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Rob Stone Returns as Play-By-Play Announcer for Fox Sports Telecasts of 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour

"Hambone" Creator Reunited with Randy Pedersen & Kimberly Pressler

LOS ANGELES – FOX Sports and the Professional Bowlers Association announce the lead broadcasting team for the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour, including the return of Rob Stone as play-by-play announcer, along with analyst Randy Pedersen and reporter Kimberly Pressler.

The trio will make its FOX debut on Sunday, Dec. 23, with the PBA Clash on FOX. The an-

nouncement was made today by John Entz, President of Production & Executive Producer, FOX Sports, and PBA CEO-Commissioner Tom Clark.

"Rob is a dynamic and versatile sports broadcaster who is passionate about bowling," said Entz. "And he's already a legend in the sport for inventing the term 'hambone'."

"We are very excited to

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Name One Thing About Bowling You Assume No One Else Knows

by Carol Mancini

Managers and Psychics

Betty McDiarmid – Assistant Manager Cal Bowl – "I can't figure out why someone needs two lanes to roll a couple of practice games on. All they do is try to hit the head pin and they ask for the even # lane first – like 40 & 41. Tough to get your ball back! They're not a pair."

Treesa Spencer – Horoscope writer every week for 10 years – "For 'anyone' to roll a 300 game they need to control of their heart, head and hand" AND have a LOT of luck."

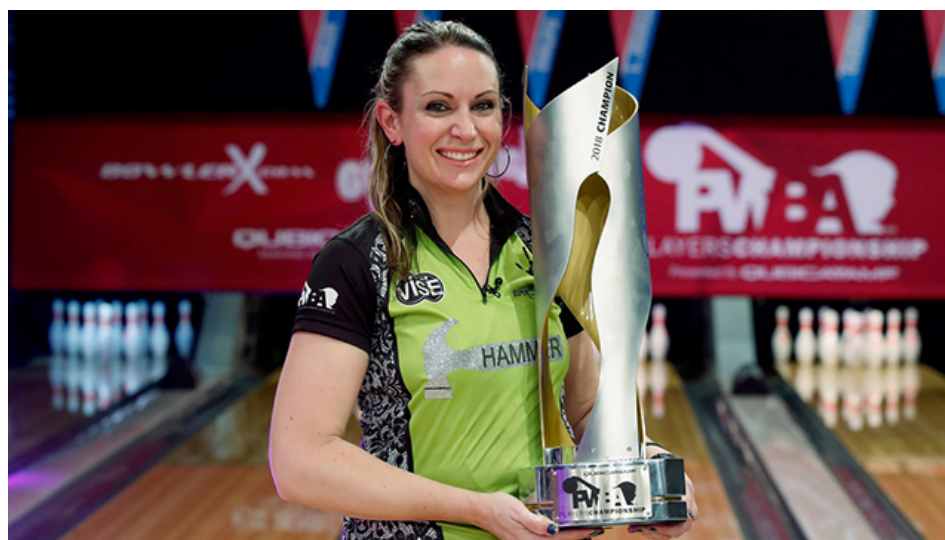
Email me your "Thought" and I'll send you a copy of "The Essentials of Bowling" absolutely free.
Don't forget your return address - Carol

STEFANIE JOHNSON WINS 2018 QUBICAAMF PWBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

PLANO, TX – Stefanie Johnson captured her first career major championship Saturday by winning the 2018 QubicaAMF Professional Women's Bowling Association Players Championship.

Johnson defeated Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, in a tightly contested title match at Plano Super Bowl, 230-200, to claim the \$20,000 top prize. The finals of the PWBA Players Championship, the third major of the 2018 season, was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

Johnson, a 34-year-old right-hander, took advantage of two fortunate strikes in the early going to start with four consecutive strikes but was unable to mark on the left lane in the fifth and seventh frames, letting Kulick even the match.



A strike in the eighth frame led Johnson back to her troublesome lane in the ninth, but she executed one of the biggest shots of her career to reclaim the advantage with a double.

"I obviously was a little lost on the left lane," said Johnson, the 2015 PWBA Rookie of the Year. "I had a couple of good breaks

and bad breaks, but I took an extra second and told myself to execute and trust my process to make a good shot to set myself up for the 10th. That's what happened. It was a game-changing moment for me."

Kulick, who was the runner-up at the PWBA Players Championship last year in Green Bay, Wisconsin,

ran into trouble in the ninth frame after making a jump to the left, leaving a 7-10 split. She was able to double in the 10th frame to force Johnson to mark to win her third PWBA Tour title, and Johnson delivered her third consecutive strike to win.

Johnson struck on six of

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Jakob Butturff Wins PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic

Unorthodox left-hander wins fourth career title, enters 2018 Player of the Year race

COLDWATER, Ohio – Jakob Butturff, an unorthodox 24-year-old left-hander from Tempe, Ariz., inserted himself into the Professional Bowlers Association Player of the Year conversation Sunday when he defeated Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Fla., 217-182, to win the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes.

Butturff, who won the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic earlier in the year in Indianapolis, joins Australia's Jason Belmonte; EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., and Andrew Anderson of Holly, Mich.,



Champion Jakob Butturff with Carol & Linus Hartings, Dan Lefeld & Rick & Patty Hartings as the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's fourth two-time tist in 2018.

Butturff, who uses a quirky double-jointed delivery, entered the finals as the top qualifier after overtaking Daugherty in

the final game of qualifying earlier in the day. He then started the title match with four strikes, but surrendered the lead when he left and failed to convert the 1-3-7-9 in the seventh frame. Daugherty, who

had a clean game including a turkey through seven frames, lost his edge when he failed to convert the 2-4-5-8 in the eighth frame and then missed a 5 pin in the ninth.

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Over \$32,700 in Scholarships Awarded at the 2018 California Youth State Championships!

The 2018 California Youth State Championships were held the last two weekends in July at Keystone Lanes in Norwalk. We had 120 teams participate and 13 bowlers took advantage of the free entries provided from the California Pepsi District Finals. We will be awarding Scholarships in Team \$8,356, Doubles \$8,354, Singles \$8,355 and All-Events; \$1,600. We are also awarding \$1,037 in Ancillary Scholarships (Queens & Masters/Prince & Princess/Coaches Relief); \$200 in Helbing/Irwin All-events (highest scratch series aged 11-under) and \$3,200 in \$2 brackets for a combined total of \$32,702 in scholarships!

We had three honor scores this year. All first time USBC Certified scores! Kevin Banaag from Jewel City Bowl shot 300 during Singles event for a 758 series and shot 731 in Doubles. Despite these great scores, Kevin came in second for All-events behind Joshua Villegas from Westminster Lanes with a 2117 total series.

Lamaki Welch from Oak Tree Lanes & Johnalan Linhorst, Jr from Buena Lanes both shot their first certified 800 series...
Lamaki Welch: 299-264-247 = 810 (Doubles)
Johnalan Linhorst, Jr: 290-239-277 = 806 (Doubles)


Other great scores were from Julia Frias shooting 736 scratch for the Queens event and 2057 total series winning A-Div Girls All-events. Troyace Powers from Mt. Mesa won All-events in the D-division and also took home an extra \$100 scholarship (Helbing Award) for having the highest scratch series for Boys 11-under. Aaliyah Christian from Oak Tree Lanes took home the Irwin Award, which is the highest scratch All-events series for Girls 11-under. Please visit us at CalUSBC.com for the full scholarship payout listing. Thanks to everyone for participating this year and for supporting our fundraising efforts. We were able to raise over \$2,500 from the opportunity raffle and \$804 in the bowling ball raffle (donated by Ebonite). Our two ball winners were Johnalan Linhorst from Buena Lanes and Steve DiBartolomeo from Jewel City. Also special thanks to Digital Team Photography for donating \$900 to the All-Events scholarships.

Thank you to Jewel City Bowl for bringing in the most teams at 12 and Santa Clarita right behind them bringing 10 teams. And special thanks to Harbor Lanes in Eureka and E&O Bowl in McKinleyville for always traveling so far each year to attend this event! Next year won't be as bad since we will be in Northern California next year at Tyme to Bowl Lanes in Oroville. This bowl is located next door to Gold Country Casino so I'm sure the parents will be really excited about attending this one!

We hope that everyone had a great time as we sure did! We look forward to seeing everyone again next year out on the lanes and wish all of you a great 2018-19 youth bowling season.

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Finals for California Fab 5 Tournament To Be Held Dec. 9

by Fred Eisenhammer

LAKE FOREST – Here we go again. It’s time to start getting your team together for the annual California Fab 5 tournament. It’s one of the most exciting tournaments in Southern California and often provides a memorable experience for the teams’ five bowlers. The dates have been set. Qualifying will be held at various bowling centers in the Southland starting Oct. 1, ending Nov. 29. The state finals will be held Sunday, Dec. 9. No decision has yet been made as to the site of the finals. Also, the qualifying dates for each bowling house are still being determined. The tournament is sponsored by the Bowling Centers of Southern California. Forest Lanes in the Orange County city of Lake Forest served as host of the Fab 5 state finals last year. Bowlum Lanes in the San Bernardino County city of Montclair served as the site of the finals in 2016. The two previous years, the finals were held at Fountain Bowl in Fountain Valley (2014) and Keystone Lanes in Norwalk (2015). The Fab 5 is a handicap tournament and features a Team Baker format. Under this format, each of the team’s five players bowls two frames per game. The team’s anchor, for instance, bowls in frames 5 and 10. Last year a team from Forest Lanes claimed the title at its home lanes. The fivesome of Jon Diso, Jessica Diso (Jon’s wife), Mele Cardoso, Kevin Valmonte and Tarika Onishi earned the top seed for the three-team stepladder finals and then defeated the representative from Jewel City Bowl in Glendale, 457-404, in the two-game championship match. It marked the third Fab 5 championship in as many years for a Forest Lanes team. The two Disos, along with Virgil Dunziellas, Robert Leahy and Brent Illagan, earned the title in 2015. Valmonte was part of the winning Forest Lanes team in 2016. The champion Forest Lanes bowlers won \$1,000 and Jewel City earned \$500 for its second-place performance.


LEE FITZGERALD is DEPARTING CALIFORNIA

by Frank Weiler

FONTANA – California is losing a legend. California is losing an irreplaceable asset. Lee Fitzgerald and husband John are moving to Arizona in the near future. When their new home over the border is constructed they will be leaving us and heading east. Lee will be missed for many reasons by hundreds of bowlers. On a typical Saturday morning you will find Lee Fitzgerald at Foothill Lanes coaching youth bowlers. She has been coaching for 32 years and is responsible for teaching hundreds of bowlers the basics of our sport. She was rewarded for her dedication and hard work last year when she was selected California Coach of The Year. Lee will be missed by the youngsters she coaches and has coached. Over the decades Lee has taken hundreds of bowlers to the California State Women’s Tournament. She has competed in 38 such tournaments herself and taken multiple teams to those tournaments with her. Lee’s ladies will miss her. Lee has been bowling for 61 years. She has bowled in hundreds of leagues with thousands of teammates. There have thrills, records, championships, millions of laughs and memories galore. Lee’s many teammates will miss her. Not many bowlers have served as a league secretary for four decades or more. Lee Fitzgerald is one of those who have. Being a league secretary is time consuming, stressful and usually a thankless job. Especially in the days before computers. The bowlers who Lee has “secretaried” for will miss her. It is my pleasure and honor to thank Lee Fitzgerald for all she has done for our sport. Lee, I will miss you.

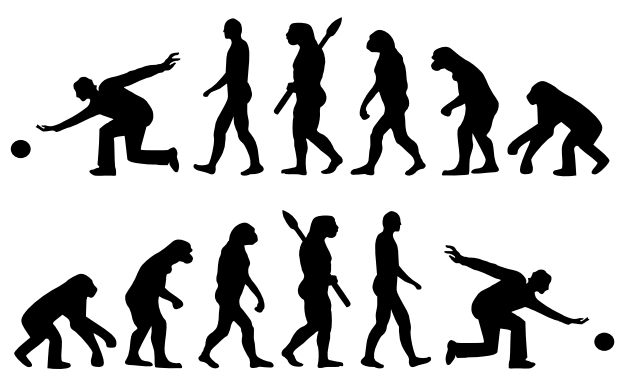


Lee is grateful for all that Bowling has done for her. She is thankful for all those who have been instrumental in her bowling career: Thanks for her parents support, they allowed her to bowl as much as she wanted and in as many tournaments as she wanted. Thanks to her coach, Rusty, for growing her passion for bowling. Thanks to BOBBY LYONS for his coaching assistance for over a decade. Finally, special thanks to her family, husband JOHN and sons WILLIAM and MICHAEL for their unconditional love and support.



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August

by Bette Addington

Now-9/23 – 29th Fresno Bowling Championship Tourn. (8 weekends), Rodeo/Bowlero Lanes, Clovis, 559-252-4884
30-3 – ABT California Nationals, Deer Creek Lanes, Cucamonga, 909/989-0649, mail@soc.abtbowling.com

September

- 1 – Golden Empire USBC 3 Generation Tournament, squads at 10am & 2pm, AMF Southwest Lanes (3610 Wible Rd., Bakersfield), geusbc.org
- 1-2 – Xframe Labor Day Tourn., OakTree Lanes, Diamond Bar, 909/702-3369
- 3 – HammerPins Best 3-out-of-4 Singles, 11am, West Lane Bowl, Stockton, hammerpins.net
- 3 – The Labor Day Classic, 11am, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield, 661/834-2695
- 3-9 – 2018 Storm Las Vegas Super Cup, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, lasvegassupercup.com
- 4 – PWBA Tour Championship (live), CBSSN, 8pmEST
- 7-9 – PBA West Aquimo Open, Mesa, AZ, pba.com
- 8 – Scratch 6 Gamer, 5:30pm, Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018
- 8 – Silver Foxes, 10:30am check-in; bowl at 12, Rancho Bowl, Santa Maria, 559/381-0356
- 8 – West Coast Senior Tour Singles, Westminster Lanes, Westminster, 760/792-4596
- 15 – Entry fee deadline for 49th CSSBA Senior Open Championships hosted by Sacramento for 5 weekends starting 10/20-21, 925/757-2695
- 16 – Scratch 8 Gamer, 9:30am, Bowlum, Montclair
- 16 – HammerPins Handicap No-Tap Doubles, 2pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB, hammerpins.net
- 16 – JAT, 9am, Saddleback Lanes, Mission Viejo, bowljat.org
- 16 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161
- 16-19 – PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA, 866/455-7223, richmondraceway.com
- 21-23 – PBA/PBA50 West/NoWest Paradise Lanes Open, Tacoma, WA, pba.com
- 23 – GameTimeBowlers Ultimate Battle 9 "The Finale," 10:30am, Chaparral Lanes, San Dimas, 844/228-8539
- 23 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles, Bowlero, Visalia, 559/385-8837
- 23 – HammerPins Handicap Alibi Doubles, 11am, Beale Lanes, Beale AFB, hammerpins.net
- 28-30 – PBA Wine Country West/NoWest Open, Rohnert Park, CA, pba.com
- 29 – 2018 SoCal Queens and Princess Tourn., 9am, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 562/252-7904
- 29-30 – Earl Anthony's Junior Fall Classic, Doubles & Singles, Dublin Bowl
- 30 – JAT, 9am, Winnetka Bowl, PBA Challenge, bowljat.org
- 30 – SoCal Masters and Apprentices Tourn., 9am, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk

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Rolando Sebelen's PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award Writes Another Chapter for the First Family of Bowling in the Dominican Republic

CHICAGO – With three top-10 finishes in majors during the 2018 season, Rolando Sebelen is the recipient of the PBA50 Rookie of the Year Award and in the process, adding another milestone for what could be called the first family of bowling in the Dominican Republic.

Sebelen, who joins Venezuelan native and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli as only the second international player to win the PBA50 Rookie of the Year award, finished eighth in the PBA50 National Championship, 10th in the Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open and ninth in the PBA50 Cup to conclude the season while leading the points list among PBA50 rookies.

"My impression right away was the quality of the bowlers," the 50-year-old Sebelen said of his first experience in PBA competition. "To be able to bowl with the players that I watched on TV was very exciting for me.

"It was a totally new experience for me with the formats and match play because I had never done that before," Sebelen continued. "It was definitely one of the highlights of my career."

Sebelen said his most rewarding experience during the season was his eighth-place finish in the PBA50 National Championship.

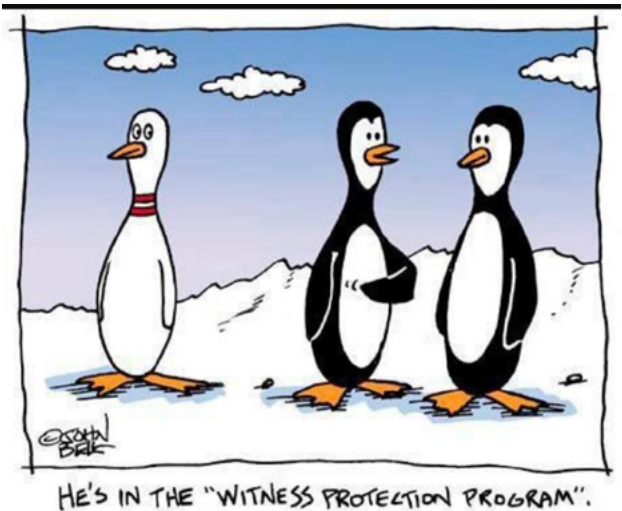
"I remember people saying, 'Who was that guy?' because that was my first tournament," Sebelen said. "The other players were congratulating me and that made me very comfortable and excited to bowl on the PBA50 Tour."

While a newcomer to PBA competition, Sebelen is a member of the Dominican Republic's most decorated bowling family, and a long-time competitor in international bowling circles.

His father, also a Rolando, was introduced to the game by relatives while living in Puerto Rico. He took to the game quickly and would eventually win the 1971 FIQ Doubles Championship – held in Milwaukee – with partner Carlos Diaz. It was the first medal in international bowling competition for the Dominican Republic.

The Sebelen family – which actually includes seven "Rolandos" – the "senior" Rolando, three sons and three grandsons – developed a passion for bowling and would make periodic 30-minute plane trips to Puerto Rico to practice because of the lack of adequate bowling facilities in the Dominican Republic. As the Sebelen family became more involved in the sport, eventually the elder Sebelen built a 22-lane bowling center in Santo Domingo in 1996. Their center hosted the 1997 FIQ (now Pan American Bowling Confederation) American Zone Championships, and will host the 2018 PABCON Women's Championships in late September.

Following in his father's footsteps, the younger Rolando, a member of the Dominican Republic national bowling team for more than 30 years, also has had success in international competition. He is a multi-medalist in international competition, most notably winning a doubles bronze medal in the 2007 Pan Am Games and a team gold medal in the 1989 World Bowling Championships.



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DID ANTHONY SIMONSEN UNVEIL THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF BOWLING TECHNIQUES?

On Sunday, August 19, Anthony Simonsen of Austin, Texas, made PBA history in winning the PBA Xtra Frame Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic Sunday in Middletown, Del., by throwing a “backup ball.”

Simonsen, 21, who normally delivers a powerful two-handed hook from the right side of the lane, made a dramatic decision, using his two-handed skills from the left side of the lane and throwing a reverse hook to play the lanes like a left-hander.

In doing so, Simonsen may have introduced the next evolutionary advancement in bowling technique.

In researching the use of a “backup ball” in a PBA title match, the PBA found the closest a “backup ball” player came to winning a PBA Tour title was the late Ernie Hoesterey of New Bedford, Mass., who finished seventh in the 1965 Boston Open. More on Hoesterey later...

If PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia is correct, the ability of two-handed players to compete from either side of the lane could revolutionize the sport. And Petraglia, who has seen it all in his 53-year PBA career, believes this is the next-gen.

“We’ve got juniors doing that right now. One of them, Matt Stephens, is a high school

state record-holder,” the 71-year-old New Jersey left-hander said. “Ironically, he learned to bowl as a backup ball player and then he learned the other way. I don’t know what his future holds, but if he figures it out, the game changes completely.”

Petraglia, one of the most astute observers of bowling history among today’s active competitors, noted that the governing bodies of bowling long ago adopted rules that forbid players from changing delivery hands during competition. That is, a right-handed player isn’t allowed to shoot at a spare with a left-handed delivery, nor can he change delivery hands in the middle of competition.

“But that kinda goes by the board (with two-handers),” he said. “We have a guy around here who can bowl with either hand. He who looks like a mirror (image of himself); it’s not just which arm but his whole body. But now you can bowl with both hands on either side of the lane? I don’t know what happens after that.

“That said, I don’t think any rules should be passed to stop two-handers,” Petraglia said. “If you grew up, like Jason Belmonte, throwing the ball with two hands from the time you were three years old, and you get to be 30 and they tell you you can’t play like that? That’s unfair. I don’t think you should ban it, but it is a problem.”

Back to Ernie Hoesterey, who died in 1991. He was a right-hander who threw a reverse hook/backup ball his entire life. He co-owned Country Club Lanes in Fairhaven, Mass., as well as a company that manufactured precision surgical scissors. He bowled PBA Tour events primarily in New England, where he was an active New England Bowling Association competitor, winning four NEBA titles and earning induction into the NEBA Hall of Fame.

“Ernie was a right-handed lefty, a very good player,” said PBA Hall of Famer and founding member Carmen Salvino. “He blew racks.”

“You could only do that (throw a ‘backup ball’) if your arm went that way,” said PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb, who grew up in the area and knew Hoesterey well. “I saw him bowl all over the place; he was really good at it.”

Simonsen, like thousands of bowlers before him, began to tinker with the reverse hook as a way to get a better angle to try to convert the 2-8-10 split. He also observed a favorable ball path when he did that, so he expanded his experimentation in a couple of PBA Regional tournaments prior to Middletown, and liked what he saw. A lot of other bowlers have thrown “backup balls” here-and-there, but no one had ever tried the technique for an game and won a PBA title in the process.

In the XF Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic, Simonsen decided to try the reverse hook with two games to go in match play, and shot 245 and 268 in his final two matches to jump from fourth to first. Even though the stepladder finals were bowled on a freshly-oiled pair of lanes, Simonsen decided to stick with his left side, reverse hook delivery and it paid off as he defeated Matt Sanders of Indianapolis, 216-194, for his fourth PBA Tour title. It probably won’t be the last time we’ll see the reverse hook used in PBA competition.



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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: LAKOTA GETS FIRST TITLE IN ILLINOIS

• Four years after winning in Lockport, Ill., as an amateur, Ryan Lakota of Shorewood, Ill., defeated Mike Martell of Brooklyn, N.Y., 179-144, to win his first PBA title in the PBA BowlerX.com Midwest Challenge at Strike N Spare II in Lockport Sunday.

Lakota, who earned \$1,400 along with his title, defeated Mike Schlabach of Goshen, Ind., 202-189 and Martell, a non-PBA member, rolled past Kevin Kullman of Lockport, 204-160, in the semifinal round to set up the championship match. PBA Challenge events are open to players who have never won a PBA title.

• In a battle of collegiate bowlers, Tyler Lewis from Ponchatoula, La., edged fellow Louisianian Jacob Dupre from Baton Rouge by one pin to claim victory in the PBA Emerald Bowl Southwest Challenge presented by Bowling Dynamix and Track in Houston, Texas, Sunday.

Lewis, a student at Southeastern Louisiana, trailed Dupre by 87 pins going into the final position round match. Dupre, a student at LSU, struggled to find the pocket through most of the final game as Lewis kept increasing his lead. Lewis threw three strikes to end his game, forcing Dupre to strike to win the event, but a solid 10 pin on his first shot allowed Lewis to win the game, 222-164, and with the 30 bonus pins, claim the \$2,000 first prize with 4,517 total pins.

Because Lewis is not a PBA member, he doesn’t get credit for a PBA title.

• A week after winning his first PBA Regional event with doubles partner Jakob Butturff, amateur Ryan Nikolas of Milwaukie, Ore., posted a 5-7 match play record and a 20-game total of 5,036 pins Sunday to win his second PBA Regional in the PBA’s longest-running regional tournament, the 39th annual PBA Dave Husted Northwest Open presented by 900 MOTIV at Husted’s Milwaukee Bowl in Milwaukie, Ore.

Nikolas, who earned \$2,000, defeated Craig Tuholski of Troutdale, Ore., by 114 pins for the win, but won’t receive credit for a title in either event because he isn’t a PBA member.

• PBA’s Japan Region will hold the DHC Chameleon Open and Women’s Chameleon Open Aug. 25-26 in Nagano, Japan.

• Labor Day weekend will include the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Super Senior Open and the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at George Pappas’ Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C.; the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Alleys Open in Pottsville, Pa., and the 23rd annual Illinois Valley Midwest/Central Open presented by Ebonite at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill.

• For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on [pba.com](#) (easily accessible for Apple device users using the PBA app).

When I saw Rob ‘Hambone’ Stone was going to announce for the PBA again, I had to bring out this song I wrote during the height of Hambone mania.
I hope you like it. - Bill Ades



Ballad of ‘Hambone’ Stone

by Bill Ades

Well I bet if I was out polling
All of you who like to go bowling
Who it would be
In bowling history
Whose name the most would be knowing

There’s Chris, Billy, and even Bo
The first to emcee the pro bowling show
It was a fact
Class was their act
And the star was the bowling pro

You can even go back to ‘Whispering’ Joe
Who preceded the pro bowling show
Whispering was his tone
Every time the ball was thrown
Out of respect for TV’s bowling pro

Then came big, bad ‘Hambone’ Stone
Brashest announcer you’ve ever known
Brasher than old King Kong
That’s why I writing this song

Ol’ ‘Hambone’, he came in struttin’
It was obvious he knew nothin’
How it could be
He would sit by Randy
You just knew this would be somethin’

‘Hambone’ says “What is this
Three strikes with nary a miss
Someone yells turkey
How can this be
On Thanksgiving that’s what I dish”

Soon ‘Hambone’ starts to thinkin’
You just knew this would lead Randy to drinkin’
“If three strikes you score
Then you strike one more
Hambone I will be shriekin’”

Now it’s big, bad ‘Hambone’ Stone
Loudest mouth bowling’s ever known
Louder than old King Kong
You gotta know there’s more to the song

Yeah, the bowlers said “This has got to stop”
Even Petey gave ‘Hambone’ his chop
“Why can’t it be
He revere history
A new name he shouldn’t just drop”

But the guys back at the station
Said a craze was sweeping the nation
Signs you could see
Every show on TV
Hambone’s the new sensation

Now when ever you go bowling
And three strikes you’ve got showing
Strike one more time
Someone will chime
Hambone you just finished throwing

Now it’s big, bad ‘Hambone’ Stone
Most famous name bowling’s ever known
More famous than old King Kong
Hambone’s legend lives on in this song

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have Rob Stone back with the PBA,” Clark said. “He became part of the bowling family when he was our play-by-play voice years ago with Pedersen and Pressler and he never left. We are very proud of the great career Rob has built at FOX Sports and look forward to the passion he will bring when he returns to our events.”

A veteran sports broadcaster, Stone was most recently the lead studio host for FOX Sports coverage of the 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia™ live from Moscow. Since joining FOX Sports in 2012, Rob has served as the lead studio host for the network’s soccer, college football and college basketball programming.

Stone was PBA’s play-by-play announcer from 2008 until 2012. He endeared himself to the bowling public with his eagerness to learn the sport, his sense of humor, an enthusiastic personality and his immediate connection with Pedersen, a PBA Hall of Famer and veteran color analyst. Learning that three consecutive strikes in bowling is called a “turkey,” but there was no common term for four strikes in a row, Stone coined the expression “hambone.” His catch phrase took on a life of its own and remains a part of bowling’s lexicon.

“Back in 2008, the PBA unexpectedly became a cherished part of my career,” said Stone. “The hope to be reunited with the world’s best bowlers has existed for years. I am honored to return and cannot wait to get back to the lanes with my old partners Randy and Kimberly, and my many other co-workers and lifetime bowling friends.”

Stone returns to the play-by-play booth with Pedersen, who will provide analysis for PBA telecasts for the 17th consecutive year. Pedersen ranked among the Tour’s top players during a 25-year career on the lanes. The 13-time PBA Tour champion was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 2011. He revived his professional career in 2013 after seven years by competing on the PBA50 Tour where he won his first title in his PBA50 Tour debut.

“I’m personally very excited to have an opportunity to work with my old buddy, Rob Stone, again,” Pedersen said. “We developed a great relationship and friendship, and we’ve maintained it ever since. And I’m looking forward to the PBA moving to FOX Sports over the coming years. It’s very thrilling for professional bowling.”

Pressler has also been a fixture on the tour, serving as PBA’s sideline reporter since 2010. The Miss USA 1999 has covered events for ABC, MTV, ESPN, FOX Sports, NBC and the SPEED Network, ranging from the ACIS

Fitness National Championships, Traxxas TORC truck racing series, Red Bull X-Fighters series to the X-Games. Pressler once worked for the U.S. Department of Energy at a nuclear power plant.

“I’m honored to be joining the PBA telecasts on FOX and am thrilled to have Rob back on the PBA telecast team,” Pressler added. “I’m looking forward to the inaugural season with FOX Sports and working alongside both Rob and Randy again. This will be the best season yet.”

The PBA makes its FOX television debut on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2018, with the PBA Clash from Houston, Texas (FOX, 2:30 or 4:30 p.m. ET, depending on the viewer’s location).

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TROY KENDRICK ORANGE COUNTY USBC HALL OF FAME

by Joy McGregor

ORANGE COUNTY – In a ceremony held Saturday, August 25 at La Habra "300" Bowl and attended by family and friends, TROY KENDRICK was officially inducted into the Orange County Hall of Fame for Superior Performance. We had seven past Hall of Famers in attendance: Butch Maxwell, Libby Buckley, Helen Petrowski, Joy McGregor, Rose Williams, Shirley Anderson and Terry Brent.

Bits and pieces of Troy's life -- "This is your life" was encapsulated into a presentation by OCUSBC Hall of Fame chair, Joy McGregor and read by OCUSBC president, Gary Forman.

Troy "hung" himself on our prestigious wall and was asked to say a few words. It was then that it finally sunk in and he became emotional, thanking his parents who were in attendance, for all their support and thanked his friends and everyone in attendance for this honor, stating how humble and honored he felt for this recognition. It brought a tear to not only Troy. Troy received a lovely piece of engraved crystal and a certificate from USBC depicting his induction. After the festivities, everyone was invited to cake and punch.

Webster's dictionary defines a Hall of Fame inductee ... "As an individual acclaimed as outstanding in a particular profession or activity." Troy Kendrick embodies this characterization, having grown up on the "alleys" of Orange County and serving as an ambassador for the sport of bowling for more than 40 years.

Thank you to all board members and to everyone who took the time to come honor Troy. Thank you also to our host, La Habra "300" Bowl for the venue and for being the Orange County Hall of Fame home. The punch was delicious and the wall looks impressive.

Troy is well deserved of this honor and he makes the 83rd recipient. The wall can hold more so be on the lookout for the next Hall of Famer... he/she just might very well be your teammate. CONGRATS TROY!!!

FYI: Don't rush down to La Habra to view Troy's picture as it has been taken for re-matting but our association manager, Andrea Fredericks promises it will be back tout de suite!!

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seven shots on the right lane and relied on trusting her judgment in using a new bowling ball in the title match.

"We noticed the left lane was hooking a little more, so I took out a ball at the last minute on the practice pair to see what it looked like," said Johnson, a 14-time Team USA member. "It looked really good, so it was the first ball I tried on the TV pair. That ball never really saw the lanes during qualifying, but that was my key to success the entire week. Quickly making bold moves, trusting my instincts and really committing to it."

Johnson's win came in her third championship-round appearance this season. She has advanced to the finals in each of the three majors in 2018, including a runner-up finish at the U.S. Women's Open in June.

The win not only was special for breaking through for her first major, but also for being able to collect the victory in front of a hometown crowd, including family and friends. Johnson lives in nearby McKinney, Texas, and works at Plano Super Bowl.

"I haven't really processed it yet, but I know it's amazing," Johnson said. "To win this in front of my home crowd and family and on my home lanes is going to be at the top of my list of accomplishments."

Kulick made her first championship-round appearance of the 2018 season this week, and the effort helped her solidify her spot in the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship next month.

She was able to make her run at Plano Super Bowl after sharpening her physical game last month during Team USA camp at the International Training and Research Center in nearby Arlington, Texas.

"I had some really good physical keys from what I worked on at Team USA camp, and it really helped all week," said Kulick, a six-time major champion. "I was really patient on the lanes this week. Against Stefanie, I needed to move in front of the ball return on the right lane one frame earlier. The 7-10 was a bad break. I knew what I needed to do going into the ninth frame, but sadly, it felt like there were 11 pins in the rack instead of 10. The moral of the story is that I did my job today, but it just didn't happen to be enough."

Kulick defeated Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, in the semifinal, 224-206. Kulick took the early advantage after starting with five consecutive strikes but let McEwan back in the match after a 3-6-7-10 split in the eighth frame.

McEwan, a four-time PWBA Tour champion, rolled

four consecutive strikes starting in the sixth frame but left a 10 pin to start the 10th frame to end her comeback.

The semifinal match also had implications in the race for PWBA Player of the Year. McEwan needed to advance to the title match for the opportunity to challenge Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, for the coveted award at the Tour Championship, but her third-place finish mathematically gave O'Keefe the distinction for the first time in her career.

O'Keefe, a 39-year-old right-hander, won two titles this season, including the United States Bowling Congress Queens in May.

"It means the absolute world to me," said O'Keefe, who owns eight PWBA Tour titles. "All the hard work, dedication, the tears, the frustrations - it's all worth it. I feel I've been knocking on the door, and I've had some really good seasons. Last year, I finished third, the year before that was fifth. I've been climbing that ladder and knocking on the door. I just feel player of the year is something people always will remember in your career. I have bucket-list items that I'm trying to check off and that was just one of them. So, to be able to mark that off, I can move on to the next thing."

Kulick advanced to the semifinal after starting her match against 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan, with seven consecutive strikes, finishing with a 244-171 win.

Richard, a 22-year-old right-hander making her fourth consecutive television appearance, locked up Rookie of the Year this week.

In Saturday's opening match, Richard delivered 10 strikes on her way to a 244-156 victory over Lindsay Boomershine of Perry, Utah.

Boomershine, who was making her second consecutive championship-round appearance at the PWBA Players Championship, needed to win her first match in order to earn enough points to advance to the Tour Championship.

With Boomershine's fifth-place finish, Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, earned the final spot at the Tour Championship from the points list.

All competitors at the PWBA Players Championship bowled 18 games of qualifying Thursday to determine the 18 players advancing to round-robin match play.

Friday's match-play rounds featured 18 games, including a position round. Players received 30 bonus pins for each win and 15 bonus pins for a tie. After 36 games, total pinfall, including bonus pins, determined Saturday's finalists.

All rounds leading up to the stepladder finals were

broadcast on BowlTV, the official YouTube channel of USBC.

The QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship was the third of four major championships on the 2018 PWBA Tour schedule, and the final event before the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship.

The PWBA Tour Championship will take place Sept. 16-19 at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Virginia.

The PWBA Players Championship only was open to PWBA members.

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"This win means everything," Butturff, now a four-time title winner, said before turning his praise to the fans of Coldwater, a rural community of just over 4,000 residents who turned out in droves to support the 11th annual tournament. "Every time I come in here, it's amazing. The fans want to see us bowl and they give us their all. They're what keeps our sport going."

In the first match of the four-man stepladder final, PBA Tour veteran Brad Angelo of Lockport, N.Y., bowled an error-free game, rolling a key strike in the ninth frame and striking out in the 10th for a dramatic win after defending champion Rhino Page recovered from failing to convert the 2-4-7-10 split in his fourth frame, finishing with six strikes to force Angelo's hand. Angelo won, 228-225.

In the semifinal match, Daugherty got some help when Angelo had three open frames, throwing his own decisive string of four strikes in a 226-188 victory to advance to the championship match.

The 2018 Go Bowling! PBA Tour will complete its domestic schedule with the three-event FloBowling PBA Fall Swing in suburban Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 14-20, followed by the U.S. Open Oct. 24-31 in Wichita, Kan. The Fall Swing will award titles in the Wolf, Bear and Tulsa Opens, all of which will be live streamed from start to finish on FloBowling. For subscription information, visit FloBowling.com. Prior to the Fall Swing, PBA Tour players will have an opportunity to bowl for PBA International-World Bowling Tour titles in the Storm Lucky Larsen Open that is currently underway in Malmo, Sweden, concluding Sept. 9, and the WBT Thailand in Bangkok, Sept. 22-28.

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11/18 - Keystone Lanes
Norwalk - SportShot Challenge

12/2 - Forest Lanes
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12/16 - Center TBD
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Lake Forest - Memorial Day

6/9 - Center TBD
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 16
Saddleback - Mission Viejo

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A bowler will shoot a righteous strike but into the Brooklyn pocket (assuming they're right handed) and be filled with disgust over the fact. A strike is a strike, right? Not to all apparently.

It has been my belief that if you can score with Brooklyn strikes, you should shoot it as long as the line holds. It is a known fact that bowlers with less speed and revs are more likely to strike on the left of the head pin rather than the right. I can understand Pro Bowlers being more sensitive to this but league bowlers? Not so much. Be proud of your accomplishments.

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Thursday 890: (scr) Woody Gillis 264, Vickie Maas 199, Brad Wilson 737, Stephanie Rakers 579. (hdcp) Kurt Zappaterreno 291, Rose White 259, Dana Rouse 785, Kristi Carnegie 717.

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

ANAHEIM – Well the summer season, for bowling, at least...is over! Alas, I didn't win again, but I did have a great time and that is what it is all about. I was happy to distribute some money to a few lucky (ok, well-deserved) bowlers!

As mentioned last week, our champions for this season: Rod Cantrell and Tony Hale, can wear their champion t-shirts proudly and look pretty spiffy too!

The lion's share was taken home by Orlando Vanegas. He mentioned that it was his time and a long time coming...congrats to you Orlando and very well deserved! The awards for all the seasons' highs was mentioned last week and the recipients picked up their trophies with a smile.

The summer season went all too fast and hard to believe that Labor Day is looming with, hopefully, some fall weather!

Thank You to Linbrook for the yummy luncheon, all the bowlers look forward to filling their tummies after hectic sweepstakes!

Next week is a bye and our fall session of the 590 Classic will begin Sept. 7th. We still have some team spots open so if you are interested in joining this prestigious league, please sign up at Linbrook: 714/774-2253.

HOPE EVERYONE ENJOYS THEIR LABOR DAY

CAL BOWL BOWLING REPORT
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LAKEWOOD — Time to end Summer fun and plan for your Fall favorites. Please go to your league meeting and know your rules. Elect your officers wisely.

C.A.U.L. has jump started with 22 teams. Wednesday is a popular evening and this is a popular league.

Senior Men's Trio: This Summer's Senior Champs are JERRY COAT, CURT SOARES, EMMERSON WAFER. The last place "T-N-T-1-SHOT" will be loaded and ready to shoot for the top next time around. Scores: Joe Acosta 267/720, Archie Stull 714, Herman Ferguson 690, Jerry Cant 685, Emmerson Wafer 268/678.

Sierra Bugs: "The Winers" can toast themselves. Bragging rights are all theirs! Hip-Hip-Hip-Hooray! Side-pot winners—Game One. Ginny Lindsay 210, Game Two: Connie Wood 185; Game Three: Greta Vines 210. Other scores: JoAnn MacKnight 516, Cheryl Hilton 497, Connie Wood 493, Mel Leach 477, Stephany Graves 475, Becky Salcedo 466.

Cal Bowleros: "Ole" The "Wild Flowers" were wild to the end. The last place "Bowling Brats" can use their towels to dust the balls, wipe the tears and polish their shoes.

Pin Heads: The "Pin Heads" had only 4 teams this Summer, but they had 4 times the fun as most leagues. Only 7 games separated first from last. "Whatever" just couldn't be caught. Scores: Stacy Kelly 233/592, Pamela Johnson 481, Don Louis 489, Tom Komadina 469.

LA HABRA – Weekly High Scores. Check out our weekly Sr. No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am, Fall/Winter leagues are starting soon! Sign up now!

SUNDAY – Summer Rollers: Jonathan Algarin 205, Alan Pencille 200. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Steven Smith 241, Brian Bendt 235/603, Erin LaBrada 201.

MONDAY – Golden Awards: Larry Green 239/603, Sid Abalos 233, Willie Ramirez 213, Al Scudellari 213, Amy Abalos 202. **Adult Jr.:** Miguel Marmolejo 248/644, Wayne Copeland 240/642, Michael Marmolejo 267/667, Alex Zieg 234/660, Stephanie Fung 214.

TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors: John Mulay 206. **Guys & Dolls:** Robert Gonzalez 213, Phil Padilla 211, Steve Grossman 200.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Carl Brooks 277/640, Fred Reinecke 244/627, Jerry Rudd 232. **American Nation Can:** Mike Thompson 263/651, Ray Mankins Jr. 246/605, Grant Walter 205, Karen Balicki 207.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Lisa McCutchan 203, Mary Beth Thompson 201. **Sunset Rollers:** Chuck Harmon 204, Darryl Wigington 199. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Steven Wong 277, Brandon Kraye 268/954, Marlow Dinger 258/970, Kevin Jones 892, Jordan Kraye 225, Heather Morkes 212.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Marlow Dinger 269/779, Bob Crabtree 256, Bill Kessler 254, Matt Ward 720, Meghan Smalley 232, Carie Morgan 223.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

Grandma/Grandpa's: Lu Anthony "Miss Consistant" beat all the men! 188-185-183/556. Larry Cosgrove was 2 marks behind and couldn't get the pins to fall.

Fil-Am: Only a couple more weeks and then the Sunday Sweeper. Watch out behind you "Mix It Up" - - - - teams #13, #2, #7 and #16 are hunting for the stepladder!

Vegas Crackpots: Curtis McCann 256-255/703, Jacob Culpepper 2 games the same 232-232, LaDrena Boyd 213-211/597.

Gobs and Gals: Who won the "Gobs and Gals" League??? Only they know! It's a secret between teams 8-18-15!

Varsity League: The "Varsity League" is back for the third time with some great team names. You can check them out on line. Scores: Sarah Best 511, Jennifer Durica 485, Travis Swenson 475.

JUNIORS

Adult Youth Summer: Louis Whitlock 257/648, Victor Jackson 222/570, Andy Torres 563. Lulu Torres 170/489, Kim Calhoun 131/349, Kyle Farrell 199/538, Noah Whitlock 162/410, J.J. Griffin 146/403.

Mini Bees Summer: Nick Morrison 99/179, Dayueon Young 74/140, Brielle Dropkins 96/180, Iyanna Williams 70/125.

Summer Youth: Kevin Tate 205/505, Ben Pruitt 197/482. Natalie Ahumada 188, Kendra Wilson 171/497, Jocelyn Torres 176/461. That's all for his week.

ENJOY THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. WATCH FOR THE PRINTED EDITION OF THE BOWLING NEWS NEXT WEEK.



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The annual Balls O’ Fire fundraiser helps people living with HIV/AIDS

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CLAREMONT/RANCHO CUCAMONGA – Bowling for a good cause is easy when you do it with Foothill AIDS Project. The Claremont-based nonprofit holds its 16th Annual Balls O’ Fire Celebrity Bowling Tournament at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 at Brunswick Deer Creek Lanes in Rancho Cucamonga, and seeks teams and individuals from the bowling community to participate.

“This is our largest, longest-running fundraiser, and it’s essential to our fundraising success each year,” Executive Director Maritza Tona said. “More than that, though, it’s a lot of fun!”

Foothill AIDS Project works with Hollywood producer David Mirisch to invite television, film, and sports stars to lend their name and face to the event. Each team gets a celebrity to bowl with, and friendships often develop between the celebrities and families that come year after year.

“When we first started the Celebrity Bowling Tournament, I took my children to bowl in the event. These days, my children are taking their children,” said FAP Founding Board Member Michael Maher. “My grandchildren especially love bowling with some of the celebrities that they know from the Disney Channel and the other celebrities who participate in the event year after year. We always look forward to the Balls O’ Fire bowling tournament.”

Foothill AIDS Project offers a fundraising page for each individual or team wishing to participate in the event. Setting up and sharing a fundraising page through email or social media is a fun and easy way to crowdfund the registration fee and spread the word about your participation in a local community fundraiser.

Reserving a spot at Balls O’ Fire is easy. Simply text ‘Ballsofire’ to 51555 to register as a team of four or as an individual. From there, create a team name and profile, and easily share! Use your smartphone, tablet or other device, or visit the Balls O’ Fire page of FAP’s website at fapinfo.org/balls-o-fire.

Admission into the event includes:

- Photo opportunity with celebrities
- Two rounds of bowling plus one round of cosmic bowling, all with a celebrity guest
- Shoe rental
- Lunch provided by our generous sponsor BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse
- Access to the Silent Auction table
- Entry into the competition for top prizes
- Opportunity to win door prizes



Celebrity guests from left to right: CJ Valleroy, Jenna McCombie, Kate Linder, Jacee Jule, Joy Mahaffey, Blanca Blanco and Evan Disney.



Joy Mahaffey and CJ Valleroy get very competitive about bowling at the Balls O’ Fire Celebrity Bowling Tournament.

Individual registration includes one guest pass with access to all the above benefits for \$125. Team registration admits up to 10 people for \$500. Bring family members and friends to enjoy free lunch by BJ’s and enter the silent auction for free air fare, gift cards, gift boxes from MAC Cosmetics, and other wonderful prizes!

If you meet your fundraising goals, we encourage you to keep going! The more funds you raise, the more lanes people you get—and every team or individual that raises over \$1,000

This event is unlike any other bowling tournament you have been to. Besides the chance to meet the stars and compete for prizes, you get to spend a day helping raise funds to fight HIV throughout southern California.

Foothill AIDS Project began offering support to people living with HIV and AIDS in 1987. Today, FAP offers a full spectrum of programs and services that empower over 2,600 clients across over 28,000 square miles in three counties to manage their own long-term health goals. Integrated treatment and chronic care management, paired with stable housing planning and outreach, provide many tools for people living with HIV/AIDS to live longer, healthier, and more stable lives.



Evan Disney, CJ Valleroy and Blanca Blanco love bowling for life each year at the Balls O’ Fire Celebrity Bowling Tournament.



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