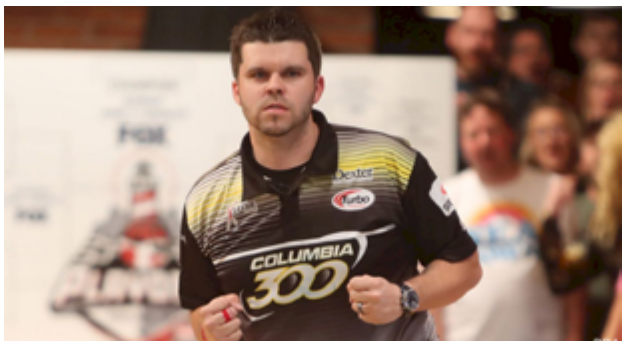


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Blanchard Announces Retirement From PBA

by Lucas Wiseman

Josh Blanchard, a three-time PBA Tour champion and 2011-12 PBA Rookie of the Year, announced Wednesday he will retire from the PBA Tour after this season.

A full-time player on the tour since joining the PBA in 2011, Blanchard's most recent title came at the PBA Xtra Frame Reality Check Classic in March 2017.

Blanchard, 33, also won two titles in 2015, including the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout and the Brunswick Euro Challenge.

Blanchard will compete for the Motown Muscle in the PBA League.

So far this season, Blanchard has one top-10 finish, which came at the 2020 PBA Jonesboro Open where he finished ninth. Last season, he made the show at the 2019 PBA

Tournament of Champions, finishing in fourth place.

"To all the fans who have followed me over the past decade, thank you," Blanchard wrote. "I never got more joy in career than hearing those claps and cheers in the background after a strike. I may have not acknowledged you one on one, but I heard every one of those claps and cheers." Blanchard becomes the second player in recent months to retire from full-time participation on the PBA Tour. Lefty Ryan Ciminelli made a similar announcement in July.

"I'm announcing my retirement from professional bowling," Blanchard wrote in a Facebook post. "After next week, I will be moving on from being a full-time PBA player and starting a new venture."

"HELP" WE NEED BOWLING

by Frank Weiler

When is this nightmare going to end? When will our governor take the WET BLANKET off the bowling industry? What effect is this bad dream having on myself and other bowlers?

I am not sure when the Governor will allow bowling centers to open but I would be willing to bet it will be after the November elections. He seems to think there will be political gain from his "WET BLANKET POLICIES".

Regarding myself, this mess has taken the wind out of my sails. I am losing sleep and I know my health is suffering for it. I stay awake at night thinking about past bowling thrills and wondering how my bowling buddies are doing. I can't even go to church and pray for God's help.

Lord help me. Lord help us. Lord open up our bowling centers.

Will things ever be normal again? Can we ever forget this predicament, or will there be scars and fears that last a lifetime? I worry that this pandemic is a test run before a biological war. A biological World War III. What a nightmare. What if I am right?

What in the hell is the pandemic lockdown doing to my life? I know the lockdown is depressing me. I know that I am more anxious than ever. I know that the lack of bowling is affecting my physical flexibility. I know that the lockdown is affecting my mind and my body.

I want to know why our bowling centers are closed continued on page 7

Orange County Could Open Bowling Sept. 29

by ERIKA I. RITCHIE | eritchie@seng.com | Orange County Register

ORANGE COUNTY – Local officials said Tuesday, Sept. 22, that Orange County has notched a week of meeting the criteria for the next less-restrictive tier of the state's monitoring list.

If trends in coronavirus cases hold for another week the drop to the "moderate" risk tier, dubbed orange, should be official and more businesses and public sectors could reopen.

And many places already allowed to open would be cleared for more capacity indoors.

According to the rules of the state's four-tiered, color-coded monitoring

system, Orange County's case rate needs to drop below 4 new daily cases per 100,000 residents for two weeks straight to switch tiers from red to orange. Also, testing positivity, or the rate at which tests come back positive, needs to remain below 5%.

The state updates counties' status on Tuesdays and since last week, the overall positivity rate went from 3.9% to 3.1%, and the daily case count per 100,000 people dropped from 4.7 to 3.6.

"Sept. 29 is the earliest we can move into the orange," Molly Nichelson, spokeswoman for the coun-

ty, said. "We were certified today that we met the markers from the state. We're watching the metrics and we're watching the numbers from Labor Day."

If Orange County maintains its progress in the spread and speed of the virus's transmission and is allowed to advance to the orange tier, it will be the first urban county in California to accomplish this, Fifth District Supervisor Lisa Bartlett said.

Once the county is in the orange tier, bars, breweries and distilleries that don't serve food will be allowed to open outdoors. They've been shuttered for months.

Restaurants would be allowed to seat indoor diners filling 50% capacity and places of worship and movie theaters would be allowed up to 200 people inside or 50% of capacity, whichever is less.

Family entertainment centers (Bowling) would be allowed to open indoors, with a cap on capacity at 25%.

Capacity limitations would also expand for retailers, fitness facilities, wineries, museums, zoos and more.

"That will be significant for our county," Bartlett said. "People want and need to be back at work."

Why Do They Always Save The Sign?

by Dave Williams

A few days ago, I received an email from Lynn Matsubara of the Cal USBC Newsletter. It was a brief message and simply stated, "I didn't read this whole report, but check it out!" As I began reading the 46 page download, I was reminded of so many bowling centers that have been closed over the years by eminent domain.

Eminent domain is a fancy way for local government to say, "This bowling 'alley' means nothing to us, and we want to make more in tax revenue by demolishing the building and replacing it with (fill in the blank)." What I want to know is why do they always save the sign?

I wrote back to Lynn after reading the first couple of pages, and replied: "Looks like eminent domain, if it is still open? The joke is that the local government will probably save the 'bowl' sign for its 'googie' art." I then went on to give her a couple of examples of eminent domain that I remember quite well.

"I don't know if you remember Friendly Hills Lanes (Whittier, Calif.-continued on page 7



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CAN'T CATCH COVID-19 BY MAKING A DONATION

by Tina Martin & Donna Morales, CBW

Does a chance to win a special gift basket interest you? The California Bowling Writers (CBW) charity drive Bowling tournament on September 27 had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19. The 4th Street Bowl has been closed since March 17 with no date as to when the Center can open. Very soon we hope. Because of that Donna Morales and the CBW Board got together with Mary Cortani of Operation Freedom Paws(OFP) to figure out just what we could do to raise the much needed funds for such a special worthy organization that benefits our Veterans for 2020.

California Bowling Writers (CBW) has come up with another way, with your help, of generating some funds to support their charity, Operation Freedom Paws (OFP). When you make a minimum \$20 donation to CBW by November 30th, your name will be entered in a drawing to win a CBW/OFP gift package, valued at ~\$250, that will include an OFP t-shirt or sweatshirt (your choice/size), an OFP hat or visor (your choice), a 2021 OFP calendar, a bottle of red or white wine (your choice), and a \$50 gift card/certificate for a restaurant of your choice, as well as another surprise item.

- It takes approximately \$17,000 for 1 client & dog to complete the 48-week training program to be certified as a service dog team, and the client does not pay a penny!
- A main source of income that supports OFP's ability to continue their mission is generated from their public dog training classes and kennel services, which includes dog day care & boarding at OFP's training facility in San Martin. Because of COVID-19, that income resource is down at least 70%.
- All of OFP's usual 3rd party charity events for the year, such as CBW's "Annual Bowling Event to Benefit Operation Freedom Paws", had to be cancelled. The bowlers that participated in our first 2 bowling events helped us raise \$3589 in 2018 and \$4842 in 2019 just from the events alone. Monetary donations boosted those numbers to a two-year total of \$18,985 for OFP. Without the bowling event this year, we're hoping that this year's donation dollars will make up for the event dollars that are lost.
- Most important, OFP is considered an "essential service", as a mental health provider, so life goes on at their training facility, as they follow CDC, as well as state and county guidelines. Mary Cortani, founder and President of OFP, says that they're currently just drawing on an old military saying, "adapt and overcome", which is appropriate, since most of OFP's clients are military Veterans who have sought out the help that OFP offers, because of debilitating conditions such as PTS & CPTS, acquired due to their active duty assignments in war zones. Besides their usual ongoing classes for new clients, OFP has found that they are needing to provide more than their normal support for their "graduate" clients, because of the current "shelter in place" orders. One thing that all 435 OFP clients experienced before seeking help from OFP, was isolation coupled with anxiety, depression, and anger. Isolation ("sheltering in place") is not a good thing for these men & women who initially sought help from OFP because they were afraid to leave the safety of their homes. "Sheltering in place" has caused that old feeling of isolation to resurface, even with clients that completed the program several years ago. Also, because they are afraid that their dog

will get COVID-19, a lot of clients are "sheltering in place" even more than what is required. They don't want to take any chance of jeopardizing the life of the other half of their service dog team, who they dearly love, like any dog owner loves their own dog, but in this case, who also makes them feel safe and secure so that they can manage their everyday lives. The longer we're required to "shelter in place", the more likely that there will be even more OFP "graduates" contacting OFP, seeking the support and reassurance that they need to understand that they're not "back sliding" because that old debilitating feeling of isolation has returned to their lives.

Life goes on at their training facility, but without the needed funding. OFP certainly does not want to turn away any Veteran from much needed services. The 2020 California Bowling Writers Annual Drive to Support Our OFP Veterans, ends on December 31st, so PLEASE consider donating to benefit Operation Freedom Paws. The drawing will take place shortly after the close of CBW's 2020 "Annual Drive to Support Our Veterans" that ends on December 31st.

Operation Freedom Paws is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. EIN 45-2566382. Whether you make your donation by November 30th to qualify for the gift package, or between December 1st and December 31st, please make your check payable to CBW, and write OFP on the "memo" line on the lower left side of your check. Then mail to: Treasurer Tina Martin, 57 Shields Lane, Novato, CA 94947-3877. Check out our CBW website(calbowlingwriters.org) where we list all donors and to see the current donation total.

The California Bowling Writers has adopted Operation Freedom Paws!
Operation Freedom Paws nonprofit organization was founded by "California Bowler and Veteran" Mary Cortani in 2010 that has provided service dogs and training support to veterans and others who suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome, complex PTSD, traumatic brain injury and other physical, neurological, psychological and mobility needs. According to experts, service dogs help empower people with disabilities to live quality lives.
Operation Freedom Paws carefully matches clients with their specially chosen four-legged companions, most of which come from rescue shelters. The partners then begin a 48-week program which trains the clients to train their own dogs. At the end of the program, they're certified together as service dog teams.

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Full Rankings: All 12 PBA League Teams

by Jef Goodger - Flo Bowling

With the amount of talent on all 12 rosters (including four expansion franchises), the new divisional play and the qualifying and match-play format leading up to the expanded TV coverage, it's entirely possible any one of the PBA League teams could win the 2020 Elias Cup. For the first time since the 2013 Elias Cup Finals, which took place in Indianapolis following preliminary rounds in Detroit, there will be no home team as all PBA League competition takes place in Centreville, Virginia. With no fans in attendance, this year's iteration will be a stark contrast to the usual rowdiness of Bayside Bowl. Plus, with four completely new teams and the other eight enduring 20-40% roster turnover, ranking the PBA League teams will be an adventure ready to be debated, so let's begin.



1. Portland Lumberjacks **Division: Anthony**
Manager: Tim Mack **Roster: Wes Malott, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, Martin Larsen, Packy Hanrahan**

As defending champions, the Lumberjacks are the team to beat until they're beaten. Although they lost two reliable players in Ryan Ciminelli and Mitch Hupé, Portland's five-player roster is perhaps still the most formidable. Malott was the 2019 Mark Roth PBA League MVP, Troup is the only three-time PBA Tour champion in 2020 and Prather is the reigning Tournament of Champions winner in addition to his victories in the Strike Derby and King of the Lanes exhibitions. Adding a returning-to-league Larsen and debuting Hanrahan (who will tell you he should've been the first overall pick), Portland has a good chance to repeat.



5. Motown Muscle **Division: Anthony**
Manager: Del Ballard Jr. **Roster: EJ Tackett, Anthony Simonsen, Josh Blanchard, Mitch Hupé, Matt McNiell**

EJ Tackett and Anthony Simonsen have 20 PBA Tour titles between them, including four majors, and they're barely a combined 50 years old. Josh Blanchard and new teammate Mitch Hupé are both reliable players who rarely make big mistakes. Matt McNiell, also averse to big errors but on the other side of the lane, will relish his opportunity to make his second career appearance in the PBA League. This might be the year Motown, with its always-impressive-on-paper-if-not-quite-as-much-on-the-lanes roster, finally contends for the Elias Cup.



9. Las Vegas High Rollers **Division: Carter**
Manager: Amleto Monacelli **Roster: François Lavoie, Andrew Anderson, AJ Johnson, Richie Teece, Ildemaro Ruiz**

Monacelli won the coin toss and thus the right to choose two-time U.S. Open champion Lavoie with the first overall pick of the 2020 PBA League draft. All three players taken in the expansion portion of the draft – Lavoie, Anderson and AJ Johnson – are under the age of 30 as Monacelli tried to set his team up with young, motivated players. Adding Teece, who is making his PBA League debut, and Ruiz, whose last PBA League appearance was as the supplemental player for L.A. X in 2013, gives Las Vegas a nice mix of versatility as they attempt to prove they're not just the best expansion team but the best team overall.



2. Dallas Strikers **Division: Carter**
Manager: Norm Duke **Roster: Norm Duke, Tommy Jones, Bill O'Neill, Brad Miller, Nick Pate**

The two-time Elias Cup Champion Dallas Strikers will remain one of the favorites as long as their core – Duke, Jones and O'Neill – stick around. This season, Duke was able to reacquire Miller after leaving him unprotected in the draft, then also picked up Pate, who will make his PBA League debut. Jones won his 20th title in January, O'Neill won the Players Championship in February and both Pate and Miller filed third-place appearances in early 2020. If momentum can be carried across several dormant months, a global pandemic and varying government restrictions, this team is going to be sharp.



6. Brew City Ballers **Division: Anthony**
Manager: Marshall Holman **Roster: Sean Rash, Ryan Ciminelli, Dick Allen, Christopher Sloan, Zeke Bayt**

Holman found an intriguing mix with his expansion roster, choosing Rash with the second overall pick and then adding two underrated PBA League stars and two PBA League rookies. For all Rash's individual and doubles success, he's never been close to contention in the PBA League. For the first time, Rash will bowl for someone other than Brooklyn, complemented by a huge part of Portland's recent success in Ciminelli and perennially undervalued Allen. Sloan and Bayt fit the personality of the roster Holman wanted to build and this group could find extra motivation in wanting to show other teams what they're missing.



10. NYC KingPins **Division: Anthony**
Manager: Carolyn Dorin-Ballard **Roster: Pete Weber, Marshall Kent, Kyle Sherman, Darren Tang, Osku Palermaa**

The KingPins bring back four of their five players from last season, losing BJ Moore but picking up Palermaa, who will be making his return to the league after a year off. Dorin-Ballard was surprised but thrilled to have Tang available to reclaim in the draft, returning with her protected players Weber, Kent and Sherman. NYC hasn't been to the finals since 2016, but this roster could lead to a high seed after qualifying and a chance for the inaugural PBA League champions to claim the Elias Cup again.



3. L.A. X **Division: Anthony** **Manager: Andrew Cain**
Roster: Jason Belmonte, Jakob Butturff, Stu Williams, Patrick Girard, Anthony Lavery-Spah

Last year's second-place team returns four of its five players, replacing Dick Allen with Girard. The L.A. X are the only team in PBA League history to finish second more than once and they've done it three times. Adding Girard gives L.A. a Canadian to go with two Americans, an Englishman who lives in Texas and an Australian who was last seen winning back-to-back majors. Only one other team in the league (Las Vegas) has four nationalities represented as the L.A. X seek world peace in the form of an Elias Cup championship.



7. Phoenix Fury Division: Carter **Manager: Kim Terrell-Kearney**
Roster: Shannon O'Keefe, Liz Johnson, Jordan Richard, Stefanie Johnson, Maria Jose Rodriguez

O'Keefe won so many PWBA Tour titles in 2019 (five) that she should probably be named the 2020 PWBA Player of the Year despite the cancelation of the season. Add all-time legend (and 10-time major champion) Liz Johnson, 2018 PWBA Rookie of the Year Richard and two multi-time PWBA Tour champions Stefanie Johnson and Rodriguez, and this team could find itself hoisting the Elias Cup in its first season.



4. Silver Lake Atom Splitters **Division: Carter**
Manager: Mark Baker **Roster: Chris Barnes, Jesper Svensson, Tom Daugherty, Chris Via, AJ Chapman**

Since the advent of the PBA League in 2013, the Atom Splitters have won the Elias Cup three times, most recently in 2018. The core of Barnes, Svensson and Daugherty has been together since Svensson was drafted in 2016. Baker is betting on Via, making his first appearance in the PBA League, and Chapman, who bowled for Motown last year, being vital to getting the Atom Splitters engraved on the Elias Cup for the fourth time.



8. Miami Waves **Division: Anthony**
Manager: Bob Learn Jr. **Roster: Danielle McEwan, Dasha Kovalova, Clara Guerrero, Liz Kuhlkin, Missy Parkin**

The younger of the two women's teams, the five players on the expansion Miami Waves have a combined 10 PWBA Tour titles, six of which are majors (McEwan owns two major championships and each of her teammates has one). McEwan also has two years of PBA League experience, having bowled for Motown in 2016 and NYC in 2017. This quintet of clutch players will be especially difficult to beat on television, regardless of where they're seeded. Miami and Phoenix look to be evenly matched, with the edge in the rankings going to Phoenix based solely an arbitrary tiebreaker of career titles.



11. Philadelphia Hitmen **Division: Carter**
Manager: Jason Couch **Roster: Dom Barrett, Tom Smallwood, Shawn Maldonado, Jason Sterner, Matt Ogle**

The Hitmen made it to the finals in 2018, losing to Silver Lake, but otherwise haven't factored much into PBA League competition historically, leading to their admittedly surprising spot near the bottom of the rankings. Barrett and Smallwood remain the two stalwarts of the team, with Maldonado also returning from last season's squad, although Maldonado was unable to compete due to injury last year. Adding Brooklyn Styles mainstay Sterner gives Philadelphia another experienced team player to solidify the lineup. Matt Ogle, who won his first title in 2019 in the Roth/Holman Doubles with Sean Rash and knows a bit about team bowling, will make his PBA League debut.



12. Brooklyn Styles **Division: Carter**
Manager: Johnny Petraglia **Roster: Walter Ray Williams Jr., Brad Angelo, Rhino Page, BJ Moore, Thomas Larsen**

People look at this seemingly strange collection of players and make a bewildered face, but how about this for an interesting fact: Brooklyn is the only team in the entire PBA League on which all five players are PBA Tour champions. You just went back and looked, didn't you? Regardless, they are ranked 12th because this franchise simply hasn't ever had any PBA League success. This mix of players may come out and surprise a lot of people and possibly even take the title, but until they threaten to do so, they'll sit here with their 58 combined titles, second most in the PBA League behind Dallas.



GUERRERO ANXIOUS, BUT EXCITED FOR UPCOMING 2020 PBA LEAGUE

ARLINGTON, Texas – On a May episode of The Professional Women’s Bowling Association Podcast, Colombian star Clara Guerrero was asked which five players she’d select if given the opportunity to manage an all-female team in the popular Professional Bowlers Association League.

The inquiry was hypothetical and fun and timed perfectly with the 2020 PBA League draft, which had happened a day earlier, live on FloBowling.

About a month later, what was asked on the podcast simply for entertainment purposes, turned out to be a case of foreshadowing, as the PBA announced it would be adding two women’s teams to the field for the 2020 edition of the PBA League – the Phoenix Fury and Miami Waves.

Being fifth on the 2019 PWBA Tour points list easily earned Guerrero a spot among the 35 players eligible to be chosen, and the 38-year-old right-hander was selected sixth overall by Waves manager Bob Learn Jr., a PBA champion and member of the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class.

Though Guerrero didn’t have a role in selecting her teammates, she knows any combination of players from the PWBA’s deep talent pool would’ve made for a top-tier contender in the 12-team league.

Her squad ended up being very diverse in age and background, but the thing that stands out most to her about their commonalities is that they’ve all proven themselves on the biggest stages to become major champions.

She will be joined on the lanes at Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Virginia, by a quartet of PWBA titlists – Danielle McEwan, Dasha Kovalova, Liz Kuhlkin and Missy Parkin, while the Phoenix Fury roster will include Stefanie Johnson, Liz Johnson, Shannon O’Keefe, Jordan Richard and Maria José Rodríguez.

USBC Hall of Famer and 10-time PWBA Tour titlist Kim Kearney is the Phoenix Fury manager.

“Finding out the tour season was canceled after we’d worked so hard to get ready was very tough for us, so we’re excited about this amazing opportunity, especially in such a difficult year,” Guerrero said. “I was anxious on our draft day and hoping to hear my name, but you just never know what could happen, especially with the number of talented players the managers had to choose from. I’ve always enjoyed the team environment and bowling for Colombia, and I’m excited to share the lanes with such great competitors.”

McEwan, a longtime member of Team USA, is a five-time PWBA Tour champion, including the 2015 PWBA Tour Championship and 2019 U.S. Women’s Open. Kuhlkin, also a Team USA member, owns two PWBA Tour titles, including the U.S. Women’s Open in 2018.

Kovalova, a relatively recent graduate of Wichita State University who hails from Ukraine, picked up two PWBA Tour titles in 2019, including the USBC Queens.

Parkin won the Queens in 2011, and she and Guerrero have been friends since meeting at the Lee Evans Tournament of the Americas in the late 1990s. They’ve also roomed together while traveling to PWBA Tour events.

The 12 teams in the PBA League this year, up from eight traditionally, will feature the top stars from both the PBA Tour and PWBA Tour. For the race to the Elias Cup, the coveted prize of the PBA League, the teams will be split into two divisions – Carter and Anthony – named after two of the sport’s greatest competitors, Don Carter and Earl Anthony.

Guerrero, winner of the 2016 Go Bowling PWBA Players Championship, and the Miami Waves will compete in the Anthony Division, and the Phoenix Fury will be in the Carter Division.

Qualifying at Bowlero Centreville is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Eastern on Sept. 26 and will be broadcast live on FloBowling. Competition will move to FS1 starting Sept. 27 at noon Eastern, with the Anthony Division quarterfinals getting head-to-head match play underway. The championship match will take place Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

Guerrero and Parkin may be the veterans for the Miami Waves, but that doesn’t necessarily mean they’ll be the ones called upon to throw the most crucial shots in the PBA League’s unique Baker format, where each player rolls two frames each game.

Actually, Guerrero doesn’t want to define any specific role for herself or her teammates just yet. She’d prefer to wait and see how the chemistry looks as they get more comfortable in the PBA League and on a team together for the first time.

She knows all five team members have thrown the big shots when they needed them, and they’re all equally intense in their own ways. Also, as she noted in her original podcast interview, she’d be perfectly comfortable leaning on the competitor with the best look with a game, match or even the title, on the line.

“Even though I’ve never played in the league or been on a team with these ladies, we know each other well, and three of the team members have bowled together on Team USA,” said Guerrero, who is a 22-time member of Team Colombia and a past standout for Wichita State. “I feel like me and Dasha will find comfort in that and have no trouble fitting in.

“I do hope my experience in the team environment will help the team and the energy, but I don’t want to put myself into any specific role. Maybe after we see the energy and how all the personalities fit together. For now, the goal is to enjoy the moment and the cool experience and do whatever I can to help the team.”



KUHLKIN READY TO BRING INTENSITY TO WAVES IN PBA LEAGUE

ARLINGTON, Texas – Liz Kuhlkin never has been one to hide her emotions while competing on the biggest stages.

From winning collegiate titles to securing gold medals to hoisting the U.S. Women’s Open trophy, Kuhlkin hasn’t been shy about leaving it all on the lanes.

The 27-year-old right-hander’s intensity is part of her DNA, and she’s excited to bring it back to the team environment for the Miami Waves this weekend at the 2020 Professional Bowlers Association League in Centreville, Virginia.

Kuhlkin will head to Bowlero Centreville to join fellow Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour champions Danielle McEwan, Dasha Kovalova, Clara Guerrero and Missy Parkin on the Waves, one of two all-PWBA teams competing in the 12-team league, joining the Phoenix Fury.

The Phoenix Fury roster includes Shannon O’Keefe, Liz Johnson, Jordan Richard, Stefanie Johnson and Maria José Rodríguez.

The Waves are managed by Bob Learn Jr., a five-time PBA Tour champion and part of the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class. The Fury is led by USBC Hall of Famer and 10-time PWBA Tour titlist Kim Kearney.

Kuhlkin, from Schenectady, New York, always has enjoyed the chance to fire up her teammates, and it’s something that’s been on display to national audiences since winning her first of two National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) titles at the University of Nebraska in 2013.

She represented the red, white and blue in similar fashion in 2014, delivering a strike to win the doubles gold medal for Junior Team USA at the World Bowling Youth Championships in Hong Kong.

Making clutch shots in the biggest moments, along with her fiery presence on the lanes, have continued as she’s moved on to the PWBA Tour and Team USA. She claimed her first major championship at the U.S. Women’s Open in 2018 and clinched a trios gold with Parkin and Richard at the 2019 World Women’s Championships.

“If you look at our team as a whole, I’m probably one of the most animated players on the team,” said Kuhlkin, a two-time PWBA Tour champion. “Being one of the players who gets the team fired up always has been part of my persona, even going back to my days at Nebraska and on Junior Team USA. I really love the team aspect of bowling and feel I can bring a certain fire to this team that can benefit us a lot. I feel like all of us have it in

Guerrero’s journey to join her team in Virginia will be her second trip overall, and first flight, since COVID-19 changed the world’s agenda for 2020.

She and her husband, Josh, drove to Florida for the PBA King of the Lanes event in July, but since family and fans won’t be part of the PBA League experience at Bowlero Centreville, flying was the logical option this time.

Outside of these two events, Guerrero has spent most of the recent months at home in the Austin, Texas, area or practicing locally, with a comfortable distance between her and any other patrons. She also has stayed busy by giving lessons, but in a safe and limited capacity.

A combination of weight training and active rest days has helped her excel physically, while a five-day-a-week practice regimen has her game sharp, too, despite a lack of formal competition.

“I have been very cautious about COVID and don’t want to put my family at risk, so I have spent the majority of my time at home or a comfortable distance from others, especially while at the center practicing,” Guerrero said. “I have noticed a big change in my body, thanks to the workouts, and I’ve tried to keep my practicing simple, but focused. I try to go when the center is empty, and if it starts to get crowded, I just leave for the day. I’ve definitely missed being able to compete, but I’m OK with it, if it means being safe.”

Even as Texas has opened up more, allowing for many local and regional bowling events, Guerrero has maintained her routine, even though it has meant not bowling competitively for many months.

Still, she is confident in where she is physically and ready to contribute to the her team’s success against some of the best bowlers in the world.

The biggest test for her actually will be more mental, as she addresses the anxiety of travel and competition in a COVID-19 world.

“This will be my first time around so many people, so I guess this is the moment for me to confront life and get used to the new way of things,” Guerrero said. “I just have to trust that everyone has been as safe as possible and that all the necessary protocols will be taken once we get there. It’s going to be a great event, and I can’t wait to compete against everyone, especially the guys. Something like this is totally worth the anxiety, and I can’t wait to get back on the lanes.”

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Kuhlkin believes the familiarity between the members of the Waves through the PWBA Tour and international competition also will help fuel the team’s chemistry.

“I feel like we all know each other on a certain level through Team USA, the PWBA and staff affiliations,” said Kuhlkin, a three-time Team USA member. “That’s going to be a benefit for us. We’ve had a few Zoom calls and have been talking in a group chat, and we’re really excited to share this together. We all want to win and are very competitive.”

Although Kuhlkin is competitive by nature, tournament competition is something she hasn’t experienced much of lately due to the COVID-19 pandemic and state restrictions in New York.

Bowling centers across the state reopened in the middle of August, and she’s been putting in as much time on the lanes as she can to prepare for the PBA League. Her local leagues started in the middle of September, and she added a perfect game to her collection earlier this week.

“We opened up about a month ago and started leagues last week,” Kuhlkin said. “I’m never going to forget how to bowl, but it was important to get my consistency and versatility back. I really wanted to be prepared for the PBA League and not let anyone down. I’m feeling confident right now, especially shooting 300 (on Monday). I’ve been putting some scores together, so that’s given me a little boost. We opened up just in the nick of time.”

Before she was able to return to the lanes, Kuhlkin tried to stay sharp through drills at home on a makeshift lane of carpet, blankets and pillows. A spring and summer without tournaments opened up her schedule to allow for more time at the golf course, which also helped ease her back into bowling.

“I did a lot of walking and golfing this summer,” Kuhlkin said. “Our courses didn’t allow carts to be used at the beginning of the pandemic, so I was able to walk a lot of them. That allowed me to keep my legs underneath me, which also is really important for bowling. As I’ve been transitioning back to bowling full-time, I’m not having any aches and pains, so I feel I did a good job of staying active and keeping the body in motion.”

Looking ahead to the event, Kuhlkin is confident in what the team brings as a unit. She knows she can trust her teammates to make the big shots and that the Waves will be well-coached by Learn.

She sees the determination in her fellow PWBA stars and believes all of their experiences together will put the Waves in position to claim the Elias Cup.

“When you look at our team, in my opinion, you’re looking at five superstars,” Kuhlkin said. “You’re looking at five elite players who have major titles, have been in the spotlight and have been in the pressure situations and performed. There’s a deep and driven desire to win, and I believe we are really going to come together this week.”

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KOVALOVA SEES WAVES COMING TOGETHER FOR 2020 PBA LEAGUE

ARLINGTON, Texas – Before Dasha Kovalova was making headlines on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour during her breakout 2019 season, she was garnering national attention as a collegiate standout for Wichita State University.

Kovalova, who starred for the Shockers from 2012-2016, collected plenty of hardware during her college days, earning recognition as a National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association (NCBCA) All-American in each of her four seasons, including three years on the first-team, and being named the top player in the nation during the 2014-2015 season.

Some of the most important lessons learned during that time helped Kovalova grow as a team player, and she’s looking forward to putting those experiences to use in helping the Miami Waves make a run at the Elias Cup during the 2020 Professional Bowlers Association League.

Kovalova will be joined on the Waves by Danielle McEwan, Clara Guerrero, Liz Kuhlkin and Missy Parkin, starting Sept. 26 in Centreville, Virginia. The event will be taking place at Bowlero Centreville and feature 12 five-player teams made up of the top stars from the PBA Tour and PWBA Tour.

Their team is one of two all-PWBA teams competing for the Elias Cup in 2020. The other is the Phoenix Fury, which includes Shannon O’Keefe, Liz Johnson, Jordan Richard, Stefanie Johnson and Maria José Rodriguez.

While many believe putting the best possible players together automatically will translate to team success, other factors such as chemistry, communication and respect among the teammates cannot be ignored.

It’s hard to argue with the talent level possessed by the Waves, and Kovalova sees the intangible elements already coming together, too.

“We have a group chat to just talk about different things and check on each other,” said Kovalova, who won two titles during the 2019 PWBA Tour season. “I feel like we’ve already developed really good team chemistry, and I think once we get together to practice for the first time, everything is just going to click for us. We all are very supportive and open to work with each other, but also accepting of our differences.”

Kovalova, who made her way to Wichita, Kansas, for college from Ukraine, credits her time in the Shocker program, under the guidance of United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famers Gordon Vadakin and Mark Lewis, for helping her appreciate what those factors bring to the team environment, which ultimately led to her growth as a teammate and competitor.

“Wichita State really helped me grow as a team player,” Kovalova said. “They teach you how to be respectful and supportive, but also how to play off each other. They teach you what to look for and how to ask the right questions. They helped me become more open to suggestions and more observant of what others are doing. They showed me how I can help others while doing what I can to succeed.”

She believes Waves manager Bob Learn Jr., a PBA Tour champion and part of the 2020 USBC Hall of Fame class, also will play a similar role, noting how he’ll be able to work with the different personalities on the team to help them find success.

The 25-year-old right-hander’s personality quickly earned the admiration of fans during her television interviews after her wins in 2019. She captured her first major at the USBC Queens and rolled a 300 game to win the Pepsi PWBA Louisville Open. She’s looking to bring that same type of energy to the Waves and Virginia.

“I’ll probably bring some weirdness and maybe a little weird humor,” said Kovalova after being asked what she brings to the team. “I’m just going to try and be at my best, be very upbeat and positive and cheer everybody on.”

In preparation for the PBA League, Kovalova has spent plenty of time on the lanes practicing but only has bowled in a handful of events. Even with the extended break from competition due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she feels she’ll be ready after the first couple of shots roll down the lanes at Bowlero Centreville.

“I went a little crazy without bowling,” Kovalova said. “I really missed it and was eager to get out on the lanes and continue to learn more about my game. But, this break gave me some time to relax, since I’m always traveling and competing, and invest more time into being fit and developing better habits. I’ve been practicing a lot, and I’ll be ready to go.”

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BOWLING CALENDAR

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now-Oct. 4 – Summer Doubles Tournament, Winks Silver Strike Lanes, Gardnerville, NV, 775/762-6018
28 – PBA League Live, 4pm – Semifinals; 6pm – Semifinals, FS1
29 – PBA League Live, 4pm – Final Four, FS1
30 – PBA League Live, 4pm – Elias Cup Finals, FS1

OCTOBER

2-4 – PBA Battle at Black Oak Casino, Toulumne, CA, pba.com, 360/600-1229, gary.mage@pba.com
2-4 – 2020 Nor Cal BC Nugget Resort Summer Jubilee Team Tourn. (1st weekend), Coconut Bowl, Sparks, 925/485-1855, cindys@norcalbowling.com
3 – Elite Bowling Club Women’s Scratch 6 Gamer, 9am, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 909/450-9415
3 – Elite Bowling Club Senior Scratch event, 9am, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 909/450-9415
3-4 – Cal Bowlers Tour Reno Team 4 Gamer, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV, squads at 10 & 2 both days, teams of 4 (Men, Women or Mixed), handicap 80% of 220, Optional Scratch, 925/757-2695, CalBowlersTour@aol.com
3 – Dec. 8 – Sam’s Town Open Fall Tournament (4 person teams), Sam’s Town, Las Vegas, squads on Sat. & Sun., 10am & 1pm, 702/454-8022
6-9 – Camp Bakes, Sunset Station, Vegas, markbakerbowling.com
9-11 – 2020 Nor Cal BC Nugget Resort Summer Jubilee Team Tourn. (2nd weekend), Coconut Bowl, Sparks, 925/485-1855, cindys@norcalbowling.com
10-11 – 645 Anchor Girl Trios Handicap Tourn., Sat.-9:30 & 1:30; Sun.-9 & 12:30, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 645anchorgirltrios@gmail.com
10-16 – Columbus Day Senior Team Tourn., The Orleans, Las Vegas, 800/257-6179, high-roller.com
12-15 – Camp Bakes, Sunset Station, Vegas, markbakerbowling.com
17-18 – CBT Doubles/Singles, Sat.-10/12/24; Sun.-10/12/2, Bowlero Mesa, Mesa, AZ, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
17-18 – Elite Bowling Club tournament, TBA
18 – October Beast Eliminator #8, 10am, La Habra Bowl, La Habra, tbebowling.com, TheBeastHandicapEliminator@gmail.com
24-25 – CBT, Sunset Lanes, St. George, UT, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
24-25 – Elite Bowling Club tournament, TBA
24-Nov. 22 – 51st CA State Senior (CSSBA) Open Championships, Sacramento--CANCELLED
25 – Valentine Any Age Scratch Tourn., 8am, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 645anchorgirltrios@gmail.com
30-1 – Cal Bowlers Tour Team 4 Gamer, Fri.-2pm; Sat.-10am/2pm; Sun.-10am/2pm, National Bowling Stadium, Reno, 925/757-2695, CalBowlersTour@aol.com, Venmo: @CBTGina

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MCEWAN MISSES TRAVELING, HEADED TO 2020 PBA LEAGUE IN VIRGINIA

ARLINGTON, Texas – Not long after the conclusion of her collegiate bowling career in 2013, the rebirth of the Professional Women’s Bowling Association gave All-American Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, the opportunity to make a living as a professional bowler.

In the years since she left Fairleigh Dickinson University, McEwan has flown nearly a million miles to measure her abilities against the best bowlers in the world, women and men.

The return of the PWBA Tour in 2015 gave her a chance to become a star domestically, while her ambition, no-fear attitude and love of different cultures have helped her showcase her talents in dozens of countries across the globe.

The five-time PWBA Tour champion and nine-time member of Team USA had another busy year planned for her favorite baggage handlers and airline crews, before COVID-19 brought an unexpected halt to the turning of her passport pages.

McEwan already had logged a couple of overseas trips early in 2020 and was days away from heading to Germany with fellow PWBA champion Maria José Rodríguez for the Brunswick Euro Challenge, but health, safety and uncertainty led them to change their plans.

Instead, they headed to Las Vegas to compete for spots in the PBA World Series of Bowling XI, a decision that quickly proved to be a good one, or at least the best one, when the Euro Challenge was canceled and strict travel restrictions were put into place for travel between Europe and the United States.

McEwan ended up leading the pre-tournament qualifier at the South Point Bowling Plaza to claim one of 10 available spots in the multi-event World Series, while Rodríguez finished 11th to become the alternate, later earning a spot in the main field.

Before the majority of the World Series events could conclude, they were postponed until they could be contested safely at a later date. That includes the match-play portion of the Scorpion Championship, for which McEwan qualified.

Now, more than six months later, McEwan and Rodríguez will be reunited on the lanes at Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Virginia, where they’ll be on opposing teams in the 2020 edition of the Professional Bowlers Association League.

They’ll be among the 10 PWBA stars competing in the event, which will run from Sept. 26-30.

McEwan, a 29-year-old right-hander, will join fellow PWBA champions Dasha Kovalova, Clara Guerrero, Liz Kuhlkin and Missy Parkin on the Miami Waves, and Rodríguez will compete on the Phoenix Fury alongside Stefanie Johnson, Liz Johnson, Shannon O’Keefe and Jordan Richard.

Bob Learn Jr., part of the 2020 United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame class, is the Waves manager, and the Fury will be led by USBC Hall of Famer and 10-time PWBA Tour titlist Kim Kearney.

McEwan is especially looking forward to competing for Learn, who made a big impression on her when she was a young player aiming to make a name for herself.

“Bob was one of the first people who noticed me and saw me trying to get comfortable, and he pulled me aside,” McEwan said. “He said some really nice things I’ll never forget, and that meant a lot to me. To be on his team now means a lot, too.”

Since its inception in 2013, the PBA League traditionally has featured eight teams. The field previously was expanded to 10 teams for the 2020 season, and the addition of two women’s teams brings the total to 12.

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Qualifying, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Eastern on Sept. 26, will be broadcast live on FloBowling, and competition will move to FS1 starting Sept. 27 at noon Eastern, with the Anthony Division quarterfinals getting head-to-head match play underway. The championship match will take place Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. Eastern.

McEwan had the chance to travel to Florida in June to compete in the PBA Summer Clash, and while it allowed her to experience the new standards developed for traveling during a global pandemic, the short trip definitely didn’t make up for having her wings clipped in 2020.

In preparing for her upcoming visit to Virginia, she flirted with the idea of flying to the event just to feel the rush and excitement of the travel experience, from checking luggage to renting a car upon arrival.

Realistically, though, she knows the amount of time and effort it would take for just a 42-minute flight makes driving the logical option. The drive is less than 300 miles and should take about four hours.

“Honestly, I do hate driving, and I always just want to get on a plane and fly,” said McEwan, who also had trips to Asia, Australia and Qatar planned for 2020. “I really did look at flights for this. I wanted to go to the airport and get on a plane and wait for my luggage and rent a car – and complain the entire time, like you’re supposed to. I miss it all so much, I wanted to do it just to do it.”

McEwan’s longing for the friendly skies hasn’t slowed her hard work at all, however.



PARKIN PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY PREPARED FOR 2020 PBA LEAGUE

ARLINGTON, Texas – Missy Parkin of Laguna Hills, California, has been bowling long enough to know when her physical game is where it needs to be, but she also understands that throwing the ball well doesn’t always translate to success.

Statistically, the 38-year-old right-hander’s 2019 season on the Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour was a good one, and she met most of her personal goals. However, despite being ranked in the top 12 in every category, she was not able to find the winner’s circle.

Comfortable with everything physically, Parkin decided to try a different approach to get herself to the next level, and she began regular sessions with mental performance coach Brian Cain, whom she’d previously worked with through the Team USA bowling program.

“I felt like at the end of the last PWBA season, I met a lot of my goals and physically was bowling well, but I wasn’t able to win,” said Parkin, whose best finish in 2019 was a second-place effort at the PWBA Sonoma County Open, where she was the top seed for the championship round. “I really needed to find this next little step to help me get closer to it. I believed in the things Brian had to say when he was working with Team USA, so I decided to do more on my own.”

Parkin and Cain both have ties to California State University, Fullerton, so there’s some additional familiarity there. They have been having weekly sessions, and Parkin’s daily schedule includes exercises that help her mental training and sharpness.

Though her latest training regimen hasn’t necessarily been battle tested yet, Parkin will get to gauge her progress during the upcoming Professional Bowlers Association League, where she’ll compete as part of the Miami Waves franchise.

The Waves and Phoenix Fury are the two all-female teams debuting in the PBA League this year as part of an expansion that brought the field from a traditional eight teams up to 12.

She will be joined on the lanes at Bowlero Centreville in Centreville, Virginia, by Clara Guerrero, Danielle McEwan, Dasha Kovalova and Liz Kuhlkin, while the Phoenix Fury roster will include Stefanie Johnson, Liz Johnson, Shannon O’Keefe, Jordan Richard and Maria José Rodríguez.

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Parkin is as familiar with competing against the men as anyone, and she’s hoping to use that experience to her team’s advantage.

Prior to embarking on her professional journey, Parkin bowled half of her collegiate career with the men’s team because there weren’t enough women to field a women’s team. She then became the first woman to join the PBA (2004).

She’s already pretty well-known for her work ethic in the gym and on the lanes, and that has continued, despite the lack of competitive opportunities.

Workouts moved to her basement, and she built a lane in the garage to work on some things until her family’s bowling center was accessible again.

“In our situation, we were in the middle of doing a big renovation and transformation from a more traditional bowling center to a family entertainment center,” McEwan said. “We were doing everything – tearing down walls, pulling air conditioning units – there was construction everywhere.”

With the former Hi-Tor Lanes now transitioned to Break Point Bowl & Entertainment and open for business, McEwan has been back on the actual lanes for practice, usually before the center opens each day.

She knows she’ll be ready to compete when it’s time to head to Virginia, and she has no doubt her teammates will be prepared, too.

“I’m so excited to get back out there and do what we do and do it with and against the best bowlers in the world,” said McEwan, who also competed in the PBA League in 2016 and 2017. “We’ve got a great team. We know each other, we respect each other and we can’t wait to bring all our talents and strengths together to be the best team we can be.”

McEwan even joked that early conversations between the Miami Waves teammates have been more about selecting their matching skirts than about bowling. That’s something the 10 men’s teams probably won’t be worrying too much about but also is a testament to how confident McEwan and her teammates are about their individual preparation and team cohesion.

“I think all of the on-lane stuff will fall into place for us as soon as we get there, and our familiarity with each other and the Baker format (from college and international competition) will help us be more comfortable,” McEwan said. “I’m really looking forward to having my feet on the approach, having my team behind me and having each shot count toward something. It will be awesome to feel my heart racing and have to tell myself to breathe. I’m excited to be back out there doing my job again.”

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“From the time the PBA announced the PBA League, I really wanted to be a part of it, and I’m excited to get that opportunity,” said Parkin, the first woman to reach three PBA regional titles. “I have been bowling against the guys for so many years, so I have insight into how the lanes may transition, and that’s a bonus Danielle, Clara and I can bring to the team.”

McEwan and Guerrero both have been familiar faces at PBA events, while Kuhlkin and Kovalova both are recently removed from stellar collegiate careers at Nebraska and Wichita State, respectively.

“Our team has a lot of competitiveness and comfort in the team environment,” Parkin said. “Our team is diverse with shot makers and great spare shooters, and I think both are huge in this format. We also have strength in playing the lanes a little straighter, so we’ll be able to create our own little funnel and help the lanes work for us.”

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With much of the PBA League competition being broadcast on TV, Parkin will be right at home. And, with the featured Baker format, each player only will get to throw two shots each game, making every opportunity to step onto the approach that much more important.

“I love pressure situations and throwing shots when they matter most, and this whole event is pressure,” said Parkin, the 2011 USBC Queens champion. “I absolutely love being under the TV lights. It brings really good adrenaline and nerves, but I don’t get nervous, if that makes sense. I would rather be in a quiet bowling center or TV set with everyone watching. I also love letting the crowd empower me. This event will be unique, though, since there will be TV but no crowd.”

The lack of an on-site audience is all part of the precautions required for competition in a COVID-19 world.

Parkin’s home state of California has been one of the most impacted by COVID-19 regulations this year, and while the situation has affected her and her husband, Drew, from a business perspective, she still has been able to practice regularly at a local center that houses one of their seven Parkin’s Bowling Supply pro shops.

Bowling centers in California have been closed for most of the last six months, though some were able to open for a brief period along the way. Regardless, Parkin has frequented Oak Tree Lanes in Diamond Bar, California, to make sure her game stays physically sound.

“I feel like during all of this, looking for opportunities and staying positive has been important,” Parkin said. “We’ve done everything and anything to be able to get government aid from a business perspective, and it was really important to make sure our employees are taken care of. Through it all, I’ve been fortunate to be able to continue bowling, and Drew even used the time to create a tournament bowling club.”

Drew Parkin’s Elite Bowling Club has featured more than a half-dozen sold-out events, which must be held at the closest open bowling center, which is Canyon Lanes, located about two hours away on the Morongo Indian Reservation.

Now, with her physical and mental games sharp and Parkin’s Bowling Supply taken care of, Parkin is ready to handle business with her teammates in Virginia. She feels her strengths going in are being a good communicator and her ability to help keep everyone positive.

“Since the PWBA Tour season ended, I’ve been working really hard, and I’m excited to be putting on the team jersey and being back on TV,” Parkin said. “I can’t wait to be on the lanes with my teammates, and I’m most looking forward to us beating the guys.”


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nia)? It’s now an Aldi Supermarket, but the ‘bowl’ sign was protected. Another example is Mel’s Bowl in Redwood City, California, which is now mixed retail and apartments. They kept the ‘bowl’ sign, but the reader board was retrofitted to say Car Wash.” I ended my rant by saying, “It’s government run amok!”

Later that day Lynn wrote back to me and said, “Bay Shore (now known as Bowlmor Santa Monica) is still open but only has a couple of leagues. I remember Friendly Hills and always wondered what happened after they closed.”

As I continued to read the report and did some more research online, I found that Bowlmor Santa Monica is indeed closing (“A Shot In the Arm for Pico,” The Argonaut News). Once again, the local government has deemed the sign historical in nature, but nothing else. My question to the planning commission is this: What about the social and recreational value of the bowling facility?

The closing of a bowling center is difficult for everyone. There are so many memories that are simply tossed away for yet another strip mall, a new apartment complex, a supermarket, a big box retailer, or even a car wash! But closing a bowling center has so many other implications upon the community, particularly among youth and senior citizens.

Carrying that line of thought one step further, we might ask if the closings and current lockdown of bowling centers is one of the causes for all of the social unrest among our youth in the United States? As a youngster I can remember virtually living in the local bowling center during the summer months. It was air conditioned, the employees were friendly, and because it was an AMF equipped facility, that meant that I could do something called “shadow bowling” for hours.

The longer that this manufactured shutdown continues, the more and more bowling centers I can envision closing, whether it’s because of real estate values or the lack of revenue, or both. As I have stated in the past, I believe that AMF, or any number of other operators, are blamed for many of these closings, when it’s really the local government entities that are looking for more tax revenues that can be derived in a particular location. How can a bowling center compete with Target Stores or Home Depot when it comes to tax revenue?

In the end, the only one that truly loses is the bowler.
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when we can shop at Home Depot, Best Buy and Walmart? Why are bowling centers closed when we can have a meal outside under a tent, just a few feet from a stranger? Why are bowling centers closed when airlines can seat passengers within arms length of each other? I need to know because these circumstances are depressing me.

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Hopefully other bowlers don’t share my nightmare. Hopefully other bowlers aren’t worried about the onset of a biological World War III. Hopefully other bowlers aren’t depressed and anxious like me.

So what is the impact of the pandemic lockdown on the mental and physical health of our population? What is the effect of the lockdown on our young bowlers on our older bowlers? From what I read the pandemic lockdown has had a huge impact on the mental and physical health of millions of Americans and millions of kids, including thousands of bowlers and thousands of young bowlers. It has had a huge impact on the mental and physical health of millions of senior citizens, including thousands of senior bowlers.

Lockdown related lifestyle changes have resulted in sky high levels of anxiety and depression. I read that substance abuse is up, that suicides are up, that marriage difficulties are up. What can you expect with pandemic stress factors involving finances, unemployment and isolation on the rise? On top of that there is the fear of illness and death itself. There appears to be no end in sight. There is no light at the end of the tunnel.

Normally we could go bowling to escape life’s challenges. Not now. We need our governor to open our bowling centers. It is for our own good.

Bowling would help us get over this mess. Bowling would allow us to exercise physically. Bowling would allow us to socialize again. To interact with other people. There is no substitute for physical exercise and social interaction. We are physical and social animals. We need each other, we need physical activity, WE NEED BOWLING.

MUCH OF THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN, ON OUR WELLBEING, COULD HAVE BEEN MINIMIZED IF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED OUR BOWLING CENTERS TO OPEN RESPONSIBLY.

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CBT Vegas Results



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SCORE BOWLERS		BASE	JACKPOT	MEMBER	PAYOUT	TEAM TOTAL	
1	1680	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$275.00	\$275.00	NON-MEM	\$550.00	\$1,150.00
		LORELEI MEDINA	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$50.00	\$600.00	
2	1579	HERMAN KENNISON	\$175.00	\$150.00	NON-MEM	\$325.00	\$650.00
		JACKIE KENNISON	\$175.00	\$150.00	NON-MEM	\$325.00	
3	1555	ROBERT LEONARD	\$140.00	NO JP	NON-MEM	\$140.00	\$280.00
		LAMAR LAWSON	\$140.00	NO JP	NON-MEM	\$140.00	
4	1548	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$130.00	NO JP		\$130.00	\$310.00
		PATRICIA ALONSO	\$130.00	\$50.00		\$180.00	
5	1540	TINA JOHNSON	\$120.00	NO JP		\$120.00	\$240.00
		LAMAR LAWSON	\$120.00	NO JP		\$120.00	
6	1534	DARREN MORROW	\$110.00			\$110.00	\$220.00
		LAMAR LAWSON	\$110.00			\$110.00	
7	1529	EUGENE GREEN	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$200.00
		DERRICK BROWN	\$100.00			\$100.00	
8	1521	DARREN MARROW	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$200.00
		TINA JOHNSON	\$100.00			\$100.00	
9	1506	JOE SMITH	\$90.00			\$90.00	\$180.00
		ANDREW SVOREN	\$90.00			\$90.00	
10	1487	HERMAN KENNISON	\$90.00			\$90.00	\$180.00
		NOMA CROOK	\$90.00			\$90.00	
11	1483	ROBERT LEONARD	\$80.00			\$80.00	\$160.00
		TINA JOHNSON	\$80.00			\$80.00	
12	1479	JOE SMITH	\$80.00			\$80.00	\$160.00
		SUZANNE ALLISON	\$80.00			\$80.00	
13	1477	ROBERT LEONARD	\$70.00			\$70.00	\$140.00
		DARREN MORROW	\$70.00			\$70.00	
14	1475	DARREN MORROW	\$70.00			\$70.00	\$140.00
		LAMAR LAWSON	\$70.00			\$70.00	
15	1469	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$60.00			\$60.00	\$120.00
		PATRICIA ALONSO	\$60.00			\$60.00	
16	1467	FLOYD TORO	\$60.00			\$60.00	\$120.00
		VICTORIA TORO	\$60.00			\$60.00	
17	1462	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$100.00
		MIKE GOMEZ	\$50.00			\$50.00	
18	1462	KEVIN COAD	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$100.00
		ROSY REYES-COAD	\$50.00			\$50.00	
TIE	1462	DARREN MORROW	\$50.00			\$50.00	\$100.00
		TINA JOHNSON	\$50.00			\$50.00	

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BOWLER		BASE	JACKPOT	MEMBER	TOTAL PAYOUT	
1	842	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$275.00	\$275.00	NON-MEM	\$550.00
2	838	LORELEI MEDINA	\$225.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	\$425.00
3	835	RYAN SARGENT	\$180.00	\$100.00	NON-MEM	\$280.00
4	825	ANDREW GUBA	\$160.00	NO JP		\$160.00
5	823	JACKIE KENNISON	\$150.00	\$50.00		\$200.00
6	817	ANDREW FISHER	\$140.00	\$50.00		\$190.00
7	816	EUGENE GREEN	\$130.00	\$25.00		\$155.00
8	806	LAMAR LAWSON	\$120.00			\$120.00
9	802	REBEKAH MEDINA	\$110.00			\$110.00
10	791	KYLE RENDON	\$100.00			\$100.00
11	784	MARLIN MULLINS	\$95.00			\$95.00
12	784	KEN HOLMES	\$95.00			\$95.00
13	779	ANDREW SVOREN	\$95.00			\$95.00
14	777	ANDREW SVOREN	\$90.00			\$90.00
15	777	CRAIG DOPSON	\$90.00			\$90.00
16	774	DARREN MORROW	\$90.00			\$90.00
17	773	ALYSSA TUCKER	\$85.00			\$85.00
18	773	FLOYD TORO	\$85.00			\$85.00
19	772	MARLIN MULLINS	\$85.00			\$85.00
20	767	JOEY APICELLA	\$80.00			\$80.00
21	762	MARLIN MULLINS	\$80.00			\$80.00
22	761	NOMA CROOK	\$80.00			\$80.00
23	758	SHERRI STEELMAN	\$75.00			\$75.00
24	757	SAMANTHA MELEG	\$75.00			\$75.00
25	756	HERMAN KENNISON	\$75.00			\$75.00
26	755	KEVIN COAD	\$70.00			\$70.00
27	754	MARSHALL KENNEBREW	\$70.00			\$70.00
28	753	CLEMENTE GUAJARDO	\$70.00			\$70.00
29	752	EDWARD GOOSUN	\$65.00			\$65.00
30	749	ROBERT LEONARD	\$65.00			\$65.00
31	749	ANDREW FISHER	\$65.00			\$65.00
32	748	MICHAEL GOMEZ	\$60.00			\$60.00
33	748	JOE SMITH	\$60.00			\$60.00
34	747	TINA JOHNSON	\$60.00			\$60.00
35	744	JOE SMITH	\$55.00			\$55.00
36	740	MARLIN MULLINS	\$55.00			\$55.00
37	738	SUZANNE ALLISON	\$55.00			\$55.00
38	736	DOREEN GANO	\$50.00			\$50.00
39	735	SUZANNE ALLISON	\$50.00			\$50.00
TIE	735	BRYCE WILSON	\$50.00			\$50.00

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BOWLER		PAYOUT	
1	790 RYAN SARGENT	\$500.00	
2	779 ANDREW SVOREN	\$320.00	
3	777 ANDREW SVOREN	\$280.00	
4	763 ANDREW FISHER	\$250.00	
5	748 JOE SMITH	\$235.00	

6	744 JOE SMITH	\$220.00
7	731 DEO BENARD	\$200.00
8	729 JOE SMITH	\$180.00
9	722 SHERRI STEELMAN	\$160.00
10	718 REBEKAH MEDINA	\$140.00
11	713 FLOYD TORO	\$120.00
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