# Introducing

We have some exciting news... as of August 1, 2021, the newly merged GREATER LA COUNTY USBC will be official!

On July 18, 2021, Southern LA County USBC and North LA County USBC officially met to vote on the by-laws and the board of directors for the new organization.

Thank you to everyone that attended our meetings and voted to make this historical move forward.

This progressive change will provide economic efficiencies, larger tournament opportunities, and membership cost savings through the removal of transfer fees between the two associa-

Leagues and awards will still be processed like normal, and we will still run our local events.

More information about

upcoming 2021-22 season is forthcoming.

The GLAC USBC board is President: Andre Eubanks; Vice President: Tom Leigh; Youth Vice President: Miranda Emerv: Association Manager: Lvnn Matsubara: Directors: Christine Drew, Eric Ott, Gladys Stevenson, Yolanda Greene. Maria Bacos-Labayan, Patrice Bradley, Ron Range, Lvnn Matsubara. Otha Stubblefield and Carla Morales.

The new association will be located at the former SLAC USBC office located at 3673 Industry Ave #102, Lakewood, CA

You can contact the association via email at info@ glacusbc.com or call (562) 426-2030. Lastly, the 2021-22 Winter Season packets will soon be distributed to all of the centers, so please association events for the be on the lookout for those! **A Celebration of Life** 

# **WESLEY LOW JR. PRESENTED WITH SOLID ALUMINUM 900 TROPHY** MADE BY MOTIV® AT JUNIOR GOLD

MOTIV® staffer, Wesley Low Jr., made history by rolling a perfect USBCapproved 900 series on Sunday, July 19, 2020 at the 44th Annual Ponderosa Singles Classic at Glenfair Lanes in Glendale, Ari-

Shortly afterward, the team at MOTIV® began working on plans for a special trophy to be presented to Wesley. "Not only was this accomplishment a first for Wesley, but his 900 series was also the first ever with a MOTIV® bowling ball so it was very special for our entire company", said Scott Hewitt, Vice President of Sales and Marketing at MOTIV® Bowl-

The impressive solid aluminum 900 trophy was designed, cut, engraved, and polished by the family of employees at MOTIV® so it truly is a special work of art. The presentation of the trophy was made to Wesley Low Jr. at the Junior Gold Championships in Indianapolis on Saturday, July 10th.

"It was a really fun presentation because Wesley had no idea that we were awarding him with the MO-TIV® 900 trophy", said Hewitt. "We had a crowd of people in the MOTIV® booth and everyone was cheering for him. It was super cool...a great way to crown Wesley's impressive continued on page 5



Wesley Low Jr.

# **Shawn Maldonado Wins In Lubbock Claims Second PBA Tour Title**

Shawn Maldonado wins 2nd PBA Tour title of 2021 by defeating Jake Peters in the PBA Lubbock Sports Open

by Jef Goodger

away February 2, 2021. Due to complications from

He was 68 years, born in Ventura and resided in Cerritos, Ca. Since 1968.

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> A Celebration of Life is scheduled for Richard on Friday August 6, at Linbrook Bowl from 12 Noon to 3 PM. For any additional information please E-mail; RichardStruckLifeCelebration@hotmail.com

Shawn Maldonado won his second PBA Tour title of 2021 by defeating Jake Peters in the championship match of the PBA Lubbock Sports Open at South Plains Lanes.

Maldonado, who won his first career title earlier this season in the PBA Chameleon Championship, overcame a strange fifth frame in which both Peters and Maldonado opened.

After a rare gutter ball from Peters, who then got nine on his second shot, Maldonado had a chance to cut into Peters' lead but left a 7-10 split.

"When it went in the gutter, it was obviously a shock," said Maldonado, "but I thought that was my chance. I was on a double, I threw it as well as I could, but left the pocket 7-10. continued on page 7



Shawn Maldonado





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# The Bowling Chain That Started Them All

by Dave Williams

While thumbing through some information left to me by marketing guru Ted Rebain, an eight page insert from the Bowlers Journal caught my eye - "A Bowlers Journal Special Report... AIBC Looks Ahead." The leaflet focused on the meteoric rise of American International Bowling Corporation (AIBC), with more than 50 bowling centers from Canada to Florida, and West as far as Missouri and Arkansas.

Yes, that's right - before there was Bowlero, or AMF Bowling Centers, or even Brunswick Recreation Centers, the first really large bowling conglomerate to operate bowling centers on a worldwide basis was American International Bowling Corporation. The Security and Exchange Commission News Digest from October 28th, 1958, stated that AIBC would be going public with 770,000 shares being offered at less than \$1 per share.

"Although the company intends primarily to operate newly constructed bowling centers, it may also acquire existing bowling centers," stated the SEC newsletter. The eight original locations that were to benefit from the stock offering included sites in New Jersey (Ramsey, New Brunswick, Levittown), New York (Yonkers), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Bethlehem, Lancaster), and Michigan (Flint).

In the offering, AIBC estimated that it would cost approximately \$4.53 million to construct and fully equip the 8 proposed locations. AIBC would grow to a total of 56 bowling centers at their peak just four years later, in early 1962. It's interesting to note that while AMF and Brunswick entered into the business of operating bowling centers by necessity, to prevent bankrupt locations from closing, AIBC from day one was all about opening new bowling facilities to accommodate all of the suburban communities sprouting up around major cities.

It should be noted that Fair Lanes, which began operating bowling centers in 1923, remained primarily a regional operator of bowling centers with locations in the Baltimore-Washington D.C. area. It wasn't until the 1980's that Fair Lanes branched out into large, rapidly growing metropolises such as Houston, Phoenix and Denver. American Recreation Centers and Bowling Corporation of America were two other chains that followed along the lines of Fair Lanes; but it was AIBC that started the trend in 1958.

A quick review (actually, it turned into a two day labor of love!) of the AIBC locations listed on page 7 of the Bowlers Journal insert finds that most of the bowling centers have closed, but many remained in existence up until the last ten years. Of the original 56 locations, only ten appear to remain today:

- Brunswick Blue Hen Lanes, Newark, Delaware
- Bowlero Normandy, Ellicott City, Maryland
- · AMF Perry Hall Lanes, Baltimore, Maryland
- Bowlero Fair Lawn, Fair Lawn, New Jersey
- AMF Babylon Lanes, North Babylon, New York
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- Valley Lanes, Jefferson Valley, New York
- Town and Country Lanes, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Walnut Hill Bowl, Woonsocket, Rhode Island
- Spare Time Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Some of the locations were replaced with newer facilities that were constructed in the general area, while others were a part of consolidation by Bowlero and others into one surviving bowling center. Many memories would have to abound in places such as Valley Lanes in Florissant, Missouri, which would become Dick Weber Lanes in 1971, and later AMF Dick Weber Lanes from 1984 to 2014. Another closed center with fond recollections would have to be Parkway Lanes in the Bronx, New York, where Mark Roth once worked as a mechanic, before joining the PBA.

The brochure is not without crass commercialism, as an advertisement for NCR appears on page two. Lloyd Ludwig, President of AIBC, states the following: "Three years ago we installed an NCR cash register in our first bowling location. Today the AIBC bowling network has grown to fifty locations and every one of them is controlled 100% by an NCR System." Anyone that has been around bowling for any length of time will remember the giant tan colored registers that adorned bowling center reception desks everywhere. They were an infallible piece of equipment!

Another advertisement embraced the rear cover, announcing the American International Vending Corporation, a subsidiary of AIBC. They not only serviced the bowling centers, but also public buildings, industrial plants, military establishments, schools and transportation terminals. Ludwig comments, "Our vending subsidiary accounted for revenues of more than \$6,200,000 in 1962." While that sounds like an

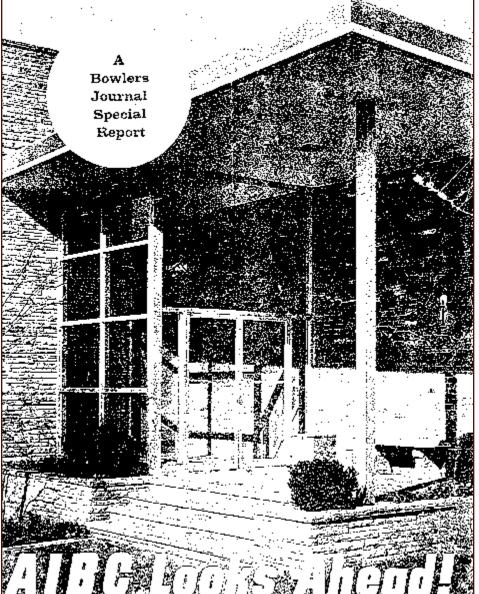
impressive number even today, when adjusted for inflation (dollartimes. com) the amount of revenue just from AIBC's vending business equates to \$53,831,293!

Finally, a short biography of the Vice President of Operations, Bernard Rudo (who would go on to become President of Brunswick Recreation Centers after their merger with AIBC), attracted my attention. Rudo makes a compassionate definition for the game of bowling that still holds true today:

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AIBC Brochure Cover Provided by Dave Williams

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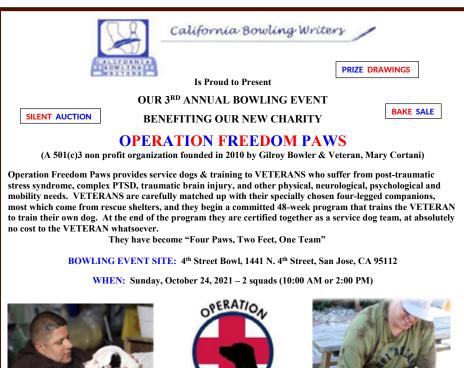






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- Bowlers are responsible for verifying their own averages. Any falsification of the highest known average will result in immediate and final disqualification. If a "sport" or "challenge" league average is the bowler's only verifiable average, the bowler must notify the Tournament Manager of such fact so that she can adjust that average per the USBC Conversion Chart to determine the correct entering average. USBC rule 319a2 (10 pin increase in average) and 319e (average adjustment) are waived.
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- 14. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made up.
- 15. Designated prize funds will be paid accordingly to each division within 30 days upon completion of the tournament, except when USBC headquarters has authorized delay in payment, pending settlement of any claim or protest which affects position standings.
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- 17. An appeal or protest of a decision involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in writing with the Tournament Manager and the USBC before tournament prizes are paid. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all prize monies and possible suspension from USBC membership.

# **Gentleman BILL LOGAN Bowler & American Hero**

Dick Weber has long been considered the supreme ambassador for the sport of Bowling. More recently Tony Reyes filled that role during his short life. Both were known for their ability to make people around them feel comfortable and special. Both were a gentleman in the truest sense of the word.

Southern California bowlers were fortunate to have such a gentleman in their midst for the past 30 years. Bill Logan was SoCal's supreme bowling ambassador.

Bill was a quiet, humble man who was an American Hero and happened to be an outstanding bowler. He was a

people person who like actor Will Rogers could honestly say "there never was a person he didn't like". Bill always greeted others with a warm smile and a firm handshake. He was a genuine person, no frills, just an open heart. He always listened and you knew he was genuinely interested in what you had to say.

I met Bill Logan about 20 years ago at a Citrus Belt tournament and was impressed with his bowling skills. He was a "real bowler". A bowler who was accurate, repeated his shots and made spares. His form was classic, timing precise, release and follow through perfect. He was a "real bowler".

A "real bowler" doesn't heave the bowling ball as hard as he can or spin it like a top. He doesn't need more than one hand to score. A "real bowler" is all about executing the basics of bowling. That was Bill Logan's game.

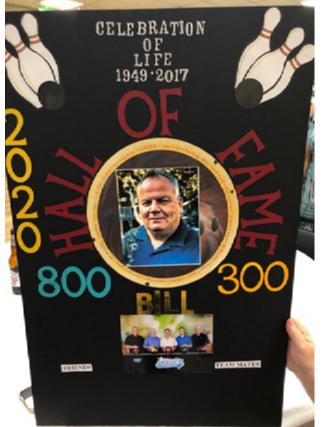
Of course, Bill was more than a bowler. He was a dedicated family man. When he was inducted into the Citrus Belt USBC Hall of Fame he was represented by his daughter Kim and son Allen. They spoke highly of their dad who passed a few years ago from a heart attack. One of the best signs of outstanding character is how someone raises their children. The presence and appearance of Kim and Allen spoke volumes about the outstanding job Bill did as a parent. "Great kids are the product of great parents and great parenting ". Bill Logan's children are proof that he was a great parent by their exhibiting integrity and character.

What about "American Hero"? Bill Logan was a patriotic American who believed in the principles that make America great. Freedom for all citizens of all races, all creeds and all religions. He bowled with men and women of every color, every political persuasion, and every religion. He not only talked the talk but walked the walk.

America was more than sentiment for Bill. He was a man of action. He acted on his beliefs. When his country called, he responded. Bill joined the United States Army at 18 years of age and went to war. He didn't duck the draft, he didn't protest the war, he didn't flee to Canada. When Uncle Sam called, Bill went to war in Viet Nam.

Bill was a combat veteran of the Viet Nam war and engaged the enemy at close range. He earned several combat medals including two Purple Hearts with a third Purple Heart pending. He was lucky to return home alive after surviving a bayonet wound.

Anyone with the courage to go into combat and defend his country is a hero. Anyone with the courage to go into combat and risk his life for his country is a hero. Anyone with the courage to go into combat and risk his life for his fellow soldiers is a hero. Risking one's life for comrades and country is courageous and heroic. No greater sacrifice can a man make than to put his life on the line for a fellow human being. That's what a man does when he courageously goes into combat. That's what Bill Logan did on the battlefields of Viet Nam. That's why Bill Logan is an American Hero.



After the Viet Nam war Bill served as a Los Angeles Police Department public affairs officer and then moved to Yucca Valley. There he served as a Department of Defense civilian at 29 Palms Marine Corps Base for over thirty years. He retired in 2011. Throughout those years Bill bowled and set records while competing at Yucca Valley Bowl. Bill Logan was a great bowler.

God Bless Bill Logan, American Hero. God Bless Bill Logan, Gentleman and family man. God Bless Bill Logan, outstanding bowler and competitor. God Bless Bill Logan. The world is a better place because of Bill Logan. The world would be a better place if there were more Bill Logan's.

#### **Wesley Low Jr.** continued from page 1

achievement since he is a Junior Gold super star".

And speaking of achievements, Wesley Low Jr. has an impressive list. At the age of 15, he won his first PBA® regional event. He won Junior Gold in 2013 and went on to win the all-events gold medal at the 2014 World Bowling Youth Championships. Then, in 2017, won Junior Gold again. After finishing college, Wesley decided to make 2020 his rookie season on the PBA® Tour and mid-year rolled his perfect 900 series.

"To join a short list of people in bowling's history is quite the honor and something I never thought that I could accomplish during my lifetime", Wesley said. "To achieve this perfection and share it with my MOTIV family is something I will remember forever."

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# KENNY DEMAIO, BILL LOGAN, JOEL RICKETTS & KEVIN WESTERMAN Inducted Into Citrus Belt Hall of Fame

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Patience is a virtue. Bowlers are patient. We proved we are patient during these past 400 days. We have patiently waited these past 400 days to bowl again. We are still waiting patiently for our leagues to restart and our local tournaments to roll again. Worst still, our bowling honorees and their families have waited too long for their names to be enshrined in our hallowed Halls of Fame.

Finally, our latest Citrus Belt USBC Hall of Fame selectees were publicly honored. Last Saturday our 2020 Class of inductees were enshrined in our Association's Hall of Fame. Yes, I wrote correctly when stating the Class of 2020. The Class of 2020 is being inducted in 2021! And you know why.

With an audience of over 100 bowlers looking on, Citrus Belt President MIKE RADDEMAN gave some opening remarks and proclaimed "Bowling is back in the Inland Empire". Moments later Master of Ceremonies and Vice President CURT SNYDER introduced our four Hall of Fame inductees and described their accomplishments for everyone present:



KENNY DEMAIO has averaged 200 or better for over 40 years with a high of 241. He has rolled numerous perfect 300 games and 800 series, with a high of 855. He has won numerous tournaments and some say he may be the best bowler in the DeMaio family! Better than Corky DeMaio? How can that be when many consider Corky to be one of the best to ever bowl in the Citrus Belt? Kenny and dad Corky are the only father and son members of our Hall of Fame.

BILL LOGAN may be the best bowler ever to bowl in the Yucca Valley. He is one of only four bowlers to roll a 800 series at Yucca Bowl. That's one of only four 800 series rolled at Yucca Bowl in about 50 years!

Yucca Bowl is known for its low scoring and is rated the lowest scoring house in the Citrus Belt. I have bowled there in our Citrus Belt Masters Tournament and qualified for Match Game Finals averaging in the high 190's. That's low for our Masters Tournament. That's why Logan's 212 average there could be considered the equivalent to a 250 average in our higher

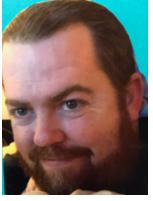


scoring houses. Bill has rolled several perfect 300 games and several 800 series. He has won many tournaments including ABT, ABTA and MABI events.

Bill's seven Citrus Belt tournament titles is among the highest number recorded in Association history. Only Corky DeMaio and Curt Snyder are known to have won more Association Titles.

**JOEL RICKETTS** entire life has revolved around the sport of bowling. He was a bowling "Boy Wonder" rolling honor scores and winning junior tournaments at an early age. When graduating to adult leagues he dominated averaging over 230 on a regular basis. Many perfect 300 games and 800 series followed and Joel was soon competing in PBA Regional and National tournaments. He cashed against some of the best professional bowlers in the world.

Joel met his beautiful wife Jennifer bowling. He chose bowling for his career and has gone on to become the proprietor of several SoCal Pro Shops. Joel now resides in Texas doing the same. He wished to offer special thanks to DAVE GULLEY for everything Dave has done for him.



**KEVIN WESTERMAN** has bowled since grammar school. He started at home with a plastic ball and pins. That's where he bowled his first 300 game. Soon he was a junior league sensation and then an adult league superstar. With over a dozen perfect 300 games and several 800 series to his credit Kevin was good enough to compete as a PBA player. His greatest claim to fame as a PBA competitor was beating the great Walter Ray Williams Jr. in a match.

Kevin is known as too many bowlers in the Citrus Belt as a Bowling Center Manager. That's how I first met him a decade ago when he worked at Moreno

Valley Bowl. Within the local area Kevin has a reputation for his professionalism and knowledge of the sport of bowling.

LARISSA SEDLER, Citrus Belt Association Manager, extends her congratulations to the latest class of Association Hall of Fame members.

#### **PBA** ontinued from page 1

That was a good shot, but I knew I had to make a ball change to face up a little better. That's when I got rolling."

Maldonado began a new string of strikes after the open frame in the fifth, eventually catching and passing Peters for the victory.

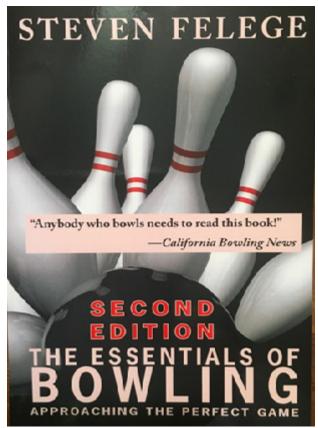
"I'm just as excited to get this win as I was to get the first one," said Maldonado. "I'm confident, excited and thankful for the support I get back home. There are so many emotions right now."

While a string of strikes helped him win the championship match, Maldonado credited his spare game with earning the No. 1 seed.

"I've been working on my spares," said Maldonado. "In the past, I've had some good days when I make spares and then the next day my spare game is kind of off. Coming into the Summer Tour, I've really been working on my spare game and my touch. It paid off."

With the win, Maldonado also takes the early lead in the PBA Summer Tour points race, with a \$40,000 bonus prize fund that includes \$20,000 for the player who accumulates the most competition points during the five events.

The PBA Summer Tour continues Friday with the first day of qualifying of the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles.



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