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PBA VETERANS DAY CLASSIC TO HONOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

by Nolan Hughes

Whether he was stationed in Alaska or deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, Michael Romero had bowling on his mind.

He would practice his footwork and visualize his release while walking between barracks. He said he jumped out of an airplane for a living, but his heart lied on the lanes, even if finding time to practice proved difficult during his seven years in the Army.

"I still considered myself bowling because I still lived it," Romero said. "It was still in my heart and still in my blood."

Romero said he left the military with a medical discharge in 2011 and now lives in Seaside, Calif.

Between starting a new job and raising his children, making time to compete remains a challenge. When he heard about a PBA regional taking place on Veterans Day weekend (Nov. 11-13), he knew he would have to be there.

"If there's any tournament that I want to do, it's going to be that one," Romero said. "I hold true to my military service. I have jerseys that are camouflage or red, white and blue. I felt it was right when Josh announced it."

Tournament director Josh Blanchard said the PBA continued on page 4

USBC ORANGE COUNTY MEMORANDUM

I am sad to report that George Miyoda, husband of longtime Orange County bowler and WIBC officer and director Marge Miyoda, passed away on September 18, 2022. George was 94 years young.

There will be a graveside service for George at Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Blvd.

Westminster, CA on October 19, 2022, at 11:15 AM, followed by a reception which will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at Orange County Buddhist Church, 909 S. Dale St., Anaheim, CA.

Gary Forman
President
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THE JIMMIE ALLEN PBA CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY BOWLERO

The PBA announces an all-new celebrity event with Jimmie Allen, and Terrell Owens, including performances by Allen and fellow country music star Chris Young, plus more to compete alongside professional bowlers.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) announces a celebrity event to be hosted by GRAMMY nominated, award-winning, multi-platinum recording artist and avid bowler Jimmie Allen.

The Jimmie Allen PBA Challenge presented by Bowlero will air Oct. 16 on FOX, varying per market, before or after local NFL games.

The event will take place on Oct. 5 at Bowlero Matthews in Matthews, N.C. with a live musical performance beginning at 6 p.m. ET and bowling beginning at 8 p.m. ET. This event will feature performances from some of country music's best talent

including Young, Neon Union and of course, Allen. In addition to their performances Neon Union and Allen will be joined by Owens on the lanes.

The country music stars will also be competing alongside PBA Tour stars Pete Weber, Kyle Troup, Sean Rash, Ronnie Russell, and AJ Johnson.

Each artist will be paired with a PBA player for a doubles competition, with the artists bowling the odd-numbered frames and the PBA players bowling the evens. In addition to the main tournament, the event will feature a Celebrity Super Clash,

in which each celebrity rolls one shot and the low score is eliminated in each round until only one celebrity remains as the victor.

"Since the moment my friend Cortland Finnegan introduced me to bowling, I've been hooked," said Jimmie Allen. "I've been a fan of the PBA for years as a viewer. But I'm excited for the next part of my journey with the PBA, and that is to make bowling a worldwide sport with the same respect that's given to basketball, baseball, and football."

Allen discovered his love for bowling during the pandemic, calling it his "pandemic passion", after being introduced

to the sport. He quickly made it a goal to become an expert, bowling several hours a day in different cities while on tour in addition to at home in Nashville.

He currently belongs to five bowling leagues and plans to try out for the Professional Bowlers Association in 2023.

Viewers can live stream the PBA on the FOX Sports and FOX Now apps or at FOXSports.com.

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2021-2022 STORM 625 Scratch Trio League WOMEN EXCELL THROUGHOUT SEASON

by Frank Weiler

“LET THE GAMES BEGIN”. Let’s Bowl. That is the call throughout the United States of America at this time of year at hundreds of Bowling Centers. It is no different at **Pins N Pockets Entertainment Center** in Lake Elsinore. The Top Bowling League in Riverside County is ready to roll.

The **Storm 625 Scratch Trio League** is poised to start the 2022 Bowling season with some of the top bowlers from SoCAL competing for thousands of dollars in prize money up for grabs. Last season the Prize Fund exceeded **\$33,000**.

With Opening Night in sight I wish to report who the **TOP FEMALE** league bowlers were for last season. I will identify those who rolled the highest averages and scores.

The **TOP FEMALE BOWLERS** for 2021-2022 were:

	Bowler	Average
1.	Melinda Neal	187
2.	Lisa Whalen	182
3.	Kim Justus	179
4.	Anita Murtishaw	178

The league competed on a “**Challenging oil pattern**” which limited the number of high scores. Even so the women bowled a good number of games above 250 and series above 600.

The **TOP THREE SERIES** rolled by women follow:

1.	Melinda Neal	691
2.	Anita Murtishaw	675
3.	Kim Justus	633

The **TOP THREE GAMES** rolled by women follow:

1.	Lisa Whalen	269
2.	Melinda Neal	259
3.	Anita Murtishaw	256



Lisa Whalen - One of Top Ladies in 625 Scratch League

The **TOP THREE MATCH GAME** winners were:

1.	Melinda Neal	55.5 points
2.	Anita Murtishaw	43.5
3.	Kim Justus	42

My thanks to league Secretaries **SCOTT** and **SHARI FILIPI** for providing the data I needed to report on the best league I have ever bowled in. I competed in the league for ten seasons with great teammates like **KEN CLAY, DAVE COOK, JERRY DeYAGER** and **ALAN MOJADO** to name just a few. “**THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES**”.

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50 Years Of Bowling Memories

by Dave Williams

It's coming up on the 50th anniversary of my very first 300 game, on November 3, 1972. Back in those days most bowling centers did not have a sanctioned perfect game to post on their hallowed walls. My perfect game was rolled in the 1st Annual Sonoma County Mixed Team Championships at L & L Lanes in Sebastopol, California. It was the second certified 300 in the twelve year history of the bowling center.

My, how things have changed in 50 years. Many bowling centers have more than two 300's in one night of competition in today's era of high scores... perhaps even in just one bowling league on any given night. I'm still clinging onto the newspaper clippings and trophy (we went on to win the tournament) from that auspicious night back in 1972. And of course, I still have the 24 karat gold and ruby with diamond inlay ring tucked away in a safe deposit box.

Those 50 years in the bowling industry have resulted in a tremendous amount of nostalgia, and that's the topic of this week's column. When I mentioned recently that I had purchased a second mini-storage warehouse to hold all of my memories, I began to wonder if I really did have a hoarding issue. I looked up the definition: "A persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions because of a perceived need to save them." Yep, I have it.

My weakness is with paper. I have less of a problem disposing of clothing, household items, old cars, broken devices that I will never find the time to repair, etc. It's primarily paper. Having recognized the problem, I called upon another 70-something friend from New Jersey to help me organize all of my papers.

My friend was a former plant manager for a large oil and refining business in New Jersey. He took one look at the storage units and suggested going higher by purchasing muscle shelving. It was difficult going higher than 5 or 6 file boxes without the shelves, because of the stress of all that weight; but with the

muscle shelving we were able to stack three rows of boxes 10-high (two shelves holding 3 file boxes in height, and another 4 on the top, for a grand total of 30 file boxes). What a difference.

He also noticed a couple of old television sets which had been in storage since 2012. "What are you going to do with those?" I explained that when a local bowling center had remodeled with flat screens, they offered the sets to me at no cost. I took four of them. My friend convinced me that the sets are virtually worthless if I wasn't going to use them, and that the cost of warehousing them for ten years was considerably more than what they are worth. What was that definition of hoarding?... "A persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions because of a perceived need to save them." Okay, okay. I'm a hoarder.

A couple of weeks after purchasing that initial box of muscle shelves, I purchased another set. My friend came and helped me once again. He's a typical plant manager, taking charge of the construction of the shelves and putting them together in less than ten minutes... a job that would have taken me the better part of a day. When we were breaking down the shipping crate he noticed the instructions for assembly. "Here, hold onto these," he said with a grin. "You might need these some day.

Before we left the storage facility my friend noticed a Lexmark printer and again asked the rhetorical question, "What are you doing with that?" I explained that like the two televisions that were still in working order, the printer was a leftover from when I switched to a Mac operating system, in 2006. Before he scolded me with the television example, I came to the realization that a photo copier in storage for 15 years would be more worthless than the TV's, and probably not operable.

Yet another item he noticed at the back of the old-

er storage unit were marquee size boxes containing PBA posters of the \$1 Million Dollar Club from the 1990's. When the posters became outdated as more bowlers joined the elite club, Mark Gerberich of the PBA asked me if I would like to use them as handouts for all of my after school youth bowling clubs. I did include them in a graduation package for a couple of years, but many still remain. "You should try to sell those," said my friend. "Put one on eBay and see what happens. They might have some value."

The next day I returned to stack another 30 file boxes in the new shelving area. I took a moment to review some of the items that I had catalogued in the boxes. There's a whole file box of old PBA annuals and media guides, dating back to 1975. There's a box of art boards from my days at AMF (before computers became mainstream and material was typeset). There are numerous file boxes filled with old samples (promotional items primarily from AMF). If you are on my Christmas list, you have no doubt received one of these samples as a gift over the years.

There's also numerous boxes of interoffice memos and correspondence with noteworthy individuals in the bowling industry. I even have a file box containing nothing but complete issues of California Bowling News, when I was fortunate to make the front page. And that's not even counting all of the boxes filled with old comic books and baseball cards from my youth, as well as old manuals, slide presentations and videos from my marketing days. It's no wonder that I like the Storage Wars programs so much. If you share my addiction and find it hard to throw things away, I encourage you to ask a friend to take an objective look at what you might be "hoarding." It certainly opened my eyes and gave me new motivation to go through all of the boxes and other paraphernalia that I have accumulated in the past 50 years. Unfortunately I also know that whatever is discarded will be the first item that I will need to enhance an upcoming story...

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Temperatures have already started to fall, but the collegiate bowling action inside centers all across the country is heating up with each passing weekend as more and more teams take to the lanes to kick off their 2022-23 seasons. That was certainly the case last weekend at Galaxy Lanes in Richmond, Kentucky, where 17 men's varsity teams and 14 women's varsity teams battled it out at the 2022 MSC Baker Bash. The event featured an all-Baker format with teams rolling 20 games on Saturday and 20 more on Sunday with total pinfall determining the winners.

In women's action, University of Tennessee Southern took home the top spot, breaking 200 during five of its last six games to come in with a winning total of 7,666, which was good enough for a 191.65 average over the course of 40 games.

University of the Cumberlands finished in second place with 7,516 (187.9) thanks in large part to a 245 in Game 12 and a 241 in Game 22.

Pikeville (7,403 - 185.08), Campbellsville (7,389 - 184.73) and Cumberland University (7,211 - 180.28) rounded out the women's top five.

Some of the same schools found themselves fighting for the top spot in the **men's standings**, but, in the end, it was Pikeville that walked away with the victory.

Some teams faltered as they approached the finish line, but the Bears only got stronger as the competition wore on, breaking 200 during nine of their final 10 games to cruise to victory with a 40-game total of 8,299, a 207.48 average.

Tennessee Southern was the only other men's varsity team to average over 200. The Firehawks averaged 203.38 en route to a second-place total of 8,135.

Midway (7,970 - 199.25), University of the Cumberlands (7,684 - 192.1) and Bethel (7,596 - 189.9) authored strong showings as well, grabbing the remaining spots in the men's top five.

**Hammer Golden Eagle Invite -
The Cherry Bowl -
Rockford, Ill.**

After five team games and 20 Baker games, St. Xavier stood atop the women's varsity team standings with a total of 8,046. Grand View was close behind with 7,965. Calumet - St. Joseph was third with 7,802 while Coe (7,783) and Judson (7,734) finished in fourth and fifth, respectively. St. Xavier's Olivia Daujas claimed the women's individual crown with a five-game total of 965. Calumet bowlers Piper Plautz (964) and Law'ren Betterson (961) were close behind while rounding out the top three.

Calumet also found a great deal of success in men's competition where the Crimson Wave finished atop the standings with a winning total 9,094. St. Xavier was second with 8,888, and Marian was third with 8,817.

Calumet's Joseph Ocello topped the men's individual standings; he finished with a five-game total of 1,080 that included a 267 during Game 2. Marian bowlers Ryan Dreikosen (1,070) and Rylee Schwartz (1,068) captured the remaining spots in the men's individual top three.

**RU Warrior Fall Classic -
Bowl One Lanes -
Troy, Mich.**

Five team games and 12 Baker games were used to determine this year's champions at the Rochester University Warrior Fall Classic, and it all ended with Lawrence Tech walking away with the women's varsity team title with a total of 6,709. Concordia (6,477) and Spring Arbor (6,424) finished in second and third, respectively. Lawrence Tech's Daniella DeCruydt was tops in women's individual action. DeCruydt broke 240 three times - 243 in Game 1, 247 in Game 3 and 243 in Game 5 - and averaged 221.8 per game while establishing the winning total of 1,109.

Concordia's Brooke Binder (1,009 - 201.8) finished in second place while Michigan-Dearborn's Jessica Ludwick (977 - 195.4) was third. Concordia also found success in the men's team competition, where the Cougars breezed to first place with a winning total of 7,497. Lawrence Tech was second with 7,343, and Aquinas placed third with 7,212. First place in men's individual competition went to Lawrence Tech's Jarin Kurashige, who used a 256 during Game 2 to propel himself to a winning total of 1,089 (217.8).

Concordia's Jeffrey Lizewski was just behind at 1,083 (216.6). Spring Arbor's Caleb Tate secured the final spot in the men's top three with 1,077 (215.4).

For the full schedule of collegiate events, results and more, visit [BOWL.com/Collegiate](#) and [CollegeBowling.Bowl.com](#).

Veterans Day Classic continued from page 1

Veterans Day Classic is the first PBA tournament to honor veterans and active duty service members and provide a discounted entry fee for them. He said it took about a year to plan and secure funding.

The event will be held just south of Seattle at Joint Base Lewis-McChord — the same base where Steve DeSordi said he last competed while on active duty.

DeSordi, 57, served in the Air Force for over 30 years before retiring in April 2020. In 1994, he said his base team from Alaska won the Military Classic in Las Vegas. He said he competes with Air Force members in the USBC Open Championships as well; at one point, he was organizing four teams each year.

He said the Air Force holds team trials each year, which determine a roster to send to the Armed Forces Championships to compete against the best bowlers from other military branches. He said he made the All-Air Force team three times, winning the individual championship in 2005 and shooting the first known 300 in the event's history in 2006.

DeSordi stopped bowling in 2016, but decided to return in January because he missed his friends in the bowling community. He bowled in a few PBA50 events as a non-member earlier this season, but loved the environment and competition so he joined the PBA earlier this month. "Because it's a Veterans Day event and the PBA is going to recognize military members, I have to go," DeSordi said. "(I feel like) it's my duty to honor other military members and veterans."

DeSordi joked he may be out-gunned by the kids competing, but will make the trip from his home in Oregon to Washington.

Entries will remain open for the PBA Veterans Classic until two weeks before the event or the roster is filled. Active duty and veteran military members looking to compete can email Blanchard (JBlanchard@pba.com) to receive the discount.

Blanchard said Friday's Pro-Am is only open to military families who live on the base, which holds over 100,000 active duty and family members according to its [website](#). He added there will be a women's event running alongside the PBA regional.

Additionally, all veterans and active service members will be honored during the event. The two highest military members outside of the final cash spot will receive \$275.

Learn more about the PBA Veterans Day Classic [here](#).

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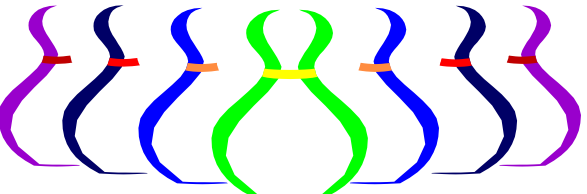
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by Mike Cammerata

The Brunswick Invitational has passed the half way mark of the first round of the season. Later in the season, spares will win games, but in the first round it's all about stringing strikes together while the house shot in on the lanes. Plenty of teams are doing just that, and seven teams are within five games of the top spot after week #4.

The feature pair on this night was a match between Forest Lanes and Family Ties. Family Ties shot over 1000 in the first game, being led by Vince Duarte (278) and David Cogswell (258). Forest Lanes had their high game of the night in the opener with a score of 929, but it wasn't nearly enough. Family Ties dropped to 874 in the middle game, and won again. This time the margin was only 24 pins. Family Ties anchor Mikey Villarreal led the way with 288. The final game was a rout from the early going, with Family Ties winning 953-757, earning a five game sweep in the match. Villarreal closed with a 257 for league leading 792 set. Duarte continued his hot bowling, shooting a 747 series, which is actually a little below his league leading average of 251. With the sweep, Family Ties improves to 17-3 for the round.

Moving up to the top pair for next week, following a 4-1 win over Threadworks, will be U.S. Foods. Threadworks managed only one win, and that was by a single pin in the middle game. U.S. Foods leadoff bowler, Paul Barraco, topped the pair with 258/746. Eric Snow had a 247/708 in defeat for Threadworks. U.S. Foods improves to 15-5, two games behind the leaders.

Cal Bowl got off to a fast start and a 1-0 lead in their match against Finishing Touch Floors. Ramon Torres and Leonard Ruiz were both over 250 on their way to a 939 opening game. After that, it was all Finishing Touch Floors, as they shot 916 and 1023 the next two games to win them both and easily take totals. Every member of the Finishing Touch team had at least one game over 250 tonight, while Joe Pepit-

one added a couple of them, shooting 267-255/724. Vernon Adams actually led the team with 279/732. Ramon Torres led Cal Bowl with 259/701. Finishing Touch is now 13-7 and will lead the 2nd pair of teams next week.

Westminster Lanes took four out of five from the Professional Approach to join Finishing Touch at 13-7. They lost the opening game, as Stephen Boring led the Pro Approach team with a 278 game. Westminster posted a 940 in the middle game to even the match at one and take a commanding lead for totals. Jonathan Gale led the way with 257. The final game was more of the same for Westminster Lanes, although this time it was Bryan Osborne topping the team with a 267 game.

Bowlmum and DV8 both came into the season with high expectations and have yet to see expected results. Both entered the action tonight at 6-9. Bowlmum leaves the night at 11-9 after sweeping the match. Only the middle game wasn't close, but in spite of the close scores, Bowlmum came out on top of each game. Butch Jackson topped all scorers with 269/723. One more strong week like this could see Bowlmum in contention soon.

Bowling Guys would take on J.K. Inc. on the next pair in a battle between two teams that have had tough luck in their matches and seen big scores shot against them. On this night, the luck fell in favor of Bowling Guys, as they earned a five game sweep to improve their record for the round to 11-9. Preston Epps led Bowling Guys with 256/715. Ian Markstrum led J.K. Inc. with a steady 238/699, but couldn't lead the team to any wins on this night.

Anthony Rieger had a 269-255/739 to lead HB Complete Builders to a 5-0 sweep over Jiffy Lube on the final pair. He had help from teammates, including Christian Eichelkraut's 675, which was significantly lower than the 800 series he shot during the

early league on Monday. Max Castillo led Jiffy Lube with 658, but probably would have rather had some wins than big scores.

The opening sidepot was a three way tie between Michael Barnett, Kyle Duster and Bobby Hornacek. In the middle game, Mikey Villarreal won with his 288. Butch Jackson earned runner-up money with 269. The third game super pot earned Vernon Adams \$156 for his 279 game. Villarreal earned second place money with a 257.

Mikey Villarreal's 288 also earned him the Financial Advisors Pot and another \$160. Juan Zavala shot a 279 game which was good enough for second place.

The round enters the final three weeks next Monday, and the pressure builds as teams try to remain in the running for the first playoff spot. Come down to Del Rio Lanes to check out the action. It begins at 8pm every Monday, and we'd love to see you here. Only a couple weeks left to see the huge scores before the patterns change and spares become the key.

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