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Valerie Bercier Wins 2019 PWBA Rookie of the Year Award

ARLINGTON, Texas – Valerie Bercier of Spring Lake, Michigan, planned to bowl just the first four events of the 2019 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season, but a strong start encouraged her to continue and she now has won the PWBA Rookie of the Year award.

The 28-year-old righthander paced all rookies

in points during the 2019 PWBA Tour season, which determines the PWBA Rookie of the Year. Her 21st-place finish at the QubicaAMF PWBA Players Championship in Raleigh, North Carolina, helped her secure the honor.

"To be mentioned alongside the players who have won this award and to be a part of history is pretty

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CHERIE TAN WINS 2019 QUBICAAMF PWBA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

by Daniel Farish and Aaron Smith USBC Communications

RALEIGH, N.C. – Singapore's Cherie Tan capped a dominating performance at the 2019 QubicaAMF Professional Women's Bowling Association Players Championship by winning her first career major championship Sunday at Buffaloe Lanes North.

The 31-year-old lefthander was the player to beat throughout the week at the third major of the 2019 PWBA Tour season and delivered nine strikes in the title match to post a 245-204 victory over Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois. Tan collected \$20,000 for the win.

The championship round of the 2019 PWBA Players Championship was broadcast live on CBS Sports Network.



PWBA Players Champion Cherie Tan

"It's really awesome to come away with back-to-back wins, because it's something everyone wants but is so hard to achieve," said Tan, who won a gold medal (Masters) during her final event last weekend at

the World Bowling Women's Championships in Las Vegas. "I'm really pleased with the results."

Tan, the top seed, struck on six of her first seven deliveries to take advantage of a missed 10 pin and

3-6-10 combination from O'Keefe to start the match.

Tan missed a 10 pin of her own, however, in the eighth frame to open a window for O'Keefe, who responded with strikes on

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Denmark's Carsten Hansen Wins PBA-WBT Storm Lucky Larsen Masters Title

Seventh-year PBA member nearly perfect in earning his first PBA Tour title

HELSINGBORG, Sweden – Denmark's Carsten Hansen, a 26-year-old seventh-year Professional Bowlers Association member, was nearly perfect Sunday in defeating American two-handed player Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 289-247, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour Storm Lucky Larsen Masters at Olympia Bowling for his first PBA Tour title.

Hansen, a PBA member since 2012 and a veteran of several PBA World Series of Bowling since then, dominated the Lucky Larsen Masters. He was the qualifying leader, earned the top berth in the four-

man stepladder finals and then threw 10 strikes to start the championship match before missing his chance for a 300 game when he left the 3 pin on his 11th shot.

Hansen won a title in a PBA Regional doubles event in Las Vegas in 2013 but had never finished higher than ninth place in a PBA Tour event (2014 PBA Cheetah Championship).

Via, who also was bowling for his first PBA Tour title, recorded his best career finish after eliminating fellow American players Jake Peters of Henderson, Nevada, in the first stepladder match, 245-238, and Michael Tang of San Francisco, 247-200, in the semi-

final match.

The Helsingborg tournament – named in honor of Swedish PBA star Martin Larsen – involved multiple six-game qualifying squads to arrive at 52 finalists. Qualifiers 17-40 plus 12 other special qualifiers bowled the four-game Step One, with the top 16 advancing to Step Two along with qualifiers 1-18. The 34 players in Step Two bowled a six-game block, with the top 18 advancing to Step Three for another six-game round. The top four based on 12-game totals from Steps 2 and 3 determined the stepladder finalists.

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FLOBOWLING DEBUTS ANTHONY SIMONSEN DOCUMENTARY: "LEAVE IT BEHIND"

At age 22, Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, has already established himself as one of the PBA's premier stars. But his youthful journey to the top levels of competitive bowling hasn't been easy. A documentary that made its debut on FloBowling.com Wednesday, "Simonsen: Leave It Behind," tells his story.

FloBowling's first documentary interviews Simonsen and the people close to him as it delves into how he overcame some difficult personal obstacles in his formative years to become one of bowling's biggest stars.

"With this first FloS-



ports bowling presentation, I hope you enjoy a glimpse into one of our young star bowler's life," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "Anthony's origin story, like every person in the PBA family, deserves to be told because when you get to know our players, when you really care about them and they feel like part of your family, the drama PBA bowling provides is

unmatched."

Simonsen has already won enough PBA Tour titles to qualify for election to the PBA Hall of Fame, but also must complete 20 years of PBA membership before he'll be eligible for election. With seven standard PBA Tour titles and two majors, he is the youngest player ever to complete the title-eligibility requirement.

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The Perfect Game

by Steve Felege

The Umpire Strikes Back

I was once pressed into service to officiate a “Little League” baseball game. Without so much as a facemask for protection, I dutifully stepped in behind the catcher as the first pitch was thrown. In the third inning, one pitch got away from the youngster on the mound and a white orb headed straight toward the batter’s helmet. When he ducked forward to avoid the missile, the bat remained on his shoulder and the ball hit it. “Strike!” I called.

Even though that was the right call, every spectator can’t be expected to know all the rules. Suddenly, one little old lady decided to publicly display her ignorance of said rules. In language nobody should use in public, this 60-year-old battle-axe decided to let me have it. She unloaded both barrels of her 12-gauge vocal cords in my direction. I held my ground. It was the right thing to do.

Today I face a similar circumstance. Unexpectedly pressed into service to write articles for this grand periodical, I find my senses assaulted by the very body I have long trusted to guide this sport. I have revered both the ABC and USBC for over five decades, but that has changed. Fair play does not seem to be part of either organization’s playbook. Every time I think about their treatment of Glenn Allison, I want to scream, “FOUL BALL!”

As you may know, on July 1, 1982, Glenn Allison became the first bowler to deliver a 900 series in sanctioned league competition. The location of his feat was La Habra 300 Bowl in La Habra, California. Local inspectors approved it*, but the ABC sent Burt Kellerman from an office in Wisconsin to overrule them. The USBC stubbornly supports that monumental blunder to this day.

Over the past few months, this column has reported facts which prove Allison’s 900 was legitimate. We showed that the ABC admitted to wrongly denying the sanctioning of a record set by Ray Orf prior to doing likewise to Glenn Allison. We have proven that Allison was unfairly denied his day in court. We have also proven that former USBC president, Andrew Cain, lied about this affair in the USBC statement of 2014, titled, “USBC CONCLUDES RE-EVALUATION OF GLENN ALLISON 900 SERIES.” That document slammed the door on Mr. Allison’s chances of ever being officially recognized as “Mr. 900.”

Prior to publication in the Bowling News, all this material went to USBC Headquarters, addressed to Exec. Dir. Chad Murphy, and or Jason Overstreet (Deputy Exec. Dir.), and every member of the USBC Board of Directors, including its president, Karl Kielich. Not one of them issued a response of any kind. Why not?

It’s rumored that Mr. Murphy’s salary is over \$350,000/yr. It is also alleged he has no college degree of any kind. One would think that a paycheck that size would obligate him to respond to the concern’s bowlers have regarding this matter. Lack of a response from Murphy shows a callous disregard for those who care about Glenn Allison, this controversy, and the hallowed history of our sport. This issue creates questions about his legitimacy to remain in office. If he doesn’t want to earn his pay, he should be removed by the Board. So far, they show no inclination to do so.

That having been said, a new season is upon us and, as written in a previous column (CBN June 13, 2019 issue), I am personally protesting this lack of response by boycotting the USBC. I refuse to support an organization that shuns a legend like Glenn Allison, ignores its memberships calls for his rightful installment atop the list of 900 Series Bowlers, and blatantly lies to the world about their reasons for not doing so.

What next? The league in which I compete has 16 teams. Each team has 4 bowlers and I spoke with many of them. By the end of our first competition, only 8 had decided to renew their USBC memberships (they still want to bowl in tournaments).

It’s a start. I believe Glenn Allison deserves better treatment than he has received from either the ABC or the USBC. I also believe the dues-paying members of the USBC deserve to know why Andrew Cain lied, and why the USBC continues to hide behind those lies regarding Glenn Allison. If you agree, I pray some of you will join me and spread the word using social media.

If any bowler ever deserved to have an official decision overturned, Glenn Allison is that bowler. GOOD BOWLING!

*Four local inspectors checked the lanes almost immediately after Allison delivered his 900. Their names were Bob Ramirez, Edward “Bud” Pinchot, Terry Johnson and Bob Strange. Within minutes of completing his inspection process, Bob Ramirez told Glenn Allison, “Everything appears to be in order.” On September 28, 2015, I spoke to Bud Pinchot about the measurements taken by the inspectors that night. He told me, “All four of us were within a board or two of each other.” He followed that by stating,

“I HAVE ALWAYS FELT THAT GLENN ALLISON DESERVED TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT.”

Have an opinion concerning the Glenn Allison controversy? You can express your thoughts by contacting the USBC directly using the following list of email addresses:

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Defeats Steve Kloempken in Double-Elimination Thriller...

Mellinger Wins 16th Annual New Mexico Open at Tenpins & More

by Dave Williams

RIO RANCHO, New Mexico — How do you spell relief? For 57 year old Duane Mellinger of Aurora, Colorado, it's "Tenpins & More," thank you.

Mellinger, a recent inductee into the Colorado State Bowling Hall of Fame, became the oldest winner of the New Mexico Open Tournament at Tenpins & More in Rio Rancho, when he defeated Steve Kloempken of Pleasant View, Utah, in a double-elimination thriller.

For his efforts, Mellinger received the first prize of \$12,620, and a free entry into next years tournament. Kloempken collected \$6,570 for his second place finish, followed by Matt Smith of New Mexico \$3,125; Rich Miller of Arizona \$2,300; and Tony Sambueno of Nevada \$1,960.

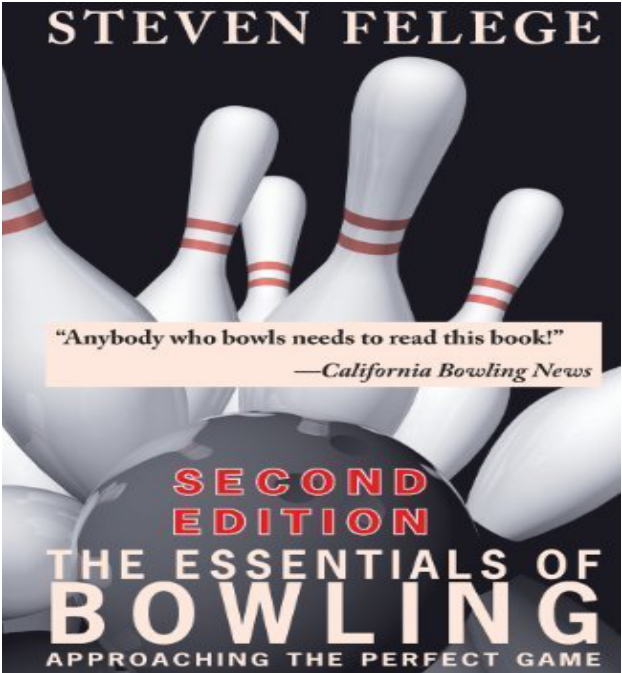
After Mellinger defeated Kloempken in the regular phase of the 2-game final matches, Kloempken stepped up to defeat Mellinger by a score of 443-429, setting the stage for the final roll-off match and the title.

Mellinger took a commanding 244-203 lead after the first game, and held on to win with a 218 game, while Kloempken tallied a valiant 231 in the second game, giving Mellinger a 462-434 two game victory total.

Mr. Mellinger commented during the trophy presentation, "Wow! What a thrill! I never thought at my age I'd ever win a big tournament like this." The event garnered entries from North Carolina to Oregon (13 different states), and Canada. There were a total of 196 entries and a total prize fund of \$65,075. (Miscellaneous information and statistics provided by Steve Mackie of Tenpins & More)



Tournament Host Steve Mackie (right) with runner-up Steve Kloempken. Photo by Tony Claire



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New Mexico Open winner Duane Mellinger with trophy and winner's check for \$12,500. Photo by Richard Coffel

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 incredible," Bercier said. "Knowing my name will be announced next year, and in five years, for being the 2019 PWBA Rookie of the Year is an amazing feeling."

Bercier started her 2019 campaign with seventh-place finishes at the Nationwide PWBA Greater Cleveland Open and PWBA Lincoln Open, and she posted her best showing of the season at the PWBA Sonoma County Open, advancing to the stepladder finals and recording a fourth-place finish.

Her 2019 campaign did come to a close at the PWBA Players Championship, as she fell short of advancing to the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship.

"My expectations were to just bowl those events and see what happens," said Bercier, who made the televised finals at the 2017 U.S. Women's Open as a non-member, finishing in fourth place. "As soon as I decided to commit to the rest of the season, I set my sights on rookie of the year. I felt it was a pretty good season, but I'm sad I didn't give myself enough of a chance to make the top 16 because I struggled at the majors. I'm looking forward, though, and know the things I have to work on for next season."

Bercier made the decision to join the tour season after establishing her business, Berberry Health & Wellness, in 2017. Bercier, a registered dietitian and certified health coach, managed the challenging lane conditions and responsibilities of work from week to week throughout the season, and she hopes she can inspire others through her efforts in both.

"I started my business in April of 2017, and we moved to Michigan in November that year," Bercier said. "I felt last year wasn't the right time to come out on tour, because I wanted to get that off the ground and create a solid foundation. It was a lot to manage both, but I love it. I want to help people get healthy, so if I'm able to come out here and bowl and create inspiration for others to take their health seriously, that's my mission."

Bercier has represented Canada in international competition since 2013 and was part of the junior team from 2008-2010. She also was a collegiate standout for the University of Nebraska, helping the Cornhuskers win the 2009 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Women's Bowling Championship.

Since the relaunch of the PWBA Tour in 2015, the honor of PWBA Rookie of the Year has been awarded to Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas (2015); Singapore's New Hui Fen (2016); Poland's Daria Pajak (2017); and Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan (2018).



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CALIFORNIAN Daniel Chin Junior Gold U20 Runner-up

by Frank Weiler

DETROIT – Another young California bowler “bowls like a champion” at this year’s Junior Gold Tournament. In the U20 (Under 20 Years) Division Daniel Chin of Daly City bowled well enough to finish in second place. That’s second against a field of hundreds of young men. That’s bowling like a champion.

As top seed for the television finals Daniel earned a place on the 2020 Junior Team USA. That honor will net Daniel invaluable hours of coaching and guidance that could lead to a career as a professional bowler.

Daniel is 18 and will have more opportunities to compete in the Junior Gold U20 Division. He is a slick two hander whose favorite professional bowler is Jason Belmonte. Daniel is also a NBA basketball fan who roots for the Golden State Warriors and Stephen Curry.

As many two handers do, Daniel used a urethane ball to compete and earn his birth on Junior Team USA. While he prepares to represent our country next year, Daniel will continue his education at Calumet College of Saint Joseph.

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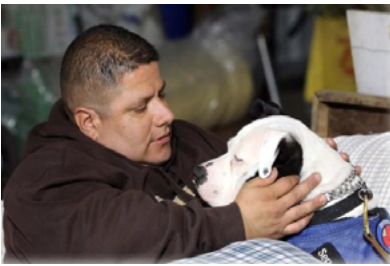
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12. All prize money will be returned 100%. Prize ratio at least one (1) for every five (5) entries. Prize money will be based on total pins plus handicap per division. In the event of any ties, prize money will be combined and divided equally between the two tied positions. **YOUTH ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE WITH A SIGNED USBC SCHOLARSHIP WAIVER PRIOR TO THE START OF COMPETITION.** Scholarships will be held with the USBC SMART program (800) 514-2695 x3343.
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14. Bowlers arriving late shall begin play and the score shall count beginning with the frame then being bowled. Missed frames shall be credited with a zero. Frames may not be made up.
15. Designated prize funds will be paid accordingly to each division within 30 days upon completion of the tournament, except when USBC headquarters has authorized delay in payment, pending settlement of any claim or protest which affects position standings.
16. This tournament is certified by USBC. The Tournament Manager shall be the authority to interpret USBC and tournament rules, policies and procedures in deciding disputes.
17. An appeal or protest of a decision involving eligibility or playing rules must be filed in writing with the Tournament Manager and the USBC before tournament prizes are paid. The decision of USBC is final and binding on all involved parties. Any violation of tournament rules is cause for disqualification, loss of entry fee, forfeit of all prize monies and possible suspension from USBC membership.

BRACKETS AVAILABILITY - DEPENDING ON PARTICIPATION

BOWLING CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

by Bette Addington

- 11-17 – Fred Eisenhammer is guest on Phantom Radio, www.kegel.net/phantom
14 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 10:30am check-in; bowl at 12, Rancho Bowl, Santa Maria, 559/381-0356
15-18 – PWBA Tour Championship, Richmond Raceway, Richmond, VA
15-22 – 2nd Storm Las Vegas Super Cup, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, lasvegassupercup.com
16 & 17 – PWBA Tour Championship on Bowl TV
18 – Storm Matchmaker Demo Day, 3pm-6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, calbowl.com
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 – CBT 1st Brandon Chandler Fundraiser/Beat the Board, 10am, Oak Tree Lanes, 661/418-8007 cbtbowling.com
21 – PBA Experience Gold Pin Scratch 6-Gamer, 1pm, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, 925/828-7550
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
23 – Fall begins
27-29 – PBA West/NoWest Open, Double Decker Lanes, Rohnert Park, pba.com. (Open Pro-Am at 5:30pm on Fri.), 707/585-0226
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
28-29 – Earl Anthony Memorial Jr. Fall Classic Scholarship Tourn., Sat./Dbls.; Sun./Singles, Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl, earlanthonysdublinbowl.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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TOUR ROOKIES IN POINTS

Former Junior Team USA member and three-time Teen Masters titlist Greg Young Jr. of Viera, Fla., was the top rookie performer in the FloBowling PBA Summer Tour, finishing third in the Harry O'Neale Chesapeake Open and fourth in the PBA Wolf Open as part of the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International in Aurora, Ill., but a slow start earlier in the year prevented him from gaining much ground on Mykel Holliman of Collierville, Tenn., in the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour's rookie competition points race.

Holliman, the runner-up in the Tier 3 USBC Masters earlier in 2019, ranks 36th overall on the 2019 PBA points list with 8,390 points, but he's still comfortably ahead of five other players on the 2019 Bowl4life PBA Rookie Watch list. Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J., is 57th (4,760) on the points list followed by Wichita's Patrick Hanrahan (59th, 4,410); Greg Young (up from 78th to 65th, 3,940); Jake Rollins of Glen Rock, N.J. (75th, 3,148) and Mike Coffey of Melbourne, Fla. (80th, 2,990). Status in competition points is one of several factors voters will consider in selection of the 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year at the end of the season.

The 2019 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year will receive a \$2,500 bonus from Chuck Gardner's Bowl4Life Foundation and the foundation will donate an additional \$2,500 to a youth bowler scholarship in the ROY's name.

AT AGE 22, SIMONSEN

BECOMES YOUNGEST TO

QUALIFY FOR PBA HALL OF

FAME BALLOT...IN 2033

With his victory Thursday in the PBA Bear Open, the second event in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing, Anthony Simonsen of Little Elm, Texas, became the youngest player in PBA history to qualify for eventual placement on the PBA Hall of Fame ballot. The thing is, he has a considerable wait ahead of him.

There are two key qualifiers to become PBA HOF-eligible. First is "title eligibility," which calls for winning a minimum of 10 "standard" PBA Tour titles or five "standard" titles plus two majors. The Bear Open was Simonsen's fifth standard title, won at age 22 years, 235 days. He also has won two majors: the 2016 USBC Masters and the PBA Players Championship earlier this year.

The second qualifier to get on the PBA HOF ballot is 20 years of PBA membership. Assuming he will remain a member, Simonsen will reach his 20-year requirement in 2033.

In that unusual record category, Simonsen displaced EJ Tackett of Bluffton, Ind., his victim in Thursday's Bear Open title match. Tackett became HOF "title eligible" when he won the 2017 PBA Tournament of Champions in Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 24 years, 191 days. Tackett, who now owns a total of 13 PBA Tour titles, also is on the wait list for participation eligibility. He'll be on the HOF ballot a year ahead of Simonsen, in 2032.

Hanson

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WBT events remain on the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule along with the FloBowling ATX Invite and the U.S. Open. The WBT Thailand Open will take place in Bangkok Sept. 27-Oct. 4 and the Kuwait Open at Kuwait Bowling Center in Kuwait City Oct. 31-Nov. 6. The ATX Invite is a special non-title, non-points event that will take place Sept. 21 at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas. The U.S. Open, the final major championship on the 2019 schedule, will be held Oct. 23-30 at Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center in Mooresville, North Carolina.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR

STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS

Olympia Bowling, Helsingborg, Sweden, Sunday

Final Standings:

- 1, Carsten Hansen, Denmark, \$15,408.
2, Chris Via, Springfield, Ohio, \$11,299.
3, Michael Tang, San Francisco, \$8,218.
4, Jake Peters, Henderson, Nev., \$6,163.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Via def. Peters, 245-238.
Semifinal Match – Via def. Tang, 247-200.
Championship – Hansen def. Via, 289-247.



FALL

LEAGUES

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DAY / LEAGUE NAME / TIME / START / WEEKS

MONDAY / GOLDEN OLDIES. / 1PM / SEP. 9 / 15 WEEKS

TUESDAY / RANCHO LUCKY BUNCH / 11AM / PRIVATE LEAGUE

TUESDAY / TUESDAY TWISTERS / 6:30PM / SEP. 3 / 34 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY / SENIOR 565 / 11:30AM / SEP. 4 / 34 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY / MOMMY'S LEAGUE / 12PM / SEP. 4 / 12 WEEKS

WEDNESDAY / TBBWS / 6:30PM / PRIVATE LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY / WEDNESDAY ANY 4'S / 6:30PM / AUG. 28 / 12 WEEKS

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five of her next seven shots. O'Keefe's run came to an end after she left a 9 pin to start her final frame, giving Tan the opportunity to clinch her second PWBA Tour title with five pins on her first delivery of the 10th frame. Tan rolled a strike to seal the win.

Tan had switched between reactive resin and urethane throughout the week at Buffalo Lanes North, and she elected to go with reactive resin in the title match.

"The lanes were picking up really early, especially the left one," said Tan, who won her first title at the 2016 PWBA Storm Sacramento Open. "So, I decided to bring up the surface on my resin ball and play in that area of the lane."

Sunday's victory also helped Tan earn an invitation to the season-ending PWBA Tour Championship, which will take place in Richmond, Virginia, from Sept. 15-18.

Tan needed to win to earn the final spot at the Tour Championship. If she would have lost the title match, the final spot would have gone to Indonesia's Tannya Roumimper based on her spot on the points list. "I was thinking about it, but I didn't focus too much on it," said Tan, who was the runner-up earlier this season at the Nationwide PWBA Greater Cleveland Open. "I can't control the outcome, but it's a bonus for me. It's something I've only done once, so I'm really, really happy to be going back." O'Keefe won three games on Sunday to earn her spot in the title match, averaging more than 236 to get there. She was in search of her fifth title of the 2019 season and third career major.

She fought the left lane during her semifinal win against Shannon Pluhowsky of Dayton, Ohio, and against Tan, and noted the missed spares to start the championship match were inexcusable. "I was playing the left lane, at minimum, three or four more than the right lane the whole day," said O'Keefe, who made her sixth championship-round appearance of the season. "I only made a three and three on the right lane, but it was more like a six and five on the left lane before it started to hook too early and I made the ball change."

O'Keefe's bounce back at the Players Championship after missing the cut at the 2018 event was a credit to her resilience, though, as she also locked up the PWBA Player of the Year award for the second consecutive season.

"I don't let the past negatively affect me," O'Keefe said. "I learn what I can from it and continue to move forward. I think that's what has made me mentally tough over the last few years. I don't let bad things hold me back. I learn and move on."

She defeated Pluhowsky in the semifinal, 231-191. Pluhowsky was looking for her second career PWBA Tour title and first win since the relaunch of the tour in 2015.

O'Keefe moved onto the semifinal by besting United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Liz Johnson of Palatine, Illinois, 257-213. Johnson was in search of her third win at the Players Championship after claiming the 2001 and 2017 titles.

O'Keefe rolled strikes on eight of her first nine deliveries to win Sunday's opening match against Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova, 222-195. Kovalova was looking for her third title of 2019 and second major after winning the USBC Queens. The 16 finalists for the Tour Championship also are set with the conclusion of the Players Championship.

Joining Tan, O'Keefe, Pluhowsky, Johnson and Kovalova in Richmond will be Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York; Jordan Richard of Tecumseh, Michigan; Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California; Clara Guerrero of Colombia; Liz Kuhlkin of Schenectady, New York; defending champion Maria José Rodriguez of Colombia; Bryanna Coté of Red Rock, Arizona; Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas; Josie Barnes of Nashville, Tennessee; Shayna Ng of Singapore; and Sandra Andersson of Sweden.

All competitors at the 2019 PWBA Players Championship rolled 18 games of qualifying over two days to determine the 18 players advancing to round-robin match play.

Advancers bowled an additional 18 games in match play, including a position round, and 36-game totals, including bonus pins, determined the five players moving onto the stepladder finals. BowlTV.com provided coverage leading up to the stepladder finals.

Sean Rash Tops USBC Cup, FloBowling PBA Summer Tour Points Races

Jason Sterner advances from 34th place to earn berths in FloBowling ATX Invite, trip to China

AURORA, Ill. — Jason Sterner’s victory in the PBA Illinois Open, the concluding event in the FloBowling PBA Summer Swing presented by the Brands of Ebonite International, at Parkside Lanes Saturday was not only the most memorable of his 13-year PBA Tour career, but resulted in rewards far beyond his third career title and a \$20,000 payday.

The 35-year-old right-hander, newly-relocated to Rochester, New York, knocked off four future PBA Hall of Fame candidates – Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas; Sean Rash, Montgomery, Illinois; Jason Belmonte, Australia, and EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Indiana – to also earn 5,000 competition points that allowed him to share in three incentive programs tied to the FloBowling Summer Tour.

For starters, he advanced from 34th place to fourth in the USBC Cup point standings to earn a \$3,000 bonus. By defeating Tackett for the Illinois Open title, Sterner denied Tackett the points he needed to overtake Rash for first place in the USBC Cup points competition. Rash won the USBC Cup, earning a \$20,000 bonus. Tackett finished second for \$10,000, Simonsen was third for \$5,000 and AJ Johnson of Oswego, Illinois, took home the \$2,000 bonus for fifth place.

By qualifying fourth in Summer Tour points, Sterner also earned a berth in the Flo-Bowling ATX Invite that will take place on September 21 at Dart Bowl in Austin, Texas, and pay \$25,000 to the winner along with guaranteed money to all eight qualifiers. Sterner also qualified for an expenses-paid trip to China for the first PBA China Tiger Cup that will take place in suburban Shanghai November 19-21 where another \$20,000 tops the guaranteed money all eight will earn.

There were no major changes among the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour’s top eight money-winners who will participate in the second PBA Clash at the Kegel Training Center in Lake Wales, Florida, on October 21. The Clash will air on FOX on Nov. 3. With only money won in the ATX Invite remaining to influence the earnings list, Australia’s Jason Belmonte is No. 1 and can’t be caught.

Belmonte leads the PBA Tour with \$275,290 in official earnings. He is followed by Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$185,780; Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$173,990; EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., \$166,695; Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, \$155,690; Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., \$152,148, and Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$119,170, in seventh place. Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., is eighth with \$97,415, and could be knocked out of the top eight if Kyle Sherman of O’Fallon, Mo. (in ninth place with \$78,968) wins the \$20,000 top prize in Austin.

The entire FloBowling PBA Summer Tour has been livestreamed exclusively on Flo-Bowling, and will continue through the FloBowling ATX Invite. Visit FloBowling.com and sign up for a subscription.

FINAL USBC CUP POINTS STANDINGS

(After nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,135, \$20,000.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,670, \$10,000.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 7,660, \$5,000.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 7,140, \$3,000.
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,930, \$2,000.

FLOBOWLING PBA ATX INVITE QUALIFIERS

Dart Bowl, Austin, Texas, Sept. 21 (live on FloBowling)

(Based on competition points after nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,135.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,670.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 7,660.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 7,140.
- 5, AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill., 6,930.
- 6, Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa., 6,670.
- 7, Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo., 6,648.
- 8, Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C., 5,790.

PBA CHINA TIGER CUP QUALIFIERS

Suzhou Tiger Bowling Center, Suzhou, China, Nov. 19-22

(Based on competition points after nine FloBowling PBA Summer Tour events)

- 1, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., 9,135.
- 2, EJ Tackett, Bluffton, Ind., 8,670.
- 3, Anthony Simonsen, Little Elm, Texas, 7,660.
- 4, Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y., 7,140.
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2019 PBA CLASH QUALIFYING LEADERS

Kegel Training Center, Lake Wales, Fla., Oct. 21 (for telecast on FOX, Nov. 3)

(Top 10 as of Aug. 31; top 8 based on earnings as of Sept. 21 will qualify)

- 1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, \$275,290.
- 2, Jakob Butturff, Tempe, Ariz., \$185,780.
- 3, Kris Prather, Plainfield, Ill., \$173,990.
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- 7, Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., \$119,170.
- 8, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., \$97,415.
- 9, Kyle Sherman, O’Fallon, Mo., \$78,968.
- 10, Dick Allen, Lexington, S.C., \$75,980.

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1991 - PART 6

by Carol Mancini

***Tis' fall season for leagues, tournaments, headlines, and house columns.
Plus any flashbacks that are printable! Let's Roll 'Em!***

- September 12, Front page. Tish Johnson won the All-American, All Japan Women's title in Osaka, Japan.
- Robert Smith and Debbie Freeman won the West Coast Junior Elims Titles.
- **Brunswick Premier Lanes** in Chula Vista had a great grand opening. A tournament for MDA raised \$3,000. At the ribbon cutting was Center Manager Ted Stallings, Joe Norris, Oakland Raider Ben Davidson, Park Bohn III, and other Brunswick big wigs.
- Rolf Gauger's column was all about the "strategy of making splits." (Picking them up) LEAVING THEM IS THE EASY PART!
- Bobot Edralin bombed the CBA with his 300 game. Wouldn't be his last.
- Roma La Belle dropped strike after strike at **Keystone Lanes**. Yup! 300 using a Cobalt Rhino.
- **Pom Lanes** in Pomona had a league going to Hawaii. \$18.00 a week included airfare, hotel (6 days) a lei, and all baggage handling. No bowling, just a vacation on Waikiki Beach! Don Ho was playing at the hotel!
- Double fun at **Sports Center**! Two 300's this week, Mike Acres and John Rule.
- The Donkee Tour celebrated their 10th anniversary. The first place winner of their tournament was disqualified! Bad average was declared.
- P.J. Carroll was elected new WSBT leader. Glenn Allison was happy to pass the baton.
- Pro Shop owners included: Zamora, Bach, Bellinder, Kapsimallis, Underwood, Crow, Salib, Reese, Braasch, Stempke, Olmos, Branch, Law, Strucks, Kraye, Winger, Starzec, Bryant, Eastwood, and all the guys at Western Columbia. There were advertisers. There were many more because most centers had a pro shop.
- Gil Tan Jr. was the first to roll a 300 in a NBAC event. Mike Stelly also posted a 300 at **Rocky Mountain Bowl** in the same event.
- Southeast District Bowling Assn. Secretary Gary Kowarsch announced his retirement after 9 years. (Gary! Where are you in 2019? Your surfboard must be worn out by now, or did the sharks get you?)
- **Pinkys Lanes** in Moreno Valley was known for 2 things: Their high scoring lanes and the 1957 pink and white Cadillac in the bar.
- No surprises at **Granada Hills** "Scratch Eight Gamer." Eric Forkel 1st, Cory Groth 2nd, Steve Salzman 3rd, and Phil Kapsamiallis 4th. The tourny director had words with a bowler that was abusing the equipment and quit.
- Cal State WBA sponsored an all-day "Instructors Class" at **Santa Anita Lanes**. Beautiful Tink Wasina certified 30 new instructors.
- Sign me up! The Carnival of Fun Cruise League at **Cal Bowl** had a great plan. At leagues end they sailed off to Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Ballarta. Somebody even WON a free cruise.
- Bowling Centers USA was forming a 32 lane center in Palm Springs and looking for investors. Sounds like they had a hunk of desert and a blue print.
- San Fernando W.B.A. inducted Vera Kelly, Carolyn Starzec and Pat Schatt into their Hall of Fame. (Carolyn was the first woman to roll a 300 at **Kona Lanes**.)
- Bill Bunetta of Fresno rolled his 148th 300 game at **Blackstone Bowl** on his 72nd birthday. The first was in 1960.
- Local favorite "Bud" Horn was elected to ABC Hall of Fame along with Bill Franklin...24 years California State Secretary-Treasurer. He wore many hats-local, state and national. Bud Horn ended his career in Las Vegas.
- Reed Freeman of **Conejo Village Bowl** was President of the So California Bowling Proprietors Assn. The theme for the '91 convention was "Improving Customer Service"! (Improving customer restrooms was number one on the BRUNSWICK list!)
- Best buy for your bucks at "**Bowl-O-Drome**", Adults Bowling Clinics. \$30.00 for 5 clinics on 5 consecutive Saturdays.
- Cip Villanueva was perfect in the Rosary League at **Colima Lanes**.
- The Junior All Nighter at **Grananda Lanes** was for ages 10-18. Doors were locked at midnight. On the agenda: Bowling tournament, all night movies, all you could eat, prizes, pin ball/billiard tournaments. Doors unlocked at 8 a.m.
- 300 number two for Kevin Gagnon, who was all smiles in the photo for Jr. So. Cal Invitational.
- The "good old days"...the PBA aired on Channel 7 at 3:30 p.m. every Saturday. The Wide World of Sports....can you remember Chris Schenkel's voice??
- Kim Blessing had a big smile for the camera when she received the trophy from the San Gabriel Valley WBA for being named Bowler of the Year.
- **Little Tokyo Bowl** was the favorite spot for the C.B.T. Club. Downtown L.A. on the 3rd floor! One side gift by C.B.T. was a Round Trip to the Orient Tournament. Lots of different averages qualify bowlers. And no computer to help.
- Junior bowler Tracy O'Leary tossed a 300 at **Corbin Bowl**. Allen Shaw, proprietor, was the proud presenter of her award.
- J.A.T. Farm Club's latest 300 shooter was Dan Nowland. J.A.T. produced MANY great Champions over the years. (And still at it in 2019.)
- After 4 years without a win, Walter Ray Williams traveled 8,000 miles to win the Japan Cup in Tokyo and banked \$18,000.
- Local gal Donna Adamek captured the LBBT in Delaware. Walk away money was \$12,000.
- WIBC, PBA and BPAA hired non-bowlers as their CEO's.
- Did lanes really get credit for high scores or the bowlers?
- A 5-10 split was called a "WOOLWORTH".
- Bowlers didn't know how to keep score or know their book average. Have bowlers changed??
- **Midtown Bowl** published the prize list for their "Annual Mixed Doubles". 2,557 entries. \$167,036 prize fund paid. Yvonne Moore and Art Alvarez won the first place \$20,000!!! Alvarez also shared in more than 2 dozen other pay outs. 507 checks were issued!

Gosh, looking back at the weekend action is fun. But, it's sad in 2019, no action. If there is, each center is keeping it a secret. The Bowling News blasts out to over 58,000 BOWLERS every week. Thirteen foreign countries have readers. Bowling is not dead, its just not being cultivated. Its easier to turn on the colored lights than actually put a league together! Get me a new soap box....more later, you can count on it!



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PBA REGIONAL UPDATE: FOUR WINNERS IN SOUTH REGION'S LABOR DAY SERIES

• PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C.; Ron Profitt of Brookville, Ohio; Sam Ventura of Syracuse, N.Y., and Jerry Horn of Lexington, S.C., won titles in the PBA South Region's annual extended Labor Day tournament series for PBA50 and PBA60 competitors that ended Monday with the PBA50 Mooresville South Open presented by Columbia 300 at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C. Baker kicked off the series by defeating fellow Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., 239-219, in the final of the PBA50 Sky Lanes South Open in Asheville, N.C., on Aug. 25.

Three days later in Kingsport, Tenn., Profitt came out striking with a perfect game to defeat Greg McMahan of Dandridge, Tenn., 300-279, to win the third annual PBA60 Kingsport South Open at Warpath Lanes.

Ventura was next, winning the PBA60 Wilson & Sons Termite and Pest Control Southern Open at Victory Lanes in Mooresville, N.C., where he defeated Jeff Bellinger of Columbia, S.C., 201-195, for the title.

In the series finale, Horn put together three strikes in the 10th frame to claim the victory over Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Fla., 222-215, for the win in the PBA50 Mooresville South Open in Mooresville.

Along with his 36th regional title, Baker earned \$1,800. Profitt earned \$1,800 and his third PBA Regional win in the PBA60 Kingsport event. Ventura picked up his 10th regional title along with \$2,000. Horn also took home \$2,000 and his first PBA50 Regional title for the Mooresville win.

PBA50 tournaments are open to players ages 50 and older; PBA60 events are for players ages 60 and older.

• Bruce Hall of Westborough, Mass. defeated Jay Davis of Silver Spring, Md., 261-231, to win the PBA50 Hammer/Strike Zone Open at the Strike Zone Alleys in Pottsville, Pa., Sunday for his second PBA Regional title – 37 years after winning his first title. Hall, who collected \$1,500, won his previous title in a doubles event in Paramus, N.J. in 1982.

Hall dominated qualifying as well as going undefeated in the bracket elimination round. He averaged 252.8 for the event. A split in the middle of the championship game gave Davis a chance to win, but consecutive nine-count spares late in the game and three strikes in the 10th allowed Hall to clinch the win. Hall defeated non-PBA member Troy Lint of Blandon, Pa., 236-215, and Davis edged Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 216-215, in the semifinal round.

• Jerry Marrs of Lake in the Hills, Ill. defeated Steve Taylor of Tremont, Ill. 228-199, to win the \$2,000 first prize and his second PBA Regional title in the Illinois Valley Midwest Open at Illinois Valley Super Bowl in Peru, Ill., Sunday.

Taylor defeated Nick Pate of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., 258-197, to advance to the championship match after downing Charlie Brown of Granville, Mich., 191-189, in the first stepladder match.

• The Sept. 13-15 PBA Regional schedule features the PBA50 King Pin Lanes Eastern Open in Rome, N.Y.; the Sturgis/Storm Central/Midwest Open at Sturgis Bowl in Sturgis, Mich.; the Fayetteville South Open at Lafayette Lanes in Fayetteville, N.C.; the Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Ayr Lanes, and a doubleheader at AMF Mardi Gras Lanes in Sacramento, Calif. – the PBA and PBA50 West/Northwest Capital City Opens presented by DV8 and Genesis.

• PBA Regional activity scheduled for the Sept. 20-22 weekend include the PBA/PBA50 Over/Under Doubles at Millsboro Lanes in Millsboro, Del.; the EZ Bowl Central Open in Bluffton, Ind.; the Odessa Southwest Super Regional at Diamond Lanes in Odessa, Texas, and a tripleheader including the PBA Paradise Lanes Northwest/West Open, PBA50 Paradise Lanes Gary Mage Northwest/West Senior Open (both presented by 900 Global) plus the Jeanne Naccarato Women's Open in Tacoma, Wash. On Saturday, Sept. 21, Ten Pin Alley in Fitchburg, Wis., also will host the Ten Pin Alley Midwest Open.

• September's busy calendar of PBA Regional events will conclude over the Sept. 27-29 weekend with the Bowlers Discount Pro Shop East Open presented by Radical at Terrace Lanes in Frederick, Md.; the PBA50 Mel Westrich Memorial Central/Midwest Open at Delphos Recreation in Delphos, Ohio; the PBA50 J&L Sports South Open at Paradise Lanes in Spartanburg, S.C.; the back-to-back PBA50 Junction City Bowl Southwest/Midwest Open I and II one-day events in Junction City, Kan.; and the 17th annual Double Decker Lanes West/Northwest Open presented by Roto Grip in Rohnert Park, Calif.

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

QUICK NOTES

• PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III and family conducted Bohn's 20th anniversary youth scholarship tournament over the Labor Day weekend, notching a record 267 entries and paying out a record \$31,000 in scholarship prize money. In its previous 19 years, the event has paid out more than \$88,000 in scholarships. This year, the event was expanded to three days...and included livestreaming orchestrated by one of Bohn's sons, Justin.

• Reminder: PBA Hall of Famer Danny Wiseman will host his eighth annual Youth Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13, at AMF Country Club Lanes in Baltimore. For complete information about the event, including how to enter, visit: https://pjbtbowlingseries.com/6843-2/?fbclid=IwAR25lmfG65mCdSbEp4ijE5qIXkt074TmUHPhR65T28P_42MyHjQrhydiOvA.



PBA Earnings: Belmo Tops With \$275,290 So Far In 2019

by Lucas Wiseman

With a vast majority of the season concluded, Jason Belmonte leads the PBA Tour in earnings for the 2019 season with \$275,290.

The eight players who earned spots in the FloBowling ATX Invite will have a chance to add to their season earnings when they compete in the event on Sept. 21. And for one player, that will be an important storyline to watch.

The PBA announced last month the PBA Clash will return in 2019 with the top eight on the earnings list getting invitations to the event. The only player who can move into the top eight is Kyle Sherman as the rest of the top seven are locked in.

Sherman would need to win the FloBowling ATX Invite, which has a first-place prize of \$25,000, to pass Norm Duke.

Here are the top 25 in earnings so far this season on the PBA Tour:

	Name	Events	Tot14al
1.	Jason Belmonte	18	\$275,290
2.	Jakob Butturff	23	\$185,780
3.	Kristopher Prather	23	\$173,990
4.	EJ Tackett	25	\$166,695
5.	Anthony Simonsen	24	\$155,690
6.	Bill O'Neill	23	\$152,148
7.	Sean Rash	24	\$119,170
8.	Norm Duke	19	\$97,415
9.	Kyle Sherman	20	\$78,968
10.	Dick Allen	21	\$75,980
11.	Tom Daugherty	23	\$67,120
12.	Kyle Troup	22	\$65,920
13.	Dom Barrett	22	\$62,770
14.	Wes Malott	22	\$59,600
15.	Marshall Kent	24	\$57,023
16.	Chris Barnes	23	\$51,865
17.	Rhino Page	19	\$50,850
18.	BJ Moore	13	\$50,535
19.	Andres Gomez	21	\$46,820
20.	Josh Blanchard	22	\$40,228
21.	AJ Chapman	20	\$39,675
22.	Brad Miller	22	\$39,490
23.	Jesper Svensson	20	\$38,900
24.	Mykel Holliman	20	\$36,580
25.	DJ Archer	23	\$35,615

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MONDAY-WHITTIER ELKS: Start 9/9. **Gamblers Fun:** Start 9/9.

TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors: Larry McCurry 238, Phil Brewer 219/605, Jim Ragsdale 202, Margaret Nye 202. **Ageless Wonders:** Tom Denker 234/627, Alex Ferracioli 225, Dean Burdett 221. **Guys & Dolls:** Mike Unfried 261/602, Jing Sablan 257/699, Kevin Jan 243, Sandy Jan 221/602, Belinda Crowder 218.

WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes: Fred Reinecke 244/649, Rick Moffat 235, Carl Brooks 234/611, Martin Enderle 234/621, Starla Battiest 205. **American National Can:** Rick Scialla 266/663, Mike Thompson 244/633, Jeremy Carmichael 204.

THURSDAY – Early Birds: Karen Balicki 226/612, Stacie Davis 202. **Sunset Rollers:** Jay Knight 247/616, Jim Ragsdale 214. **Frank's Gold Cup Trios:** Nathan Hornung 259/900, Tim Faulkenborg 257/905, Greg Haxton 255, Brandon Kraye 876, Tee Delgado 226.

FRIDAY – Vegas Gamblers: Kirk Keith 287/679, Marlow Dinger 279/688, Gary Wingett 258, Bill Kessler 683, Erica Koontz 222, Kim Kessler-Webb 215, Jordan Kraye 211.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!

BURBANK – It was break time between seasons so no scores to report. The following is an article published on 9-7-17. Let us never forget!

"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'!"

LAKEWOOD — Tis' the traditional start time for "Winter" leagues across the USA. California bowlers enjoy the game all year. Rain? Snow? Sleet? or Dead of Night doesn't stop the competition.

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BIG Thanks to all the secretaries who put the teams together, handle the finances, sanction the leagues, find subs, etc.etc.etc. Reminders: The weekly highs from each league are bragged about in the Cal Bowl column EVERY WEEK. Online-you can see your up-to-date league sheet and read the Bowling News. Don't know how? Ask a deskperson!! Have a great season, make new friends and PRACTICE!!!

That's all for this week.

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Brunswick Invitational Kicks Off It's 34th Season

Ramon Torres and Chris Hefner Are Perfect

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational kicked off the new season with 19 teams on the lanes and a 20th spot likely to be filled next week. As expected, scores were high, and strikes were plentiful as the bowlers got a look at the clean house shot put down by the new Flex machine. Ramon Torres and Chris Hefner took full advantage with both posting perfect 300 games in game two.

Team 1 (Team Hustle) met up with Team 2 on the first pair. Team 2 snuck out game one with a 7-pin win and the coasted to a 5-0 win with a league-high 2757 set. Raul Rosales was huge for Team 2 with a 730 set to pace Team 2 with Brandon Grant leading Team Hustle with a nice 726 set.

Team 3 took on Team 4 (Forest Lanes) with a combination of returning players making two strong teams. Forest Lanes took game one with a 830 game but Team 3 came back to take game two posting a nice 884 set. Forest Lanes closed the deal with a third game win and a 4-1 tally for the night. Bobby Hornacek was big for Forest with a 717 set while Arnold Cheesman struck his way to a 645 series to pace Team 3.

Team 5 (Bowling Guys) met up with Team 6 for opening night. Team 6 took game one in a close match, but Bowling Guys came back with a nice 908 set to take game two. Team 6 closed the door with a 884 game to take game three and totals for the 4-1 win. Vernon Adams struck his way to a nice 710 set to lead Team 6 while Kevin Jones paced Bowling Guys with a 667 series.

Teams 7 and 8 matched up with Team 8 coming out huge with a 951 to start but it was all Team 7 from there as they took a 4-1 win. Edward Estrada paced Team 7 with a big 703 set while Rob Hollis led Team 8 with a 671 set.

Team 10 came out strong on Team 9 putting up a 881 to take game one but Team 9 came back with a 941-907 to take the 4-1 win. Ramiro Garcia went strong with a 714 set while Mikey Villarreal went huge with a 740 to pace Team 10.

Teams 11 and 12 (Cal Bowl) put on a show as they posted some huge numbers. Team 11 started strong with a 907 to take game 1 but Cal Bowl came back huge with a 1005-892 finish for a 4-1 win. Ramon Torres' 300-737 set paced Cal Bowl while Ryan Huff's 734 was huge for Team 11.

Team 14 (The Defending Champs) took on Team 13 (Bowlum) in a high scoring match. Team 14 came out strong with a 955 to take game 1 but Bowlum came back with a big 925 to take game two. Game three went to Team 14 for the 4-1 win. Gabriel Martinez paced Team 14 with a 702 set while Billy Myers Jr. led Bowlum with a nice 705 set.

Team 16 started the night with a big 944 game to take game 1 but Team 15 bounced back to take game two powered by Chris Hefner's 300 game and snuck out game three with Team 16 holding on for totals and a 3-2 win. Mike Cammarata made his return to the league with a strong 724 to lead Team 16 while Bobby Campagnale paced Team 15 with a nice 721 set.

Team 18 was all over Team 17 as they swept to a strong 5-0 win to start the season. Eric Snow was again strong with a 709 set to lead Team 18 and Bill Heffern paced Team 17 with a 576 set.

Team 19 (Junior Amateur Tour) bowled solo against the scores of Team 18 to their left. JAT takes 5 wins to start the season powered by Will Jackson's 298-775 set.

Financial Advisor's Pot went to Ramon Torres (300) for \$160 with 2nd to Will Jackson (298) for \$85. Sidepots went to Susan Hefner (266) and Jason Carrillo (279) for \$64 each with 2nd to Mikey Villarreal (257) and Mikey Villarreal/Raul Rosales (259) for \$20. Third game superpot was a three-way tie going to Vernon Adams, Brandon Grant and Bobby Campagnale (258) for \$84 each.

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TOP TEN TEAMS

Team 2	5	Team 9	4
Team 19	5	Team 14	4
Team 18	5	Team 6	4
Team 12	4	Team 4	4
Team 7	4	Team 10	1

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Will Jackson	775	Brandon Grant	726
Mikey Villarreal	740	Mike	724
Ramon Torres	737	Jason Carrillo	723
Ryan Huff	734	Bobby Campagnale . .	721
Spanky Rosales	730	Bobby H.	717

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