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FOUR TITLES POWER BOHN III TO PBA50 PLAYER OF THE YEAR DINO CASTILLO NABS ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HONORS

by Jill Winters

Major championship wins and unforgettable performances earned Parker Bohn III and Dino Castillo the biggest awards of the 2022 PBA50 Tour season. Each player constantly bowled their way to top 10 finishes, resulting in Bohn III being named PBA50 Player of the Year and Castillo the PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

Both came out of the gate swinging. Castillo made the title match at his first PBA50 tournament, while Bohn III won two out of the first four. They each bowled in 12 events and finished in the top-10 nine times.

After winning a major title at the 2022 Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship in April, Bohn III said “to

win this early in the season, hopefully it will propel me to go on and win two or three more times before the season is done.”

Looking back now, it’s as if he saw into the future. He won again less than two weeks later at the PBA50 Mooresville Open — tying his bowling idol Johnny Petraglia with eight PBA50 titles — and just kept winning.

The second major of the year, the PBA50 Cup, coincided with the 2022 Junior Gold Championships, where all three of Bohn III’s kids were competing. Between his own tournament schedule, Bohn III would drive over an hour to watch Justin, Brandon and Sydney bowl.

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Parker Bohn III & Dino Castillo

2022 Season Ending PWBA Tour Leaders SHANNON O’KEEFE is “PLAYER OF THE YEAR”

by Frank Weiler

The 2022 PWBA Tour season is complete and **SHANNON O’KEEFE** is the Tour’s Points Leader and “**PLAYER OF THE YEAR**”. The season has had many exciting moments including several perfect 300 games broadcast on **BOWL-TV**. BOWL-TV has allowed fans throughout the world to watch the best female bowlers in the world.

Shannon O’Keefe has been the most consistent player on Tour for the entire season leading several performance categories from the beginning to the end of the season. O’Keefe finished the season ranked first in Player of The Year Points,

Championship Round Appearances, Cashes, Match Play Appearances and Average. She ranked second in Wins and third in Earnings. That’s placing first on five of the seven PWBA Tour Leader Lists and in the Top Three on all seven of the PWBA Tour Leader Lists. That is DOMINANCE!

Our **CALIFORNIA** Tour players did well. **Missy Parkin** and **Stephanie Zavala** both rank in the TOP 20 on most PWBA Tour Leader Lists. Parkin and Zavala have each made a Championship Round Appearance with Zavala winning the continued on page 6



Shannon O’Keefe



Dino Castillo fired 300 en route to climbing the ladder and winning the 2022 Senior Masters.



In just over a week’s time, Parker, Justin and Brandon each won national titles.



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MONACELLI NEVER GIVES UP, WINS PBA60 TRISTAN’S T.A.P.S. MEMORIAL

by Jill Winters

COLUMBUS, Ohio – After some long and crazy days that included multiple power outages at the 2022 PBA60 Tristan’s T.A.P.S. Memorial, it was really no surprise that the stepladder finals was a wild ride.

And on top of that it makes sense that a bowler who many believe is the most focused and mentally strong on the lanes would end up holding the trophy.

USBC and PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli dominated early in match play on Monday shooting 804 and then an 802 series using his Hammer 3-D Offset to earn the top seed in the stepladder finals.

However, during his practice shots before the championship match, that ball was hooking too early with little reaction on the backend, so he decided to use a different Track Stealth on each lane in his match against Canadian John Chapman, who was looking to win his first title.

“The first frame, I don’t know where that shot even came from,” Monacelli said about leaving the 1-2-4. “I was so shocked. But with my experience as bad as it can be sometimes, just tried to let go as soon as you can and fix what needs to be fixed.”

He picked up his spare then left a pocket 4-10 in the second frame for an early open. Chapman went with a Roto Grip Gem and took advantage with three strikes in his first four frames.

Monacelli threw four straight strikes to take his first lead in the sixth frame. Then came a pocket 4-9 on a shot he really liked resulting in another open frame in the seventh.

Chapman remained calm and clean. Monacelli finished first. He got a Brooklyn strike in the ninth then missed the head pin for a second time on his first shot in the tenth. He converted the 1-3-6 and struck for 208.

Chapman needed a mark and good count for the win. His shot went through the nose leaving the 4-6-7-10. Monacelli got the stunning 208-200 victory, his second PBA60 title.

“That was something that I never expected,” Monacelli said about his opponents shot. “If you look at the whole game, I think I deserved it because I really bowled well.”

Monacelli’s ‘A’ game has always been his ability to hook the whole lane, and for the past two years he has been working really hard to add another facet to his game.

“This week what I call my ‘C’ game, I was doing it as good as my ‘A’ game,” he said. “I was keeping it a lot straighter through the front with a really good forward roll. It felt so good throwing the ball and I just want to keep bowling.”

He is so pleased with how he managed his performance during a difficult week feeling like he is 20 years old again throwing the ball. He will turn 61 on



Saturday.

“A lot of people give up on their dreams because they don’t believe they can do it,” he said. “Mine came true because I never gave up.”

The rollercoaster stepladder finals began with the first three matches resulting in three different winners. Ron Mohr was trying to win his third straight PBA60 tournament and he faced Germany’s Peter Knopp who was seeking his first title.

Mohr had a six-pin lead over Knopp through five frames then Knopp struck on his next six shots to earn the 242-228 win.

Unfortunately for Knopp, the strikes were harder to come by in match two as it seemed like he and Gary Reh, who was also trying to win his first title, had some butterflies. Knopp had back-to-back opens in the fifth and sixth and had just three strikes overall. The lefty Reh picked up six single-pin spares and had a late four-bagger to earn the 226-171 victory.

In the semifinal match, Reh faced Chapman. Reh kept throwing his Brunswick Attitude Control urethane starting with three strikes for an early lead. Then both players had open frames in the fourth.

Chapman switched from a Storm Dark Code to a 900 Global Gem and was able to stay clean heading to the tenth frame. Reh needed a double and five pins to win. He got seven spare and a strike for 187. Chapman then got his chance. Needing a double to advance, he struck out for 194.

[View the full PBA60 Tristan’s T.A.P.S. Memorial results at PBA60 Tristan’s T.A.P.S. Memorial | PBA](#)

2022 PBA60 Tristan’s T.A.P.S. Memorial

- Final Standings**
1. Amleto Monacelli, \$7,500
 2. John Chapman, \$4,500
 3. Gary Reh, \$3,000
 4. Peter Knopp, \$2,500
 5. Ron Mohr, \$2,000

- Match Scores**
- Match 1 – Knopp def. Mohr 242-228
Match 2 – Reh def. Knopp 226-171
Match 3 – Chapman def. Reh 194-187
- Championship match –**
Monacelli def. Chapman 208-200

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Another Year, Another Flop?

by Dave Williams

Year number three of the PBA's Strike Derby still did not impress (sorry, have to be honest), but there does appear to be hope with each annual event, as the number of players saying that they "should have taken more time," or "quality shots over quantity," or even PBA television analyst Randy Pedersen admitting, "Too fast is no good. You have to make good shots."

In this year's event, Kyle Troup, a member of the hometown Portland Lumberjacks, outlasted Matt Ogle of Louisville, Kentucky, by rolling 6 consecutive strikes on the way to an impressive 12 strikes in 2 minutes. Ogle had also thrown 12 strikes but failed to match Troup's run of 6 consecutive strikes during the two minute session, coming up with 5 consecutive strikes in the tiebreaker scenario.

There were 6 players that advanced to the televised roll offs from each of two divisions. Ogle led all the competitors with an overall total of 49 strikes. He seemed much more deliberate in his approach, taking his time, wiping off the ball after every shot, and checking the position of his feet before rolling the ball.

Ogle's approach was reminiscent of Kris Prather, winner of the inaugural event in 2020, who also credited a conscious effort to roll quality shots. "I really emphasized quality over quantity and it worked to my advantage," said the 30 year old Prather, a resident of Plainfield, Illinois, following the 2020 version. "Pacing myself throughout the entire event also benefited me."

Troup, who took home the 1st place prize of \$25,000, was very deliberate in his approach, checking the position of his feet on the approach each time while taking a deep breath before addressing the pins. Troup appeared to play a much straighter shot as well, using the blue oil line to project the ball into the 1-3 pocket (oops, they aren't blocked... or are they?).

Ogle earned a \$14,000 paycheck for second, followed by Andrew Anderson of Holly, Michigan, placing third in the affair, good for a \$10,000 payday. The winner of last year's Strike Derby, Anderson once again admitted how familiar he was with the format because it's something that he did while growing up



Winner Kyle Troup \$25,000

at the Holly Bowling Lanes.

Troup applied another trait that Anderson learned while practicing all those 2 minute drills in Michigan — back peddling to witness his ball reaction and pin carry. It certainly proved to be beneficial for Kyle, the 31 year old "pro with the fro" from Taylorsville, North Carolina.

After three years of watching the PBA's Strike Derby, I offer the same suggestions that I did at the conclusion of last year's event:

- **Maximum of 12 shots in 2 minutes (consider on one lane, rather than two)**
- **6 or more strikes in a row = an additional 1 minute (another 6 shots)**
- **Round begins when the ball is released from the bowlers hand on the first shot**

BOWLING BALL CADDIES? — Matt Russo, the only left-hander on the show, seemed hopelessly lost at times, confused about what ball to use and where he left it. Russo also commented, "As the only lefty, if I don't wipe the oil off the ball after every shot, it's pretty tough." Could this mean "bowling ball wiping caddies" are in the future of bowling?

**PBA Strike Derby
Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine
FINAL STANDINGS**

1. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, NC, \$25,000
2. Matt Ogle, Louisville, KY, \$14,000
3. Andrew Anderson, Holly, MI, \$10,000
4. Packy Hanrahan, Wichita, KS, \$10,000
5. Santtu Tahvanainen, Taipalsaari, FI, \$4,000
6. Mitch Hupe, Winnipeg, MB, \$4,000
7. Matt Russo, Fairview Heights, IL, \$4,000
8. Darren Tang, Las Vegas, NV, \$4,000
9. Martin Larsen, Varberg, SE, \$3,000
10. Francois Lavoie, Quebec City, QC, \$3,000
11. Wes Malott, Fort Wayne, IN, \$3,000
12. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, SC, \$3,000

WHERE IS THE PBA— Has anyone else noticed that the PBA coverage has been declining on FS1 and Fox Sports, while the coverage of their events has increased substantially on their own PBA YouTube channel, and [BowlingTV.com](#)? I'm not complaining, because access to the latter two channels is easy, and less expensive.

However, looking at it from the perspective of the PBA, there's a lot less exposure to those that are not "bowling junkies." Conversely, has anyone noticed the increased coverage of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) on FS1, Fox Sports, ESPN and CBS Sports?

That difference could be Colie Edison, who landed a position with the WNBA after leaving the PBA. Soon they will be calling Colie Edison the "Mike Lindell of Cable Sports Programming."

Colie served the PBA well as the first female CEO in their 64 year history. She was responsible for planning and executing all initiatives, including the PBA's groundbreaking partnership with Fox Sports, according to a news release from [wnba.com](#). In addition, Edison was also the Chief Customer Officer of Bowlero Corporation, leading all customer strategic growth and overseeing global marketing efforts for the world's largest owner and operator of bowling centers. *All photos compliments of PBA, LLC*



3rd Place Andrew Anderson \$10,000



2nd Place Matt Ogle \$14,000

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SMALL STEPS LEAD TO BIG REWARD FOR 2022 PWBA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR OLIVIA FARWELL

by Aaron Smith

ARLINGTON, Texas - After concluding her decorated collegiate career at Duquesne University, Olivia Farwell of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, wanted to see how she would fare against the best in the world on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour during the 2022 season.

Although there were some challenges along the way for the talented 24-year-old right-hander, she managed smaller goals throughout the year to work toward a bigger dream, which turned into a reality as she was recognized as the 2022 PWBA Rookie of the Year.

The PWBA Rookie of the Year award is presented to the top rookie each season, based on points earned during the year.

Farwell joined the tour prior to competing at the United States Bowling Congress Queens, the second event of the season and first major on the 2022 schedule. She qualified for the tournament’s double-elimination bracket to kick off her professional career, finishing in a tie for 33rd place.

She kept herself in contention for cashing spots in her next four events as she started to learn the ropes of life on tour, setting up an impressive run at the second major of the season - the U.S. Women’s Open. After earning her spot in match play, Farwell posted a 15-9 record on the way to a 13th-place finish.

The 2022 National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) Division I Player of the Year secured rookie-of-the-year honors by turning in her best performance of the season at the PWBA Pepsi Classic in August, delivering a big game in a must-win match during the position round to advance to her first championship-round appearance. She recorded a fifth-place finish to wrap up her rookie campaign.

“It was always a dream of mine,” Farwell said. “In the back of my mind, I was thinking it would be so cool to achieve this, but I didn’t want to put too much pressure on myself. When Robyn (Graves, PWBA Brand Manager) made the announcement, I was full of emotion. It was a moment I always wanted to have, and it’s an incredible feeling.”

Farwell’s bowling background goes back to an early age as she grew up in her family’s center - Clearview Lanes in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania.

Both her grandfather, Henry Blough, and mother, Lisa Farwell, regularly competed at the highest levels of the sport, and each earned a spot in the Pennsylvania State USBC Hall of Fame for their on-lane success.

Farwell always was around the sport, but she also was focused on softball when looking ahead to her future. However, a trip to watch her older brother, Austin, compete in a high school match changed her trajectory.

“I’ve always bowled, but I didn’t start to take it seriously until probably my junior year in high school,” Farwell said. “I actually thought I was going to college for softball, but I remember at one point, I was watching my brother compete at a high school tournament. The environment bowling provided, even at the high school level, it kind of triggered me. I felt like I wanted to experience that and take it to the next level.”

With her focus locked on bowling, the accolades quickly began to add up as she looked ahead to picking a college. Farwell originally wanted to leave her home state, but she ended up finding the right fit in downtown Pittsburgh at Duquesne.

Farwell made a quick first impression for the Dukes, earning rookie-of-the-year status for the Northeast Conference (NEC) during the 2018 season.

She finished her collegiate career in 2022 as a two-time NEC Bowler of the Year (2019, 2022), a four-time NTCA All-American (honorable mention in 2018, second team in 2019 and 2020, first team in 2022) and was recognized as a National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) first-team All-American during the 2021-2022 season.

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win the U20 Boys division title, the dedicated dad was motivated to win his second major and third overall title of the year. That was followed up by Brandon winning the Boys U18 division championship in back-to-back years. While driving to his tournament, Bohn III would think about what he needed to do to overcome any potential challenges and if all of his equipment was ready to go. As soon as he was done bowling, he’d flip the switch back to dad mode.

“As much as this is the PBA50 Player of the Year, a big part of me has to say this is a family Player of the Year after what has gone on with our entire family this year,” Bohn III said about the overwhelming honor. “Our kids have pushed me into trying to become better than I was. It’s really heartwarming knowing how much my wife and kids stand behind me.”

During his victory over Chris Barnes in the PBA50 Cup championship match, Bohn III knew Player of the Year implications were on the line.

“That match that we bowled very possibly was a one game match for PBA50 Player of the Year,” he said after the win. “If I lose that game, he wins and becomes victorious, I get third place points and he gets first place points. The fact that I won that game and then walked away with the crown, I felt pretty good about the fact PBA50 Player of the Year was almost secure.”

Two weeks after that win, he won for the fourth time of 2022 at the PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, earning his 10th career PBA50 title. That was the icing on the cake for the lefty who admits, “this is the best I have physically felt in quite a while.” Barnes went on to win the final two tournaments of the season and came in second in the Player of the Year race.

Bohn III cashed in every tournament he entered. Over the course of 361 games, he averaged 225.06 and won \$62,435. He was named PBA Player of the Year in 1999 and the 2001-02 season on the national tour.

“My phone has blown up,” Bohn III said about the Player of the Year announcement. “It’s really cool how many people actually pay attention and appreciate what you have accomplished. Our company is allowing me to get better and that is a tough one to say when I am 59.”

Castillo’s own remarkable season got off to a quick start at the 2022 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open. He made his presence felt immediately and his love of bowling returned. He earned the No. 2 seed to make his first stepladder finals. He defeated fellow Texan Barnes 279-245 then held an early lead over Brad Angelo in the championship match.

Castillo struck on his first three shots before leaving the 3-4-6-7, which Angelo admitted was “the turning point in the match” after Castillo hit a friction spot that developed in the previous match, in Angelo’s opinion. Angelo went on to win his first PBA50 title 258-203. “That one still really sinks deep in me because of the loss,” Castillo said. “That one shot, I had no idea what happened. But for me I was feeling really good to start the season off that way.”

Two months later, Castillo had one of the most dominant performances of the season at the USBC Senior Masters in Las Vegas. He fought his way from the elimination bracket back to make his second stepladder appearance.

In the opening match, Castillo shot 300 against Barnes’ 222. From there, he defeated Jack Jurek 257-196, Bohn III 255-219 and then took down Chris Warren, who pushed Castillo into the elimination bracket.

Castillo defeated his bowling idol 253-201 and 216-169. His first PBA50 Tour victory was a major championship completed in incredible fashion.

He followed that up with a fifth-place finish at the Senior U.S. Open. But it was the next tournament, a 10th place finish at the Odessa Open, that he felt was a key moment in his season. “I struggled for many years in that building and I made to the top 10,” he said. “That was a big leap forward in my progress in bowling well.”

Castillo finished the year fifth in points, averaged 223.86 across 318 games and earned \$37,250. He cashed in 10 out of his 12 tournaments on his way to being named 2022 PBA50 Rookie of the Year.

“The guys out there are who I thank the most because they welcomed me with open arms,” he said. “Jeff Johnson and Tom Carter, my two ball reps, are ultimately the main reason for my success this year. My love for bowling is on full resurgence not because of the success but because the experience of the PBA50 Tour is much more enjoyable.”

Castillo guesses that he received about 100 congratulatory text messages when the bowling world learned he was named PBA50 Rookie of the Year. He hasn’t had much time to let that sink in as he is in the process of building his sixth pro shop in Texas. But on August 19, he and his wife, Stacy, went out to dinner to celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary and his latest achievement.

He said the defining moment of his season was winning the Senior Masters because his wife and his best friends were there. The only thing that would have made it better, he said was if his five kids were there too.

“I am still on cloud nine with winning the Senior Masters, and now I add this,” he said about the surreal feeling. “Now PBA50 Player of the Year I feel is within my sights, which never was a thought in my head bowling on the regular tour. But now, I am going to try to make it a reality.”

2022 PBA50 POINTS LEADERS

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| 1. Parker Bohn III — 39,745 \$62,435 | 4. Tom Hess — 25,995 \$31,675 |
| 2. Chris Barnes — 37,385 \$49,400 | 5. Dino Castillo — 24,250 \$37,250 |
| 3. Brad Angelo — 28,465 \$35,300 | |

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Tour Players Championship. Zavala has won \$66,550 and Parkin \$24,600 for the season.

The **TOP THREE** bowlers on each PWBA Tour Leader List follows:

EARNINGS	
Birgit Noreiks	\$79,300
Danielle McEwan	77,950
Shannon O’Keefe	76,200
POINTS	
Shannon O’Keefe	109,250
Danielle McEwan	101,535
Bryanna Cote	92,902.5
AVERAGE	
Shannon O’Keefe	214.94
Danielle McEwan	213.64
Jordan Richard	212.04

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND APPEARANCES

1. Shannon O’Keefe	7
2. Danielle McEwan	6
3. Bryanna Cote	5

MATCH PLAY APPEARANCES
Top 12 Appearances

Shannon O’Keefe	11
Dasha Kovalova	10
Verity Crawley	9
Danielle McEwan	9

CASHES

Shannon O’Keefe	11
Jordan Richard	11
Danielle McEwan	10
Bryanna Cote	10
Dasha Kovalova	10
Verity Crawley	10
Diana Zavjalova	10
Maria Jose Rodriguez	10

WINS

Bryanna Cote	2
Shannon O’Keefe	1
Stephanie Johnson	1
Birgit Noreiks	1
Breanna Clemmer	1
Liz Kuhlkin	1
Cherie Tan	1
Erin McCarthy	1
Diandra Asbaty	1
Dasha Kovalova	1
Stephanie Zavala	1

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It’s time to begin supporting our female professional bowlers. Please subscribe to BOWL-TV now. I look forward to next season with the potential arrival of some two-handed bowlers. Who will be the **JASON BELMONTE** of the women’s Tour?

My thanks to **CHAD MURPHY** and **JASON THOMAS** of USBC for their support of my efforts to cover the PWBA Tour during the past seven seasons.



Birgit Noreiks

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She made Junior Team USA in 2019 and finished her collegiate career with a runner-up finish at the 2022 Intercollegiate Singles Championships.

The bond she created with her teammates during that time helped her game continue to grow each season.

“My teammates had a huge part in the growth of my personal game,” Farwell said. “We would be at tournaments and bounce ideas off each other, and it got me thinking more about my game and what I needed to work on. It helped me get to know myself as a bowler a little more, being part of such a close-knit team.”

Farwell knew the learning would continue as she looked ahead to the 2022 PWBA Tour season, but she wanted to manage her expectations from stop to stop.

It was going to be important for her to collect information and take in what she saw from the players she grew up watching and admiring.

“My parents and I would talk about it, and we were on the same page - take this first year as a learning curve,” Farwell said. “Obviously, I wanted to perform my best, but I knew coming into it I was going to be competing with the best female bowlers. I wanted to take every chance I could to learn from them. I didn’t expect to win a title or make a TV show, so making the show at the end of season made me feel like I was doing all the right things.

“When I would come to each tour stop, I would set a smaller goal for myself - to at least get to the cash line. If I could do that and was still bowling, to me, that was a bonus. If I achieved my smaller goal of cashing, anything else was a bonus. It really was my whole mindset for this year. I set those smaller goals I felt confident I could achieve, and it helped my confidence as the season went on.”

The confidence Farwell gained during the season shined during her run to the stepladder at the Pepsi Classic. In the final round of qualifying, she recovered from games of 170 and 162 in the middle of the block to finish with 234 and 236 to secure her spot in match play.

She bounced back from a 2-4 record in the first round of match play at USA Bowl in Dallas to work her way into sixth place and one spot out of the show heading into the position round.

The player waiting for her in the position round was soon-to-be 2022 PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O’Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois.

Farwell was able to make up a 60-pin deficit with a 249-212 win (which also included 30 bonus pins) to advance to the BowlTV finals.

Although she dropped her stepladder match against McKendree University standout and friend Hope Gramly of Aubrey, Texas, the entire experience was something she hopes to use as a steppingstone to further her career on the PWBA Tour.

“When I saw the names come up on the screen (for position round) and saw Shannon’s name, I was like ‘oh my gosh,’” Farwell said. “I’m going to have to bowl somebody I’ve always admired and looked up to, but I’ve gotten to know her through college, especially this past season. I was a little nervous, but my parents have always said that tougher competition pushes me to sharpen myself. To have that moment with her is something that I kind of always pictured myself doing because she’s someone I’ve idolized and always wanted to become. It was an unreal moment.

“It was nice to be able to bowl against Hope in the first match because she’s such a good friend of mine. We were able to joke around, which took some of the stress off my shoulders. When we were practicing, I felt great and confident, and I still felt fine when we made our way to the TV pair. As soon as everyone else left and it was just Hope and I, I think the emotion and nerves got the best of me a little bit. I found myself a little tense and uptight, but at the end of the



Carol's Corner

by Carol Mancini
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A friend of mine rolled a 300 game recently and it hit me..... There is no award! My friend said he got a few handshakes and an announcement on the P.A.

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Our readers would be very interested in your thoughts. Did you roll a perfecto and only got a handshake? What would put a smile on your face and make the memory last?

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Thanks for reading

Hi,

Yes, I bowled a 300 game last summer (2021) to not even a handshake.

San Diego was pretty locked down from Covid. It was disappointing to hear that the bowling alleys were closing permanently. Kearney Mesa Bowl, Mira Mesa Lanes announced their closures. Parkway Bowl, was rumored to not be reopening and was sold to be made into something else.

It was announced that Missy Parkin bought Mira Mesa and reopened it. Our team immediately joined their league. Week one I shot a 300. My understanding was that it was the first one under Missy’s ownership. They announced my 300. I asked if they still paid a check out and was told the bowling alley isn’t making any money, so no.

I accepted that. What I did not expect was a complete nothing. Honestly, I would have expected Missy to make an appearance, thank the bowlers for supporting her, and a congratulations from her on the first 300 rolled in her new house. I never heard a thing all summer. Plus, only one ring from USBC so nothing there either.

I don’t really need “stuff”. I would have bought my team dinner or drinks with the check. But Missy missed a big opportunity to make herself known at her house. There were many bowlers who had no idea who she was. I was disappointed in her.

Tony Costanza



day, I wouldn’t change it because it was my first time.”

With her first season wrapped up, Farwell already is looking ahead to the 2023 season. She noted it took some time to understand how quickly the lanes transitioned on tour compared to what she saw while competing collegiately, and she will have the opportunity to impart some of that wisdom to the student-athletes at Mount St. Mary’s University as she recently accepted a position to join the staff as an assistant coach.

She’s excited to put in the work to improve her game and continue the momentum gained during her rookie year.

“Next season, I think my main goal is to make another TV show,” Farwell said. “I know confidently that I can do it. With the offseason right now, I’m going to go home and practice. I’m going to work on some things I want to make a little stronger in my game and really push myself.”

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