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Danielle McEwan Wins Singles Gold Medal

LAS VEGAS – Danielle McEwan found her way to the top of the medal podium at the World Bowling World Championships for the fifth time in her career, this time defeating Shannon O'Keefe in an all-Team USA singles final.

McEwan opened the championship match Thursday with five consecutive strikes and cruised to a 259-193 victory at the South Point Bowling Plaza. The singles semifinals and final were broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.

The gold medal was McEwan's first in the singles event and third at

South Point, which hosted the combined (men and women) World Championships in 2017. That year, McEwan won trios with O'Keefe and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick and topped the talented field to earn the all-events gold medal.

McEwan also was a doubles and team champion at the 2015 World Women's Championships in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, her debut at the event.

"This is an absolutely amazing feeling," said McEwan, an eight-

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Team USA Wins Trios at 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships

by Matt Cannizzaro

LAS VEGAS – There's no doubt that years of experience on bowling's biggest stages helped prepare Team USA's Liz Kuhlkin, Jordan Richard and Missy Parkin for the gold-medal rally they mounted Thursday night at 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships.

The three struck on 12 of their last 15 opportunities at the South Point Bowling Plaza to outlast a talented Colombian team, 655-632, and successfully defend the trios title the United States won at the 2017 World Championships, also held at South Point.

Kuhlkin capped the rally with a 10th-frame strike, and though she's been a part of a pair of collegiate



Team USA's Liz Kuhlkin, Missy Parkin and Jordan Richard

national championships, won a doubles title at the World Youth Championships and taken home a U.S. Women's Open title, she said she's never been as nervous as she was in the final frame Thursday.

"That shot, hands down, was the most nervous I've ever been throwing a bowling ball down the lane," said Kuhlkin, a two-time Team USA member. "I'm pretty sure everyone knew that. (Team USA assistant

coach Mark Baker) just came over and said, 'give me one shot,' which nicely meant 'calm down.'"

Three splits for Team USA early in the title tilt, all on the right lane, nearly continued on page 5

Colombia Fought Galantly To Win Team Gold

LAS VEGAS – Team Colombia fought galantly to defeat Team Sweden 2-1 for their second gold medal of the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships on Friday.

Juliana Franco, Laura Plazas, Rocio Restrepo, Clara Guerrero and All Events gold medallist, Maria Rodriguez narrowly edged All Events silver medallist, Joline Persson Planfors, Doubles gold medallist, Josefin Hermansson, Cajsa Wegner, Jenny Wegner and Sandra Andersson of Sweden, 205-204 in the first best-of-3 final match to go one up.

But Sweden bounced back with a 235-220 victory in the second match to force a sudden decider. The Swedes started off well in the third match with a



Deserving second gold medal for Team Colombia

Photos by Terence Yaw

double but both Wegner siblings, Cajsa and Jenny failed to make their single-pin spares in the third and fourth frames.

This gave confidence to the Colombians as Plazas and Restrepo struck in their second and third frames to lead by 11 pins. When

Franco suffered an unlucky split in the fifth frame, the match was level.

Sweden recovered with a double in the seventh and eighth frames to draw level again. Restrepo started the ball rolling with a strike in the eighth frame and Guerrero followed if up with

another strike in the ninth frame.

Their fierce opponent responded with another strike in the ninth frame taking the match to the final frame. Colombia's anchorwomen, Rodriguez struck twice in the tenth frame continued on page 2

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JOEY HETU	300	07-29-19	PALM SPRINGS LANES
CHARLES THOMAS	300	07-29-19	UPLAND BOWL
RAFAEL QUEZADA	300	07-29-19	ACTION LANES
JOHN RITCHIE JR	801	07-30-19	WINNETKA BOWL
SCOTT CRITCHFIELD	300	07-31-19	WINNETKA BOWL
AUSTIN KARNS	807	08-01-19	KEYSTONE LANES
JOHN RITCHIE JR	300	08-06-19	WINNETKA BOWL
CYNDI CASTILE	768	08-07-19	PALOS VERDES BOWL
HENRY QUATTLEBAUM	300	08-07-19	PALOS VERDES BOWL
ROBERT HERNANDEZ*	300	08-08-19	KEYSTONE LANES
AARON LAW	806	08-11-19	CAL BOWL
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RICK STINE	810	08-13-19	WINNETKA BOWL
ARIEL RODRIGUEZ	300	08-14-19	PICKWICK BOWL
BOYD WAKERMAN	7-10 SPLIT	08-15-19	PALM SPRINGS LANES
MIKE CALVILLO	300	08-16-19	DEL RIO LANES
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VINNY BRAVO	300	08-19-19	SANDS BOWL
MIKE JENNINGS	300	08-21-19	DEER CREEK LANES
NACHO VEGA	815	08-23-19	DEL RIO LANES
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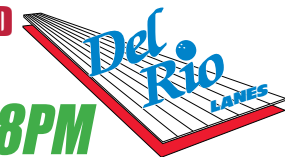
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Rash Defeats Simonsen to Win PBA Wolf Open for 14th career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title

AURORA, Ill. – In front of a hometown crowd, Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, beat Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, 257-193, in the title match to win the PBA Wolf Open Tuesday at Parkside Lanes for his second Go Bowling! PBA Tour title of the season and the 14th of his career.

In the opening tournament of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, Rash, the No. 3 seed for the finals was able to jump out to the early lead after Simonsen, the No. 1 seed, threw a gutter ball and opened in the third frame. After two spares in the fourth and fifth frames, Rash threw five consecutive strikes which sealed the match win.

Simonsen, who won the 2018 Wolf Open, was trying for his second title of the season after winning the PBA Players Championship in February for his sixth career title and second major.

"Anthony had a couple bad frames and I thought now is my chance to put it away," Rash said. "I just took some deep breaths, refocused and made the good shots I needed to make."

Rash advanced to the title match by beating No. 2 seed PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke in the semifinal 257-227.

"This is the third year we've hosted a tournament (at Parkside Lanes) and I've never made a show," said Rash, who teamed with Matt Ogle to win the PBA Roth-Holman Doubles Championship in January for his first title of the season. "All I can say is it's unbelievable to win here in front of my friends and family – it means a lot."

Rash was coming off a runner-up finish in the PBA BowlerStore.com Classic last week where he lost to Tommy Jones 215-179 in the title match of that tournament.

"There have been some ups and downs but overall it's been a solid season," Rash said. "I've always felt that if I just continued to work hard and believe in myself, good things will happen."

The 55-year-old Duke was trying for his third win of the season and the 41st of his career. He won the Go Bowling! Indianapolis and Jonesboro Opens earlier in the year to become the oldest player to win tour titles back to back.

In the opening stepladder match, Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina beat Greg Young of Viera, Florida, 264-206, to advance to the second stepladder match where he lost to Rash 217-180. Troup was trying for his fourth career title and Young his first.

PBA WOLF OPEN

Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Tuesday

Final Standings

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$10,000
- 2, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$6,000
- 3, Norm Duke Clermont, Fla., \$4,000
- 4, Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. \$3,500
- 5, Greg Young, Viera, Fla., \$2,500

Stepladder Results

- Match One – Troup def. Young, 264-206.
Match Two – Rash def. Troup, 217-180.
Semifinal – Rash def. Duke, 257-227.
Final – Rash def. Simonsen, 257-193



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while Sweden's anchorwomen, Andersson was unable to match it allowing Colombia to clinch the match and the gold medal, 222-202.

The champion had to work hard to upset topseed and favourite, Team USA, 2-1 in the semi-finals to reach the final while Sweden also was forced into the third deciding match to defeat second-seed, Mexico, 2-1 in the other semi to face Colombia.

The match was witnessed by the Associate Director, Winter and Regional Sports Department of IOC, Ms Irina Gladkikh and World Bowling President, Sheikh Talal Mohammed Al-Sabah, who also presented the medals and mascots to the winners.

The Brunswick Invitational Returns September 9th to Del Rio Lanes For Season 34

by Mike Cammarata

DOWNEY – In 1987 a scratch league was formed, known at the time as the Whitlock Vending 770. Scratch leagues were not as uncommon then as they are now, but none had gone so far as to offer a \$32,000 top prize. The prize fund alone was enough to draw the top bowlers Southern California had to offer. When that season ended, a team sponsored by the Barstow Yacht Club emerged on top and were crowned the first champions. That team consisted of Bill Batesole, D.A. Wright, John Eland and Gip Lentine.

Over the years, the league has evolved through many changes. Lane conditions, number of rounds, formats for sweepers, and creation of different pots among many others. At one point, the league even bowled at another location. One thing has remained constant though, and that’s the level of talent that has continued to walk in the door year after year. Team USA members. PBA & PWBA players. High Roller Champions. Hall of Famers. Two 900 shooters. And, in addition to this list, some absolutely fine people come in as well. We are very fortunate to have known them all.

For me, this will be the 21st season, so some of the early history of the league is only what I’ve heard. I do have some memories that pop into my head that have stuck around for some time.

Harry Wong fouling on his 12th ball going for a 300 game to shoot 290, only to follow it up with a 300 the very next week. Vince Wood struggling one night and spiking what everyone’s believed to be his 900 ring into the ground to everyone’s shock, only to find out it was something different and his hilarious reaction. Chris Williams’ bowling attire on Halloween is something that still gets talked about. Derek Schilling took the 7-10 off of a full rack for a 2 count on cue to complete a triplicate series. An “out-burst” by Steve Gurrieri following a Steve Salzman shot in the roll-offs. Psycho Sqwad with John Mongillo (he’ll get it). A team we lovingly referred to as “the old guys” with John Chapman, Earl Guy, Bill Talbott and Jim Burke and hearing recently that so many of us, myself included, are older now than they were when they held that moniker. Kevin Valmonte throwing the front ten in all three games on the first night of the season on his way to 289-288-300/877. Leonard Ruiz Jr. posting an 870 set with back to back 300’s in games one and two. Vayle Floria playing what seemed to be the exact same line every week with a Yellow Dot, regardless of the pattern on the lanes that night. An 1120 game by James Mowrer, Jon Reyes, Arnold Cheesman and Billy Myers Jr. which included 30 strikes in a row (2nd bowler 2nd frame to anchor bowler 9th frame). And countless others. I’m sure I’ll hear about all the things I forgot or left out.

This season we will make more friends and create more memories. We will pay out an outstanding prize fund thanks to the bowlers and the sponsors that continue to support the league season after season with their generosity. We have more teams signed up this year than we did last year, and there is still a week to go. Give me a call at (562) 927-3351 if you are interested in bowling, as an individual sign up or if you have a team to bring in. See ad on cover for more details. The action begins at Del Rio Lanes in Downey on Monday, September 9th. League meeting is at 7:30 p.m. and bowling will follow. Plenty of great bowlers will be here, including Gip Lentine who was, as mentioned earlier, part of the inaugural champions 34 years ago. Come join us.

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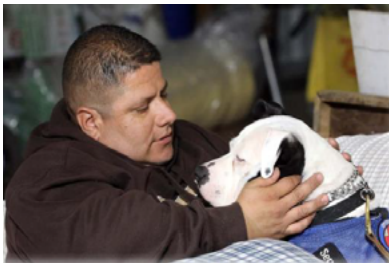
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Jason Sterner Wins FloBowling PBA Illinois Open For Third Career Go Bowling! PBA Tour Title

Sterner wins all four stepladder matches and defeats top seed EJ Tackett 243-212 in title match

AURORA, Ill. — Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, won all four stepladder final matches including a 243-212 title match victory over top seed EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Indiana, to win the FloBowling PBA Illinois Open Saturday for his third career Go Bowling! PBA Tour title. The Illinois Open was the pinnacle event of the three-tournament FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International at Parkside Lanes.

In a stepladder final that featured a dual lane condition pattern – PBA 41-foot Bear condition on the left lane and 32-foot Wolf condition on the right lane – both players started the title match with a spare and two strikes but Sterner was able to pull away when Tackett missed a 3-6-10 spare in the fourth frame. Sterner put together four more strikes that ultimately proved too much for Tackett to overcome.

As the No. 5 seed for the finals, Sterner won his position round match in the final match play round against 11-time tour winner Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania, 256-199, to make it into the finals.

"I think that (position round) win really relaxed me and put me in a good mindset for the finals," said the 35-year-old Sterner. "I felt fortunate to make the finals, so my attitude was let's throw a lot of strikes and go have some fun."

The win ended a two-year drought for Sterner whose last title came in the PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles (with Birgit Poppler) in July of 2017.

"I had been struggling for a long time, but I made a (ball) grip change about four months ago and made some other physical changes," Sterner said. "My game wasn't evolving the way it should to keep up with the younger guys so I had to make some changes and just committed to them. There was some trial and error but now I'm really confident my game's moving in the right direction."

Sterner opened the stepladder finals with a 248-184 win over No. 4 seed Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, who won the PBA Bear Open on Thursday for his seventh career title.

In the second match, Sterner then beat PBA Wolf Open winner Sean Rash of Montgomery, Illinois, 259-225, to advance to the semifinal match where he beat No. 2 seed two-hander Jason Belmonte of Australia, 236-208, to advance to the title match against Tackett. Tackett was trying for his second win of the season and 14th of his career.

"The win against Jason (Belmonte) gave me a lot of confidence heading into the title match," Sterner said. "I had my share of ugly strikes, but I was thinking just knock 10 pins down, fill the frames and hope the breaks would go my way."

Belmonte, a four-time PBA Player of the Year, was trying for his fifth win of the season and 23rd of his career.

As the points leader for the nine-tournament FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, Rash, whose Wolf Open win was the 14th of his career and second of the season, won the USBC Cup and \$20,000 first prize.

To make the Illinois Open stepladder finals, the five finalists advanced from the 14 games of qualifying in both the PBA Wolf and Bear Opens earlier in the week and then competed in 24 games of match play which also used the dual Wolf and Bear lane conditions.

FLOBOWLING PBA ILLINOIS OPEN Parkside Lanes, Aurora, Ill., Saturday Final Standings	
1, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., \$20,000.	Stepladder Results
2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$10,000.	Match One – Sterner def. Simonsen, 248-184.
3, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$7,000.	Match Two – Sterner def. Rash, 259-225.
4, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$6,000.	Semifinal – Sterner def. Belmonte, 236-208.
5, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$5,000.	Final – Sterner def. Tackett, 243-212.



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cost them a second consecutive gold medal. But, some simple advice from Baker proved to be the push the three needed.

"The right lane was just a little tighter down lane," Baker said. "We were kind of lucky that Colombia had to finish on that lane. The ball didn't quite go through the pins the same, so you had to get your roll better - make a better shot."

Kuhlkin finished the final with a 233 game and was followed by Richard, who struck on her last six shots for 228 and Parkin (194).

Colombia was consistent from top to bottom, marking in all but one frame, a 2-7-8 split from Juliana Franco in the fourth frame. Clara Guerrero led the effort with a 216 game, all-events winner Maria José Rodriguez had 214 and Franco finished with 202.

The trios win marked the second victory for the United States on Thursday. Team USA started the day with an all-USA singles final featuring Danielle McEwan and Shannon O'Keefe. McEwan won the gold medal, 259-193.

Team USA did not make the doubles medal round that followed, while Colombia had two teams on the lanes - both of which fell short in the semifinals, only motivating them more heading into the trios medal round.

Though they only had a short time to regroup, being the top seed did earn the Colombians a few extra minutes to strategize, since Team USA and Mexico hit the lanes first for their trios semifinal.

In Team USA's win over Mexico, Parkin set the pace as the leadoff bowler and started with five consecutive strikes to help open up a 75-pin lead. That was enough of a head start, and the United States rolled to a 669-628 win.

Kuhlkin struck on four of her last four shots to finish with 235, and she was followed by Parkin (234) and Richard (200). PWBA standout Sandra Gongora led the way for Mexico with a 234 effort and was followed by Paola Limon (215) and Adriana Perez (179).

Colombia then marked in 29 of 30 frames to ease past Korea, 694-620. Korea made all three medal rounds Thursday but only was able to come away with a silver medal in doubles and bronze medals in singles and trios.

Guerrero led the semifinal effort for Colombia with a 247 game and was followed by Rodriguez (233) and Franco (214). Baek Seungja had 231 for Korea and was joined by Kim Moonjeong (214) and Jung Dawun (175).

Thursday's win in trios marked the first gold medals for all three Team USA members at the adult World Championships. Parkin earned a pair of silver medals at the 2013 event, while Kuhlkin and Richard are competing for the first time.

"I can't believe this ... I literally cannot believe this," Richard said. "I was a little quick at the start, and I caught onto that really quick. Then I kept projecting it too far to the right, but in my head, it's going to the right, and that's what I needed it to do. I knew once I shut my angles down, I would be OK. Once I closed it down, I strung strikes at the end when it mattered."

Throwing strikes under pressure certainly is what got the job done for the Team USA women in the end, but it was their information gathering on the 39-foot World Bowling Seoul oil pattern and flawless communication throughout the week that put them in position to do what they're so good at.

As the veteran of the three with 10 years of Team USA experience, Parkin, the 2011 United States Bowling Congress Queens champion, also had some helpful advice for her teammates as they approached the final frames.

"I kind of huddled us all up and just told the girls to stand tall, we have a lot of frames left," Parkin said. "I think it put us in the right frame of mind and we started stringing strikes."

In 2017, it was Team USA's McEwan, O'Keefe and USBC Hall of Famer Kelly Kulick standing on top of the medal stand at South Point.

The 2019 World Women's Championships started with 176 competitors from 34 countries, who competed for medals in singles, doubles, trios, team, all-events and Masters competition.

The 34 countries that participated this year were: Australia, Bahamas, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Colombia, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Guam, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, United States, Ukraine and Venezuela.

Las Vegas and South Point also hosted the World Championships in 2017. That was a combined event featuring men and women - something that happens every four years.

For more information on the 2019 World Women's Championships, visit WorldBowling.org.

W B C Singles

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time Team USA member. "Coming into today, our initial goal was for both of us to win our first matches, so we would see each other in the final, guarantee one of us would be at the top of the podium and guarantee that we'd hear our national anthem. After we both won in the semifinals, we looked at each other and said 'we did it.' It was win-win after that."

In two matches Thursday on the 39-foot World Bowling Seoul oil pattern being used this week, McEwan struck 18 times. She started her semifinal match against top-seeded Lee Nayoung with seven consecutive strikes, before a 9 pin ended her run at perfection, and set up her meeting with O'Keefe with a 256-173 victory.

In the first singles semifinal, a pair of splits in the second and eighth frames proved to be the undoing for Sweden's Sandra Andersson, who recently won her first Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour title. O'Keefe, the reigning PWBA Player of the Year, rolled a clean game, and two doubles along the way lifted her to a 213-183 win.

Lee and Andersson each earned bronze medals.

While it's never fun having to bowl against your own teammate, O'Keefe reiterated McEwan's sentiment that the minute they put on their Team USA jerseys, it's no longer about individuals or personal success.

"An all-USA final is what we envisioned, and we came in and took care of business in our opening matches," said O'Keefe, a 15-time Team USA member and seven-time gold medalist at the World Championships. "After we did that, it was a win-win for us."

Once the 2019 World Women's Championships is over, however, O'Keefe and McEwan will return to their exciting race for this year's PWBA Player of the Year Award. O'Keefe holds the advantage with two events left on the 2019 PWBA Tour schedule.

"Before the final today, we even talked about the winner pulling the other up to the top of the medal stand, but once she won and they gave us the medals, I just said 'Danielle, give me your hand, because this is your moment.'" O'Keefe said. "I'm so stinking proud of her, and I love that she's my teammate. We have to beat up on each other all year on Tour, and it's nice to be able to put my shoes on with her. No matter what, we got to hear our national anthem, and winning silver at the World Championships is nothing to hang my head over."

McEwan's success with Team USA has been fast and plentiful, and that's something she never could've expected when she looked around the room at her first Team USA training camp.

In the time since, she's had the chance to learn from and travel and excel with many players she admired and looked up to as a youth and collegiate bowler. She's also now becoming that role model for the next generation of Team USA and PWBA standouts.

"It's so crazy to think back to when I was the rookie on this team and looking up to players like Kelly (Kulick) and Liz (Johnson) and Shannon (O'Keefe) and Stefanie (Johnson) and wondering how I'd ever make it on that team because they're just so good," McEwan said. "I knew I'd have to work so hard to even be a consideration. To now, on the flip side, seeing how much I've accomplished and knowing how hard I had to work for it, really is an amazing feeling."

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Where Have All The Bowling Leagues Gone?

by Dave Williams

It's not often that I get a request for an article, but when I wrote in July about my bowling experiences in Guadalajara, and all of the subsequent closings of bowling centers that have taken place since the 1980's in Mexico, Lynn Matsubara of the California United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Newsletter asked me...

“Hey, can’t you talk to some of the CEO’s and tell them how important and financially beneficial it is to have leagues and tournaments in their centers? There is an easy compromise to have all of that and parties too!”

This is a question that I've been wrestling with for the better part of 50 years. To illustrate my frustration, and that of Ms. Matsubara, I will give you an abbreviated version of my experiences with this topic since my youth bowling days at L & L Lanes in Sebastopol, California.

Primo Liberatore, who had acquired L & L Lanes in the 1960's, made quite a go of the twelve lane center by installing all new AMF 82-70 solid state machines, eliminating the rather prodigious men's and women's locker rooms for a more profitable bar and lounge, and brought along his years of promotional experience from managing the popular Westlake Bowl in Daly City, a 52 lane center with tremendous open play activity.

In less than ten years the mystique of Primo's marketing expertise had faded, and a new group of owners swooped in and acquired the property from Primo with the proviso that he would stay on as the General Manager. The new owners made some cosmetic changes, along with the elimination of the men's and women's locker rooms that had been relocated upstairs, this time for a more profitable pro shop.

After a year Primo's contractual agreement was over, and the new owners no longer required his services. This infuriated many of the league bowlers, and a petition was circulated among all of the leagues asking the new owners to reconsider their decision, or the leagues may be forced to seek another location. Every night I took this petition around for all of the bowlers to sign, and within a few weeks we had better than 80% of the bowler's signatures.

It meant nothing to the new owners as their minds were already made up in regard to a new management team. Primo had no trouble finding a new job and went to work for Jim Decker at his Holiday Bowl location in Santa Rosa. The really frustrating part to this segment is that only one league, the Analy Bowlerettes, left L & L Lanes and relocated to the Holiday Bowl. In spite of all those signatures, only one league was willing to relocate and give up their early evening 6:30PM starting time.

When I went to work for AMF after an uneventful three-year stint on the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) Tour, my role was reversed as I became a part of the acquiring entity. In those early years of the AMF Bowling Centers formation, the company was actually known as AMF Bowl-Opp, which stood for "Bowling Opportunities."

Most of the properties acquired during those days were from bankruptcy, and it was our job to go in and get the center up and running, and making a profit, and then seek new owners. Over the course of time, there were a core of centers that AMF could not resell, either because of a remote location, excessive real estate, or a myriad of other variables.

But about that time the AMF executives at the corporate offices realized that these core centers were making a profit, and that was when AMF decided to get into the full-time operation of bowling centers, as well as the equipment side of the business. In most instances we tried to keep the local management team and provided training and marketing support. I was fortunate to be a part of the corporate team in those early years, as the company grew by phenomenal leaps in terms of the number of properties.

This was an era of "price gouging," where some proprietors that had paid off most of their debt decided to go after existing leagues in other locations. For those of you not old enough to recall, there were entire pages of ads announcing, "Bring your league to XYZ Bowling Center and we will pay you..." followed by a list of the number of teams and the corresponding value. While most bowling publications refused to run this type of ad, it did not preclude the local community newspaper from participating.

Because of AMF's involvement in the sale of equipment, the company always stayed away from price wars because of antitrust laws and the possibility of unfair methods of competition. That meant that the AMF and Brunswick owned bowling centers were usually among the price leaders in all markets. Once again, my frustration was with the league bowlers, who in spite of our product offering, would often relocate for as little as five cents per game.

When I left AMF and returned to California for a great job opportunity at American Recreation Centers (ARC), I encountered yet another debilitating effect in the form of eminent domain to remove a bowling center. Target Stores had decided to build a location in El Cerrito, California, which meant that one of my favorite childhood bowling centers, Golden Gate Lanes, was to be demolished.

ARC put a lot of effort into trying to save Golden Gate Lanes, but I was once again frustrated, not only by all of the patrons that signed our petition and never appeared at the city council meetings, but also by Target and the City Redevelopment Agency. The fact that the Target Store was to provide close to \$500,000 in annual sales tax revenue to the city, whereas bowling game prices are usually not taxed because of the recreational aspect of the game, made our efforts to succeed almost impossible.



Now we come to the situation for which Lynn, and many bowlers nationwide are frustrated... league versus casual, or party bowling. Before condemning AMF or other large operators of bowling facilities, you need to consider the background that I have provided. In most cases, casual bowling is much more profitable. Even a small corporate party can result in a \$5,000 price tag for one evening, which is equivalent to a significant proportion of a leagues yearly linage fees.

Another aspect to consider is the weekly league bowling fee. Not all of that money goes to the bowling center in the form of operating revenue, but rather as a league prize fund deposit. When proprietors used to raise the bowling fees each year by ten cents, or fifteen cents, or even a quarter, the usual decision by the

officers of a league would be to raise the league price by \$1 dollar. Over time, this greatly inflated the price of most leagues and helped cause the demise of league bowling. I have not been involved in this aspect of league bowling for many years but can only assume that it's still a problem in terms of league fees and retention of members.

Perhaps the easiest way that I can present the league versus party issue is by providing the case of a bowling center in New Jersey that I assist with marketing. Up until about five years ago, Stelton Lanes was known as a location for corporate bowling parties. While their league base was very low, the number of corporate parties, particularly on Monday through Thursday afternoon and evening, was exceptional.

Then a large bowling center a few miles north of Stelton Lanes modernized and did not offer contracts to many of their leagues. This resulted in a windfall of league activity for Stelton, as they grabbed onto five evening leagues, the Saturday Youth League and all of the summer camp business. The next year a large bowling center to the south of Stelton Lanes also modernized and the team at Stelton were fortunate to gain another two evening leagues and a rather large senior citizen group in the afternoon.

Within a couple of years, the large competitive centers realized that they may have overreacted to the league versus casual concept and began courting the leagues to return at times that were not conducive to frequent corporate party activity. After five years, Stelton Lanes has retained two of the evening leagues, and most of the summer camp activity. But the remainder have returned to their original bowling center, primarily due to location.

Joe Kashatus, General Manager of Stelton Lanes, has often said that he prefers league bowling because he knows exactly what he's going to have in terms of revenue, while the corporate parties, without constant promotion, are unpredictable. Kashatus further comments that "there's just no doubt that league bowling is deteriorating every year as lifestyles change, and customers are not willing to show up at a specified time each week."

Many large bowling chains, including Round 1 and Main Event Entertainment, have taken the position of maintaining a certain number of lanes during the week for league bowlers. Based upon the situation at Stelton Lanes, it would appear that their competition has also taken this course of action.

I have personally seen this scenario play out in Japan, where so many bowling centers opened in the 1970's, that many of the lanes were never even used! During my travels there, my task was to help the management of AMF operated centers develop league opportunities once the newness of casual bowling wore off. We were successful to some extent, and I think that the Japan Professional Bowlers Association (JPBA) also helped immensely through their highly successful television programming for both men and women.

As Matsubara suggests in her comment, "there must be an easy compromise." Or, is it "Deja vu all over again," as Yogi Berra so famously once said? Let's hope that both league bowlers and proprietors can find a common ground between location, supply and demand, pricing and lifestyle changes. Keep the faith!



(Special thanks to Main Event Entertainment for providing photos of two of their new locations)

2019 World Bowling Women's Championships

Sweden Clinches Doubles Gold

LAS VEGAS – Sweden's Josefin Hermansson and Jenny Wegner upset the fancied Koreans with a narrow 436-431 victory to clinch the Doubles gold medal of the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships at South Point Bowling Plaza.

The Swedish pair had a better start than their opponent with both rolling a strike each while Son Hyerin struck and Lee Yeonji managed a spare. The Swedes made no mistake in the second frame while Son encountered a split.

Although Lee made up grounds with a double in the second and third frame, Hermansson responded with a double in her third and fourth frame. When Wegner suffered a baby split in her fifth frame and not converting it, the Korean pair had a slight advantage midway through the match.

Lee then rolled three strikes-in-a-row from frame 5 and Son downed a double in the sixth and seventh frames, the tie had swayed toward the Korean pair. But Son and Lee did not take advantage of the slight lead they had by closing out on their opponents with more strikes, it was the Swedes who were more determine to fight back.

And fought back they did as Hermansson rolled three strikes-in-a-row from frame 9 and Wegner struck in the tenth and 11th frame to take the narrow victory and the gold medal. Although Lee doubled in the ninth and tenth frame, her 236 tied with Hermansson's 236 while Wegner's 200 was good enough to beat Son's 195.

Sweden ousted topseed and the third Colombian pair of Rocio Restrepo and All Events gold medallist, Maria Rodriguez, 434-386 in the first semi-final match while Korea defeated another Colombian pair of Jualiana Franco and Clara Guerrero, 434-363 to reach the final.

Restrepo and Rodriguez, who took home the bronze, topped the Doubles preliminaries on August 25 with 2758 to make the semi-finals as topseed. Korea finished second with 2729 and Franco and Guerrero was third with 2727.

The champion survived to reached the semi-finals as fourth-seed with 2706. Sheikh Talal Al-Sabah, President of World Bowling presented the medals and mascot to the winners. The last semi-finals and finals of the day was the Trios event which will follow after the break.



Jenny Wegner and debutant, Josefin Hermansson beaming with their Doubles gold medal
Photos by Terence Yaw in Las Vegas, USA.

Bowlers Flip Over Their Fun Antics

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – It's called "handstand bowling." At least that's what James Kerr and Taylor Krasne call it. Bowlers shouldn't try this at home. Nor should they attempt such an athletic move at a bowling center.

But just for fun on one very late Tuesday night at Winnetka Bowl, the two 30-year-olds from Westwood pulled off this feat – James bowling between the hands of Taylor, who was in the midst of a handstand. No one got hurt, but the less-agile and less-adventurous should definitely not attempt this.

It was the first time James and Taylor had tried such a stunt and it actually went well. Several times James aimed his shot down the middle and . . . "once, it looked like it was going to be a strike," James said laughing, "but I left the 6 and 10 pins."

James said they hadn't planned on such hijinks, that it was just some spontaneity between two friends. The two, incidentally, are equipped for this athleticism – Taylor is a professional stuntwoman and a circus artist.

"She teaches all kinds of circus acts," said James, adding that "she's used to doing a bunch of circus acts, so she always does crazy flips."

James, for his part, is a natural athlete. His also is a screen writer and rising star in acting. James, who has numerous networks acting credits, is one of the lead actors in a World War II movie that will be released Sept. 6 at select Laemmle theaters. It's called "Dauntless." As for whether the two will be involved in more "handstand bowling," James said, "Oh, yeah, I'm sure." Bowling centers, beware!



James Kerr rolls his bowling ball between the hands of Taylor Krasne on a late night at Winnetka Bowl. His shot actually stayed on the lane. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

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1991 – PART 5

by Carol Mancini

I believe that 1991 was one of the biggest-most profitable-action packed years in So. California. Every association had dynamic, hard working directors that clammered to make their association the best! The State associations conducted their multiple tournaments with skill and promptness. And leaders! Our Halls of Fame are filled with dedicated persons who paid their own way and kept our sport honest and competitive. They even kept proprietors honest with the yearly inspections!

- July 26...**Del Rio Lanes** Channels 2,4,7,9,11 CNN and ESPN showed up to telecast a wedding on Lane 11 between Karen Mozley and Carl Bjornberg. Over 300 guests attended. Both were employees of the center.
- Jim Tilton won PBA Regional at **Garden Square Bowl**. Joe Roussin was manager at the time. (Joe went on to be a "big shot" with AMF.) (Don't call me Joe, I think you are a great guy!!)
- A guy named Chris Allen wrote a weekly column-always had "Squeeze" in the title. I never could figure out what he was writing about! Either he was TOO smart for us readers, drank too much, or should have been committed!
- Bill Puntillo punched out a 300 at **Woodlake Bowl**. Dedicated it to his mother.
- Silver Lanes Bowling Center** was located in Tonopah, Nevada. Tonapah was also home of a test center for the Stealth Bomber! The stealth was invaluable during Desert Storm.
- Kirk Keith stacked the wood mighty high at **Friendly Hills**, 259-289-266/814. Bowling 5 leagues a week, he didn't need to practice.
- Congrats to Ryan Small. 300 at **Mid Town Bowl**.
- Leon Brown was wearing a Robby's Gladiator glove when he rolled his 300. 'Twas worth a half page congrats! Craig Kisro-ditto!
- 20 Years veteran of the CSYBA, Phyllis Bourgue received their service award. Phyllis' juniors were some of the best in the state. Her junior programs at **Vista Entertainment** were the envy of all proprietors in California.
- Eric Forkel won his 9th PCB Title at **Buena Lanes**.
- Secretary Ed Dayton, was inducted into his San Gabriel Valley Hall of Fame.
- WSBT at Ridgecrest; Hobo Boothe, Champ, Bob Perry 2nd, Dennis Fitzsimonds 3rd, and Doug Johnson 4th. All smiles in the picture.
- Local gal Julie Gardner was running hot. Won 2 golds in Olympic Festival, defended her Team USA title and was to head for Havana, Cuba! Maybe more on this later.
- Christine Ashton won the \$1000 Blue Chip Jackpot at **Thunderbird Lanes** the hard way. She rolled six consecutive strikes on six different lanes, next was 2 natural strikes on 2 separate lanes!
- Chris Zuniga posted the high average for the Southeast District, a 217.
- Brunswick Premier Lanes** in Chula Vista was under contruction and due to open the first of September, 1991.
- Ronnie Lam purchased **San Gabriel Lanes** and hired Jesse Soria away from **Alhambra Valley**. (He had also worked at **Lucky Lanes, Mar Vista, MidTown, and Canyon Country**.) Jesse opened a Pro Shop and Lam ordered new roof, new carpeting, new paint, new fixtures, auto scoring and new Pathfinder Lanes.
- SEDYBA Director Lloyd Stone smiled as he handed youth bowler Steve Willis a 300 ring.
- San Gabriel Valley Awards: Paul Barraco, Bowler of the Year...Marv Appelbaum, Director of the Year....Bruce Harner, All Events Winner...Toby Grant, High Series of the Year.
- Strikes rained on Jim Hamrick at **Del Rio Lanes**, 279-279-288/846.
- Sal Vivanco won the Toyota Pick-Up competing at **Keystone Lanes**.
- Congrats to Kelly Coulson, 300 game at **Verdugo Hills Bowl**.
- Active West** had a full page once a month announcing the "Employees of the Month" for each of their 22 centers. GREAT!
- "Freddie" ran an ad for "All Valley Wholesale" specializing in sports memorabilia, such as photos and cards.
- The California State WBA offered "Become an Instructor Bowling Classes." A one day event. For \$20 you could become an instructor!
- Tish Johnson won the "Sudafed Sportswoman of the Year" award.
- Ken Hladky won a six foot mini race car at **Thunderbird Lanes**. A real beauty.
- Corbin Bowl** offered \$1500 for every perfect game for the whole winter season.
- Midnight/Moonlight Adult-Jr Doubles No Tap at **Del Rio Lanes** only \$8 entry fee. Up for grabs, trophies, free games and bowling balls. Something special for juniors and adults. They filled the house.
- Stacy Rider rode home with the giant trophy, flowers and \$1100 for her WWPB **Rocky Mountain** Open Title. Her 300 game came in handy.
- The BPASC's mobile bowling lane was set up at the Los Angeles County Fair. Anyone could roll a few balls and win free games at their local center.
- Blake Usilton, manager at **El Dorado Bowl** was always ready to award 300 rings. In August, the ring went to Wayne Salkoski.
- The August pages were filled with center ads gearing up for the Winter season. How was a bowler supposed to choose which league was the right one?? Just choose the same old one? Try a new one? Check the weekly league fee? What was the pay off? Who else was bowling? Which ad was the best? Flip a coin??
- Dunkin Donuts sponsored the \$1,000,000 National Bowling Challenge. The winner to receive \$50,000, a TV appearance, and a trip to Reno.
- Disney Leagues were very popular. Everyone got a trip to Disneyland at leagues end.
- Robert Smith and Debbie Freeman won the West Coast Junior Elims in Sacramento.
- Jim Murtishaw (7 time winner) was PCB Champ at **Hemet Bowl**. Cheryl and Jay Robinson were host proprietors.
- Again?? Eric Forkel forked up a PBA Regional win in Watsonville with a pair of 300's.
- A great night at **Gable House**. Dave Dessert served up a 300 and Derrill Meyer drilled a 299. Took 2 days to wipe away the smiles.
- Carl Malucci and Tony Rodriguez teamed up and won the 390 Doubles Title at **Del Rio Lanes**. Of course Frank Kietz was on hand for a picture!
- Walt Block and wife Lucy became parents of 8 pound baby girl Christina. (Just for info sake, Walt is still working in the bank in 2019. Star Gazer told me.)
- Big OOPS...September 5, 1991..Headline Boo Boo. "Vernon Law Leads Grant Classic." BUT, the picture identified him as Vernon Adams, a 24 year old with a 153 average.
- California ranked 4th in WIBC/ABC membership, behind Michigan, New York and Ohio.

Does the current commercial showing gals wearing high heels to bowl in bother you?? Spikes on the approach! Or the commercial where the dancer rolls his ball and gets a strike on 22 lanes. How they do dat?? Golf...this weeks winner "Rory M" received \$15,000,000. 8th place paid \$5,000,000. That's more than Jack Nicklas won his whole career!! Highest payoff for ANY event!! (But who wants to hit 500 balls a day??)

I started this column with a comment about lane inspections. Some of your sanction card fee paid to your local association is the financing for lane inspections. No bowlers, no sanction cards, no inspections!!! Let's see, how much oil is put on the lanes, or how deep the gutters are, or are the back boards right, or are the foul lights working!!??? Forget about the refrigerator magnets, be thankful for the yearly inspections by your association. Buy a card! Be a member! Keep your sport honest, go to a meeting! God, I love our game!



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Del Rio Lanes - Downey

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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
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2/9 - Regular Event
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3/29 - USBC Nationals Challenge
Location TBD

Upcoming Events

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MARK BAKER Coaches USA Women's Trio Team to Gold

by Frank Weiler

LAS VEGAS, NV – The 2019 World Bowling Women’s Championships just concluded at the South Point Bowling Plaza. The United States sent its best bowlers to compete against the world. Women from 32 countries came to win medals and bring honor to their countries.

I was there watching every minute of competition for eight days. Watching morning to night every day. Observing United States coach Mark Baker work his magic.

The Championships included competition in Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All-Events and Masters. Team USA was expected to win Gold in several competitions but finished with Gold only in the Trio competition and Singles. USA Trio Team #2 (Liz Kuhlkin, Missy Parkin and Jordan Richard) was one of our two Gold Medal winners.

I believe our Trio Gold Medal winning squad did win because of the coaching of Mark Baker. Mark is one of the top bowling coaches in the world and is known for his ability to extract the best out of the bowlers he is coaching. His eye for detail enables him to guide bowlers to make needed ball and lane adjustments necessary to score and win. Mark did just that as USA Trio Team #2 defeated Mexico and Columbia to win Gold.

Hats off to USA Coach Mark Baker for leading our Trio Team #2 to victory and a Gold Medal.

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7 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 5pm, Ebonite Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 805/415-7018

7 – Xframe 5-Gamer Handicap Tourn., 3pm, West Covina Lanes, 909/702-3369

7 – Sport Pattern Challenge 4 Gamer, 7pm, AMF Rocklin Lanes, 916/521-3524

8 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161

8 – JAT, 9am, Bowlium, Montclair, bowljat.org

8 – NCJET, 10am, Stars Recreation Center, Vacaville, norcaljrelitetour@gmail.com

8 – QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship, 1pm, CBS Sports Network

15-18 – PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA

16 & 17 – PWBA Tour Championship on Bowl TV

18 – PWBA Tour Championship, 5pm, CBS Sports Network

21 – Golden Empire USBC 2019 3-Generation Trios Tourn./Fundraiser, 10am & 2pm, AMF Southwest Lanes, info@geusbc.org

21 – No Tap 5-Gamer, 7pm, AMF Rocklin Lanes, 916/521-3524

22 – CCUSBC Pete Melton Memorial Shootout Scratch Tourn., 11am, Bowlero/Rodeo, Clovis, ccusbc.com

22 – JAT, 9am, PBA Challenge #1, Forest Lanes, Lake Forest, bowljat.org

27-29 – PBA West/NoWest Open, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, pba.com

28 – Average Joe's Trio Tourn., 11am, Santa Clarita Lanes, 661/816-3323, averagejoetrios@gmail.com

28 – NLAC 3rd annual SoCal Queens & Princess Tourn., 9am, Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, 323/252-7904, aweubanks@yahoo.com

29 – 2nd annual CA Bowling Writers Operation Freedom Paws Bowling Tourn., 4th Street Bowl, San Jose, 408/246-3956, hamdjm63@gmail.com

29 – SLAC SoCal Masters & Apprentices, 9am, Winnetka Bowl, 323/252-7904, aweubanks@yahoo.com

29 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Trios Tourn., Valley Bowl, Madera, 559/385-8837

29 – Lousy Bowler Tourn., Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 888/590-2695

29 – JAT Adult/Member Doubles, 9am, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, bowljat.org

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by Tish

BURBANK – I hope all of you had a safe & delicious Labor Day. After all, it's all about the food & friends! Summer championships & scores are here! Apologies to leagues that were missed.

Monday 710-Telco: Congrats to Team 6, Colette Rector, Danny Gonzales, Diane Baldwin & Zoran Jacimovic! (scr) Cory Neill 236, Judy Lamb 189, Steven Sinn 678, Barbara Jimenez 553. (hdcp) Don Lollar 274, Julie Martin 269, Mike Martin 725, Debbie Martenson 658.

Senior Swingers: Congratulations Team 4, Sarah Alexander, Shirlee Wolf & Rick Langer! (scr) Robert Corenett 152, Mary Langer 163, Bob Shimp 489, Shirlee Wolf 437. (hdcp) Rick Langer 225, Kim Rasmussen 221, Andre Giancomelli 631, Josie Pemberton 618.

Senior Foursome: Congrats to Team 1, Jesse Menez, Seiki Tluczek, Marie Menez & Jim DeAngelo. (scr) Rick Langer 191, Mary Langer 164, Ron Stearns 494, Lydia Gantt 411. (hdcp) Robert Cornett 249, Tessie Lampa 218, Richard Andersen 776, Cres Cruz 687.

Disney League: (scr) Mario Reid 593, Nikki Nguyen 438, Diego Carmona 223, Krystal Bickel 206. (hdcp) Ed Zeigler 684, Janet Hedke 628, Travis Turner 274, Nicole Martin 247.

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

Finals for Fab 5 Tournament to Be Held at Gable House Bowl in Torrance

by Fred Eisenhammer

TORRANCE – The California Fab 5 tournament will start a little earlier this year.

The tournament will hold the qualifying period from Sept. 15 to Nov. 9. In 2018, qualifying started in October and the finals were held Dec. 9.

This year the finals will take place at 11 a.m. Nov. 17 at Gable House Bowl in Torrance.

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.

A team representing Winnetka Bowl in the San Fernando Valley claimed the championship of the prestigious event in 2018, ending a three-year reign of teams from Forest Lanes in the Orange County city of Lake Forest.

The Valley team of "No Spares," consisting of captain Denny Jiramoree, Mark Alvarino, Jocelyn Bustamante, John Ritchie and Karl Gatmaitan, claimed the title last year and split a payoff of more than \$1,500.

The tournament finals were held at Cal Bowl in Lake-wood.

In 2017, Forest Lanes served as the host for the finals. Bowlmum 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).



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by Ed Saleh

LA HABRA – Weekly High Scores. Check out our weekly senior No-Tap, Friday mornings at 10:00 am. Congratulations to Brandon Kraye on his 300 game and 832 series that he bowled during the Adult/Jr. league. The next Beast Eliminator is Sunday, September 15th at 10:00 am.

SUNDAY-Wally's Vegas Cruise: Albert Salinas 267/650, Joe Jimenez 251/649, Todd Foster 237/692, Erin LaBrada 203.

MONDAY-Golden Awards: Bill Edwards 259, Vine Palmer 233/681, Jerry Rudd 227, Rick Moffat 610, Fred Reinecke 608, Nancy Parker 231, Jenny Campbell 216, Starla Battiest 212.

Adult/Jr.: Brandon Kraye 300/832, Wayne Copeland 267, Kevin Jones 267/685, Michael Marmolejo 279/640, Blake Copeland 232, Daniel Hong 232/657, Sophia Howard 236.

TUESDAY-Friendly Seniors: Richard Mada 268/679, Al Magdaleno 223/626, Phil Brewer 222.

Ageless Wonders: Tom Denker 243/648, Bob Hughes 213, Alex Ferracioli 208, Dean Burdett 208.

Guys & Dolls: Jing Sablan 236/650, Leo Maningas 227/640, Bob Collier 214, Belinda Crowder 248/642.

WEDNESDAY-Silver Foxes: Scott Schneider 278/668, Carl Brooks 265/657, Richard Mondragon 232, Willie Ford 232, Jenny Campbell 216, Starla Battiest 216, Mariel Mondragon 209.

American National Can: Jeremy Carmichael 236, Wayne Gaither 225, Brian Parker 208.

THURSDAY-Sunset Rollers: John Mulay 234, Bill Scherger 234, Willie Keith 211.

Frank's Gold Cup Trios: Brandon Kraye 278/978, Dave Rough 268, Gary Wingett 268/962, Jim Hutchinson 268, Scott Kraye 944, Matt Ward 944, Tee Delgado 230/838, Cyndy Fowler 200.

FRIDAY-Vegas Gamblers: Marlow Dinger 268, Kirk Keith 265, Brandon Kraye 259, Joe Lotspeich 714, Dexter Harrod 700, Steve Koontz 692, Karen Balicki 222, Jackie Lotspeich 206, Kim Kessler-Webb 204. Until next week.

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WINNETKA – Congratulations to all of our 2019 summer league champions:

49'ERS: The Alley Cats - Cathy Pia, Richard Deem, Gary Bricker.

RIVER MANIACS: Margaritaville - Rosa Oliva, Joe Valance, Darryl Epps, Robert Pellicci.

ELLEN'S COMEDIANS: Vive La Revolution!! -- Shane Cornejo, Albert Corado, Dan Onestinghel, Alex Schwartz.

GUYS & DOLLS: Teenage Wasteland - Carol Tucker, John DeLarionda, Jim Hartt, Joe Curry.

LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: Team Josh - Derek Dimaggio, Tony Barragan, Alex Schwartz, Josh Ellis.

FUNTIMERS: Purple Haze - Mike Paganelli, Gary Stines, Craig Evans.

MIXED CLASSIC HANDICAP: Team # 23 - Jennifer Kennick, Jodi Cromar, Adam Lander, Greg Kennick, Ron Cromar.

500 CLASSIC: Oops - Christine Drew, Stella Mount, Connie Wannomae.

39'ERS: Team # 13 - Mary Lauer, Bill Lind, Ed Wannomae.

THIRSTY NITE OUT: Team # 15 - Brian Ross, Christina Ross, Greg Nelson, Eric Haughby, Richard Syde.

SFVCC NIKKEI: Team # 6 - David Shimizu, Diane Date, Paul Shimizu.

JUNIOR ROYALS: Team # 3 - Deanna Frias, Jonathan Hall, Devon Valdez.

Thank you to all who bowled in our summer leagues this year! Fall leagues begin this week and next. There are still a few openings. Please call 818.340.5190 to sign up.



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PWBA Bowlers Dominate at 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships

by Frank Weiler

LAS VEGAS, NV – The PWBA features the best female bowlers in the world. PWBA bowlers demonstrated this fact by dominating the Gold Medal platform at last week's 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships at The South Point Bowling Plaza.

There were 21 PWBA members competing at the World Championships for 32 countries. These bowlers competed in all six championships (Singles, Doubles, Trios, Team, All-Events and Masters), winning Gold Medals in five of those competitions: Singles, Trios, Team, All-Events and Masters.

That is dominance and proof that the PWBA is the premier women's bowling organization on planet Earth.

The PWBA bowlers who won Gold Medals in those five events represented three countries:

Singles: Danielle McEwan (USA)
Trios: Liz Kuhlkin, Missy Parkin & Jordan Richard (USA)
Team: Clara Guerrero, Rocio Restrepo, Maria Jose Rodriguez and two non-PWBA Bowlers (Columbia)
All-Events: Maria Jose Rodriguez (Columbia)
Masters: Cherie Tan (Singapore)

PWBA Leaders

by Frank Weiler

ORLANDO, FL. – After completion of the Orlando Open the Women's National Tour is just two tournaments away from crowning this season's "BOWLER OF THE YEAR". At present 2018 "BOWLER OF THE YEAR" Shannon O'Keefe is the Tour point leader. According to "BOWLSTATS" O'Keefe has a 89% chance to repeat as the Tour's top player. "FRANK'SSTATS" has her as a 95% favorite.

The PWBA TOUR leaders after the Orlando Open are:

"Player of The Year" Points Leaders:

1.	Shannon O'Keefe	105,125
2.	Danielle McEwan	91,685
3.	Dasha Kovalova	79,970

Earnings Leaders:

1.	Shannon O'Keefe	\$57,275
2.	Dasha Kovalova	53,675
3.	Danielle McEwan	42,200

Average Leaders:

1.	Sin Li Jane	218.10
2.	Cherie Tan	214.91
3.	Shannon O'Keefe	214.82

Most Tournaments Cashed (11): Bryanna Cote, Liz Johnson, Shannon O'Keefe And Missy Parkin
Most Television Appearances: Shannon O'Keefe (5), Danielle McEwan and Maria Jose Rodriguez (4)
Most Titles (4): Shannon O'Keefe

Singapore's Tan Earns Masters Gold Medal

Team Singapore's Cherie Tan finished the 2019 World Bowling Women's Championships on a high note by winning the final Masters event with a two game victory over Team Colombia's Maria Rodriguez. Tan won by a narrow margin in the first game 203 – 201, but soared to a 258-217 win in the second game for the Gold Medal. Rodriguez earned the Silver medal.

"It means everything," said Tan. "Everybody is trying to win. I have been so close many times, so it is great to finally win the gold. Everyone is tough so whoever finds it the fastest and executes shots will win. I thank my coaches and support staff for helping me come this far. They were behind me all week.

We were a little disappointed that we didn't do better in team, but this helps a little."

In the semi-final matches, Tan defeated Danielle McEwan of Team USA 2-1, and Rodriguez defeated Team Finland's Sanna Pasanen 2-1. McEwan and Pasanen earned Bronze medals for their performance.



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