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Eugene McCune Wins PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open

Walter Ray Williams Jr. Earns PBA50 Player of the Year



Eugene McCune

WYOMING, Mich. -Three-time PBA Tour winner Eugene McCune of Munster, Indiana, beat Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wisconsin, 230-178 in the title match Sunday to win the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 for his first PBA50 Tour title as a professional.

A third-place finish by PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Ocala, Florida, was continued on page 8

EJ Tackett Wins Barbasol PBA Tour Finals for 13th Career PBA Tour Title

Tackett defeats Jakob Butturff 2-1 in "race-to-2-points" format title match aired on CBS Sports Network

LAS VEGAS - EJ Tackett defeated Jakob Butturff 2-1 in the "race-to-2 points" format title match to win his second Barbasol PBA Tour Finals presented by Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa title in three years for his 13th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title Sunday. The title match wrapped up nine hours of CBS Sports Network live coverage of the tournament at Red Rock Lanes over two days.

The 25-year-old Butturff, who was trying for his fourth win of the season, got off to the early lead with a 247-225 win in the first game of the title match but Tackett, the 2016 PBA Player of the Year, rebounded in game two winning 238-220 to force a 9th and 10th frame roll-off for the deciding point.

In the roll-off, Butturff started with a spare after leaving a 7 pin and Tackett with a strike in the ninth frame but on his first ball in the 10th frame, Butturff left the 4-6-10 split which opened the door for Tackett. Tackett took advantage of the opportunity by striking on his first ball in the 10th to clinch the win.

"As well as Jakob has been bowling you certainly don't expect him to throw a bad shot in that situation," said the 26-year-old Tackett, who also won his first title of the 2019 season. "At that point it was up to me not to do anything stupid in the 10th frame and stay behind the (foul) line.

Winning big tournaments in the 10th frame like this against the all-time greats is something I've dreamed of



EJ Tackett

since I was a kid," Tackett added. "I've built up a lot of confidence because of my experience in these situations over the years and today it paid off."

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by Bob Smith

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Kyle Sherman, Amanda Greene Win 20th PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles

HOUSTON, TX - Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri and partner Amanda Green of Romney, West Virginia, advanced from third place to first in the final match to win the 20th anniversary PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title in a thrilling finish at Copperfield Bowl Sundav.

The win gave Sherman his first Professional Bowlers Association Tour title. Greene won her only PWBA title in the 2015 PWBA Lincoln Open, but has suspended her professional career to attend law

Battling what PBA competitor and FloBowl-



PBA-PWBA Storm Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Champions Amanda Green & Kyle Sherman ing analyst Brad Miller called "an insane amount of hook," the final game of match play involved a nerve-wracking contest of strikes and splits among the top four teams. In the end, it was a 248 game by Sher-

man and a 192 by Greene that overtook the first- and second-place teams with an 8,873 pinfall total for 20 games to claim the \$20,000 first prize.

AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois and Eric McCarthy

of Omaha finished second with 8,862 pins; tournament leaders Kris Prather of Plainfield. Illinois and Sydney Brummett of Fort Wayne, Indiana, finished third with 8,848 pins and continued on page 9

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Emotional Victory for Grieving Tackett

His grandfather, 90, died week before

by DYLAN SINN | The Journal Gazette

After Huntington North graduate EJ Tackett bowled a strike in his final frame to defeat Jakob Butturff on Sunday and win the PBA Tour Finals, he paused, pointed to the ceiling and said, "Grandpa Alex, I love you."

Tackett dedicated the tournament win, the 13th PBA Tour victory of his career and first this season, to his grandfather, who died just a week earlier at the age of 90. After Tackett clinched the victory, he broke down.

"I couldn't keep it together, I started crying," Tackett said. "All the emotions that were building up over the last week came flooding out in that moment. ... It was really cool because I know that everybody at home was watching. It was a cool moment. I was at a loss what to do and what words to say."

In the eight-player tournament at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas, which matched the top eight players on the tour in points over the last two years, Tackett defeated Kris Prather and Bill O'Neill to reach the title match against Butturff.

In that final match, Butturff won the opening game 247-225, but Tackett evened the score with a 238-220 win in the second game, setting up a two-frame tiebreaker. Tackett took the lead in the first extra frame with a strike to Butturff's spare and then when Butturff left three pins standing in the second frame, Tackett needed only nine on two shots combined to win it.

"My thought process was, 'Just throw a good shot, don't do anything stupid, stay behind the foul line and just make a good shot, and you have it from there,' " Tackett said. "When I threw it, I was 99.9% sure I was getting at least nine on that shot."

Tackett did one better and finished off the tournament with a strike, pointing to the sky and then embracing Butturff as some tears flowed.

"(The win) means a lot," he said. "I wanted to win this week maybe more so than I have any tournament in my career. ... I know (my grandfather) was with me the whole time and looking down over me. It's a great feeling and it's really cool to be able to dedicate it to him and my entire family.



"This is one of those events that's going to be special and near and dear to my heart probably for the rest of my life."

In addition to being an important victory for Tackett personally, it was a needed triumph for his career, as well. He had gone nearly a full year without a win despite playing well and finishing in the top 10 and even the top 5 plenty of times.

Tackett felt he was close to picking up a victory and kept pushing, confident that things would fall into place.

"For quite a long time, I've been asked questions, 'Why haven't you won, why haven't you won?" Tackett said. "Well it just hasn't come together yet. I've bowled really well. ... I knew that if I just kept performing well, eventually things were going go my way and it was going to work out and this weekend was that day.

"My confidence hasn't been lacking. ... I was giving myself plenty of opportunities (to get in the winner's circle)."

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Wendy Macpherson Has Defined The Term Of Quick Learner In Her Career

by Dave William

The incredible part to

the Wendy Macpherson

story is her transitioning

to the Japan Professional

As I completed my trilogy of stories centered around the awesome career of one Leanne Hulsenberg, I could not help but notice the equally phenomenal career of fellow Hall of Fame inductee, and yet another California grown kegler, Wendy Macpherson ("The best bowlers come from California").

Macpherson was an 18-year-old high school senior when she burst upon the scene to win the coveted 1986 U.S. Open in Topeka, Kansas. She was the youngest ever to accomplish that feat, and only the second amateur, eclipsing the record of Lorrie Nichols, who won the prestigious event at the age of 20 in 1971.

Wendy's career kept rolling along, as she won the 1987 AMF Virginia Classic, before connecting with her second major championship and third title in the 1988 Women's International Bowling Congress (WIBC) Queens at Bally's Hotel and Casino Bowling Lanes in Reno, Nevada (defeating the aforementioned Leanne Hulsenberg in the championship match).

In 1990 Macpherson completed the Triple Crown of professional women's bowling at the tender age of 22, when she captured the Sam's Town Invitational in Las Vegas by one pin over another Hall of Fame member, Jeanne (Maiden) Naccarato. A couple of patterns were beginning to emerge in the early stages of Wendy's bowling career: 1) she's a quick learner, and 2) she should move to Nevada.

Following her Triple Crown achievement, Wendy went on to another 16 victories before the women's professional bowling organization in the United States, known as the Ladies Professional Bowlers Tour (LPBT), was abruptly cancelled in 2003. Macpherson had just won her third WIBC Queens event and was a mere 35 years of age. Suddenly, there was nowhere to bowl professionally!



Macpherson lets loose with a delivery at the World Series of Bowling. Photo courtesy of PBA, LLC



Photo and miscellaneous stats provided by USBC Communications, and Wendy Macpherson

Bowlers Association (JPBA) upon the cancellation of the LPBT. Rather than just give up or accept a lesser role by competing among the men's Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) here in the United States, Wendy elected to join the JPBA Women's Division.

Macpherson's eight year association with the JPBA resulted in another 10 titles added to her impressive resume, which includes 20 titles in the LPBT, now known as the Professional Women's Bowling Association (PWBA), one PBA Women's Series title, twelve PWBA Regional titles, and an incredible nine United States Bowling Congress (USBC) titles.

Included in Wendy's Japanese adventure was a 300-game bowled in the televised championship match of the 2010 ABS Open, netting her a cool 10,000,000 yen, or about a \$125,000 bonus, plus the \$30,000 first prize. In a telephone interview with Wendy, I asked if her performance in the 2010 ABS Open was the highlight of her career.

"It's certainly in the top five highlights of my career," stated Macpherson, "including the U.S. Open victory at the age of eighteen, the WIBC Queens in 1988, the Sam's Town Invitational in 1990 (earliest to ever win the women's Triple Crown), and the 2006 USBC Regular Open Singles Championship."

That last highlight bears further investigation. In 2006 Wendy topped all male and female members of the USBC to win the title with an 812 series in the USBC Regular Open Singles Championship. It was her 9th USBC National Title, the others coming in the Women's portion of the tournament (Queens title in 1988, 2000 and 2003; Women's All Events in 1995 and 2007; and the Team Championship in 2000, 2002 and 2004).

It's true that locating statistics for male bowlers is difficult... but it is almost impossible for female competitors! After a few hours of examination on the internet, I have ascertained that Wendy's USBC and WIBC championships total is the best, with a total of 9 crowns. To put this into the proper perspective, the immortal Marion Ladewig and Liz Johnson both have 7 crowns, followed by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Leanne Hulsenberg, each with 6.

Ladewig, Johnson, Dorin-Ballard, Hulsenberg and Macpherson - now there's a team for the ages! With the new four-member team championship format in the USBC Women's Championships, those last four keglers could still form a team that would be hard to defeat, in any generation.

What do you say ladies... Las Vegas 2020?

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1991 - PART 2

by Carol Mancin

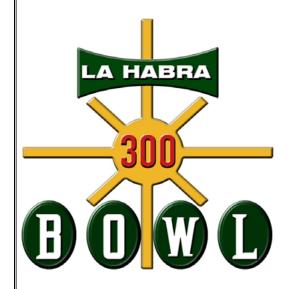
February was big for Bowling in So. California. Those cold freezing winter nights.....oh well, let's skip the "Bandini" and report some fun facts.

- Tish Johnson earned "Bowler of the Year" Honor by Bowling Writer of America.
- Amleta Monacelli chosen for same award. His earnings for the year was \$204,775.
 Tish's earnings: \$94,420.
- The 1991 World Cup was held in Beijing, China at the Holiday Inn! Arabs wouldn't bowl
 if a contender from Israel showed up.
- Tish Johnson defeated Wendy Macpherson in Florida. Both from So. California! Her paycheck from the LPBT was a measly \$6,000. Hardly expenses for the week.
- Tokyo Bowl ran a full page spotlighting: safe, clean, improved scoring, cleaned approaches, lower league fees, discounts, new computers, and the March special- 25 cents per game!
- Newly opened Riverside Lanes ad shouted "Joannes Weekly No Tap" "Joanne's Sunday Singles", "Joannes 3 Gamer" For info, call Terry.
- The Mission Hills Bowl all star honor roll included Chuck Hansen, Barry Gurney, Pat Byrne, Gary Gladstone, David Cogswell, and Hobo Boothe. Kevin Fatherree topped the list with his 756.
- The Sunday morning \$5.00 special at "PINKYS" was bowl 2 games, 2 strips of bacon, 2 eggs and toast. What a deal!
- Norris Turner opened his pro shop inside Riverside Lanes.
- The great Donna Zimmerman was pictured helping a junior bowler.
- Rooms at the El Rancho in Vegas were going for \$24 a night. They had over 1000 rooms, 5 restaurants, 2000 slots and 52 lanes.
- Harold Weiss, Santa Monica, was the Treasurer of the International B'Nai, B'Rith Bowling Assn. 300 bowlers competed in Toronto, Canada in 1991. Is it still around?
- A page 23 picture showed a happy Ed Mathews being congratulated by Dan Roche for his 300 at Keystone Lanes.
- Victory Bowl was very popular in the 60's. In 1991 a reunion was held at Canoga Park Bowl of old friends....dating back 30-40 years. Many great stars bowled at Victory; Ned Day, Steve Nagy, Billy Welu, Glenn Allison and Buzz Fazio to name a few. Thanks to Ed Starzec another reunion was planned.
- For months, **Hollywood Star Lanes** ran a weekly ad- WANTED: Bowling Manager.
- Jess Stayrook, San Diego, banked \$20,000 for his PBA win in Erie, Penn. He rolled 2 300 games that week.
- San Gabriel Valley W.B.A. welcomed their long time Secretary Linda Johnson into the Hall of Fame.
- Popular at San Gabriel Lanes was the "ball, bag and shoes" league. Get all 3 at leagues end.
- Who was in more ABTA pictures, Simon Rojas, or Bob Smith?
- Little Tokyo Bowl on Alameda Street ran full page ads for weeks. Why? Because they
 were located in the heart of downtown L.A. and daytime games were only 25 cents.
 Their snack bar special was nachos.
- 4 year old Jeffrey Boyer rolled an amazing 192 game in his Bumper League at Azusa Bowl. He was 4 balls tall!
- News from Hemet Bowl, San Diego's Lee Taylor won the WSBT. Manager Jay Robinson revealed the this event was the highest scoring WSBT so far. Taylor rolled a 300 on his march to the top.

- Rolf Gauger wrote a weekly column "Up Your Average", advice that was as old as bowling itself! The March 14,1991 column was all about friction! Carol's Comment-How could anyone give advice when every hand, ball, lane, surface, weather condition, thumb, oil pattern, etc. etc. was different?? At least it got the bowlers thinking.
- Rumors were flying that Arena Bowl in South Gate was closing. They ran an ad otherwise.
- Sports Center Bowl's Tom Cristi loved baseball as much as bowling. His Dodgers
 Baseball League was a big hit. Each bowler got tickets to 5 Dodger games in the reserved section. All bowlers attended in a group.
- Cal Bowl marked the Re-Grand Opening by hosting the PBA Senior Open. Cal Bowl
 had just refurbished the whole center and re-did their 68 lanes for T.V. coverage.
- Jesse Soria at Alhambra Valley Lanes came up with a goody for Easter. The "Bunny Huggy"!! No details printed. But they were still looking for league nite scorekeepers.
- Winners-winners; Corey Groth, PBA at the Showboat, Rick Berry PCB in Bakersfield, (Marv Sargent, third) Norm Duke PBA in Cleveland.
- Legend Steve Nagy died on March 23. Other legends regarded Steve as a "real gentleman" on the lanes and off.
 - A Pro Bowler following the tour had about \$800 in road expenses. If you could get a sponsor, life was good. But, laundry? Car? Equipment? Food? Haircuts? Insurance? Etc. etc. etc.
- Doug Tande rolled a great 822 set at Grananda Lanes 278-255-289.
- The Western Senior Bowling Tour paid out an average of \$12,000 per tournament. 2 more in Ireland are planned for 1992, Dick Sanders was Director.
- Back to the Cal Bowl Open...G.M. John Shoutta was happy to present the trophy to Gene Stus. Gene was a fan favorite in 1991.
- Starr Gazer was back with horoscope info. Bowlers swore that the info under THEIR sign was truly accurate and uplifting.
- ABC delegates to the National Convention in Toledo rejected the amendment to allow women into the ABC. Much discussion followed between ABC and WIBC the next few years. We "WIBC" advocates predicted a big disaster if they merged. Men would give the orders and women would do the work.
- The Grand Prix Scholarship program was GREAT. Many bowlers attended college on "Bowling Dollars". It's still going on in 2019. Does YOUR center participate?
- Why wasn't Bowlium Bowl called Bowlium Lanes? Why were some pin palaces, aome lanes, and some bowls?
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- Local Bowling Guru Bill Taylor attended ABC conventions for over 30 years and submit-
- ted proposals for change every year! He stirred more pots than Betty Crocker!
- Paul Varela won his first ABTA at Champion Lanes.
 CNADA State Tournament and and in San Diago. The
- CWBA State Tournament opened in San Diego. The two centers used were Plaza and Clairemont. 2873 teams-5695 doubles and 11,390 singles. Who couldn't bowl, eat food and have fun in San Diego?? Remember the Town and Country Hotel?

April 1991 is where we are this week. Where were you?? What tournament club were you bowling in? What ball were you using?

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Mohr Defeats Walter Ray to Win David Small's Championship Lanes Classic for 11th PBA50 Tour Title

Mohr denies Williams his 15th PBA50 Tour win with 279-215 title match victory

ANDERSON, Ind. Making his third consecutive championship round appearance of the season, Ron Mohr defeated Walter Ray Williams Jr. 279-215 in a battle of PBA Hall of Famers in the title match to win the PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip Tuesday for his first win of the season and 11th of his career.



Dave Small & Champion Ron Mohr

Mohr, who was top qualifier for the stepladder finals, threw 11 strikes in the title match starting with the first five before leaving a 10 pin in the sixth frame. He then struck the rest of the way to handily win the match.

Williams, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour all-time titles leader with 47 wins, was trying for his fourth win of the season and the 15th of his career to take sole possession of the all-time titles lead on PBA's tour for players 50 and over. He left six 10 pins in the title match including a missed 10 pin in the fifth frame.

'The way Walter Ray was bowling in the previous match I thought I might be the answer to a trivia question, but things went my way today, said the 63-year-old Mohr, whose last PBA50 win came in the 2018 Northern California Classic. "I got off to a slow start in the tournament qualifying 23rd so I really didn't expect to win. There have been a lot of amazing things happen out here (on tour) so I should probably know better than to count myself out."

Mohr, a native of Fort Wayne, finished fourth in last week's PBA50 South Shore Open and fifth in the PBA50 River City Extreme Open two weeks ago.

'The important thing for me was to slow everything down," said Mohr, crediting his wife Lita who noticed he was rushing his shots in the previous championship rounds. "I really had to focus on not making a shot until I'm ready and that was especially true when Walter Ray missed his 10 pin because I didn't want to do the same thing to possibly let him back in the match."

Williams qualified second for the stepladder after coming all the way from sixth in the final position round of the second match play round.

In the semifinal match, Williams, whose runner-up finish all but wraps up his third PBA50 Player of the Year honor, beat hall of famer Doug Kent 247-209 in the semifinal to advance to the title match.

In pain from a back injury suffered in the first game of match play earlier in the day, Kent soldiered on to qualify fifth for the stepladder. Trying for his first PBA50 Tour win, he beat fellow New Yorker Ryan Shafer 228-211 in the first stepladder match before defeating four-time PBA50 Tour winner Lennie Boresch Jr. 278-185 in the second match. It was Shafer's second consecutive fifth-place finish after finishing fifth in last week's South Shore Open.

The PBA50 Tour travels to Wyoming, Mich., for the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open presented by DV8 July 25-28 before wrapping up with the PBA50 David Small's Jax60 Classic presented by Track in Jackson, Mich., July 30-Aug. 2. Two PBA60 events -- for players 60 and over - will conclude the "senior" season. The PBA60 Jax 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolfe will be conducted Aug. 3-5 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by the DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne is scheduled for Aug. 7-9. Fans can follow all the action via PBA's online streaming partner FloBowling. For subscription and schedule information visit www.flobowling.com.

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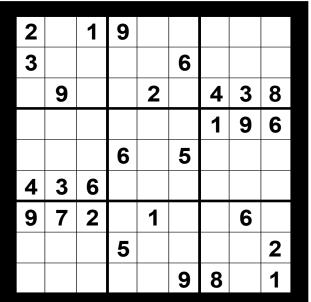
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- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$4,000.
- 3, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., \$2,500.
- 4, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$2,000
- 5, Ryan Shafer, Horseheads, N.Y., \$1,750

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Tackett, making his third consecutive PBA50 Tour Finals title match appearance, won the inaugural PBA Tour Finals in 2017 against PBA Tour Finals defending champion Jason Belmonte of Australia but Belmonte came back to beat Tackett in 2018.

The PBA Tour Finals featured the top eight Go Bowling! PBA Tour players in points during the past two seasons ending with the 2019 USBC Masters in April. The eight finalists were split into to two four-player groups with competition consisting of two rounds of total pinfall positioning rounds Saturday followed by Sunday's semifinal stepladder round for each group. The winner of each semifinal stepladder advanced to the title match. The final match of each stepladder also used the race-to-2-points

"It's almost like winning a major which makes it very rewarding to win," said Tackett, who also owns two major titles. "You're bowling against eight of the top players on tour not just over a regular season but for nearly two seasons. If you're bowling well and you're making the right decisions, in a way it doesn't necessarily have to be especially difficult to win because you're only bowling against seven other players, but on the other hand it can be very hard to win because of the talent that makes it here."

In the Group 1 semifinal stepladder round, Tackett advanced to the championship match by beating 10-time tour winner Bill O'Neill 2-0 in the race-to-2 points final match, winning the first game 265-237 and the second game 210-198. Butturff advanced to the title match by beating two-hander six-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen in the Group 2 stepladder final 2-1. Butturff won the first game 249-157 but Simonsen came back in game 2, winning 259-234 to force the 9th and 10th frame roll-off which was won by Butturff, 39-38.

In the Group 1 semifinal opening stepladder match Kris Prather, trying for his second tour title, defeated Belmonte, trying for his 23rd tour title, 254-248, to meet Tackett in the second match. Tackett then beat Prather, who won the 2019 Scorpion Championship for his first tour win, 237-224, in the second match to face O'Neill in the Group 1 final. In the Group 2 opening stepladder match four-time tour winner Marshall Kent beat 2018 PBA Player of the Andrew Anderson 224-189 to advance to the second match against six-time tour winner Anthony Simonsen. Simonsen beat Kent in the second match 246-214 to advance to the Group 2 final against Butturff.

The eight players earned their positions in the stepladder semifinal rounds in four-game qualifying rounds bowled on Saturday.

BARBASOL PBA TOUR FINALS

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Group 1 Stepladder Results

Match One - Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill. def. Jason, Belmonte, Australia (\$3,000), 254-248.

Match Two - EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. def. Prather (\$3,000), 237-224.

Final Match (race-to-2-points format) – Tackett def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., (\$7,500), 2-0

Game 1 - Tackett def. O'Neill. 265-237

Game 2 – Tackett def. O'Neill, 210-198

Tackett advanced to championship match against Jakob

Group 2 Stepladder Results

Match One - Marshall Kent, Yakima Wash. def. Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich. (\$3,000), 224-189.

Match Two – Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas def. Kent (\$3,000), 246-214.

Final Match (race-to-2 points format) – Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. def. Simonsen (\$7,500), 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. Simonsen. 249-157

Game 2 – Simonsen def. Butturff. 259-234

Butturff won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 39-38 to advance to championship match against EJ Tackett

Championship Match (race-to-2 points format)

EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind. (\$30,000) def. Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz. (\$18,000), 2-1

Game 1 – Butturff def. Tackett, 247-225

Game 2 – Tackett def. Butturff, 238-220

Tackett won 9th and 10th frame roll-off 45-26.



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Fred Eisenhammer Wins Marijane Viat Writing Award

by California Bowling News



Fred Eisenhammer holds the plaque commemorating his Marijane Viat writing award for his story in the California Bowling News that was titled: "Memorable, Emotional – You've Come to the Right Place!" Photo by Art Rosenberg

AGOURA HILLS - Veteran journalist Fred Eisenhammer has been named the winner of the 2019 Marijane Viat Writing Award.

The annual award, presented by the California Bowling Writers, honors the individual who has written the top bowling story in a California publication in the past year.

Eisenhammer wrote a moving story in the Sept. 13, 2018 edition of the California Bowling News about memorable moments that bowlers sometimes achieve. These bowling achievements, Eisenhammer wrote, typically are accompanied by emotional celebrations that can be viewed many years later as special events in one's life.

The headline of Eisenhammer's story was "Memorable, Emotional – You've Come to the Right Place!"

Eisenhammer has been writing for the California Bowling News for five years. Previously, he had written about 700 bowling stories for website examiner.com.

"I'm truly humbled by winning this award when there are so many truly talented bowling writers in California," Eisenhammer said. "I love to write human interest stories involving bowlers and I want to thank the countless bowlers who opened their hearts to me and spoke so elegantly about their achievements. Bowlers are true characters and a breed apart and they've all developed their idiosyncrasies. I think that's what makes bowling great because each bowler develops his or her style and feels unique in this sport. "In what other sport can one claim to be as good as Jason Belmonte – at least in one frame after delivering

"I want to thank all my friends in the California Bowling News who enhanced my stories with their careful editing and layouts. And I also want to thank the members of the California Bowling Writers and Len Nicholson, the sponsor of the award."

This marks the second time in three years Eisenhammer has won the Marijane Viat Writing Award. The award is named after Viat, who was the California Bowling Writers charter president. She worked tirelessly to promote the sport in many capacities before her death in 2001. The California Bowling Writers initiated the Marijane Viat award in 2010-11, replacing two writing honors: the Quill Award and the Profile Award.

Eisenhammer has more than 40 years of newspaper experience as a sportswriter, sports columnist, news editor and copy editor. He worked 20 years for the Los Angeles Times as a news editor and copy editor and has coauthored three sports books.

His last book, "College Football's Most Memorable Games," is still in print and is a top seller for McFarland Publishers. Eisenhammer also has written stories for the Los Angeles Times, the Chicago Tribune, the Ventura County Star and the Ventura County-based Acorn Newspapers.

Eisenhammer is a longtime Agoura Hills resident who has bowled in leagues for eight years. Currently, he bowls at Winnetka Bowl, where he freely admits he's struggling with his game. "My goal from the start has been to score a 600 series and I seem to be regressing from that objective," he said.

"Nevertheless, the game remains tremendously fun, in good times and bad, and the friendships from bowling often last forever. It's awesome to be part of a family of bowlers. I wake up with a smile every morning when I know that it's my bowling night!"



Portland Lumberjacks Dominate L.A. X to Win PBA League Elias Cup

PORTLAND, Maine - The Portland Lumberjacks overwhelmed L.A. X in four consecutive games Wednesday night at Bayside Bowl to win its first PBA League Elias Cup in the event's seven-year history.

Led by anchor bowler and Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player Wes Malott, the hometown favorites trailed only once – in the first two frames of the second game – in dominating the PBA's team competition. Malott's supporting cast included PBA League newcomer Kris Prather, who won the inaugural PBA Playoffs at Bayside Bowl in early June; two-hander Kyle Troup, lefthander Ryan Ciminelli and Canadian Mitch Hupé.

"That was awesome," Malott, a 42-year-old 10-time PBA Tour titlist and former PBA Player of the Year, said. He threw 20 strikes in 22 meaningful attempts to pace all 40 bowlers in the PBA League competition.

"Wow; 20 strikes? I knew I threw a few," he said. "For whatever reason in the past, I felt so much pressure because I wanted to give Portland a championship," Malott continued. "I haven't been able to practice a lot lately, but I felt good this week and my ball just did what it needed to do. And I had five guys behind me, so it gave me all the confidence in the world."

The PBA League's championship was decided by two "race to 2 points" Baker team matches. The Baker format requires each of the teams' players to bowl two frames to complete each game. Ties in games or matches were broken by a one-ball sudden death roll-off.

"That was fun. That's what it's all about," said Lumberjacks manager Tim Mack, who earlier this year was inducted into the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. "I felt comfortable with the guys. We had a really good practice session beforehand, but do you ever think you're going to sweep a team with the kind of firepower

L.A. X had? No way. We made some key ball changes, made some key moves and, man, did my guys bowl good."

Regarding Malott's performance, Mack said, "It might have been the greatest performance by an anchor bowler I've ever seen. I call him 'The Franchise' for a reason."

Portland, behind a string of four strikes in the middle of any otherwise error-free game, won the first point with a 228-206 decision over L.A. The Lumberjacks quickly surrendered their advantage with two splits and open frames to start game two, but rebounded behind five consecutive strikes and L.A. X's inability to throw back-to-back strikes to win the game, 214-188, and sweep the first "race to 2 points" match.

The Lumberjacks carried their momentum into the second match, putting together two strings of four strikes including three in the 10th frame by Malott – to win their third point, 221-197, and completed the four-point rout of L.A. X with a 247-208 win in game four, starting the decisive final game with five strikes while L.A. couldn't overcome a barrage of single-pin spares.

PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP FINALS

Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine, July 18 (Two Matches, Race to 2 Points Baker Team Format)

Final Standings: Portland Lumberjacks (Kyle Troup, Mitch Hupé, Kris Prather, Ryan Ciminelli, Wes Malott) (\$60,000) def. L.A. X (Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Jason Belmonte, Dick Allen) (\$50,000), 2-0, 2-0.

Match One, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 228-206. Match One, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 214-188. Match Two, Game One: Portland def. L.A., 221-197. Match Two, Game Two: Portland def. L.A., 247-208.

The 21st Century Bowler

The most impressive fact about Russ Hixson is not that he bowled a 300 in the first six months of his bowling career, but that he did it two handed and with a two fingered ball. Like most of his generation, he figured out his own style by adapting the sport to his interpretation. He began bowling while on a date with his fiance Landri English, and her father John English who later became his equipment consultant.

Russ, the 26 year old native from New Haven Conneticut, moved to Southern California to pursue his career in customizing and renovating cars (now working at "Flat Out Rides" in Riverside.)

John English had drilled a few two fingered balls, and his knowledge was that both fingers had to be drilled as a full grip. When I asked to see Russ' fingers, he explained the finger closest to him was the speed finger while the second was the rotation finger.

Russ has cross bred his sport of bowling with his sport of Motocross Racing. Hitting the gym everyday has kept his body fit enough for Extreme Bowling and Extreme Moto Cross.

This 21st Century Bowler has come full circle with the sport of bowling, and is not afraid to look beyond the "push, drop, swing, roll" of yesterday.



Russ Hixson

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enough for Williams to clinch his third Player of the Year honor on the tour for players 50 and over.

"I don't think I've ever bowled so bad in my life and won,"

McCune said. "I didn't have a lot of problems with the right lane but no matter where or how I threw it on the left lane I couldn't find a shot. I was fortunate to get some breaks and was able to take advantage of them."

In the semifinal match against Williams, McCune recovered from a gutter ball and open in the seventh frame by throwing strikes in the ninth frame and all three in the 10th to beat Williams 215-201 after Williams opened the door by missing a 3-10 split in the 10th. One of McCune's breaks was a crossover strike in the 10th frame.

In the title match, Boresch, who was trying for his first win of the season and the fifth of his career, got off to an early lead but opened in the sixth and eighth frames after leaving splits while McCune was able to string together five strikes in the middle of the match using his trademark hard-throwing delivery from the corner to clinch the win

"I was using a 15-pound ball earlier in the tournament but I wasn't able to carry with it," the 51-year-old McCune said. "I went to a 16-pound ball in the second round which enabled me to throw a straighter line to the pocket. It's more work to throw 16, and I didn't throw it the best tonight, but it was the right choice to deal with the changing lane conditions." With three consecutive PBA50 Tour wins to start the season and no finishes worse than ninth, Williams has put together a dominant season. He will have one more opportunity to win his 15th career PBA50 Tour title to take sole possession of the all-time titles lead on the PBA50 Tour when he competes in the PBA50 Jax60 Classic presented by Track July 30-Aug. 2 in Jackson, Mich. which will conclude the PBA50 season.

"Overall I've been very happy with the way I bowled this season," said Williams, who holds the all-time titles lead on the Go Bowling! PBA Tour with 47 wins. "I don't think I was always the best bowler in the field every week but you can't argue with three wins and a lot of other good finishes. Hopefully I can get that 15th win in Jackson.

In the opening stepladder match, last week's PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic winner, Ron Mohr of Las Vegas beat Brian LeClair of Albany, New York, a two-time winner this season, 268-213. Williams, who was seeded third for the finals, started the second stepladder match with eight strikes to beat Mohr 266-237 to advance to the semifinal match against McCune.

Mohr beat Williams in last week's David Small's Champion-ship Lanes Classic title match 279-215 for his first win of the season and 11th of his career.

Two PBA60 events – for players 60 and over – will conclude the "senior" season. The PBA60 Jax 60 National Championship in memory of Mel Wolfe will be conducted Aug. 3-5 and the PBA60 Dick Weber Championship presented by the DeHayes Insurance Group and 900 Global in Fort Wayne is scheduled for

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PBA50 SPECTRUM LANES OPEN

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Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich., Sunday **Final Standings:**

1, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., \$7,500.

2, Lennie Boresch Jr., Kenosha, Wis., \$4,000.

3, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$2,500. 4, Ron Mohr, Las Vegas, \$2,000.

5, Brian LeClair, Albany, N.Y., \$1,750.

Stepladder Results:

Match One - Mohr def. LeClair, 268-213. Match Two – Williams def. Mohr., 266-237 Semifinal Match - McCune def. Williams, 215-201. Championship Match - McCune def. Boresch, 230-178.

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California's Jennifer Loredo and Daniel Chin Land Spots on Jr. Gold

DETROIT - Two of Northern California's best youth bowlers have landed spots on Jr Team USA after competing in the recent tournament in Detroit.

Jennifer Loredo from Fresno finished 9th out of 446 U17 Girl participants. She led qualifying after 16 games, continued to lead after 5 more games in the Advancers round and the Final Advancers round of 5 games.

She averaged 203.4 and was selected to the Developmental Jr Team USA 2020.

Jennifer has won numerous titles in the Northern California Jr Elite Tour and the Youth Bowlers Tour. She has been the NCJET Player of the Year for 3 years running, dominating the girls division.

Daniel Chin from Daly City finished 2nd out of 809 U20 Boy participants. Daniel was in 57th after the first block, 20th after the second block, 33rd after the third block and 51st after the fourth block where they cut to 114 boys. He worked his way up to 24th place before the next cut to 64 boys.

He ended up in 14th place in the round of 16 and then went on to match play where he did not lose a match until the final game, finishing in 2nd place and earning his spot on the Team. Daniel averaged 206.5 for 26 games on grueling conditions against the best youth bowlers in the US and around the world.

Daniel has also won several titles in NCJET and YBT and is now attending school at Calumet College in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

Both of these bowlers are such hard workers, practicing on an almost daily basis and competing wherever and



Jennifer Loredo and Daniel Chin

whenever they can. They also are excellent role models, winning humbly and losing graciously. They will certainly go far in life with the work ethics and self-motivation they have shown. We couldn't be prouder to have them represent California on Jr. Team USA! Well done kids!

The Perfect Game

Have you ever heard of, "The Butterfly Effect?" The idea is that a butterfly flapping its wings in Japan can cause a hurricane to form over the Atlantic Ocean. In other words, a small change to the status quo can have a major impact on

In this case, the status quo is a reference to the USBC's refusal to acknowledge that the ABC made a big mistake. They failed to sanction Glenn Allison's historic 900 series, 37 years ago, for reasons that make no sense. By failing to correct that mistake, the USBC is guilty of incompetence, negligence and, it seems, a degree of arrogance.

If you have been following this column for the past few months, perhaps you share the frustration many of Glenn Allison's supporters feel. Frustration is a result of helplessness. It's driven by the USBC refusal to even acknowledge its membership's concerns, and that's a shame.

Never give up and never surrender to feelings of helplessness; DO SOMETHING! The smallest act can have a major impact. Calling or emailing the White House is a small thing to do, but enough of you have done so that the President of the United States is now aware of Glenn Allison. It's now important to keep this matter in front of him and make him

What happens when you call the White House? You will speak to a volunteer who will note your comment to have Glenn Allison receive The Presidential Medal of Freedom; recognition that would far exceed that of the ABC/USBC. These are busy people and it may take a while for you to actually speak to someone. Patience is required (I call weekly and wait times have varied from 5 minutes to 1/2 hour). All comments collected by these volunteers are placed on the "Resolute Desk" in the Oval Office. There are thousands and Mr. Trump personally reads many of them, he responds to some. The more people who do this, the more likely it is that he will see a comment regarding Glenn Allison. The more times he sees Glenn's name, the more importance he will assign to it. That phone number is:

1-202-456-1111

Of course, email is very different. You type your message and it's reviewed by a staff member. You immediately receive a standard response, but what happens after that is unknown. What is known is this; they are not ignored! Don Surdich, a reader of this column, did get a message in return. That's progress! As we all know, emails don't go away. I suspect they are collected into e-folders and when those folders contain enough input, they get some attention. To email Donald Trump, google: The White House, then left-click on "Contact." The email screen will appear. Filling it out is simple and you will have empowered your personal "butterfly effect." Getting Glenn Allison some attention is the name of this game. Each week I send a new email to the White house addressing this issue. While I have yet to receive a personal response, Don Surdich did! I'll keep plugging away and ask that some of you join me. Time is running out and Glenn Allison needs our help. "Together we can* float like a butterfly; sting like bee!"**

Have an opinion concerning the ABC and USBC failure to sanction Glenn Allison's 900 series? You can express that opinion by contacting the USBC directly using the following information:

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Peter Brown Is Playing It Straight and It Works Out Great by Fred Eisenhammer

MONTCLAIR, Calif. - It's not often a bowling term is named after a player.

The bowler has to be pretty darn good or there has to be something pretty darn idiosyncratic about

In the case of wunderkind Peter Brown, it's both.

Peter spawned the usage of the "Peter Brown" syndrome a few years ago after he amazed and befuddled his colleagues. Although that moniker remains in the bowling vernacular, its usage appears to be dying out.

That's just fine with Peter because that syndrome refers to a bowler throwing a gutter on his first ball before rallying for a crackerjack second shot that knocks down all 10 pins and gives the player a redemptive spare.



Peter Brown rolled an electrifying 630 series last week. Additionally, Peter rolled no "Peter Browns."

Peter, a 25-year-old Ontario resident, no longer is throwing "Peter Browns" and he demonstrated that marksmanship clearly last week when he blasted an electrifying 630 series (258-176-196) in league play at Bowlium Lanes in Montclair, Calif. The 630 and 258 were career bests.

Peter, a recent newlywed who moved from Woodland Hills, said good-naturedly that he had a total of zero "Peter Browns" during his spectacular night.

He said he has deviated from his former bowling style when he rolled an exaggerated hook that hugged the gutter. "I've been keeping it pretty straight with very little hook," said the powerful right-hander, who opened eyes by reeling off eight straight strikes at AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills as a 20-year-old.

"I haven't been doing that for a while," added Peter about throwing "Peter Browns." "I've been going straight and haven't been hitting the gutter."

Still, Peter can joke about the old days when Greg Kolski, one of his buddies, coined the "Peter Brown" term after being mesmerized by Peter's unpredictable ways. "I did ["Peter Browns"] all the time," said Peter with a laugh. "That was me back then. I've

Peter, a charismatic and engaging personality who averages 180, demonstrated his skill in the first game of his blockbuster series with seven straight strikes beginning with the fourth frame. Altogether, he had eight strikes, three spares and no opens.

He stayed steady the next two games and now is entertaining legitimate hopes for a 300 and a 700 series.

Instead of throwing "Peter Browns," Peter is back using his old nickname: "The Strikeaholic."

It's certainly more fitting.

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Michigan partners Andrew Anderson of Holly and Jordan Richard of Tipton finished fourth with 8,846 pins as a total of 27 pins separated the top four teams.

"We thought we had to win our match (against Anderson and Richard) to win the title," Sherman said. "(When we lost - by 14 pins), we thought we were out of it. But you just have to keep fighting until the end.

"This is such a shock. It's something you dream about."

Greene echoed her partner. "We had no idea we were even in it. I had to keep moving left, but I missed making a couple of moves. Fortunately, I had a good partner who held me up."

The tournament, known within the bowling industry as "The Luci," is a fundraiser to combat

breast cancer and assist those affected by the disease. It was founded by Donna Conners as a memorial to her friend, Luci Bonneau, who died of breast cancer.

The 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's FloBowling Summer Tour series continues with the PBA Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open at AMF Western Branch Lanes in Chesapeake, Virginia, Aug. 10-11, followed by the PBA Wilmington Open at Ten Pin Family Fun Center in Wilmington, North Carolina, Aug. 12-14. All FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events will be live stream exclusively on PBA's online channel, PBA Xtra Frame on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit

PBA/PWBA STORM STRIKING AGAINST BREAST CANCER MIXED DOUBLES

(a part of the 2019 FloBowling! PBA Summer Tour schedule) Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (after 20 team games, including match play bonus pins)

- 1, Amanda Greene, Romney, W.Va./Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 8,873, \$20,000. 2, Erin McCarthy, Omaha, Neb./AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 8,862, \$10,000.
- 3, Sydney Brummett, Fort Wayne, Ind./Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., 8,848, \$5,500.
- 4, Jordan Richard, Tipton, Mich./Andrew Anderson, Holly, Mich., 8,846, \$4,500.
- 5, Jodi Woessner, Oregon, Ohio/Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Little Elm, Texas, 8,793, \$3,500.
- 6, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J./PJ Haggerty, Roseville, Calif., 8,693, \$3,000.
- 7, Liz Johnson, Palatine, Ill./EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,677, \$2,800. 8, Taylor Bulthuis, Coral Springs, Fla./Josh Blanchard, Mesa, Ariz., 8,593, \$2,700.

Other Cashers (after 12 team games):

- 9, Ashly Galante, Palm Harbor, Fla./Matt Kuba, Chicago Ridge, Ill., 5,180, \$2,500. 10, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y./Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 5,141, \$2,450.
- 11, Brenda Padilla, Mansfield, Texas/DJ Archer, Spring, Texas, 5,110, \$2,400.
- 12, Diana Zavjalova, Latvia/Adam Pogge, Austin, Texas, 5,106, \$2,370
- 13, Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia/Tom Daugherty, Riverview, Fla., 5,096, \$2,340. 14, Liz Kuhlkin, Schenectady, N.Y./Richard Teece, England, 5,060, \$2,310.
- 15, Jasmine Coleman, Manteca, Calif./Vernon Peterson, Winter Haven, Fla., 5,062, \$2,280.
- 16, Diandra Asbaty, Chicago/Marshall Kent, Yakima, Wash., 5,079, \$2,250
- 17, Anita Arnett, Houston/Zeke Bayt, Westerville, Ohio, 5,056, \$2,220.
- 18, Emily Eckhoff, Wheat Ridge, Colo./Fero Williams, Norman, Okla., 5,031, \$2,170. 19, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio/Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,027, \$2,120.
- 20, Giselle Poss, Nashville, Tenn./Matt Gasn, Clarksville, Tenn., 5,026, \$2,070.
- 21, Cassandra Leuthold, Lincoln, Neb./Sam Cooley, Australia, 5,023, \$2,020.
- 22, Lindsay Boomershine, Perry, Utah/Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C., 5,020, \$1,970.
- 23, Amanda Vermilyea, Apple Valley, Minn./Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 5,006, \$1,920.
- 24, Bryanna Cote, Red Rock, Ariz./Stuart Williams, England, 4,971, \$1,870.
- 25, Nicole Trudell, Bridgeport, Conn./Matt Dzikiewicz, Rocky Hill, Conn., 4,966, \$1,820.
- 26, Kerry Smith, Lititz, Pa./John Furey, East Windsor, N.J., 4,955, \$1,770.
- 27, Lauren Pate, Inver Grove Heights, Minn./Steve Kloempken, Pleasant View, Utah, 4,952, \$1,720.
- 28 (tie), Birgit Poppler, Germany/Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., and
- Missy Parkin, Laguna Hills, Calif./Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 4,922, \$1,640. 30, Stephanie Zavala, Downey, Calif./Michael Villarreal, Norwalk, Calif., 4,909, \$1,550.
- 31, Katie Garcia, Wichita, Kan./Geoff Young, Keller, Texas, 4,901, \$1,490.
- 32, Julia Bond, Aurora, Ill./Andres Gomez, Colombia, 4,892, \$1,430.
- 33, Natalie Cortese, Hoffman Estates, Ill./Brad Miller, Lee's Summit, Mo., 4,870, \$1,370. 34, Lauren Hoffman, Monroe Township, N.J./Tanner Spacey, Burien, Wash., 4,866, \$1,310.

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WINNETKA - Hello from Winnetka Bowl! We had our first annual "Winnetka Bowl's Finest" team tournament this past weekend. This event was open to all Winnetka league bowlers from the past winter and current seasons with teams representing our various leagues. Congratulations go to one of the six teams representing League of Our Own who came out on top with a narrow eight

Abejuela, Gabbie Angeles, Edwin Serrano, Bobby Alfaro and Nick Ipapo. Belated congratulations to "Thursday Nite Live" team who were the winter league champions of the Thirsty Nite Out league. This team had to work hard for their victory as they came from the wild card position to take the league title. Team members are: Jim D'Arcy, Mary Ann D'Arcy, James

pin victory. Team members are: Brittney Gonzalez, Ernie Barreto, Max Izrailov, David Jaques and

Alex Schwartz. A close second was another League of Our Own team with team members Chris

Jackson, Darryl Pray and Dave Bore. Now for the July high scores:

PHIL-AM: Alvin Bailon 300-780, Larry Manlapit 258, 730, Christopher Marcos 267-722, Helen Ventenilla 212-593, Leanna Harada 224-547, Buenafe Holbrook 190-533

RE-ENTRY ONLY SQUAD is 6:00 PM which has a Special Cut for that SPECIAL 49'ERS SENIOR: Chuck Alexander 253-681, Les Pease 247-665, Gary Bricker 259-615, Darlene Redman 213-535, Buenafe Holbrook 190-528.

RIVER MANIACS: John Englehart 279-792, Robert Pellicci 279-757, Anthony Sharpsteen 277-756, Justin Pluchino 279-750, Jesse Chastain 278-739, Joe Macklin 289-739, Julia Frias 235-662, Monise Kelly 222-647.

ELLEN'S COMEDIANS: Vince Koeller 257-735, Michael Mughadam 255-713, Alex Schwartz 261-712, Ken Oliver 264-701, Irma Geddes 269-615, Patricia Shinozaki 190-560. **GUYS & DOLLS:** Rick Stine 266-764, Greg Kolski 246-691, Jude Niles 265-672, Joe Curry 242-

669, Tracy Stine 216-592, Heather Rios 195-515. LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: Adam Lew 298-736, Sean Tuber 279-734, Alex Schwartz 279-707,

Aviv Auslander 266-703, Megan Lum 230-613, Jennifer Santulan 224-588. FUNTIMERS SENIOR: Don Constable 223-642, Bill Lind 246-632, Rick Gould 240-629, Carole Peire 202-544, Barbara Vaccarello 192-525, Pam Lind 180-507.

MIXED CLASSIC HANDICAP: Justin Pluchino 268-791, Scott Critchfield 268-785, Jon Pearlstein 267-778, John Englehart 266-769, Chris Ivey 268-774, Tom Cowley 278-759, Craig Kisro 277-759, Patrick Michaels 279-756, Ken Oliver 298-753, Colby Noji 268-752, Jennifer Kennick 256-718, Julia Frias 226-644, Jodi Cromar 237-643, San Mitchell 228-626, Monise Kelly 219-622,

Darlene Sommers 233-603. 500 CLASSIC: Christine Drew 237-602, Jill Williamson 213-601, Marcia Logan 206-587.

39'ERS SENIOR: Jerry Kanowitz 242-666, Larry George 238-646, Mary Lauer 198-549, Darlene Redman 206-543, Trish Carpenter 210-540.

THIRSTY NITE OUT: Chris Ivey 267-756, Alex Schwartz 258-749, Jeff Owens 259-632, Adam Lew 267-711, Carmen Hofstra 198-580, Amy Lew 186-542, Debbie Stelle 200-538.

SFVCC NIKKEI: Danny Hirota 260-744, Dean Wake 243-679, George Parker 244-678, Randy Tomita 258-678, San Mitchell 256-647, Nikkita Mitchell 210-581.

JUNIOR ROYALS: Devon Valdez 290-744, Kyler Orosco 256-699, Blake Jozwiakowski 256-659, Bing Lau III 244-653, Ardani Rodas 226-650, Deanna Frias 236-633, Jacey Opiana 223-582, Sabrina Tan 203-575.

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LAKEWOOD — Bowlers... Automatic scoring was a major change to our game. The scorers can calculate millions of numbers...but...if you change your name to a "fun name" for instance, your scores are NOT calculated. So, don't mess with the machines, you could lose all your games.

Big Bear: The bowlers were growlin' and prowlin' this week. No head pin was safe. Strikes were stacked for safe keeping. Jonathan Gale 279-267/757, Raleigh McCormick 259/618, Sid Nakagawa 256/631, John Dunn 255/688, Jerry Cant 254/652, John Woods 253, David Patterson 657, Emmerson Wafer 248/652, Steve Bryant 622, Sue Cant 259-205-190/654, Shirley Owens 236-194/579, Annie Yonemura 227/535, Carol Egenias 208/500, Evette Franklin

Pin Heads: Hot or cold, wet or dry, nothing stops these bowlers from attacking the pins every Monday. John Ferlazzo 194-180/541, Damon Flewelen 188/512, James Leamon 180, Tom Komadina 482, Chuck Appleberry 466, Gary Kelly 465, Stacy Kelly 204/541, Ashley Brown 198/479, Betty Moss 191/486, Mel Leach 186/486

Funsters: This league is based on fun and food. Which is the most important? Check in on sweeper day. Rey Santos 609, Fale Sula 564, Vic Santos 564, Tua Sula 547, May Toledo 519, Danne VanHorn 475, Jim Plante 229, Joe De Jesus 198, Carlos Salcedo 198, Odette Dalton 204, Lucy Seiple 176, Becky Salcedo 169.

Sierra Bugs: The two top teams are tied! "Spare Me" and "Hit and Miss" are locking antenne this week. So DON'T BUG 'EM! Linda Maldonado 216/452, Connie Wood 173/465, Donna Yeske 163, Ann Weiss 163/437, Kay Lockhart 163/439, Janet Reece 161, Mel Leach 156/446, Christine Ewaskey 447, Pamela Johnson 436.

Recycled Teens: Monday is Senior Day at Cal. Weekend is over, time to have some fun and lie to my friends! Always some good stories floating around. Just WHEN were the "good ole days"? Randy Antazo 243-226/649, Joe DeJesus 214/566, Rod Nicas 211, Rick Seneris 205/538, Boylee Inocente 194-189/563, Jorge Fernandez 525, Adela Santos 197-171/532, Joanne Burke 184/467, Roycie Murren 180/439, Marci Hansen 167/439, Lanore Knudson 429

Grandmas/Grandpas: Al Romero romanced the pins and Scored! Ladies BEWARE! Stan Murren 225/553, Al Romero 216/560, Chris VanDeven 202/530, Billy Williams 187/487, Rinze Dykstra 183/507, Walter Milsap 181/460, Larry Cosgrove 181/480, Paul Morrison Jr 181/490, Joanne Burke 182/482, Betty Green 180/507, Del Stewart 179-178-168/525, Vancie Keith 172/468, Roycie Murren 164/448

Young at Heart: More good news...lots of great scores this week. Hot outside, but "real cool" on the lanes. Phil Hylton 238/583, Josh Hudson 237/605, Rich Heid 223/594, Earl Hullett 215/620, Fale Sula 213, Jim Plante 212, Rey Santos 212/601, Anthony Leavell 208/589, Wilma Johnson 232/493, Carla Dean 214/568, Tua Sula 204/533, Barb Williams 187, Cherise Stephens 180/491, Frances Walker

Cal Bowleros: Team #1 changed their team name to "Wildflower." Nice, but why? Carolyn Rousseau 586, Renee Johnson Scott 510, Leona Belletti 491, Linda Chase 203, Shirley Dohrman 185, Pat Bates 178, Divina Buhay 178, Bheth Alcayde 178.

C.A.U.L: Team Bowlbarians is 12 games out in front with only 2 weeks to go! Their 2738 series last week was a 7 point winner! Allan Lee 268/600, Andy Clark 255/678, Rich Dahmen 234/638, Ferdie Directo 233, Blayke Miller 227, David Regul 227/657, Nori Ito 639, Jessica Seastead 201-190/528, Lori Gilmore 189-168/492, Susan Dorwin 175/469, Teri Friend 419, Ann Hocking 402.

Senior Men's Trio: It's a good thing Cal Bowl has lots of lanes, because this great men's league has 30 teams for



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LA HABRA - Weekly High Scores. Check out our weekly Sr. No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am. Congratulations to Matt Ward on his 300 game and 841 series during the Frank's Gold Cup Trios!

SUNDAY - Summer Rollers: Scott Schneider 238/610, Richard Delgado 227/602, Michael Davis 223/630. Wally's Vegas Cruise: Simon Kim 241/609, Albert Salinas 236/647, Kevin Platzer 224, Leo Moreno 611, Erin LaBrada 288/714. MONDAY - Golden Awards: Carl Brooks 285/682, Fred Reinecke 241/636, Brian Parker 233/ Rick Moffat 623, Starla Battiest 235. Adult/Jr.: Kevin Jones 252/654, Brian Howard 229, Joe Jimenez 638, Brandon Howard 267/669, Allex Zieg 247/722, Stephanie Fung 229.

TUESDAY - Friendly Seniors: Richard Mada 215, Al Magdaleno 207, Phil Brewer 201. Guys & Dolls: Jing Sablan 247/685, Nate White 243, David Puscizna 233, Shaun Quinn 233, Belinda Crowder 236.

WEDNESDAY - Silver Foxes: Ed Jamison 259/696, Richard Mada 238, Larry Green 227/648, Garry Wallis 620, Starla Battiest 224. American National Can: Ray Mankins Jr. 228, Mike Thompson 219/617, Bill Rhoades 210.

THURSDAY - Early Birds: Karen Balicki 212, Stacie Davis 208, Penny Bird 203. Sunset Rollers: Jim Ragsdale 233, Bill Scherger 213, Willie Keith 202, Richard Mada 202. Frank's Gold Cup Trios: Matt Ward 300/1097, John Hutchinson 298, Gary Wingett 278, Mike Mellick 939, Richard Tucker 927, Laura Solorio 242.

FRIDAY - Vegas Gamblers: Leo Moreno 290/792, Gary Wingett 279, Brandon Kraye 279/783, Marcus Battiest 721, Tee Delgado 248/621, Amanda Stewart 234/600, Kim Kessler-Webb 233.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

the summer. For Winter, you better sign up now! Kevin Gannon 290/784, Sonny Dew 267/707, Rick Llaneta 266, Roy Coleman 258, Chauney Merritt 257, Archie Stull 690, Jerry Cant 690, Herman Ferguson 673.

Marcus Lemons: There are no "lemons" in this league! Champs? Yes. Leon Bradford 267/669, Will Young 246/665, Jamie Carrington 245-244/702, Eddie Katz 244/669, Necole Johnson 225-213/607, Alicia Ferguson 214, Precious Davis 213/561, Darylynn Davis 211/564, Nataki Williams 207/580

Gobs and Gals: Team #13 has a new team name: '\$100 Dollar Strike' Emmerson Wafer 279, Antonio Palangio 269/760, Curt Soares 263, James Borillo 737, Fred Catamisan 724, Liza Agoncillo 258/673, Maria Bacos-Labayan 236/635, Anna Reyes 222, Donna Owens 615.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Rollin at the river is great fun. Who needs Vegas? A machine is a machine. How many can you play at once? The drive to Laughlin is the best part. Jonathan Gale 300-216/716, Allen Swickard 211/556, John Ferlazzo 207/555, James Som 204/563, Steve Ravaglia 571, Toi Sauldsberry 204/520, Ashlee Ravaglia 191/534, Elaine Harmon 190/531, Doreen Savolskis 183, Gina Radcliffe 181/488.

Fil-Am: Team seven is going to be hard to catch. They are 5 1/2 games ahead with only a few weeks to go. BUT... Team 6 is tough and don't have many open frames. Aaron Law 738, Ike Topacio 676, Curt Soares 632, Valerie Colian 575, Susan Ebilane 554, Annie Yonemura 537, Emmerson Wafer 268, Rick Llaneta 245, Royce Angeles 244, Maria Directo 206, Odette Dalton 197, Tess Santos 194.

Practice League: Lots of sixes this week....only 2 more weeks of practice and these bowlers will be able to handle those tough spares! Joseph Paine 557, Jeff Shultz 523, Jose Lagunas 481, Shannon Fukushima 373, Noel Paniel 224, Rob Navarette 193, Seth Luchtel 193.

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Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Bound: Scr: 690 Brett Mieding, 661 Tyler Salverda, 615 Kelly Manuel, 601 Shellie Camarata, 247 Margie Acevedo, 210 Karie Dawod, 269 Sun Choi, 247 Brian Jacobo and Team: 2932 Team 3.

Club 55: Hdcp: 655 Denise Woods. 623 Marietta Simonson. 711 Ron Cantrell, 689 Dick Kakuta, 292 Rey Cabrales, 261 Leroy Ruffin, 227 Malou David, 222 Delores Lyle and Team: 1955 On the Move.

Chamber & Friends: Scr: 527 Heidi Boothe, 466 Deana Bass, 624 Keith Bowden, 560 John Boothe, 223 Jim Harrison & Lake Boothe, 184 Clara Lotton, 176 Yong Gilbert and Team: 2054 Raiderule.

Laughlin Nites: Scr: 453 Virgie Sena, 413 Dawn Renner, 573 Larry Sena, 533 Rick Freese, 221 Ron Mass, 201 Scott Mulholland, 155 Natalie Castaneda, 147 Lynn Williams and Team: 1960 Warewolves of Bowling.

Young @ Heart: Hdcp: 660 Meg Marcelo, 658 Katy Rugh. 680 Tom Barron, 670 Dante Montenegro, 283 Bernie Gemeniano, 264 Jun Pedro, 254 Rhina McCall, 235 Joann Cunningham and Team: 1904 Bowling Masters.

Let it Ride: Scr: 509 Jessica Rabbit Wood, 424 Lynne Dickinson, 587 Norwegian Kvenbo, 571 Latino Heat Guerrero, 221 Larry Lindsley, 200 V.P. Vanthiel, 201 Miss Kitty Taylor & Sancha Acevedo and Team: 1890 Colonial Clan.

Fil-Am Keglers: Scr. 552 Jennifer Chai, 525 Vanessa Huertas, 682 Mark Huertas, 615 Jon Stein & John Cortes, 245 Eldous Chan, 237 Anthony Magpali, 220 Kelly Manuel, 186 Rhea Almachar and Team: 2383 Horsemen.

TBYBP Pinheads: Scr: 422 Erynne Jones, 291 Kyle Yonezawa, 83 Bryson Lui, 151 Ariana Chavez and Team: 422 9 and a Wiggle.

TBYBP Rug Rats: Scr: 86 Zachary Harlow, 42 Nathan Dorn and Team: 135 Peter Pin.

TBYBP Pin Pals: Scr. 229 Neel Kankariya, 190 Harley Murga, 79 Sean Sheff and Team: 209 Lazer Sharks.

TBYBP Jr/Adult Strike Force: Scr: 425 Jai Kankariya, 320 Jazzy Ruiz, 162 Ruben Garcia and Adults: 388 Nick Scalise and Team: 1186 Our Bowlogna has a First Name.

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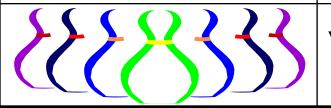
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Father's Lifelong Challenge Fuels Stephanie Zavala To New Ladies House Record At Del Rio Lanes

DOWNEY – She's been to many places in her young, yet outstanding career, but on Sunday, July 7, Stephanie Zavala went to a new place for the first time, and she had the time of her life.

Zavala, 22, set a new house record at Del Rio Lanes for a ladies three-game scratch series, with scores of 279, 300 and 280 in the Mexican-American Bowler's Association (MABA) league; good for an 859 series, or 286.3 average for the set.

Everything that could have prevented this historic set tried to do so, including the Zavala family leaving their home (about a 15-minute drive) late, Stephanie feeling sore from a four-hour practice session and photo shoot the day before and the fact that she is not a regular of the league, but a substitute.

Her typical duty for the summer season is to help her Dad (Armando Zavala, Sr.) run brackets for the league.

Practice had already begun when she walked into the center, and she didn't have any thoughts of bowling, when a bowler approached her and asked if she was bowling today.

"Not exactly, she said," shrugging off most thoughts of it, before offering the explanation "only if you (really) need a sub; I'd prefer to not have to bowl today because I'm so sore and exhausted from the day before."

Moises Gutierrez and Eugene Molina really needed a sub to take the place of their anchor bowler, Michael Barnett, who carries a 209 average.

The photo shoot from the day prior was to showcase the Track Triton Elite she would wind up throwing throughout the day.

However, as the game started off on lanes 11 and 12, one would not expect anything to talk about from Stephanie.

Her first ball hit only six pins. But the former Sam Houston State University standout didn't let that faze her. Technically it was her practice ball. She picked her spare up.

Next frame, an 8 pin. She spared that up once again. What happened next was a sight to be seen by anybody



Stephanie Zavala - 859 - NEW HOUSE RECORD!

who was around – specifically Sal Nava, one of her opponents for the 9:30 a.m. league, Zavala finished the first game with the last 10 strikes, then struck on the next 13 balls after that to complete a perfect game, but also 23 strikes in a row before a 2 pin solidly stood up and fought.

"I didn't think she was ever going to miss again, Nava said."

She didn't, after the solid 10, finishing off with 10 more strikes for a total of 33 for the day out of 36 tries, and 33 of the last 34 balls for all 10 pins.

Del Rio Lanes did not have a high ladies series documented at the time of the report, but the best guess of center manager Mike Cammarata is that it probably belonged to PWBA and WIBC Hall of Famer Tish Johnson, from the days she would come in and bowl events at the 32-lane center

Zavala, herself competes on the PWBA tour as fre-

quently as she can, and did not feel the pressure of the upcoming series she was about to shoot. In fact, her duties running the brackets kept her quite busy and focused.

"Since I run the brackets for the league, I have to run around a lot, she said. It's actually helpful to have a little distraction so I don't get psyched out by thoughts of what I'm doing."

With four 300 games and three 800 sets, Zavala now has as many honor scores as her father; but one thing stood in her way, and she realized this in the eighth frame of the third game: she wanted to beat his high set of 837.

The Zavala's are a notoriously competitive family, led by Armando, Sr., the president of MABA. His wife Estela and their sons Armando, Jr., Javier and Julian are commonly seen around the league – sometimes competing in it. A huge part of the competition stood in the back of Stephanie's head during that eighth frame. She knew she would be happy with any 800 series, but a little voice was in her head, offering her that needed motivation to keep shooting strikes.

"I will always be better than you until you beat my high series. Armando. Sr. said."

As the saying goes, "the apple does not fall far from the tree," and Stephanie wanted to tell her father that she was better than him.

She smashed five more strikes to beat that series by 22 pins.

It's worth noting that Zavala subbed the following night in the Baker League (again without practice) on the same pair of lanes and shot a 279; giving her an unofficial four-game set of 1138, which would beat Ramiro Garcia's house record of 1137 by one pin. But this feat will not go in the record book.

Zavala was in Houston over the weekend, bowling the Storm PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles tournament with Mikey Villarreal where they made the cut & placed 30th.

You can catch her around Del Rio as she bowls MABA and also the Brunswick Invitational, and perhaps in the near future, on a PWBA telecast.



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8/11/19
Pre-Season Registration
Special Fun Event
\$20 for all divisions
Cal Bowl - Lakewood

8/18 - Opening Day Keystone Lanes - Norwalk

9/8 - Regular Event Bowlium - Montclair

9/22 - PBA Challenge #1 Forest Lanes - Lake Forest

9/29 - Adult/Member Dbls 409 and under handicap 410+ over scratch Cal Bowl - Lakewood

10/20 - Regular Event Del Rio Lanes - Downey

11/3 - Sportshot Challenge Forest Lanes - Lake Forest

11/24 - Regular Event Keystone Lanes - Norwalk

12/15 - Holiday Event

Cal Bowl - Lakewood

1/5 - PBA Challenge #2 Winnetka Bowl - Winnetka

1/26 -Adult/Member Dbls 409 and under handicap 410+ over scratch Location TBD

> 2-9 - Regular Event Location TBD

Upcoming Events

2019 Pre-Season Registration Fun events- \$20 All Divisions Cal Bowl - August 11, 2019

Opening Day 2019-20 Season August 18, 2019 Keystone Lanes - Norwalk

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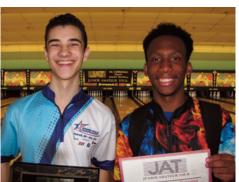
> September 8, 2019 Bowlium - Montclair

September 22, 2019 PBA Challenge #1 Forest Lanes - Lake Forest

All events: Check in at 8:30 a.m. Bowling begins at 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fees: Preps \$12
Farm Club \$45 - Open Division \$50
(Preps 3 games, Farm up to 12 gms, Open up to 18 gms)

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6/23 JAT Open DivisionChampion Solomon Salama
2nd Marguan Rivers



6/23 JAT Farm Club 2nd Allysha Howard, Champion Marshall Degnan, 3rd Tanner Ferguson



6/23 Preps Division
4th Ronnie Castillo, 2nd Martin Velasco,
Champion JP Griffin, 3rd Anthony DeLucca
and 5th Edward Wheelan

Join us for the 2019 Pre-Registration Fun Event at Cal Bowl August 11, 2019

Get registered, order your Gold balls and bowl some fun events for gift cards!

\$20 all divisions includes pizza lunch!



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