

## 2022 PBA LEAGUE PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON RETURNS NEXT WEEK TO FS1

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The PBA League presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon returns to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, to compete for the 2022 PBA League Elias Cup Championship. The teams in the Anthony and Carter divisions will each bowl six games of qualifying to determine seeding for the stepladder finals, which will air at 8 p.m. ET on Fox Sports' FS1 on July 6 (Anthony) and July 7 (Carter). The division champions will then meet in the Elias Cup Finals Sunday, July 10 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1.

In a change from previous years, each player during the qualifying rounds will bowl full games rather than team baker games. The cumulative totals for each team will seed teams into the stepladders and the individual scores will qualify players for the Strike Derby and PBA League All-Star Clash competitions. The qualifying rounds will be held July 6 (Anthony) and July 7 (Carter) beginning at 10 a.m. ET, streamed for free on the PBA YouTube channel.

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### **Tim Tripp Finally Gets His Due** Five Years After Being Named a North L.A. County USBC Hall of Famer, Stylish Lefthander Learns of the Honor

by Fred Eisenhammer

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. – Tim Tripp received some exciting news last month. He discovered that he had been inducted into the North Los Angeles County United

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nessed Tripp shatter pins in robot-like fashion for more continued on page 7



by Jeff Goodger



## WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. WINS 16th Pba50 title at odessa open

ODESSA, Texas – On Saturday during day two of qualifying at the 2022 PBA50 Odessa Open, Walter Ray Williams Jr. climbed from ninth place to second. During match play on Sunday, the winningest professional bowler ever shot a 750 series followed by a 771 series to earn the No. 1 seed in the stepladder finals.

However, heading into the championship match inside Diamond Lanes Williams Jr. was completely confused.

During his initial prac-

#### by Jill Winters

ball. But then he wasn't seeing the results he wanted from that game plan either. After watching Lennie Boresch Jr., who was the No. 16 seed heading into match play, be able to manipulate his wrist and roll to power his way through the rest of the stepladder field, Williams Jr. was even more uncomfortable.

Boresch Jr. started first on the left lane with a strike. Williams Jr. left two weak 10-pins back-to-back using the Hammer Black Widow Pink urethane and made the switch to a Brunswick Quantum EVO in the third frame. The ball didn't hook as much as he thought it would, leaving the 2-4-5. He picked up the bucket then left the 7-10 split.



Walter Ray Williams Jr.

"After I left the 7-10 in the fourth, I thought this is not good at all," Williams Jr. said. "Lennie was lined up and I figured he was going to do a lot of striking."

The right lane would



Stylish lefthander Tim Tripp finally got the recognition he deserved – notification that he had been inducted into the North Los Angeles County United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. He was an elite bowler in the Los Angeles County area for more than 30 years before moving to Castle Rock, Colo., in 2017.

tice time on the TV pair, he noticed the left lane had a hang spot where he was trying to play and it was a pinch tighter, so he thought he would have to hook the end up being the key lane in the match, which seemed to favor Boresch Jr. who had thrown at least four strikes on that lane in continued on page 6



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## **BOWLERO CORP REJOINS THE BPAA** *Bowlers to Gain Access to Benefits Offered by the BPAA*

RICHMOND, VA - Bowlero Corp. ("Bowlero" or the "Company"), the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers, as well as the owner of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA), announced today they will rejoin the Bowling Proprietors' Association of America (BPAA).

By rejoining the BPAA, Bowlero Corp bowlers will regain access to key benefits that are designed to enhance their overall development, including access to tournaments and industry networking events.

"An industry that stays together will grow together," said Jim Decker, President of the BPAA, "and we are pleased to have Bowlero in membership and looking forward to working together to continue to grow the sport of bowling." The BPAA is an organization that serves the specific, yet diverse interests of bowling center owners. Using their expertise, the BPAA has developed a list of membership services and privileges designed to give businesses the tools they need to be successful.

"As a company, we are excited to be working alongside the BPAA and all the great centers in the organization to strengthen the reach of the PBA Tour and support independent bowling centers," said Michelle Terrell, Senior Director of Bowlero Corp League Development, PBA Regional and PBA50 Tours. "So many of our valued bowling center partners and hosts are members of the BPAA," said Tom Clark, PBA Commissioner. "This last week of announcements reinforces both Bowlero and the PBA's commitment to the industry and growth of bowling."





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Picking up where we left off last time...

Another of my favorite stories with that jet black Ford Mustang came when AMF moved me from Las Vegas to Portland, where we had a cluster of five bowling centers. I still had no air conditioning, and by now the heater on the eight-year-old car was not working. But I had repaired the steering wheel and dashboard that had been so badly damaged by the 115-degree Las Vegas heat.

When Dan Rochin (regional supervisor for the west coast) came visiting, he asked me if I could give him and George Mavrakis, an executive from AMF's New York headquarters, a ride to Tacoma, primarily because they both wanted me to meet Bill Boswell, a veteran bowling manager at AMF Bowlero Lanes.

The night that we made the trek to Tacoma was especially cold during the three-hour trip and Dan was literally freezing in the back seat, most likely because he had become used to the mild Southern California winters, after spending a number of years in Chicago with Brunswick Recreation Centers. To top it all off, it was necessary for me to lower the windows just a bit because the three of us were fogging them up.

About halfway through the trip we stopped for coffee and I gave my quilted puffer jacket (remember those?) to Dan so that he would be more comfortable for the remainder of the trip. It's funny how things always seem to work out in the end... the next week, I got an unexpected raise!

I sold that cherished Ford Mustang after eight years to a teenager back in Sebastopol (\$1500), because my parents felt that with all the driving, I was doing I should get a newer, more reliable car. That's when I purchased a Nissan 280-ZX with the financing assistance of my dad. It was a bit above my pay scale, but somehow, I was always able to make the \$162 per month payment.

The 280-ZX was available in only two colors - metallic silver or a light blue, so I went with the metallic silver. What a car! The only mistake that I made was not undercoating the car, but because I was working up and down the coast along the I-5 corridor, the dealer said that it really wasn't necessary.

However, with the moves east to Chicago and then New York, the snow and salt treatment of the roads began to take its toll. By the time that I was promoted to the corporate offices of AMF in New York, the car was still in pretty good shape, but the true-spoke wire wheels had been ruined by the snow and salt.

Another story that I've referenced a few times involves famous marketing executive Woody Woodruff of the AMF Bowling Products Group. He would walk by my office almost everyday and kid me about owning the 280-ZX. "There's something wrong with this company," he would say. "You just got here and drive by Dave Williams



All Star Lanes in the Chicago suburb of Skokie was my home base while living in the midwest. The bowling center was once featured in Life Magazine. Today, it has been replaced by a strip mall. (Provided by J.R. Schmidt - Matchbook Collection)

After a couple of years in New York I discovered why Woody drove a Dodge Omni — the harsh weather was beginning to cause permanent damage to the side panels of the 280-ZX. To top it all off, a portion of the muffler assembly had fallen off and there was no Nissan dealership in the area, so I took it to one of the popular nationwide muffler shops. They said that it would take about three weeks for the muffler to arrive, and they stuck a nylon sock in the tail pipe to muffle the sound.

There was virtually no noise from the muffled tail pipe, but what I didn't realize was that the clogged exhaust system effectively ruined the catalytic converter. There were not many foreign cars in New York at that time, and even fewer with the catalytic system that was required in California, so I really had no recourse than to rely on what the muffler shop and car mechanics had done.

Somehow I was able to sell the car for \$1,100 and went looking for the closest thing to a Dodge Omni that I could find! Hyundai had just entered the New York scene and they were touting the Excel at a base price of \$2,995. That's the car for me, I thought to myself as I reminisced about all those jabs from Woody.

The promotion on television was correct. The car sold for \$2,995. But everything except the brakes was an add-on! By the end of the day, the "inexpensive" Hyundai Excel was sold to me for \$10,664. It had some nice features and I was sure to insist that the car was undercoated. I also had fallen in love with the cruise control in the 280-ZX and that was installed after market by a local associate of Hyundai. One other feature that I liked was a combination radio and cassette player that you could slide in and out of the car to prevent theft.

I drove that car across country more than once, with cruise control in place and the cassette player blasting the latest sounds of Heart, Pink Floyd and Led Zeppelin. Those were happy times. After the Hyundai had reached the magical 100,000-mile plateau, I purchased the first of five Mitsubishi's that I would own. The initial one came from the famous Cal Worthington, who advertised on the Johnny Carson Show for so many years. lease arrangement specified. Once the lease agreement was fulfilled, I bought a used 3000 GT VR-4 for \$20,000. It retailed for \$46,000 in 1992 and was a delight for any connoisseur of cars. I owned the VR-4 for over 10 years and was still able to sell it for \$8,000. The last of my Mitsubishi Eclipse models was a steel blue color that I purchased in 2006.

Today I own a burgundy 2012 Toyota Scion, and with the reduced number of miles that I now drive, there's no telling how long I might own this car. It is trouble free. An exceptional piece of equipment.

#### Name three Pro Bowlers you call friends?

First and foremost, I would have to say that all pro bowlers are my friends, because they're all involved in a difficult adventure attempting to make a living at a game that they all love. It's not like football or basketball, where you are pitted against the other side, but more of a challenge for all of the participants to overcome a combination of elements that are placed before you each week.

If I had to single out a couple of pros that helped me the most, it would have to be Ron Lisher and Larry Laub, who took me in as one of their clans and watched after me when it came to traveling and tournament protocol. After my touring days were done, Dick Weber became my all time favorite pro. In many respects he was like a father to me during my days at AMF... even though I was paying him for the bowling exhibitions!

It's interesting to note that I really didn't spend a lot of time on the PBA Tour. In my rookie year, I rolled in ten events and was one of the runners up to Guy Rowbury for Rookie of the Year. The next year I bowled in even fewer national events; and in 1978, the year I joined AMF, I entered only 3 national stops. I have often said that my legacy in life would be that of a professional league bowler. I just couldn't handle the rigors of 42 to 56 games per week. The mere thought of it makes me cringe... and my sciatica nerve twinge.

### Did you ever think about running for ABC/USBC President?

I can honestly say that thought has never crossed my mind. I have however often considered moving to Texas and devoting the rest of my life (while I'm still functioning) to the Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum. Before all of the COVID nonsense began, I had discussed the idea with curator Jessica Bell, and she mentioned a couple of different areas in which she needed some help — providing bowling lessons for all of the school groups that come to visit the museum and cataloging many of the items in their "storage room" of memorabilia (it's about ten times the size of my own mini-storage museum!).

Jessica is no longer with the museum, but I still

#### a 280-ZX and I drive a Dodge Omni!"



In 2021, I wrote an article about Pro 300 Lanes ("Target Stores Takes Unique Approach in Memorializing Bowling Center"), one of 26 bowling centers in Portland while I was a resident. Today, only 2 remain. Following that burgundy Mitsubishi Eclipse relationship, I leased an emerald, green Eclipse and then bought a used silver Eclipse to supplement the extra miles that I was driving over and above what the have those thoughts in my mind and should pursue them. Chuck Pezzano, perhaps the most famous bowling writer of all time, wrote on more than one occasion about my 300 and 800 sprees "that deserve a place in the Bowling Hall of Fame." He also said, "He'll probably never be a member of any Hall of Fame... because he moves too much!"

But at least I can work at one...



Even AMF's former World Headquarters along the Long Island Expressway (I-495) was demolished and replaced with - what else, a Home Depot.

## PBA REGIONAL RECAP: GRAHAM FACH WINS 3RD REGIONAL TITLE IN 2022, Takes commanding points lead in central region

We are about halfway through 2022, many events have come and gone, but plenty of regional action remains before the RPI kicks off in about six months. More opportunities to gain points in their respective standings passed over the last two weeks, so let's run through our latest champions.

#### PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge

A non-champions, one-day event in Fort Wayne, Indiana eventually made someone a champion after seven games of qualifying and bracket play. The cut sat at +83 on the Dragon pattern, giving anyone who reached that mark a fresh start as they entered the next round. Plenty of close matches took place in the first two rounds, but in the end, Scott Matthies, Brent Boho, Alex Acosta, and Corey Kistner remained. In the one-game semifinals, Boho breezed past Matthies as the two-hander from Wisconsin delivered a 277 to move onto the finals. Meanwhile, Acosta and Kistner were grinding in the other semifinal, but Acosta got it done, 188-164. In the two-handed finals, Acosta got the win over Boho 215-189 to take the Pro Bowl West title.

#### PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Challenge Final Standings

Alex Acosta, \$1,500 Brent Boho, \$1,100 Scott Matthies, \$875 Corey Kistner, \$875

by Chase Kaufman

#### PBA Victory Lanes Mooresville Open

Victory Lanes in Mooresville, North Carolina, took in over 100 entries for the East Regional in mid-June, and bowlers worked a bit to sneak into that cut line. With 107 players in the field, the top 35 moved onto the first advancers round at -40. Kyle Troup caught the lead early on and held it when going into the second advancers round. However, a 567 three-game series in said round dropped him to second place thanks to Eric Jones, who delivered a 738 to pass Troup by 61 pins in the overall standings. The lead flipped again and again, but in the end, the pair faced each other in the finals.

Troup grabbed the early lead with a four-bagger, but after Jones started with two spares, he delivered a four-bagger of his own. Troup's run of four strikes ended with a spare in the fifth frame, but Troup came back with yet another string, this time of five. Jones couldn't match Troup any longer as Troup walked away with the victory 266-220.

**PBA Victory Lanes Mooresville Open Final Standings** Kyle Troup, 2,500 points. \$2,500 Eric Jones, 1,500, \$1,500 Colin Champion, 1,150, \$1,220 Cristian Azcona, 950, \$1,220

#### PBA Norfolk PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open

The following weekend, many of the same bowlers headed to Norfolk for yet another South Region battle, this time on the Chameleon pattern. Dick Allen led qualifying at +122 but didn't run away with the tournament, as 16th place finished at -15. Everyone bowled everyone during match play the following day, along with position round for a total of 16 games. Since everybody sat at least 137 pins behind the leader, it was no surprise to see some big moves on Sunday.

Trevor Roberts made the most significant move, cruising through match play with just three games under 200. Two of those sub-200 games came later in the day, putting a bit of a halt to his run to the podium, but Roberts fought back and won his final three games before the position round, going 232, 243, and 211 for a solid 686. Trevor took a victory lap during the final game, holding a 150-pin lead with just one match remaining. He didn't need the win in the last game, but he got it anyway to win by over 200 pins. This title marks Roberts' second regional title of his career.

PBA Norfolk PBA Booster Club of Hampton Roads Open Trevor Roberts, 2,500 points, \$2,500 Matthew Woodall, 1,500, \$1,500 Ryan Lane, 1,150, \$1,000 Ryan Lopano, 950, \$814 Dwight Adams, 850, \$804 You can view the South points leaders here.



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#### **PBA Park Lanes Central Open**

Seventy bowlers came out to Park Lanes for another Central Region event for a classic qualifying, match play, and stepladder format. Tim Pfeifer found the lead after eight games of qualifying at +199, but plenty of big names followed behind him, such as Graham Fach, Mike Eaton Jr, Patrick Dombrowski, and many more. Of course, what's a match play round without some movement before the top five sets? Fach moved up to grab the one-seed, Brandon Novak moved up to snag the two, followed by Chris Via, Dombrowski, and Cory Hersha.

In a battle of the two-handers. Via and Hersha kicked off the stepladder where Via shot a 286 to Hersha's 215. Seven-time titlist Dombrowski stepped up next and fought hard to take down Via 224-211. In another close match, Dombrowski faced Novak and took the win 225-221. But when the finals rolled around, Dombrowski couldn't finish the job, dropping the final match to Fach 222-203. Fach picked up his ninth career regional title, all in the Central Region, and took home an extra \$2,600 for his work. Fach also maintains a solid 2,600-point lead in the Central Region.

#### **PBA Park Lanes Central Open Final Standings**

Graham Fach, 2,500 points, \$2,600 Patrick Dombrowski, 1,500, \$1,400 Brandon Novak, 1,150, \$1,250 Chris Via, 950, \$1,100 Cory Hersha, 850, \$1,000 You can view the Central points leaders here.



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#### **PBA Beehive Open**

Jack and Jill jumped over the hill to fetch a regional title at Jack and Jill Lanes in Lehi, Utah. Darren Tang, a familiar regional name over the past couple of months, did what he does best once again and led qualifying. The West Region points leader averaged 221 for his eight games, with the next highest averaging 209. Tang maintained his lead after the first advancers round, but Jake Peters was hot on his trail, just 15 pins behind Tang. Three more games, and Peters closed the gap some more, cutting it to a three-pin deficit.

The battle between Peters and Tang continued with just two games to go in the final advancer's round. Peters began with a solid 236, but Tang still narrowly held onto his lead by shooting a 234. With just one pin separating the two after a full day of the two duking it out, the center sat in anticipation for one last match. Both began with a spare and a double, but after Tang left a flat 10 in the 4th frame, Peters pounced. The now five-time regional champ extended his string to six, while Tang couldn't find another double throughout the match.

#### **PBA Beehive Open Final Standings**

Jake Peters, 2,500 points, \$2,500 Darren Tang, 1,500, \$1,700 Cameron Henning, \$1,400 Chad Lusche, 950, \$1,200 David Woods, \$1,100 You can view the West points leaders here



#### PBA50 Loveland Southwest Open

Just 20 miles from the next PBA50 National Tour stop, the PBA50 Loveland Open gave a handful of bowlers a perfect "bullpen session" before the Highland Park Open. Chris Barnes was one of two players to go plus, leading the way at +145, while Kristofer Woolsey followed at +45. The top eight moved onto the single-elimination bracket to determine who would add a regional title to their stats. The one-seed Barnes moved on, along with Glenn Smith, Kenneth Harlan, and Brad Angelo. In the top half of the bracket, Smith upset Barnes two games to none, while Angelo defeated Harlan two games to none also. In the final match, Smith shot a 255 to Angelo's 234 to pick up his second regional title and \$2,000.

#### PBA50 Loveland Southwest Open **Final Standings**

Glenn Smith, 2,500 points, \$2,000 Brad Angelo, 1,500, \$1,200 Chris Barnes, 1,150, \$900 Kenneth Harlan, 950, \$900 You can view the Southwest points leaders here.

With the 4th of July Weekend coming up, all bowlers will get a break from regional action until July 8. You can check out the rest of the regional schedule here. You can also check out all the regional standings here.



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### **ODESSA OPEN** continued from page 1

each of his previous three matches, but in the fourth frame Boresch Jr. left a pocket 4-10 for his first open frame.

Williams Jr. followed up his open frame with a double, while Boresch Jr. left a pocket 7-10 on the dreaded right lane in the sixth frame for his second open frame of the title match.

"Lennie had two really bad breaks that gave me the lead," Williams Jr. said. "In the ninth frame, I tugged it a little too much and it dead hooked."

Williams Jr. left the 4-6-7-10 in the ninth also on the right lane. But he was able to throw a double in the 10th frame to earn the hard fought 187-172 victory for his 16th PBA50 Tour title.

"Fortunately, in the 10th frame, I managed to do what I needed," the USBC and PBA Hall of Famer said. "I was not very comfortable and in fact, I am still not comfortable, and I just won the tournament."

He admits it was not an "overly impressive match on my part, but I was very fortunate."

Coming into the title match, Boresch Jr. was in complete control of the lanes. In the opening match, Dan Knowlton, who finished second at this tournament last year, jumped out to a 20-pin lead through five frames over Boresch Jr. Boresch had the better carry of the two players down the stretch. He stepped up in the 10th frame and doubled for the 248-238 win.

Boresch's hot hand continued in match two against Tom Hess. Through the first four frames, Hess had three spares and one strike, while Boresch had one strike and three single-pin spares as they were tied. Boresch then reeled off eight straight strikes for 258 over Hess's 182.

In the third match, Boresch again had the better look on the TV pair over Brad Angelo, despite both players opening in the first frame. Boresch went on to win 216-165.

<u>View the full PBA50 Odessa Open results at PBA50</u> <u>Odessa Open | PBA</u>

#### 2022 PBA50 ODESSA OPEN FINAL STANDINGS:

1. Walter Ray Williams Jr.	\$7,500
2. Lennie Boresch Jr.	\$4,000
3. Brad Angelo	\$2,400
4. Tom Hess	\$2,000
5. Dan Knowlton	\$1,700

#### MATCH SCORES

Match 1 –Boresch Jr. def Knowlton 248-238

Match 2 – Boresch Jr. def Hess 258-182

Match 3 – Boresch Jr. def Angelo 216-165

**Championship match** – Williams Jr. def. Boresch Jr. 187-172





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### **PBA League** continued from page 1

#### Lumberjacks Seek Third Straight Elias Cup Victory

The last time the PBA League was held in Portland, the hometown Lumberjacks won the 2019 Elias Cup. The following year, the PBA League competed at Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Virginia with no fans in the building due to the pandemic. The Lumberjacks won again. After a year off in 2021, the Lumberjacks will return to Portland as two-time defending champions looking to become the first team in PBA League history to win three consecutive Elias Cups.

#### **New Team Names**

Three familiar PBA League teams return to competition under different names this season: the Guaranteed Rate Chicago Hitmen (formerly Philadelphia Hitmen), Snickers Waco Wonders (formerly Brooklyn Styles) and Pabst Blue Ribbon Milwaukee Pounders (formerly Brew City Ballers).

#### **PBA League Debuts**

Six players are making their first ever appearances in PBA League competition: Santtu Tahvanainen (Dallas), 2021 PBA Rookie of the Year Matthew Russo (Las Vegas), Brandon Novak (Silver Lake), Arturo Quintero (Portland) and Michael Tang (NYC).

#### **Barnes's New Home**

After eight seasons with the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, during which he won the Elias Cup three times and the Mark Roth PBA League MVP twice, Chris Barnes was left unprotected in the draft by Atom Splitters manager Mark Baker. During the draft, Baker swapped his picks with Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, after which Andrew Cain selected Barnes to join the L.A. X.

With Barnes, who was the original franchise player of the Atom Splitters during the League's inaugural 2013 season, leaving the team, only three players remain with their original teams from 2013: Pete Weber (NYC), Norm Duke (Dallas) and Jason Belmonte, who will be Barnes's new teammate with L.A. X.

Check out the full 2022 PBA League presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon draft recap

View the complete 2022 PBA League presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon rosters

#### PBA LEAGUE

**PRESENTED BY PABST BLUE RIBBON SCHEDULE** Bayside Bowl – Portland, Maine

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#### PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS

2013 – NYC WTT KingPins
2014 – Silver Lake Atom Splitters
2015 – Silver Lake Atom Splitters
2016 – Dallas Strikers
2017 – Dallas Strikers
2018 – Silver Lake Atom Splitters
2019 – Portland Lumberjacks
2020 – Portland Lumberjacks
2021 – event not held
MARK ROTH PBA LEAGUE MVPS
2013 – not awarded
2014 – Chris Barnes
2015 – Dick Allen
2016 – Tommy Jones

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than three decades in L.A. County probably concluded that this honor was way, way overdue.

And, in fact, they couldn't have been more right.

Tripp, a 6-foot-4 stylish left-hander who now lives in Castle Rock, Colo., was actually named to the Hall of Fame by the North L.A. County USBC in mid-2017. But Tripp (and the media) wasn't notified about his selection until he received a recent message on Facebook about it.

Along with the notification, Tripp received Hall-of-Fame plaques along with his honors pins that hung over the lanes at Santa Clarita Lanes from 2010-2016. Why the long delay?

Tripp, a former Santa Clarita resident, provided part of the explanation when he announced his Hall-of-Fame selection on Facebook:

"Apparently, soon after leaving for [Colorado] in '17, Ken Doolittle [of the North L.A. County USBC] started the nomination process and planned to present the awards during a return visit to [California]. That visit never happened as Covid shut things down there for a couple of years.

"Ken passed away this year and the awards were found in his home. RIP Ken! I will be forever grateful for this for everything you did for SoCal bowling!"

In 2021, the North L.A. County USBC and the Southern L.A. County USBC merged into a new group, called the Greater Los Angeles County USBC. A Greater L.A. County USBC representative said that Tripp's relocation was "probably part of the craziness" of why he never got the award.

The spokesperson said the USBC typically notifies the honored bowlers once the board approves a Hall-of-Fame nomination.

The 52-year-old Tripp said he was more amused than anything about the longdelayed honor. "It was better late than never," said Tripp lightheartedly.

For Tripp, that was the expected answer. Those who know Tripp best said his humility and classy nature are Tripp trademarks just as much as his smooth pocket shots.

"He's sort of a quiet guy but a classy guy," said ace bowler Russell Booth, who has known his friend since Tripp was bobbing around in Tripp's dad's pro shop as a kid.

"He grew up into a very fine man," Booth said. "He really did. A real nice guy. No one has a bad thing to say about him. A very good bowler and a quality person."

Booth said Tripp ranks with the likes of Johnnie Englehart and Charles Kenny as the Valley elite when they all lived in the area. "It's hard to separate who's the best," Booth said.

Rusty Bryant, another prolific bowler and a member of the NLAC USBC Hall of Fame for "meritorious service," recalled that Tripp "always had a pretty good smile on his face and always tried to help."

Tripp received his Hall-of-Fame notice in the "superior performance" category. Kenny also was named a Hall of Famer for "superior performance" by the North L.A. County USBC that same year, but word never got out about Tripp's achievement – until now. Coincidentally, Kenny departed his Northridge home and moved to Las Vegas the following week.

Tripp joins such luminaries as Englehart, Barry Gurney, Hobo Boothe, Tish Johnson and Robin Romeo in the local USBC Hall of Fame.

As far as Tripp's achievements, he already has notched 90 300s and 63 800s. That's when this paper went to press, of course. He may have added another one or two since then. That's how good he is.

Tripp has a shot to make the fabled 100-100 club of 300s and 800s, a feat that is almost beyond comprehension, although Tripp says he has a long way to go in the 800 series department.

In 2013, Tripp posted an eye-popping average of 243 at both Santa Clarita Lanes and now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl. To illustrate how lofty that 243 figure is, that equates to an average series of 729.

When pressed, Tripp acknowledges that winning a PBA regional title in 2016 ranks at the top of his list of accomplishments. Tripp collected \$2,000 after scoring a 245-175 victory over Justin Spurrier in the one-game championship match in Las Vegas.

Even with all his achievements, there's no quit in Tripp, who recently finished his last league season in Colorado with a sparkling 239.7 average. Additionally, he was named player of the year in a Colorado 50-and-over scratch tournament group called the Rocky Mountain Senior Tour. And just last week, he finished fifth in a PBA50 regional tournament in Colorado.

"I'm a little bit older but I'm still plugging away. I feel pretty good," he said. Tripp is well-known for being a relentless practice bowler. So it's no surprise that he believed his Hall-of- Fame plaque represented his work ethic in reaching that level. He said earning the Hall-of-Fame honor is "just a testament to all the work I put in . . . those hours of practice and competitive bowling and sticktoitiveness." Most importantly, bowling remains a lot of fun for Tim Tripp. "Absolutely," he said. Oh, and one more thing. Tripp explained that he moved to Castle Rock with wife Kimberly and daughters Brenna and Taryn to eventually retire there. He has not visited California since their move and has found similarities in Castle Rock to Santa Clarita, both suburban areas.

2018 – Chris Barnes 2019 – Wes Malott 2020 – Wes Malott 2021 – event not held

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"It's tremendous," Tripp says of Castle Rock. "I couldn't be happier."

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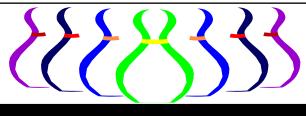
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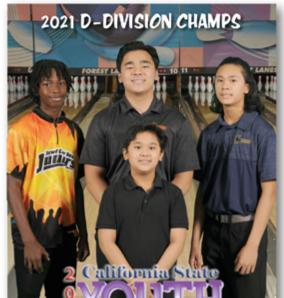
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