony Hale 239/236, Willy Bordenave 245, Steve Sparks 244, Don Gardner 214/236, Chris Hefner 232/213, Terry Brent 222, Janet Anderson 221, Ron Douglass 218, David Yeoman 210, Dick McKenzie 203/225, Al Lara 202/213, Larry Green 206, Dahana Klerer 205 and Maiya Tallakson 202. Until next week...start preparations for Independence Day!!!



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