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Valley Bowl in Madera closed five weeks ago because of structural damage to its roof.

After Sustaining Roof Damage, Valley Bowl in Madera Re-Opens

by Fred Eisenhammer

MADERA — Valley Bowl was back in business Saturday.

The Madera bowling center closed about five weeks ago after it sustained “structural damage to our roof,” according to Patti Hoban, who owns the center with her husband, Terry Hoban.

Patti said the owners put in “four permanent steel posts in the concourse area supporting the main truss.” This allowed the bowling center, located in the San Joaquin Valley about 25 miles from Fresno, to safely re-open, she said.

Work will be needed later to help with other roof-

related repairs. A structural engineer was unable to “determine the exact cause” of the roof’s damage, Patti said.

Patti said the bowling center remains “two lanes down right now because we do not have the funds to repair the second beam costing a minimum of \$70,000 to repair. We have temporary support beams down lanes 6 and 13. “These repairs will make it safe for our bowlers and families to return. That has been our primary focus in reopening. Terry and I want to thank everyone who has donated to our fund to this date and

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PBA Surprises Duke With \$10,000 300 Game Bonus For His Dallas Strikers PBA League Team

LAS VEGAS — It had never been done before in PBA competition, so when the PBA League GoBowling.com Dallas Strikers, led by player-manager Norm Duke, bowled a Baker format 300 game in the semifinal round of the PBA League Elias Cup competition at Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, the question arose, does the team qualify for the traditional \$10,000 bonus for a nationally-televised 300 game?

The question was answered in front of a crowd of more than 1,000 bowling proprietors and industry leaders during International Bowl Expo at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas Tuesday when PBA CEO and Commissioner Tom Clark surprised Duke with a check for \$10,000 to share with his Elias Cup-champion teammates BJ Moore, Shawn Maldonado, Bill O’Neill and Tommy Jones.

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McEwan Captures Second Career Title At PWBA Wichita Open

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Sometimes it’s better to be lucky than good.

Fortunately, for Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, not only was she good, she also had a certain lucky charm in attendance to help her to victory at the 2016 Professional Women’s Bowling Association Wichita Open.

McEwan, who earned the No. 1 seed for the TV finals on the strength of a 1,543 match-play pin-fall total, struck in five of the first seven frames en route to defeating Maria Jose Rodriguez of Austin, Texas, 210-171, at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley for her second career PWBA title.

Rodriguez was clean through four frames until she left a 4-6 split in the fifth, followed by a 7-10 split in the seventh frame, which stopped her momentum and left her trailing by 52 pins. A split in the eighth frame from McE-



wan could’ve made things interesting, but Rodriguez was unable to double in the ninth frame to put pressure on McEwan.

“Being the No 1 seed is hard,” McEwan said. “You come out and have one game, and if its close or the other person shoots a big game, it almost feels like your hard work to get there is almost for nothing.”

McEwan’s rise to the top seed was not an easy one. With three games to go dur-

ing the cashers’ round June 4 at Wichita’s Northrock Lanes, she found herself in 27th place, still searching for a consistent look on the challenging 41-foot Sport-Bowling lane condition and well outside the upcoming cut to the top 12 for match play.

In danger of missing her first match-play cut of the season, McEwan switched balls, made a slight adjustment and rolled games of 269, 237 and 247 for a 753

series, which allowed her to claim the 12th and final spot for match play.

From there, McEwan took things to another level, posting an 823 set for the first three games of match play and 1,099 for the first four.

“When I bowl, I try not to look at the scores too much for that reason,” said McEwan, who won the 2015 Smithfield Tour Championship for her first continued on page 5

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PBA Tour Titlist John Forst's Final Day Includes Surprise Award, Reunion with Friends, Colleagues, Former Competitors

LAS VEGAS — A matter of hours after he was surprised as the 2016 recipient of the Jim Jaryszak Laneman Award at International Bowl Expo on June 29, LaGrange, Ill., native John Forst was found unresponsive on the Mandalay Bay property.

Forst, who was suffering from terminal brain cancer, was 55.

At Bowl Expo, Forst had a final opportunity to reunite with a horde of friends, colleagues and former competitors from his days working with Storm Products, Kegel, USBC and PBA competition before he decided to spend some idle time playing slots. According to unofficial reports, he took a break to get some fresh air, wandered off and was found hours later where emergency resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

Among hundreds of so-

cial media reactions to the unexpected turn of events was this comment from his brother, Ken Forst: “In a way it’s like he was able to go to his own wake. If anyone could pick what to do on their last day I’m sure most would want to have a day like this.”

Forst launched his bowling career as a PBA Tour competitor, winning his only national title with partner Louis Blancarte in the 1984 Columbia Senior/Touring Pro Doubles Championship in San Antonio, Texas. He made six other television finals in 286 PBA Tour appearances, including the 1981 and ’82 Brunswick Memorial World Opens held in Glendale Heights, and winning four times in 100 PBA Regional appearances before continuing his career in the lane maintenance field.

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John and Tracy Forst

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NAME	SCORE	DATE	CENTER
PAUL KERCHENFAUT	300	06-22-16	VALLEY VIEW LANES
RUTHIE “PINKY” JONES	300	06-25-16	GARDENA BOWL
JASON THAIS	300	06-28-16	PALM SPRINGS LANES
MICHAEL BARNETT	300	06-29-16	DEL RIO LANES
SAN MITCHELL	300/753	07-01-16	WINNETKA BOWL
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As a lane technician for Kegel from 1997-2007, Forst was trained by Kegel founder John Davis and Len Nicholson, the former PBA Director of Lane Maintenance, to handle major events on the PBA Tour and events around the world for the World Tenpin Bowling Association. He also was involved in the research and development of lane machines, lane conditioners and lane cleaners, and he developed lane patterns and performed topography studies at Kegel, where he also presented seminars on ball reaction and lane maintenance.

He oversaw lane maintenance at the USBC Open Championships in Billings, Mont., in 2002 and Knoxville, Ky., in 2003, and supervised lane maintenance for USBC Women's Championships in Salt Lake City (1994), Tucson (1995) and Reno, Nev. (1997). A USBC Silver coach, he later helped coach the Indonesian and Malaysian national teams. He was the sixth recipient of the "Laneman Award" named in honor of the late USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications department employee, an award selected by USBC to recognize a person for their behind-the-scenes work.

In accepting the award, the 2014 Illinois Bowling Association Hall of Fame inductee said, "I had no idea. I'm not very big on awards, but it's great to receive an award named for someone like Jim. I'm glad the service side is getting recognition." Forst, who was living with wife Tracy in West Jordan, Utah, at the time of his death. Information regarding services will be posted on pba.com when details are confirmed.

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Brett Barnhill Wins His First Central Valley Masters Title

by Bette Addington, California Bowling Writers

VISALIA — The youngest of the bowling Barnhill clan, Brett Barnhill, 25, won the Central Valley Masters tournament held on Sun., June 12, at AMF Visalia Lanes. For his win he received a beautiful CVM trophy plus \$1,000. Only in his third year of bowling, Barnhill now has five career tournament wins!

But competing at this level can be rough at times as Brett has discovered as he has been battling being in a recent slump. "This tournament meant a great deal because I had been in a deep slump for the past six months or so," said Barnhill. "I was too bent over at the foul line and was failing to project the ball down the

lane. One day about two weeks before the tournament, my brother Robert, told me about it and everything started to come back from there!" Robert is Brett's older brother. The entire family bowls. Mom and Dad (Sandi and Barney), who live in Tulare, bowl there. His other brother, Tim, lives in Visalia and is six years older than Brett. And, then, Robert, who is nine years older, lives in Cayucos. And Brett just moved to Las Vegas, but is from Bakersfield which he reflects "I would like to attribute that Bakersfield is a great bowling community." Although both brothers support Brett, he added, "they were not too happy when little brother beat them scratch in this tournament!"

Brett's future plans are "to just keep on trying to get better and better. I have a great deal to learn and improve on still, but I have a lot of great people helping me along the way." "I always have to thank my Mom and Dad, and two brothers for all their support. Greg Geering from Dynamic Bowling in Clovis for drilling all my equipment and all the time that he has spent helping me with my game. And last, but not least, CVM Tournament Club for putting on some of the best tournaments!" Brett used his Hammer Bad Intentions and Brunswick gold Rhino Pro for qualifying at this event and then the gold Rhino Pro and his Hammer First Blood for the Finals. His high career game to date is a 299 (shot about a year and a half ago), and his highest series is a 736 (bowled in the CVM Classic league this past winter season at Regency Lanes).

This CVM Singles tournament drew 103 entries between the two qualifying squads. They paid out (18) spots with a total of \$3,768.00 in prize fund money. Their Optional Scratch Side paid (3) spots for a total of \$580.00. They had a total of (84) brackets for the day and paid out \$2,940.00. Total prize fund for the day was \$7,288.00.

The CVM Directors would like to thank AMF Visalia Lanes for hosting this tournament as well as thank all the bowlers, again, for their continued support they have given Central Valley Masters.

Upcoming for CVM:

Sun., Aug. 21: Central Valley Masters One-Day Singles Tournament at AMF Southwest Lanes in Bakersfield. Two qualifying squads – 10am & 2pm, \$1,000 for 1st place guaranteed. Payout 1 in 6. Handicapped (80% of 220). 5 gamer across 10 lanes. \$60 entry fee; optional Scratch Series \$20.

Tues., Sept. 6: Central Valley Masters Classic Bowling League starts, 6:30pm, Regency Bowling Center (820 Real Road), teams are any (4) combo, \$8,000 1st place guaranteed, 34 weeks plus sweepers (ends May 2), \$23 per night per bowler, split season, top 4 teams from each half advance to a top 8 Roll-Off, handicapped (90% of 230). Over \$48,000 projected Prize Fund based on (20) teams. Sat. & Sun., Sept. 24-25: Central Valley Masters \$5,000 Scratch Open Tournament, Regency Lanes. Singles tournament with two qualifying squads on Saturday (10am and 3pm). 7 games of qualifying (1 in 5 will advance to Sunday's Finals). Brackets and Sidepots available. Entry fee \$150. For more info, contact Chris Gregory at (661) 805-3532.



CVM Champion Brett Barnhill (center) is congratulated by CVM Director Charles Gabriel (left) and CVM President John Curtis (right).

For more information on CVM, email them at info@centralvalleymasters.com.

Central Valley Masters Directors are: John Curtis, President; Chris Gregory, Vice-President; Greg Barraza, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; Ian Byers; Zack Newman; Ron Andrews; Mike Curtis; Charles Gabriel; Kelsey Curtis and Rick Mathews.

Central Valley Masters One-Day Singles Tournament Results Sun., June 12, 2016 AMF Visalia Lanes

- 1st – Brett Barnhill, Bakersfield - \$1,000
 - 2nd – Robert Fox, Bakersfield - \$500
 - 3rd – JoJo Barcelona, Lemoore - \$300
 - 4th – Justin Lavinder, Visalia - \$240
 - 5th – Steve Florer, Tulare - \$230
 - 6th – Robby Britton, Fresno - \$200
 - 7th – Zack Long, Taft - \$180*
 - 8th – Tim Barnhill, Visalia - \$170
 - 9th – Jeff Ellington, Bakersfield - \$150
 - 10th – Brandon Bates, Modesto - \$130
 - 11th – Robert Nelson, Fresno - \$120
 - 12th – Stephanie Sanders, Bakersfield - \$105
 - 13th – Ryan Singh, Fresno - \$95
 - 14th – Kelsey Curtis, Bakersfield - \$83
 - 15th – Jeff Regan, Bakersfield - \$75
 - 16th – Zarcoff Boutell, Newberry Park - \$70
 - 17th – John Curtis, Bakersfield - \$60
 - 18th – Kevin Hale, Bakersfield - \$60
- *Paid in Scholarship money.

Optional Scratch

- 1st – Brandon Bates, Modesto - \$300
- 2nd – Steve Florer, Tulare - \$200
- 3rd – Robby Britton, Fresno - \$80

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by Frank Weiler

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48	Darron Peters	3,138	212.5	+188
96	Jim Murtishaw	3,068	204.5	+68

PARKER BOHN III was the leader after qualifying with a 247 average for fifteen games. The tournament was won by PETE WEBER.

ask for your continued support so we can repair the truss and roof.”

An online campaign to “Help Save Valley Bowl” seeks to help with roof repairs. As of Sunday, \$2,210 has been raised with a goal of \$135,000.

On June 3, Patti posted on Facebook that “Valley Bowl is closed until further notice due to structural damage to our roof this morning. We want to ensure that everyone who comes to our bowl is safe and secure so we will be closed until repairs are made. A structural engineer is on his way to the bowl and I will keep everyone posted to when we will be able to open back up. . . .”

On June 24, Patti posted a Facebook update that read in part: "Terry and I want to thank everyone that has contributed to our 'Help Save Valley Bowl.' At this point, it appears our insurance claim has been denied. Your support will help us make the repairs for Valley Bowl to open back up at full capacity with the No. 1 desire to make it a safe and fun place for friends and families to come."

The one-month closing of the 18-lane Valley Bowl shook up regular users of the center.

Ace bowler Steve Johnson of Fresno said a week and a half ago that he hadn't bowled since the bowling center closed. "I still haven't picked up my equipment at Valley Bowl," said Johnson, who met his wife, Danielle Davis, at the center. "It's been very difficult. It's been like our place."

And he added: "The bowling community can weather only so much of a storm. It's not a corporate-owned house. You deal with an owner behind the counter every time you walk through the door. Patti and Terry are one of the few rare jewels we have left. They run it like a family business because it's a family activity."

"When you go into that bowling alley, it feels like what a bowling alley should feel like. People know each other and they know you by name."

Said Patti: "Valley Bowl is our life and where all of our friends are."

Johnson said it's the only bowling center between central Fresno and Atwater – an hour's drive.

"When I was bowling in my youth, there were six functioning bowling alleys in the Fresno-Clovis area. Now there are two," said Johnson, ticking off AMF Sierra Lanes in Fresno and AMF Rodeo Lanes in Clovis as the centers still open.

Since Johnson's comments, Valley Open re-opened and he returned to the lanes Saturday.

Johnson said he was hopeful the fund-raising campaign will prove successful.

"I hope people will respond," he said.

Valley Bowl's fund-me account can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/29b44zg>



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The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

Oh, Captain! My Captain!

What will the future of bowling look like? Who will the new leaders be? Where will they come from? The answer is simple: Who knows? While it’s generally improper to answer a question with a question, that is the best answer available. Why? Because nobody even knows who the old leaders were or where they came from.

More than 5000 years ago a child died. He owned toys associated with bowling. Those were among his most precious possessions for they were buried with him for use in the afterlife. Fast forward to the present and we see that his sport continues to exist.

Who kept it alive? How did it survive? We only know that it has.

There is no complete record of its evolution. Halls of fame which collect and display such data are a recent addition to our culture.

Though its popularity is diminishing, bowling continues and shows no sign of disappearing. There seems to be something about this activity that is bonded to human nature and demands its existence. What might that be? The need for physical activity? The need to compete? The need to socialize? What is it that keeps bowling alive? While all of the above are true, the next question is even more intriguing; Who kept bowling alive?

The answer to that question is....captains. Human experiences are like ships on a stormy sea; they are guided by their captains. For my generation, the best known captains of bowling were Don Carter and Dick Weber, ABC’s “Wide World of Sports”, The American Bowling Congress and publications like the California Bowling News.

Over time, Carter and Weber were replaced by Earl Anthony and Mark Roth, who were replaced by Walter Ray Williams and Pete Weber. ABC’s “Wide World” was replaced by ESPN. The ABC was replaced by the USBC. Thankfully, the Bowling News keeps rolling along (pun intended).

Captains are the Olympic marathon-runners of our sport. They carry the torch and pass it on to the next generation. Many of our present-day captains are well known like the touring pros and the governing bodies. We are also blessed to have captains like Carol Mancini, Frank Weiler, Mary Lynly, and others too numerous to list here. All deserve the gratitude of bowlers everywhere for preserving the traditions of this sport.

But who will replace them? As bowling continues to evolve, who would dare to predict who the next captains will be or where they will come from? Certainly not this humble writer, but I will make one prediction: You will read about them long before they emerge as the leaders they are destined to become. Where? Perhaps they were mentioned in this very edition of The Bowling News. Who knows?

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NATIONAL DEAF BOWLING NEWS

by Connie Marchione

RESULTS OF 75TH ANNIVERSARY PACIFIC COAST DEAF BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AT STRIKE ZONE LANES IN SUNSET STATION HOTEL & CASINO

HENDERSON — We are listing each event winners:

4-Men Team – “Take It High Handicaps” Yazam Aranki, Emad Aranki Glendora, CA, Kenneth Downing Howard Beach, NY and Marvin Sager Laguna Wood, CA Team games 696-699-649=2044 plus 840 handicap 2884 .

Doubles Event – Bryce Takaki & Vuong Ho Honolulu, HI Team games 436-396-419=1251 plus 303 handicap 1554 .

Singles event – Tom Maez, Las Vegas, NV 200-246-226=672 plus 117 handicap 789.

All-Events – Yazam Aranki Glendora, CA Team 570- Doubles 536- Singles 531= 1637 plus 630 handicap 2267 .

Connie Marchione Deaf Masters – Winner: Daniel Vasquez Upland, CA 198 – 228, Runner up: Darren Neizman Waipahu, HI 204 – 212.

Don I. Miller Senior Masters – Winner: Randy Salazar Whittier, CA 167 plus 66 handicap 233. Runner up: William Golyer Anaheim, CA 140 plus 53 handicap 193.

69TH ANNUAL PACIFIC COAST DEAF WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT AT STRIKE ZONE LANES INSUNSET SATION HOTEL & CASINO

The each event winners:

4-Women Team Event – “Lucky Strike” Patricia Morford, CA, Sharon Caldwell, CA, Valarie Henderson, CA & Melchora Lee, IL Team games 653-633-656=1948 plus 363 handicap 2305.

Doubles Event – Zoe Ann Joiner, CA & Lisa Brinlee, CA Team games 320-373-293=986 plus 267 handicap 1253 .

Singles Event – Melchora Lee, IL 205+243-189=637 plus 24 handicap 661 .

All-Events, Scratch – Jerilyn Keller, TX 560-583-592=1735 .

All-Events, Handicap – Wendy Spanton, CA 497-509-533=1521 plus 324 handicap 1845

Queens Champion – Jerilyn Keller, TX 350, rematch 377, Queens Runner up Coreen Harting, CA 386, rematch 327 .

Senior Queens Champion – Joan McCowin, TX 322 plus 49 371, Senior Queens Runner up Robin Grindstaff 322 plus 27 349.

There will be stories about how the winners did in coming issues when I get more official lists. Thanks to Wendy Spanton for the women’s scores and Gardy Rodgers and Sharon Caldwell for the men’s scores.

WICHITA OPEN

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PWBA title. “I just try to stay within myself, and as far as I’m concerned there’s always hope I can figure it out. That’s really paid off for me this year. There have been a lot of times I’ve been able to shoot a big game and put myself back in position, where if I was really counting, I’d be putting more pressure on myself.”

Rodriguez, the No. 2 seed, earned her spot in the final match by defeating Syaidatul Hamidi of Malaysia, 218-180. Rodriguez was clean in the win, while Hamidi had two opens and struggled with pin carry.

In the opening match, Hamidi doubled in the 10th frame, on the strength of an eighth-frame ball change, to knock off No. 4 seed Shannon Pluhowsky, 190-180.

Pluhowsky, who finished the match first, spared in the ninth frame and needed to double and get nine pins to shut out Hamidi. She began the 10th frame with an eight-count spare, followed by a strike, which allowed Hamidi the chance to win the match.

While McEwan is more than capable of winning on her own, considering her overall skill level, fundamentals and knowledge of the game, it certainly doesn’t hurt to have a good luck charm in the crowd when competing. McEwan’s mother, Susan Varano, was in attendance and now has witnessed McEwan’s first two PWBA titles in person.

“It means the world to have her here,” said McEwan, whose 823 in match play was the first 800 series by any player since the re-launch of the PWBA Tour in 2015. “All the Team USA girls tease her and say she’s my good-luck charm. She always shows up at the right moments. Sometimes, it’s going badly and we put her in the corner, but it always turns around. She wasn’t there when I made the show at the Queens (2016), and I didn’t win, so I’m going to make sure she gets a plane ticket when I make a show from now on.”

The moment was not lost on Varano, who may want to give McEwan a cardboard cutout of herself as an early birthday present, just in case she’s unable to make future TV finals. But for the PWBA Wichita Open finals, Varano had a front-row seat for her daughter’s second professional title and she’s had a lifetime first-class seat for McEwan’s growth from youth bowler to collegiate star to PWBA standout.

“It’s just unbelievable pride,” Varano said. “I see how much she works at this. I see it day in and day out with what she eats, what she drinks and what she reads. She lives this. This is what she wants. After watching Kelly and Liz and Shannon and Stefanie and all of the best for all of these years, and to all of a sudden hear her name with them, it’s a great feeling.” All qualifying and match-play rounds of the PWBA Wichita Open were held at Northrock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas, on June 3-4.

The stepladder finals were held June 26 at The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley in conjunction with the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship and the finals of the Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open and PWBA Greater Detroit Open.

The Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship finals aired live on CBS Sports Network, while the Lincoln Open and Greater Detroit Open will air on CBS Sports Network on July 12 and July 19, respectively.

PWBA WICHITA OPEN At The Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley, Green Bay, Wis.

Final standings

1 Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y. 210 (1 game) \$10,000

2 Maria Jose Rodriguez, Austin, Texas, 389 (2 games), \$5,000

3 Syaidatul Hamidi, Malaysia, 370 (2 games), \$3,500

4 Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 180 (1 game), \$3,000

Stepladder results

Match One – Hamidi def. Pluhowsky, 190-180

Semifinal – Rodriguez def. Hamidi, 218-180

Championship – McEwan def. Rodriguez, 210-171

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'Grab Your Balls' Songwriter Made His Mark

by Fred Eisenhammer

CLEVELAND, Ohio – It’s been called the greatest polka song ever. And it’s all about bowling.

The song title is “Grab Your Balls, We’re Going Bowling,” and the lyrics and music were written in 1995 by Ray Miller, also known as “Rockin’ Ray” Miller for his skills with the guitar.

“I’m glad they said it, but I’m not sure it’s the greatest [polka] song ever,” said Miller modestly in an exclusive interview with the California Bowling News. “But it is a fun song.”

Fun, it definitely is.

The song has become an icon in the world of party bowlers and bar establishments.

Miller, 77, says the ditty is played by about 60,000 jukeboxes nationwide. The lyrics have been amended through the years somewhat, but here are the song’s words as Miller first penned them:

FIRST VERSE

Find an ugly shirt and put it on.
Don’t matter if it fits. You can’t go wrong.
No one cares if it’s old or new.
Everybody there will be like you.

CHORUS

Grab your balls. We’re goin’ bowling.
Grab your balls. We’ll have some fun.
Grab your balls. We’re goin’ bowling.
Grab your balls, everyone.

SECOND VERSE

We’ll smoke cigars and drink a lot of beer.
We’ll slap our hands, jump, shout and cheer.
There’s one thing that we’re so proud of knowin’.
We put the B.O. in bowling.

REPEAT CHORUS

INSTRUMENTAL BREAK

LAST VERSE

We’ll add up all our scores in just a blink.
Then we’ll buy ourselves another drink.
We’ll spend an hour trying to explain.
Why we didn’t bowl a better game.

REPEAT CHORUS

Interestingly, when the song was first played, Miller was criticized by a couple of people for the supposed “dirty” nature of the song. Miller countered that viewpoint by explaining that when bowlers visit their centers, they typically take more than one bowling ball in their bag. “We got over that objection right way,” said Miller, laughing.

Miller compiled an impressive career as a league bowler, averaging 189 at his highest and rolling countless 600 series. He said the inspiration for the lyrics came on one opening night of his league.

“They shut off all the bowling machines so the league secretary could make a speech – about all the 300s and all those nice things,” he said. “It was the first time it was quiet in the bowling alley – usually they have all those machines rolling.

“So he said, ‘Good luck bowling, gentlemen.’ And suddenly the machines came on. For some reason, the thought hit my mind; it was like the Indy 500 when they say, ‘Gentlemen, start your engines.’ So I turned around and said, ‘Gentlemen, grab your balls.’

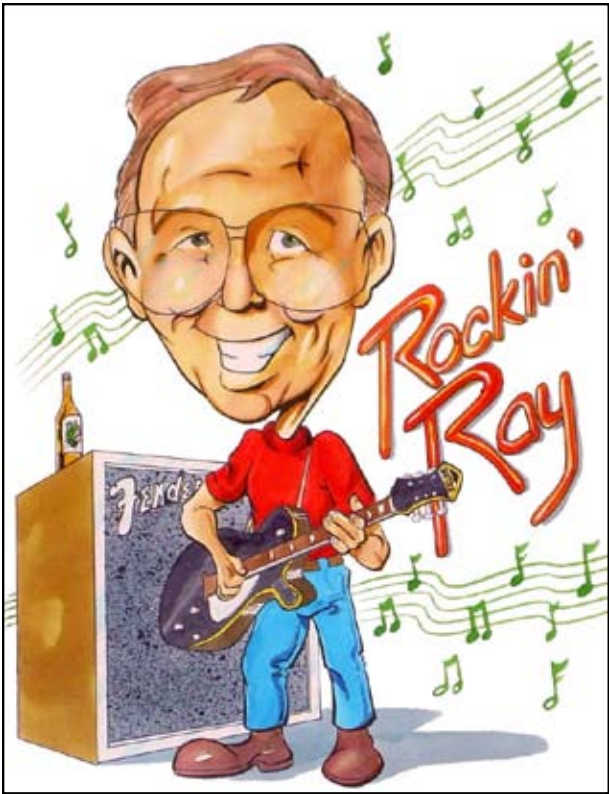
“The next day, I said, ‘Grab your balls and let’s go bowling.’ I thought it was a cute song.”

The song was a perfect fit locally right from the start. “There’s a lot of bowling and a lot of polka in Cleveland,” said Miller, a longtime resident in the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

Miller composed songs as a part-time job and he said he’s written about a half-dozen polka songs. But none have had the impact of his bowling ditty.

No one was happier than Miller’s wife, Diane, that he penned the song.

“She liked it right away,” Miller said. “She’s Slovenian and loves to polka. So that’s another reason [for us] to polka. And she makes me feel like I can actually do it.”



“Rockin’ Ray” Miller wrote his iconic bowling song in 1995.

QUBICA AMF PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: HAGGERTY TOPS HAUGEN TO WIN IN TUOLUMNE

- PJ Haggerty of Roseville, Calif., posted an 8-4 match play record and a 20-game total of 4,941 pins Sunday to win his 10th PBA Regional title in the PBA Battle of Black Oak Casino West Open at Black Oak Lanes in Tuolumne, Calif. Haggerty, who earned \$2,500, defeated Michael Haugen Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz., by 40 pins for the title. Haugen had a 10-2 match play record and 4,901 pins for 20 games including match play bonus pins.
- Chris Colella of Templeton, Mass. defeated Jean Perez of Puerto Rico, 252-202, to win the PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge presented by Columbia 300 at Pro Bowl West in Ft. Wayne, Ind., on Saturday. Challenge events are open to players without a PBA title or non-members who have never won a PBA event. Along with his first PBA title, Colella earned \$1,500 and became eligible to enter the 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions.

Colella downed Matt Staninger of Indianapolis, 2-0, and Perez topped Joe Hostetler of Louisville, Ohio, 2-1, in the best-of-three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- The July QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedule got underway July 1-3 with the PBA/PBA50 AMF Fredericksburg Over/Under Doubles presented by Radical in Fredericksburg, Va., and the PBA FlipSide Flipin Awesome Bowling Classic at FlipSide Lanes in Gilbert, Ariz.

- Over the July 8-10 weekend, QubicaAMF PBA Regional events include the PBA Wine Country West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Double Decker Lanes in Rohnert Park, Calif.; the PBA50 Cecil Raymond Memorial presented by Track at 30 Strikes in Stratford, N.J.; the PBA Grand Hotel, Casino & Resort Southwest Open at Firelake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla.; the PBA Crystal Automotive Spring Hill South Open presented by Track at Spring Hill Lanes in Spring Hill, Fla., and the PBA Chuck’s Boots Midwest Open presented by Krey Distributing and 590 The Fan at St Charles Lanes in St. Charles, Mo.

- On the QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedule for the July 15-17 weekend are the PBA Boss Snow Plows Central Open at Pin-Heads Bowling Center in Fishers, Ind.; the PBA/PBA50 Sands Regency West/Northwest Doubles presented by MOTIV at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, and the PBA Glo Bowl Mid-west Open in Marengo, Ill.

- July’s QubicaAMF PBA Regional competition continues over the July 22-24 weekend with the PBA Angola Central/Midwest Open presented by Roto Grip at Angola Bowl in Angola, Ind., and the PBA Fort Sill Southwest Open presented by DV8 at Twin Oaks Bowling in Fort Sill, Okla.

- Closing the July schedule will be the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, presented by Xtra Frame, at Bowl on Bellaire (formerly Palace Lanes) in Houston, Texas. The tournament affectionately called the “Luci” in honor of the late Luci Bonneau, who died of breast cancer, begins on Friday, July 28, and concludes on Sunday, July 31. All rounds will be covered live on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, and both PBA and PWBA Tour titles will be awarded if the respective players are members. Other QubicaAMF PBA Regional events scheduled for the July 29-31 weekend include the PBA Romeo Chevrolet-GMC-Buick Open presented by Ebonite at Patel’s Kingston Lanes in Kingston, N.Y.; the PBA and PBA50 Boise West and Northwest Opens presented by Ebonite at 20th Century Lanes in Boise, Idaho; the PBA50 Beverly Lanes Midwest/Central Open in Arlington Heights, Ill.; the PBA50 Spartetimes Hampton South Open at Spartetimes Bowling Center in Hampton, Va., and the PBA Greater Marion Central Open at BlueFusion Fun Center in Marion, Ohio.

- For complete QubicaAMF PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on QubicaAMF Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area. For more information about QubicaAMF, visit www.qubicaamf.com or, for social media posts, visit <http://bit.ly/QAMF-Sponsorship1>.

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WINNETKA — We hope everyone had a good time celebrating Independence Day. Several community parades were televised along with the fireworks so everyone was able to celebrate the holiday.

Now for the weekly report of the scores bowled here at Winnetka Bowl.

SFVCC NIKKEI: Congratulations to San Mitchell on her “300/753”. Stan Date 256/683, Sandra Yamamoto 223/600, Bob Yamashita 258/645, Stephen Sasaki 252/637, Brian Giegoldt 250/620, Shoji Takeshima 600, Noriko Fukunaga 219/592, Tami Shiotani 207, Gary Endow 225, Don Kobayashi 225.

River Maniacs: Johnnie Englehart 279/731, Elizabeth Fonvergne 244/694, Robert Galbraith 297, Dwayne Hanna 280/702, Ray Stoy 698, Frank Martinez Jr. 265/695, Larry Zuckerman 680, Monise Kelly 563, Michelle Fruel 220/557, Carol Ellis 223/557, Scott Englehart 258.

Beer Ball: Nancy Milner 120/304, Ryan Boyd 267/697, Bill Aldridge 233/639, Derek Boyd 209/555, Spencer Rothstein 201/545, Jimmy Boyd 201/544.

Ellen’s Comedians: Michael Fonvergne 257/716, Erica Pollack 245/606, Billy Mulvihill 269, Jesse Chastain 254/699, Rick Brattoli 693, Shawn Tamjidi 2248/685, Ray Stoy 243/673, Martha Evans 549, Susie Rothenberg 515. **Guys & Dolls:** Joe Curry 226/638, Tracy Stine 223/555, Mike J. Robinson 233, Sheryl Tschappat 224/520, Chris Ivey 225/626, Gregory Kolski 611, Jeff Stitz 605, Roger Paskell 604, Mark Basore 223, Rosco Frazier 222.

League Of Our Own: John Ritchie 258/705, Claire Avila 544, Darwin Rubio 287/644, Adam Lew 256/642, Ryan Medrano 247/638, Pramote Jiramoree 619, Mario Mckenzie 616, Amy Lew 507, Edwin Serrano 238.

Wednesday Night Rollers: John Rojas 250/722, Laurel Suprenant 192/480, Marc Abend 237/674, Miguel Estrada 246/646, Dylon Prettyman 226/632, Danny Smith 588, Roberto Lopez 245.

Mixed Classic Handicap: Blake McBride 751, Fran Brandt 214/600, Mario McKenzie 278, Sylvia Hedding 239/582, Charles Kenny 258/725, Jared Nineberg 714, Randy Page 276/709, Karl Kurtz 705, Chris Drew 222/578, Darlene Somers 209/560, Julie Thompson 544, Joe Fonvergne 267, Thomas Everitt 260, Fran Brandt 214.

500 Classic: Petra Kaun 214/611, Kathy Chavez 528, Lauren Brifman 200/517, Connie Wannomae 520, Georgia Garey 213/520.

Thirsty Nite Out: Patrick Reed 253/703, Susan Cortez 207/568, Vincent Gilbert 266/674, Chris Ivey 265/684, Adam Lew 672, Josh Ellis 243/630, Liz Rogers 200/503, Stella Mount 500, Brian Birnbaum 245.

SENIORS

49’Ers: Duane Erickson 543, Mary Lauer 485, Mel Neiditch 216/508, Bob Husby 532, Skip Brown 530, William Tide-manson 5601, Barbara Vaccarello 478, Bruce Zietz 208.

Funtimers: Kenneth Morita 268/686, Carolyn Scherzberg 574, Al Reiswig 244/669, Les Charbonneau 244/621, Ron Doll 587, Ed Wannomae 559, Mel Neiditch 227, Abraham Manzur 225.

39’Ers: Ron Doll 279/681, Carolyn Scherzberg 548, Richard Greenzweight 257/650, Jose Blanco 243/626, Mel Neiditch 623, Al Reiswig 246/607, Patricia Carpenter 539, Edwin Narte 245.

JUNIORS

Junior Royals: Justin Pluchino 267/693, Julia Frias 207/548, William Wales 256/605, Kyle Ycaza 227/543, Louis Depero 526, Jericho Olegario 519.

Junior All Stars: Samantha Olegario 119/211, Iris Alvarez 122/203, Kimberly Gonzalez 128/202, Michael Campos 87/172, Tyler Takeshima 86/154, Jason Suprun 81/132.

8 For 8: Tyler Mulvihill 123/228, Sienna Tyree 107/213, Andrew Wang 97/181, Onaje Longmire Jr. 93/166, Liam Mulvihill 76/148.

It’s already July so I hope everyone is having a great Summer vacation. See you next week.

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LAKEWOOD — ATTENTION SOUTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY U.S.B.C. Our Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, July 24th at 10:00 a.m. at Cal Bowl to discuss dues increase. All So. L.A. County Card Holders welcome. This is your Association and Your Vote Counts!

The weekly scores are in for the report from Cal Bowl. **Big Bear:** David Patterson 270/724, Raleigh McCormick 261/1716, Vernon Adams 241/694, Sid Nakagawa 247/688, Paul Staff 276/679, Billy Anderson 235/668, Jerry Cant 235/663, John Dunn 234/627, Chris Abing 241/625, B.J. 623, Bobbie Wilson 613, KenShearen 608, Chrsi McIntosh 608, Kasey Kansen 215/582, Jessica Sanchez 203/576, Annie Yonemura 235/574, Cathy Anderson 203/560, Shirley Owens 226/513, Janalee Hagan 215/513.

Grandma’s/Grandpa’s: Jim Plante 247/696, Walter Milsap 225/579, Rinze Dykstra 534, Walter Gist 523, Betty Green 238/593, Vancie Keith 464.

Young At Heart: Jimmy Hamilton 234/669, Rich Heid 213/622, Josh Hudson 234/600, Andrew Morton 225/594, Marc Kashinsky 244/587, Tom Pettway 227/578, B.J. 574, Phil Hylton 571, Ed Hansen 570, Rob Kordich 232/559, Ellis Houston 210/556, Tua Sula 510.

Pin Heads: Chuck Appleberry 215/563, Don Louis 207/556, Bruce Brown 512, Pamela Johnson 223/526, Betty Green 521.

Recycled Teens: Victor Santos 257/698, Boylee Inocente 202/578, Ron Leidholdt 201/560, Jojo Jasmin 544, Rick Seneris 202/542, Ralph Montgomery 524, Jim Burke 517, Rod Nicas 514, Walter Milsap 511, Vancie Keith 515, Joan Rotter 470.

10 For 10: Week 1 for this new league. It came from Instruction Classes. Bowl 10 weeks, get a new ball! Scores from week 1: Leonard Masters 663, James Barrett 573, Dan Ewaskey 565, Lila Dodson 578, Christine Ewaskey 502, Beverly Vuelas 501.

Alley Oops: Suzi Hoffman 436, Shirley Davis 426.

Cal Bowleros: Carole Fischer 211/573, Pat Bates 208/546, Leona Belletti 516, Rose Belton 511, Anna VonMuegge 510, Cathy Wyatt 509. Side-pot winners — Game One: Cathy Wyatt 238; Game Two: Pat Bates 208; Game Three: Susan Garcia 233.

C.A.U.L.: Rob Dahmen 230/637, Frank Rossello 237/623, Daniel DeRego 226/616, Tom Davis 591, Javier Santos 219/571, Allan Lee 218/568, Gary Morales 568, David Regul 230/567, Frank Zuber 566, John Haufler 565, Jessica Seastead 532, Yosemite Hamilton 517, Lori Gilmore 505.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Will Young 299/721, Jello Gray 256/708, Paul Staff 259/705, Ronnie Lemons 278/701, Richard Jackson III 684, Emmerson Wafer 280/683, Tony Kellum 268/677, Phylissia Smith 203/594, Robin Burns 239/592, Diann Donaldson 563, Stephanie Jones 210/552, Crystal Barker 236/545, Felecia Tripp 533, Kim Allen 203/515.

Captain& Crew: Becky Salcedo 530, Margo McClain 503, Sue Spencer 487.

Sierra Bugs: Annie Maae 197/533, Shonna Hernandez 198/500, Pamela Johnson 493. Side-pot winners: Annie Maae 215; Mary Spencer/Sharon Greene 171; Game Three: Annie Maae 220.

Senior Men’s Trio: Larry Gray 278/757, Victor Santos 740, Charles Gleason 710, Don Boaz 697,Rick Llaneta 267/695, John Daily 259, Paul Staff 258.

Fil-Am Bowlers: Emmerson Wafer 278/746, Sam Rizardo 244/690, Joe Knapp 246/686, Rey Cataluna 276/678, Steve Gaucin 248/670, Addison Acedera 666, Joe Acosta 236/658, Domy Quinto 267/638, Boylee Inocente 235/614, Cesar Usi 257/607, Valerie Collian 200/585, Annie Yonemura 547, Elvie Medestomas 543, Liza Agoncillo 542, Ammie Lubag 529, Amy Montes 516, Morag Knapp 509, Gloria Wolford 501.

Vegas Crackpots: Brent Shern 277/736, Raymond Jenkins 259/686, Carl Stokes 244/659, Alwyn Woods 236/650, Ondra Lucas Jr. 254/643, Andre McNeal 634, Ernie Perryman 269/606, Daric Pernel 278/604, Devon Doval 236/603, LaDrena Boyd 206/578, Stephanie Jones 539, Tippy Thornton 536, Michelle King 200/533, Alexis Hammond 530, Ellen Myers 5517, Teka Williams 501.

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Darrell Harris 223/651, Wayne Brown 253/609, Marcel VanDoff 226/600, Le’Star Walker 238/596, Thurman Ashley 207/593, Antwan Brown 234/587, William Taylor 219/586, Aaron Law 218/566, Steven Turner 208/562, Derrick Green 210/553, Irene Mason 498.

Sunday Mega Vegas-Cal: Louis Whitlock 236/652, Derrick Whitlock 210/608, James Matthews 218/603, Terrance Allen 277/588, Kevin Chaamberlain 235/587, Scott Erickson 210/581, Bob Johnson 577, John Erickson 560, Stacy Erickson 518.

Funsters: Victor Santos 246/669, Boylee Inocente 214/616, Josh Hudson 236/615, Vince Haneda 236/612, Dan Monzon 238/608, Jojo Jasmin 235/605, Fale Sula 226/587, James Kennard 229/571, Fred Guray 571, Randy Antazo 225/570, Julie Grabinski 226/534, Tua Sula 200/531, Flora Martin 514, Beth Austria 511, Odette Dalton 510, Doll Ligon 203/501. Side-pots winners: Game One: Vic Santos 246, Odette Dalton 243; Game Two: Dan Monzon 238, Julie Grabinski 226; Game Three: Jojo Jasmin 26, See you next week.

The Future Of Bowling In The Palm Of Your Hands

Sports Challenge Network and Rolltech join forces to provide the best bowling experience

ATLANTA, June 27, 2016 — Sports Challenge Network and Rolltech, the creators behind XBowling and Action Bowling, have completed a merger agreement, the companies announced today. The newly incorporated Sports Challenge Network (SCN) will be the parent company for all combined products, creating the industry leader in innovating and expanding new types of bowler experiences, competition, and connection over mobile devices and networks within the sport of bowling.

In the five years since both companies launched, each has excelled in their efforts to bring mobile technology to the industry and help redefine the experience of bowling. Now, SCN will give consumers access to products that bring new levels of innovation to how bowlers compete, connect and build community. These products will also help proprietors drive traffic to bowling centers, generating additional revenue with more bowlers returning more often.

“I am delighted to announce the completion of this exciting merger between SCN and Rolltech,” said Tim Minard, CEO of Sports Challenge Network Inc. “We are completely motivated by helping bowlers individually, and the industry collectively, expand in new ways across what we call the 3 C’s of bowling: competition, connection and community. Together, SCN and Rolltech are uniquely positioned to do this and we look forward to helping define and lead the digital and mobile future of the sport.”

New Options for Bowling

Sports Challenge Network will focus on two products: Action Bowling and Mobilizer. Action Bowling is a consumer-facing mobile product that lets league bowlers compete in virtual contests for real cash using league scores. Mobilizer provides bowling centers with a custom mobile app and backend system to more easily manage all aspects of their business from one simple platform.

“The new Sports Challenge Network Inc. will deliver unmatched excitement, service and value to customers in very unique ways that enable bowlers to experience and participate in the sport differently, and connect and play over their personal devices,” said Rich Belsky, former CEO of Rolltech, and now COO of SCN. “Our goal is to help advance the implementation and adoption of new technology to benefit consumers and bowling proprietors.”

Each product has already seen promising early growth and customer adoption. As a result of the merger, SCN will be able to offer even more expanded options to consumers through its partnerships with bowling centers worldwide and relationships with other key industry partners and organizations.

“SCN continues to invest in growing the bowling industry. The merger of SCN and Rolltech is another significant step in delivering excitement and new opportunities to customers, proprietors and the industry as a whole through the power of mobile,” said Michael Ducat, former president and Hall of Fame Member, BPAA (Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America).

ABOUT SCN

Sports Challenge Network (SCN) specializes in creating new ways for people to connect and compete in recreational sports through social, mobile-based technology. By developing industry-leading application platforms, SCN is redefining traditional gameplay for some of the world’s oldest sports and games. SCN maintains its headquarters in Atlanta, GA., with offices in Las Vegas and New Jersey. To learn more, visit scnsports.com. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for product updates.

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The Baker 300 game, which aired on ESPN on May 1 as part the Elias Cup series, helped the Strikers eliminate the Barbasol Motown Muscle and advance to the championship round against Pete Weber and his GEICO New York City WTT KingPins teammates. Duke called the experience of anchoring the perfect game “one of the five top moments in my career.”

“It was a surprise because at the time it happened, the PBA League was not a traditional PBA Tour event and there wasn’t a 300 game bonus plan in place,” Clark said. “But we discussed the situation after the fact and decided the reward was in order, and center stage at International Bowl Expo provided us a perfect opportunity to not only present the \$10,000 bonus, but to show the industry leaders a clip of the 10th frame of the historic game.”



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