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## A Incredible Night Back to Back 300's

by Fred Eisenhammer

SAN MARCOS – “So I bowled pretty good tonight. I love the game.”

That’s what Richard Perez III posted August 22 on his Facebook page in a rather sizable understatement.

Perez, 30, walloped an 837 series that night in which he punctuated his personal best series with back to back 300’s in his second and third games.

“It just seemed like I couldn’t miss,” said Perez, who racked up his fourth 800 series and fifth and sixth perfect games. “I literally missed my mark only twice.”

Perez was bowling in Tuesday night’s “Get Your Gear” league at AMF Eagle Lanes in San Marcos. He added his name to a brief list of Southern California bowlers who have notched two perfect games in succession.

“It’s something I will never forget,” said Perez, who lives in the San Diego County city of Vista. “I’m on the short list of people who have done that [back-to-back 300s].

“It was an incredible night.”

Only two bowlers have rolled 900 series (three perfect games) in California

and both have come from Riverside County: Vince Wood in 1999 and Jimmy Schmitzer in 2012.

“Just the thought of it [900] is crazy,” Perez said. “I’d love to give it a run.”

Perez, a left-hander, has a strong shot at hitting that magical 900 series, especially with the passion he has for the game.

He taught himself how to bowl at age 16 “and it’s taken me about 10 years to perfect it. It’s been quite a run to get where I am now. No one taught me anything.”

Interestingly, Perez shot his previous-best 800 series four months earlier – scoring an 824. In that series, he blasted a 300 in his final game.

“I really do love the game,” he said. “I get so emotional and almost cry every time. I work so hard. I don’t feel like anyone gets into the game like I do.”

Perez realized that he just can’t step into a bowling center and bowl brilliantly every time.

Perez, who averages 226, rolled a 618 series the week after his 837 series.

“I went down 200 pins,” he said, laughing. “You never know when that special moment will happen.”

## Danielle McEwan Wins 2017 Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open



2017 Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open Champion Danielle McEwan

PLANO, Texas – After falling short in two recent opportunities to win the third title of her Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour career, Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, finally was able to find the winner’s circle in the last standard event of the 2017 season.

The 25-year-old right-hander topped fellow Team USA member Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, 226-224, to win the 2017 Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open.

In the see-saw match, Pluhowsky jumped out to an early lead with four strikes in her first five frames, but a missed 10 pin in the sixth frame shifted the momentum in McEwan’s favor.

McEwan answered with strikes in frames seven through nine, and Pluhowsky struck in the eighth and ninth frames to set up the 10th frame most bowlers dream of – getting the chance to deliver in the fi-

nal frame to win a professional title.

McEwan finished first, leaving a 10 pin on her first offering and a 7-10 split on the fill ball after the spare. That gave Pluhowsky, a 35-year-old left-hander, the

opportunity to win her first official PWBA Tour title with two strikes and one pin.

The 17-time Team USA veteran threw the first shot for a strike. But, she nicked

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## Another Reminder About Bowling Etiquette

by Fred Eisenhammer

### When will bowlers learn?

One can never remind players enough about bowling etiquette. This may be an appropriate time for that reminder because many new bowlers are starting their lengthy fall seasons.

As for those veteran bowlers who should know better . . . well, this lecture is for them too.

Remember, you’re not bowling in a vacuum. There are bowlers all around you. If you forget everything else, just remember this: Be considerate.

OK, so do you have a pet peeve about etiquette and courtesy when you bowl?

I have one.

When I release the ball at the foul line, oftentimes a bowler on an adjoining lane will thunder to my side and rifle his or her ball while I’m still tracking my shot and anticipating my upcoming pin action (or lack thereof).

It’s easy to get startled by such an ill-mannered bowler . . . and annoyed. Why can’t that bowler just wait a few seconds and allow me to watch my electrifying shot (thinking positively) before I triumphantly return to my seat?

The fact is that rudeness often prevails in a bowling house. It’s rarely intentional, but it can produce a heart-stopping – and irritating – moment or two.

On the same topic, perfectbowling.com, a nifty website that provides bowling tips, advice and other interesting data, came up with its list of nine bowling rules for etiquette and courtesy.

So here goes – the etiquette rules from perfectbowling.com:

1 – The first rule in bowling is to never bother another bowler while they are in the process of bowling.

2 – Bowlers on the right-hand lane have the right-of-way

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Richard Perez III has fans in his sister, Melissa Taylor, left, and his mother, Alicia Smith. Perez blasted back-to-back perfect games last month at AMF Eagle Lanes in San Marcos.



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## 16-PLAYER FIELD FINALIZED FOR 2017 SMITHFIELD PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

ARLINGTON, Texas – The final major of the season is up for grabs as 16 of the top players on the Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour will vie for the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship title, Sept. 3-6 at Richmond Raceway in Richmond, Virginia.

The PWBA Tour Championship brings together all eligible champions from 2017, with the remainder of the field filled through the season points list.

The 16-player field and bracket matchups became official Tuesday following the television broadcast of the Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open on CBS Sports Network.

Players will compete in a single-elimination, best-of-five match-play bracket to determine the two additional competitors who will advance to the live finals, which will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 5 p.m.

Reigning PWBA Player of the Year **Liz Johnson** of Deerfield, Illinois, and **Kelly Kulick** of Union, New Jersey, automatically earned spots on the TV show as the top two players on the 2017 PWBA Tour points list. As the season points leader, Johnson is the top seed.

Johnson was dominant this season – her 139,150 points are more than 50,000 points ahead of second place – resulting in her already earning PWBA Player of the Year honors, which is determined by season points. She is the first player in PWBA history to win award in three consecutive seasons.

The 43-year-old right-hander had the best year of her professional career in 2017, winning the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship and her fourth consecutive U.S. Women's Open title.

She joins **Wendy Macpherson** (four) and **Lisa Wagner** (three) as the only players who've won the honor three or more times.

"That is absolutely amazing to me," said Johnson, who has won eight titles since the relaunch of the PWBA Tour. "I grew up a bowler and with a dream to bowl on the women's professional tour. I grew up watching the ladies bowl. I grew up watching **Leanne (Hulsenberg)**, who I bowl against. I watched **Robin Romeo** and all those ladies, hoping I could grow up one day and do what they do. To be in this position, especially doing this for more than 20 years and at the ripe age of 43, to be player of the year, is hard to put into words. But, it's amazing. It's an amazing feeling."

And while 2017 already has been a season to remember, winning the Tour Championship would add a new title to Johnson's resume.

"I've been fortunate to go right to the TV show the last couple times, but I didn't do so well," Johnson said. "To really finish off 2017 with the Tour Championship would be a big deal for me. But, I've had an amazing 2017 – two major wins, one runner-up in a major and one more title. If it happens, it happens. If it's meant to be, it's meant to be. But, I'm not going to be at the Tour Championship just to show up and have fun. I'm going to have fun, but I want to win. That's going to be my goal in Richmond."

Kulick broke through earlier this season with a win at the PWBA Fountain Valley Open, her first victory in 11 championship-round appearances since the relaunch of the PWBA Tour in 2015.

Kulick added a runner-up finish at the Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship and was third at the Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open, which helped her finish second on the points list (86,000). She will be the No. 2 seed and compete in the second semifinal.

**Diana Zavjalova** of Latvia, who won her second United States Bowling Congress Queens title this season and finished second at the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open, is the third seed and earned a first-round bye at the PWBA Tour Championship. Zavjalova will face the winner of Monday's match between No. 10 seed **Daria Pajak** and 11th seeded **Verity Crawley**.

Also earning a first-round bye is 2015 Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship winner **Danielle McEwan** of Stony Point, New York. She won the Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open, the final standard event of the 2017 season, for her first win of 2017, was third at the PWBA Orlando Open and had fourth-place finishes at the PWBA Storm Sacramento Open and PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open. She will face the winner of Monday's opening match between No. 9 **Maria Jose Rodriguez** and No. 12 **Missy Parkin**.

Monday's other first-round matches, with how they qualified in parenthesis: No. 5 **Shannon O'Keefe** (PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open winner) vs. No. 16 **Birgit Poppler** (PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles winner); No. 7 **Rocio Restrepo** (QubicaAMF PWBA Sonoma County Open winner) vs. No. 14 **Sin Li Jane** (Pepsi PWBA Lincoln Open champion); No. 6 **Shannon Pluhowsky** (points) vs. No. 15 **Stefanie Johnson** (PWBA Orlando Open winner); No. 8 **Clara Guerrero** (points) vs. No. 13 **Siti Rahman** (PWBA Wichita Open winner).

Monday's Pajak-Crawley match is a matchup of former Webber International teammates and PWBA Tour roommates. The match also could determine the winner of the PWBA Rookie of the Year award.

Pajak, who won the 2017 PWBA Greater Detroit Open, has 59,890 points and holds a small advantage over Crawley (53,462.5). If Pajak wins the match, she will claim the 2017 honor.

Crawley, who finished second at the PWBA Fountain Valley Open and the PWBA Greater Detroit Open, would need to reach the TV finals to win the award.

The PWBA Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards are determined by competition points.

All rounds of the PWBA Tour Championship leading up to the TV finals are being broadcast on Xtra Frame, the exclusive online bowling channel for the Professional Bowlers Association. The lanes are being specially installed inside the Old Dominion Building by QubicaAMF, the official supplier of bowling equipment for the 2017 Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship.



## JASON BELMONTE MOVES INTO ELITE TERRITORY WITH 15TH CAREER TITLE

By winning his 15th PBA Tour title in the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters Sunday in Malmo, Sweden, Australia's **Jason Belmonte** have moved into a higher tier among PBA's elite.

With 15 titles, Belmonte is now tied with **Steve Cook** for 23rd place on the all-time titles list. Next on the list is **Jason Couch** with 16, **Carmen Salvino** with 17 and a log jam of bowlers with 18 career titles, including **Chris Barnes**, **Nelson Burton Jr.**, **Dave Davis**, **Billy Hardwick**, **Tommy Jones** and **Dave Soutar**, all of whom are tied for 15th place on the all-time list.

Among active PBA players, Belmonte is eighth behind **Walter Ray Williams Jr.** (47), **Norm Duke** (38), **Pete Weber** (37), **Parker Bohn III** (35), **Amleto Monacelli** (20), Barnes and Jones (18 each).



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# Bowling Calendar

by Bette Addington

## September:

- 1-3 – PBA Tony Reyes Memorial, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose
- 1-2-3 – Xframe Tournament Club, Labor Day Special, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
- 3-6 – PWBA Tour Championship Season Finale, Richmond Int. Raceway, VA
- 15-17 – PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West, Ukiah
- 16 – Xframe Tournament Club, 4pm, 6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood
- 17 – Scratch 6-Gamer, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, Wayne – 209/524-9161
- 17 – Joaquin Bowling Club Doubles Tourn., Porterville Lanes, 559/385-8837
- 17 – Mira Mesa 8-Gamer
- 23 – Taft Bowlers Club 9 Pin No-Tap Sngls, 12pm, West Side Lanes, 661/623-5707
- 23-24 – Earl Anthony's Memorial Jr. Fall Classic Scholarship Tourn., Dbls.-Sat.; Singles-Sun., Dublin Bowl, earlanthonysdublinbowl.com
- 24 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 9 Finals, 10am, Deer Creek Lanes, Rancho Cucamonga
- 30-1 – 10th Don Glover Scratch Masters, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield

## October:

- 1-2 – West Coast Bowling Conv., Coconut Bowl, Sparks, NV, wcbowling.com
- 5-11/5 – Storm Festival of Bowling Mxd. Tourn., NBS, Reno, 800/304-2695
- 6-8 – PBA Battle at Black Oak, Toulumne, CA
- 9-12 – Senior High Roller, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV
- 13-15 – Pam Buckner Open Tourn., NBS, Reno
- 14-26 – Stockton USBC's Open Reno Mxd. Dbls./Singles, Grand Sierra Resort
- 14-15 – CUSBC CA State Singles, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calusbc.com
- 17-22 – 40th ABT Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com
- 21-22 – 48th CSSBA Open Champs., Modesto, (five weekends), 925/757-2695
- 29 – HammerPins Scratch Doubles 8-Gamer, 10am, AMF Rocklin Lanes

Calendar brought to you by California Bowling Writers ([www.calbowlingwriters.org](http://www.calbowlingwriters.org))

# 2017 PBA Xtra Frame Tour Season in Review: 10 Events, 10 Locations, 11 Different Winners

Xtra Frame is today's solution to providing the sport with a traveling PBA Tour with broad appeal. The rapid growth of technology that allows for video streaming provides the ability to transmit live "televised" events via the internet from all corners of the world to all corners of the world, on any day at any time.

The PBA, a frontrunner in using Xtra Frame to cover events and make them available to bowling fans around the world at very little cost, will continue to evolve to serve the interests of its fan base. The nature of video streaming also expands the fan's access to aspects of tournament competition, such as qualifying and match play rounds, that were never available in the past.

In 2017, the PBA's Xtra Frame programming included 10 events in 10 different locations, all covered exclusively from first ball to last. The Xtra Frame Tour produced 11 different champions (including one woman, who received a PWBA title). A quick recap of the events and winners includes:

- DHC PBA Japan Invitational, Bentencho Grand Bowl, Osaka, Japan: **EJ Tackett**.
- Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic, Sawgrass Lanes, Tamarac, Fla.: **Josh Blanchard**.
- Xtra Frame Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.: **Anthony Simonsen**.
- Xtra Frame Greater Jonesboro Open, Jonesboro Bowling Center, Jonesboro, Ark.: **Francois Lavoie**.
- Xtra Frame Lubbock Sports Open, Lubbock, Texas: **Marshall Kent**.
- Xtra Frame Billy Hardwick Memorial Open, Billy Hardwick's All-Star Lanes, Memphis, Tenn.: **Matt Sanders**.
- Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas: **Jason Sterner/Birgit Poppler**.
- Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch, Chesapeake, Va.: **Dick Allen**.
- Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic, Mid-County Bowling & Entertainment, Middletown, Del.: **Sean Rash**.
- Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic, Pla-Mor Lane, Coldwater, Ohio: **Rhino Page**.

Seven of the 10 events listed were part of the inaugural Xtra Frame Storm Cup points series, which provided players with more than \$411,000 in prize money plus the added incentive to compete for another \$50,000 in bonus prize money based upon consistency of performance throughout the season. DHC Japan (an invitational event), Hardwick Memorial (a restricted-equipment event) and Mixed Doubles (an event involving partners) were not part of the Storm Cup due to their unique variations, but they were important parts of the Xtra Frame program.

As a group, all of the XF Tour events all offered at least \$10,000 in first prize money and collectively, they provided a grand total of \$750,000 in prize money to PBA Tour players that otherwise may not have existed. The Xtra Frame Tour also created an opportunity for a special points competition – the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup – which led to \$50,000 in bonus prize money including a \$20,000 prize to points champion **EJ Tackett**.

## Etiquette

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- to bowl first.
- 3** – Never pick up your ball from the return rack while another bowler is preparing to bowl and is in his/her starting position.
- Fred Eisenhammer: In other words, don't be so eager to take your shot. The pins will still be standing there!
- 4** – Refrain from using obscenities or vulgar gestures.
- 5** – After your shot, let others bowl.
- Fred Eisenhammer: In other words, don't linger on the lane after your shot.
- 6** – Wear proper shoes.
- 7** – Keep food and other refreshments off the approach.
- 8** – Remember, there are others waiting to bowl.
- Fred Eisenhammer: In other words, don't wander off aimlessly . . . or socialize too long when your turn is about to arrive.
- 9** – Above all else, have fun.
- I'll add Rule No. 10 to the list:
- 10** – Let the bowler next to you complete his or her turn and walk back to his or her seat before you start your approach.

Of course, it's inevitable that some bowlers will slip up from time to time, so it's important not to get flustered if someone violates one of these rules.

No slamming your bowling ball on the lane in disgust. Distractions happen – even when pros are bowling.

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# 1974 - PART 1


by Carol Mancini

The 70's was great for bowlers, bowling "alleys" and the bowling industry. New centers, new scoring, new balls and new ways to think about the game was filing the Bowling News pages.

- **TROPICANA LANES** was offering \$3.00 each for all weights used balls. Guess they would be used for "house balls".
- Another P.B.A. stop at **BOWLING SQUARE**. **GEORGE SNOW** played host. **LARRY LAUB** won \$7,500. **BURT BACHARACH** was a guest along with **JACK KLUGMAN**.
- Remember the gasoline shortage? The big sign in front of **SANTA ANITA LANES** spelled out "Don't Fuel Around - - - Bowl for Blue Chips".
- **JIM STEFANICH** rolled a 300 game on a "non-pair" of lanes due to a breakdown. Lanes 28 and 29 were the "odd couple".
- **FRANK WERMAN** won \$1,000 for out-shootintg 299 other Marathoners at **GRAND CENTRAL BOWL** in January. Beat out **GARY JOSEPH** by 4 pins.
- Something new!! At least in the ad section. The latest idea for a ladies league was "Santa's Helpers". League started in January and ran til November. Everyone got their "savings" or "prize money" in time for Christmas shopping. I think there are a few of those leagues still around, maybe **WEST COVINA?**
- **TERRY FOWLER's** horoscope predicted he would receive some extra cash. And he did! A bonus check from work.
- **JOE NAGY** took over a new task in January, just as his horoscope predicted.
- **GLENN ALLISON** was named President of the P.C.B. **LEE TAYLOR** was chosen "Bowler of the Year".
- Interesting names on **CORBIN BOWL** leagues: Rattlesdorf, Tamajka, Schettini, Ambrosini, Sisneros, Buono, Fiore, Yasuda. Great guys!
- First five issues featured **KENNY BAYER** somewhere in the paper. He was on a hot streak and everyone wanted his secret.
- Japan was exporting pinsetters to the U.S. with Brunswick labels on them. Brunswick issued a firey open letter to the bowling public denouncing any association with the inferior products.
- The longest sanctioned league on record was 62 weeks. Texas always did it bigger!
- **AL CHAMBERS** was King of the Hill - - - week after week after week after week.
- Pros from around the country would get new balls drilled by **TONY KOWALCZYK** whenever they were in town.
- Some gal named **CAROL MANCINI** invested in a new ball and shot 604 the frist 3 games. Paid for the ball with sidepot winnings.
- **MIKE KUTICH**, P.C.B. winner, was pictured with **DAVE FRAME**, **WALLY WAGNER** and **DENNIS FITZSIMMONDS**. They were the "cream" in Palm Springs. They all used "one hand"!!
- **JOHN ELLEDGE** hit new scoring record for the San Gabriel Valley Ass'n 279-277-257/813 at **BOWLING SQUARE**.
- **TOSH KINJO**, G.M. of **HOLIDAY BOWL** was chosen Executive of the Year by the Bowling Writers.
- **PAT RETELLE** was crowed Queen of San Fernando Valley W.B.A. after her win at **VERDUGO HILLS BOWL**.
- **VALLEY VIEW BOWL** was due to open in July, complete with a Baskin Robbins.
- Another saying on the **SANTA ANITA** sign "During gas shortages, we will be open on all odd and even dates."
- The **SHOWBOAT** added 22 lanes for a total of 70. (There was only one **SHOWBOAT**).
- Pretty **LYDIA BREWER**, (160 average) rolled the first 300 at **LA MIRADA BOWL**.

- **Billy Myers Sr.** was elected to San Gabriel Valley Hall of Fame.
- "The Streaker" was a **BILL BETTS** creation at **GRAND CENTRAL**. The naked man in a barrel (on the ad) proclaimed "dress optional".
- **DONNA ADAMEK** was a force in the Junior Masters. The "force" was always with her as she advanced into the adult leagues and the Pros. Hey Donna! Give us a call any Monday and let your fans know how and where your are.
- **CHUCK RUBINO**, deskman at **ALHAMBRA VALLEY Bowl** for many years rolled his first 300 at **SANTA ANITA LANES!** When he retired from bowling he opened a small chain of Italian restaurants in Orange County.
- **ROBBY ROBINSON** had 12 ladies sewing his "hand positioners". The pro shop couldn't keep them on the rack. Bet you had one!
- The Greater L.A. Women's Travel League was THE showcase for the wonderful talented ladies of So. California. Every 5 woman team was sponsored and uniformed. The 1974 winning team proudly boasted these stars: **BOBBE NORTH**, **DIANE GERACI**, **WANDA BRUCE**, **BETTY MIVELAZ**, and **ELLA HANSON**.
- The Greater L.A. Men's All Star champs were pictured with winning smiles. Remember **RON SAPUTO**, **BOB COLBURN**, **RALPH LOMBARD**, **JOE McCUE** and **WALLY PALMER?**
- Young **CURT JONES** was King of the Hill at **SANTA ANITA LANES** for four weeks. The King competition was at NOON, followed by pot games into the twilight hours.
- **FRANK BELLINDER** was doing his best ball drilling in his shop inside **KEYSTONE LANES**.
- **TREESA SPENCER** (Stargazer) and 2 friends attended the S.G.V.W.B.A. awards, banquet on Saturday night. They waited an hour before they discovered it was scheduled for Sunday night. Was her crystal ball smoggy?
- **HELEN DUVAL** was installed in California Hall of Fame.
- **ALHAMBRA VALLEY** (and Mancini again) hosted his latest brain cramp - - - THE PIP SQUEEK SINGLES! Good thing he didn't drink. \$12,000 guaranteed. Another Winner.
- **GLENN ALLISON** spotlighted local female winners of his 10 game marathon; winner was **VICKIE MYERS**, second **BETTY MIVELAZ**, thirdb **BOBBIE BUFFLOE** and fourth **ELLA HANSON**. All pictures perfect.
- Ad for center manager offered \$15,000 a year.
- Gone but not forgotten. **SOUTHWEST BOWL**, **BELAIR BOWL**, **STARLITE LANES**, **WOODLAKE**, **BURBANK**, **ROCKET**, **CLARK CENTER**, **LUCKY LANES**, **WOODLAND HILLS**, **LA MIRADA**, **CORONA BOWL**, **AZUSA BOWL**, **ENCINO BOWL**, **PREMIERE**, **PRO 300**, **KING PIN**, **ALL STAR**, **MAR LIN DO**, **FRIENDLY HILLS**, **DUTCH VILLAGE**, **CENTURY BOWL**, **JAVA LANES**, **IMPERIAL**, **WONDERBOWLS**, **MATADOR**, **VERMONT**, **SAN GABRIEL**, **FIVE POINTS**, **JOLA**, **SUN VALLEY**, **BOWLERLAND**, **JEFFERSON**, **TRI-ANON**, **MONTEREY PARK**, ETC., ETC. These bowls were listed in only 1 weeks paper.
- **MICKEY COLLETTI**, Manager of **HOLLYWOOD STAR LANES**, organized the first Afro-American Bowling Assn. Membership \$3.00. First tournament was at **IMPERIAL LANES**.
- **KEYSTONE LANES** was plugging their Paint League. The Paint League is still bowling. In fact there are two leagues currently.
- **DICK "KWIKIE" COLE** was a contestant on "Joker's Wild" T.V. Show.
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the ball return cover on her second shot, and, instead of stopping, she continued and left the 2-4 combination, allowing McEwan to win on the bench.

“I was pretty much down the whole match, but I tried to be optimistic after throwing the best shots I could in the 10th frame,” said McEwan, who won one title in each of the last two seasons (2015 and 2016). “It’s never a good feeling to sit down knowing it’s in the other player’s hands, especially at this level. I absolutely expected her to throw great shots in that situation, but I was fortunate to come away with the win.”

When McEwan qualified for the championship round of the PWBA Rochester Open, it was the third show she made in as many weeks and her fourth of the season.

She suffered a couple of disappointing losses in the finals of the PWBA Orlando Open and PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, where she finished third and fourth, respectively, and she entered the finals of the Rochester event motivated to end the streak on a positive note.

The win earned McEwan \$10,000 and a spot in the season-ending Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship in Richmond, Virginia, a 16-player invitation-only event she won in 2015 for her first title. The tournament will include the winners and top point-earners from the 2017 PWBA Tour season.

Pluhowsky earned her spot in the title match of the Rochester Open with a 254-181 win against fellow southpaw Kristina Szczerbinski of North Tonawanda, New York, a former collegiate standout at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, who was making her first PWBA television appearance.

In the three seasons of the relaunched PWBA Tour, Pluhowsky has made nine championship-round appearances but continues to fall short on TV. She does have two major victories, the 2006 United States Bowling Congress Queens and the 2014 Bowling Proprietors’ Association of America All-Star, but an official PWBA win has eluded her.

“I bowled two good games on TV this time, and I feel like I’m getting closer, but it just hasn’t happened yet,” said Pluhowsky, who had three runner-up finishes in 2016. “I had a lot of fun out there, and I threw some really good shots. The result may have been disappointing, but I can see a lot of progress, too. You can’t learn if you’re not there, so I’ll keep doing everything I can to get into that position.”

Although Pluhowsky hasn’t won a title in 2017, her consistent performance earned her enough points to qualify for the PWBA Tour Championship, where she’ll have one more opportunity to win.

In the opening game of the PWBA Rochester Open stepladder, Szczerbinski tossed four strikes in her first five frames to build a lead Colombia’s Clara Guerrero could not overcome.

Although Guerrero, a PWBA major champion, started the match with two strikes, she was unable to knock down more than eight pins on her first shot the rest of the way, allowing Szczerbinski to notch her first TV win, 201-149.

All qualifying and match-play rounds of the Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open were held at Rochester’s AMF Gates Lanes, on July 14-15. The championship round was held Aug. 6 at Plano Super Bowl in conjunction with the live finals of the 2017 U.S. Women’s Open.For more information on the PWBA Tour, visit [PWBA.com](http://PWBA.com).

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- 1, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 226 (1 game), \$10,000
- 2, Shannon Pluhowsky, Dayton, Ohio, 478 (2 games), \$5,000
- 3, Kristina Szczerbinski, N. Tonawanda, N.Y., 382 (2 games), \$3,500
- 4, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 149 (one game), \$3,000

Stepladder results

Match One – Szczerbinski def. Guerrero, 201-149  
Semifinal – Pluhowsky def. Szczerbinski, 254-181  
Championship – McEwan def. Pluhowsky, 226-224

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## STONEY BAKER Wins Third Men’s Club Title

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Stoney Baker is a PRIME TIME performer. He knows how to handle pressure and roll big scores when it matters. Because of his PRIME TIME skills Stoney did it again. He won his third Men’s Club title, this time at Empire Bowl.

Baker has now won Men’s Club titles at three houses, one at Del Rosa Lanes (San Bernardino), one at Empire Bowl (Redlands) and one at Foothill Lanes (Fontana). He is the only bowler I know with titles at all three Men’s Clubs in the area.

Stoney won his latest title the hard way, coming from behind on the last session of bowling, winning four of his last four match games to win the title by one tenth of one point (Peterson Point System).

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| 5. Eddie Muniz    | 129.3 | Peterson Points |

To win his final four match games, Stoney had to average 253 (scratch) with a high of 278. His four game series was a whopping 1,014. The four game sweep allowed Stoney to vault from fourth place to first.

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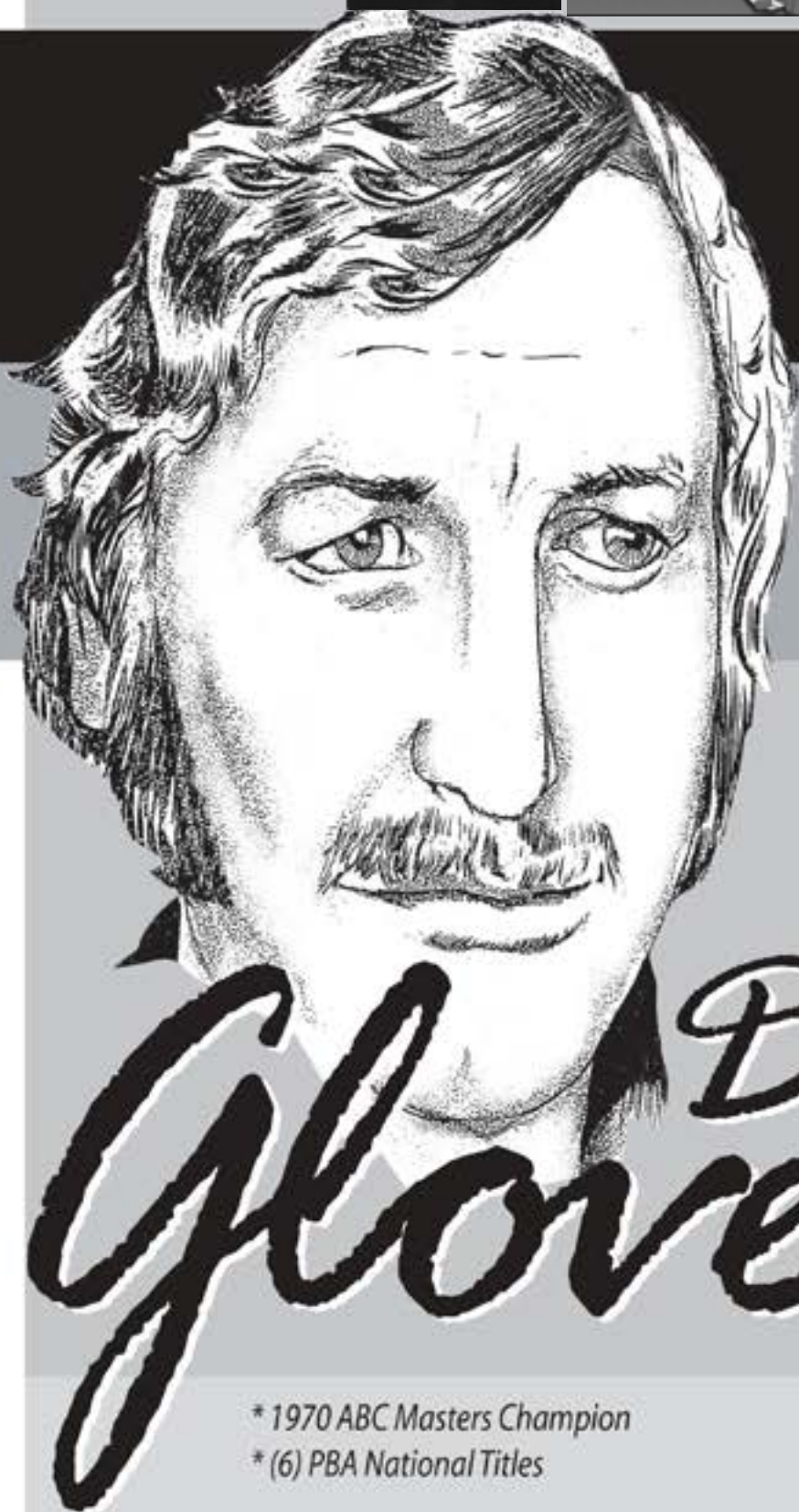
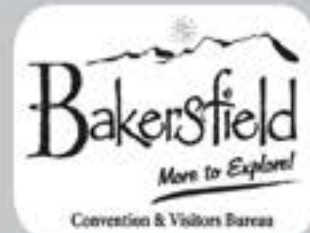
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BURBANK – Congratulations to all the League Champions at Pickwick! Winter sessions will be starting this week. If you haven't already, now is the time to sign up! This may be your year to be the Champs!

September cannot come and go without thinking about the infamous day of 9-11. Oddly enough, for me, it connects directly with bowling. I'm not in the habit having a radio or TV on in the morning so I was going about my usual routine and on my way to bowl my morning scratch league.

As I was dragging my ball in the door, my good friend George (now since passed) greeted me with "Those bas\*\*\*ds just flew a plane into the World Trade Center!" It didn't connect. Inside, the monitors were blasting pictures of the now burning WTC building. It hit me. That day America lost it's sense of security and carefree lifestyle. I had no idea at the time how greatly we would all be affected by this act of raging hate.

I am still working on grasping why any group of people could hate us so much. Over time I have made comparisons in my mind to the hate that brought on the Holocaust in Germany, to the hate in our own country towards those we don't understand or fear. It's time for us to stand together, to honor those lost on 9-11.

They too, were people of different colors, lifestyles and religions and they were lost because of our country's choice to be free...to embrace all people, no matter what. In the meantime, keep the ball rollin'!

LA HABRA — Winter leagues are starting now! Call (562) 691-6721 for more information.

Congratulations to Lynn Folliott on his "300" GAME he bowled during the Frank's Gold Cup Trios. The next Beast Handicap Eliminator is September 10th at 10:00 a.m. Check-in starts at 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY- Vegas Rollers:** League starts 9-10-17 at 5:20 p.m. **Wally's Vegas Cruise:** Brian Bendt 269/742, Scott Wakeman 255, Erik Sanchez 255/645, Jason Amaro 651, Erin LaBrada 224/603.

**MONDAY - Golden Awards:** Larry Green 244/654, Vince Palmer 241/636, Bob Simon 235, Martin Enderle 604, Jenny Campbell 227, Bev Heston 221.

**Whittier Elks:** League starts 9-11-17 at 6:20 p.m.

**Gamblers Fun:** League starts 9-11-17 at 6:20 p.m.

**TUESDAY - Friendly Seniors:** George Otanez 202, Larry McCurry 201, Sue Klinger 187. **Guys & Dolls:** Bill Kessler 255/708, Pete Torreyson 237/651, Jason Amaro 225, Brandon Webb 616, Stacie Davis 224, Kim Kessler 202.

**WEDNESDAY - Silver Foxes:** Ray Danfield 257/633, Bill Edwards 235, Larry Green 233, Jerry Rudd 233/620, Everett Freywald 618, Randi Hein 212/585, Jackie Head 206. **American National Can:** Wayne Gaither 253/658, Kirk Keith 247, Mike Thompson 247/678, Roger Stites 655, Mary Beth Thompson 201.

**THURSDAY - Early Birds:** Tina Forte 216, Kathy Boyett 214, Mary Beth Thompson 200.

**Sunset Rollers:** Willie Keith 232, Jay Knight 223. **Frank's Gold Cup Trio:** Lynn Folliott 300, Carl Chiordi 279, Richard Tucker 279, Mark Few 279/990, Marlow Dinger 279/1004, Brian Bendt 956, Emily Cornmesser 239, Amanda Stewart 236/810, Jordan Krave 234/822.

**FRIDAY - Vegas Gamblers:** Marlow Dinger 258/702, Brandon Krave 258, Brian Bendt 256, Dexter Harrod 727, Bill Kessler 702, Amanda Stewart 230/632, Kim Kessler 215, Christie Willemstyn 213, Suzanne Allison 213, Shelly Maxey 213.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

LAKEWOOD — Hi! This will be a short column but we still have some exciting high scores to report.

But first we want to remind you about our Monthly No-Tap Singles Tournament that we have here at Cal Bowl. This months tournament will be on Monday, September 11th at 7:00 p.m., check in at 6:30 p.m. \$20.00 entry fee for 3 games. Guaranteed \$300.00 for first 300 game. Please see our ad in this issue of the Bowling News for complete information.

The league scores are in...

**Laughlin Bowler Bears:** Scores from week 1: Jonathan Gale 262/689, Brandon Mims 259/645, Allen Swickard 565, Dominic Ravaglia 202/528, Paul Wells 522, Kyle Patterson 506, Julie Grabinski 563, Donna Smith 202.

**Vegas Crackpots:** Alwyn Woods 238/684, Brandon Mims 243/679, Jacob Culpepper 235/656, Nathaniel Hampton 237/636, Daryl McCloud 267/622, Victor Jackson Sr. 247/608, Clarence Wynn 236/607, Michael Williams 256/595, Shaonna Battle 600, LaDrena Boyd 207/575, Michelle King 220/574, Ellen Myers 205/536, Naimah Williams 201/506.

**Recycled Teens:** Jim Plante 259/715, Victor Santos 236/636, Boylee Inocente 231/632, Rick Seneris 233/608, Tom Pettway 269/601, Jojo Jasmin 585, Ron Leidholdt 574, Divina Buhay 532, Anna VonMuegge 525, Adela Santos 514.

**Practice League:** Young Jo 609, Darren Pascual 585, Patrick Flores 533, Robert Rivas 475, Sara Thatcher 478, Keith Calzada 378, Mike Farrar 356, Angela Henkel 375.

**C.A.U.L.:** Eli Vega 234/659, Rich Dahmen 213/583, David Regul 569, Gary Woodling 208/552, Alan Nyberg 540, Jimmy Hall 534, Teri friend 212/553, Yosemite Hamilton 202/528, Lori Gilmore 223/485.

**Funsters:** The scores are in for week 4: Rey Santos 746, Wayne Moon 613, Abe Morales 594, Chris Abing 256, Bb Webb 235, Fale Sula 235, Christy Estimo 544, Tua Sula 526, Jane Simmons 509, Leona Belletti 203.

Keep up the good scoring and enjoy this fall league.



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