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VAUGHN DOODY - The "DOMINATOR"

by Frank Weiler

I have known Vaughn Doody for close to twenty years now. I met him and his wife Veronica ("Ronnie") while I competed on the Super Senior Tour (SST) when Vaughn was dominating that tour. My moniker for him at the time was "The Dominator". It seemed like he won every tournament I competed in. By the time Len Miles and the SST left the scene Vaughn was probably the All Time Tour winner, both in titles and prize money.

It was no different on the West Coast Senior Tour (WCST). When Vaughn left Dick Sander's Tour, he had won a record 33 Titles and over \$100,000 in prize money. While his titles record was later eclipsed nothing can detract from Vaughn's accomplishments on WCST. His dominance on each senior tour eventually led to his being universally recognized as "The Man".



Vaughn Doody

Because of Vaughn's demeanor and mental approach to the game of bowling he not only dominated, he intimidated his opposition. That is why he sometimes was known as "The Intimidator". Either way, Dominator

or Intimidator, Vaughn Doody was a presence on the lanes and a winner. Speaking of demeanor and stature, Vaughn stood erect and imposing on the approach. His stare was laser focused. It would freeze a coyote

in place. His back arched, his breath deep, his entire body was wound tight and ready to spring and strike like a cobra. Opponents knew Vaughn was all business. His approach to the foul line was direct with no wasted motion. While his approach was firm everything was effortless. It was an approach that lent itself to accuracy and consistency. Nothing fancy, nothing showy, just machine like precision. That was Vaughn Doody. In one word: **Precision.**

Like I said, Vaughn's stare could freeze a coyote in place, discombobulate and distract an opponent. Make an opponent feel uncomfortable, disorient, and distract. These tactics made Vaughn appear to be cold, aloof, and impersonal. He was just that to opponents. And that's just the way he wanted it. He wanted to dominate, to intimidate. It was his game plan and it continued on page 5

\$3,520 In SMART Scholarship Awarded In Shootout Action At Santa Clarita Lanes

New Event Added November 19th - Just Five Qualifying Events Remaining!

by David Yamauchi

SANTA CLARITA - The Bowling Centers of Southern California's Summer Shootout held an event this past weekend at Santa Clarita Lanes in Santa Clarita.. 53 bowlers took the lanes with \$3,520 awarded to the top bowlers in each division.

In the A Division, top-seed Daniel Hong (\$450) beat 2nd second-seeded continued on page 6



Champion Daniel Hong and 2nd Aiden Shippy



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Did Everyone Catch This Year's Speed Bowling Derby?

by Dave Williams

The end of the 2023 PBA Tour season means that it's time for this year's version of the Strike Derby. But did everyone catch the event? I received an email the night before reminding us about the Strike Derby, but rather than listing a particular time and station, the memo said to check your local listings for the station and time in your area.

Between the baseball playoffs, the start of the NBA basketball season, and all the hubbub about the NFL games, I never did find the listing for the PBA Strike Derby, or "Speed Bowling" as we affectionately call it in the eastern time zone. The eventual winner of this year's Strike Derby was Chris Via from Springfield, Ohio.

Via crushed E.J. Tackett of Huntington, Ind., in the finals of the strike fest with a total of 15 strikes in two minutes. Tackett, who set a record with 16 strikes against Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky., in the semi-final match, could muster only 7 against Via. For his efforts, Via received the 1st place prize of \$20,000, while Tackett received \$12,000 for second place. Both Ogle, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C., received \$7,000 for third and fourth place positions.

I sometimes wonder why the PBA, and especially Bowlero Bowling Centers, continue to promote this competition. A local desk attendant in New Jersey has dubbed it "The Speed Bowling Derby." The consequences of the activity are numerous, but perhaps most notable is the effect that it has had on open play customers renting lanes by the hour. Their objective, as my desk attendant friend so appropriately puts it, is to see how many rolls of the ball they can achieve in an hour — *Damn The Bowling Machines! Full Speed Ahead!*

There's no redeeming value to the PBA Strike Derby. While encouraging the aforementioned speed bowling and damage to machinery, it also lessens the professional image of the bowler. While watching the event, which I was finally able to locate Wednesday on a video posted by Fox Sports on YouTube, I noticed on the graph to the right of the screen how the bowlers were placing the ball in an area at the arrows from seven to 15 boards in width. What makes that even more appalling are the comments by the announcers as to the accuracy of the players.

What?

If the bowler pulls the ball 5 boards to the left, as some of them did, it should miss the head pin to the left. And if the bowler misses more than 5 boards



1st place - Chris Via \$20,000

to the right, as many of them did, it should miss the head pin to the right. I guess another way to phrase it is by stating the obvious: the lanes are blocked with an area of close to ten boards (five on either side of the target). This is simply not a form of bowling that should be condoned unless different variables are put in place.

Last year's winner, Matt Ogle, took a deliberate approach in 2022, taking his time, wiping the ball after every shot, and checking the position of his feet before rolling the ball. As I mentioned last year ("Another Year, Another Flop?"), Ogle's plan was reminiscent of Kris Prather, winner of the inaugural event in 2020, who also credited a conscious effort to roll quality shots. The next year it was veteran Norm Duke that took his time and looked down at the approach to set his feet in a particular spot, rather than just taking off and hoping for natural instinct to take over.



2nd place - E.J. Tackett \$12,000

The exception this year was Jason Belmonte, rolling in his first Strike Derby. It's no wonder that Belmonte took four years before deciding to compete in the strike fest. Belmonte is perhaps the most deliberate and methodical of all the top notch professionals on tour today. Belmo's thought processes are in overdrive whenever he's competing. He will use anything to gain an advantage (remember the water bottle?). But alas, Belmonte may have met his Waterloo with the Speed Bowling Derby. There's just no time for Jason to conjure up a strategy to beat his opponent, or the lanes.

After four years of watching the Strike Derby, I offer the same suggestions that I have for the past two years:

- Maximum of 12 shots in 2 minutes (consider on one lane, rather than two)
- 6 or more strikes in a row = an additional 1 minute (maximum of 6 shots)
- Round begins when the ball is released from the bowler's hand on the first shot
- Ball wiping caddies to remove the excess oil from the bowling balls after each shot

By the way, whatever happened to the different colors of lane oil that outlined the "blocked" lane condition?

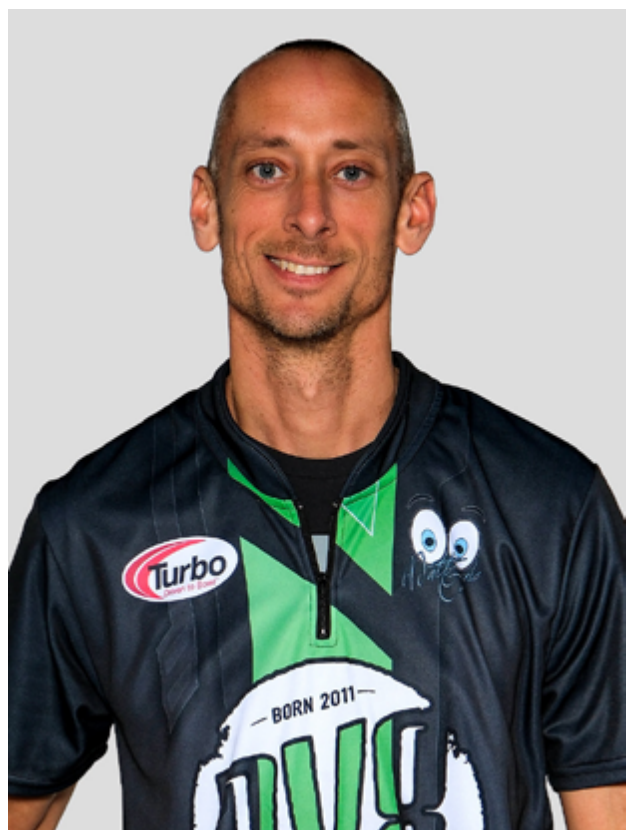
WE GET EMAILS: Rich LaChance asks if PBA veteran Butch Soper is still bowling?

The last time I remember Butch bowling was in 2019, when he got together with former touring professionals Jack Andolina, Tom Laskow, Fred Conner (all friends of mine over the years), and Boysie Huber to compete in the USBC National Championship. They had won the team title at the 1979 edition of the ABC Championship.

Butch is a few years older than me, so at roughly 75 years of age, I'm guessing that he's probably not bowling because it would not be up to his standards. There's a Facebook post at 'Stump The Rob' that states: "Soper is bartending at the bowl in Lake Havasu." Not positive, but I think that's where he is now living.

If anyone has information on Mr. Soper, let us hear from you and we will write an update in a future column.

(All photos provided by PBA, LLC)



3rd place - Matt Ogle \$7,000



4th place - Kyle Troup \$7,000

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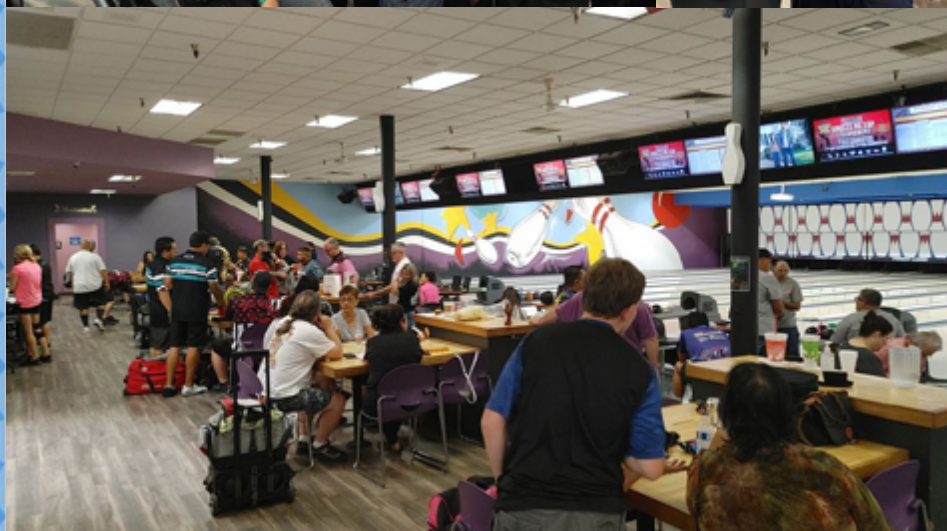
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3RD	\$ 190.00	MAVERICK DIROSSA	724
5th	\$ 170.00	Jeff W Lindenmuth	723
5th	\$ 170.00	BONNIE CHAN	723
7th	\$ 160.00	Marty Smith	707
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10th	\$ 120.00	Jorva C DiRossa	682
11th	\$ 110.00	Imelda Molina	678
11th	\$ 100.00	ELLA CHAN	678
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14th	\$ 80.00	William T Waters	669
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Sidepots

Game #1	\$ 100.00	Ryan Klinkenborg (SMART)	323
	\$ 50.00	MAVERICK DIROSSA	269
	\$ 40.00	AILEEN YEUNG	257
Game #2	\$ 100.00	Bonnie Mancilla	275
	\$ 50.00	Jeff W Lindenmuth	243
	\$ 40.00	MAVERICK DIROSSA	242
Game #3	\$ 100.00	BONNIE CHAN	261
	\$ 50.00	YAO MING LEE	260
	\$ 40.00	ELDOUS CHAN	256

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worked. However, I should mention, Vaughn was a nice guy to friends and teammates.

Guess what? Vaughn had another gear when it came to opponents who irritated him. Besides his patented stare and stoic demeanor, he could initiate his silent treatment if necessary. That meant an opponent who got under his skin would be completely ignored. No words, no eye contact, no smiles, no high fives, and no recognition whatsoever. Vaughn would act as if an opponent wasn't there. Like **JIM CROCE** once sang "Don't pull on Superman's cape", don't spit into the wind! Bowlers knew that you didn't pull on Vaughn Doody's cape. You didn't irritate the "Dominator".

So, when and where did Vaughn Doody come from? What made him into a championship bowler? Vaughn is a product of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, and Bradley Bowl. He laced up his first pair of bowling shoes in 1961 when he was already 27 years of age. He was a late comer to the sport of Bowling and a late bloomer. He was a good league bowler in those early days but didn't do anything that would be considered noteworthy. He just kept bowling and kept improving. He was laying the foundation for his later tournament successes.

After receiving an **Honorable Discharge** from the United States Army Vaughn moved to California to pursue a career as an electrician. Once out west he steadily improved as a bowler and then started competing in tournaments. His success through the years, described above, has led to his becoming a "Bowling Legend".

Vaughn's latest accomplishment was rolling in 816 series in the Senior Trio League at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas. He was 88 years of age at the time. I believe that Vaughn May have set a Nevada State record with this series, being the oldest bowler (88 years of age) to roll an 800 series.

Vaughn's career numbers are startling. He has rolled about 40 perfect 300 games and eight 800 series, with a high series of 832. As mentioned above he has at least 50 Senior Tour Titles and a **PBA Regional Title** to his credit. His most lucrative tournament win came a couple of decades ago when he won a sports car at the **Showboat Casino Lanes** in Las Vegas. The value of the sports car at the time was about \$15,000. In today's dollars that translates to \$35,000.

Vaughn's tournament successes and subsequent growing reputation as a bowling Legend have resulted in many rumors and stories about him. Like the legends surrounding **PAUL BUNYAN** there are many tall tails surrounding the accomplishments and successes of Vaughn Doody. Let me put some of these to rest. I like to think of this discussion as "Fact or Fiction".

Fact or Fiction. Vaughn competed against and defeated such **PBA stars** as **Ernie Schlegel** and **Mark Roth** in late night "Action Bowling" matches in New York City and New Jersey back when he was living in Connecticut. Remember Windsor Locks is only 30 miles from the **Big Apple**. **FICTION**. There is no evidence of Vaughn Doody being an **Action Bowler** when residing on the East Coast.

Fact or Fiction. Vaughn studied for a Degree in Sports Psychology with the purpose of learning ways of exploiting an opponent's mental weaknesses. **FICTION**. There is no evidence of Vaughn Doody studying for a Degree in Sports Psychology.

Fact or Fiction. Vaughn was a friend of **NASCAR** race car champion **DALE EARNHARDT** and modeled his intimidating behavior after Dale Earnhardt's intimidating actions as a driver. **FICTION**. There is no evidence that Vaughn Doody was a friend or imitator of Dale Earnhardt.

Fact or Fiction. Vaughn was involved in the production of the 1950s hit television series "The Howdy Doody Show". That show was NBC's most successful children's show of the 1950s and one of the most popular of all time. I believe this rumor spread because of the common surname (Doody). **FICTION**. There is no evidence that Vaughn Doody was involved in the production of "The Howdy Doody Show". There you have it. Vaughn Doody the man, the bowler, and the champion. "The **DOMINATOR**".

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BVL NAMED OFFICIAL CHARITY OF PBA TOUR

RICHMOND, VA. — The Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) and Bowlers to Veterans Link (BVL) announced today that BVL, a 501c3 charity dedicated to funding recreation therapy programs for veterans, has been named the official charity of the PBA Tour beginning with the 2024 PBA season.

The PBA Tour and BVL will partner to highlight the significance of BVL's efforts in supporting recreation therapy programs for veterans and active-duty military. The PBA Tour's upcoming season will see BVL integrated into telecasts with on-air features and brand exposure to raise awareness among the bowling community. The full 2024 PBA Tour schedule and additional activation plans will be announced at a later date.

"The good work the BVL does for our veterans is a great source of pride for bowling", says PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. "The PBA is pleased to amplify those efforts across our platforms, including on FOX Sports."

"The PBA Tour has tremendous reach which makes them the perfect partner to help amplify BVL's voice on behalf of veterans," said BVL Board Chair John LaSpina, who recently hosted a PBA50 event as a BVL fundraiser. "So many of our bowlers are veterans and it's an honor to work with the PBA Tour to bring awareness to their important stories and raise much-needed dollars to brighten the lives of those who have served our country."

BVL was formed in 1942 when the bowling community came together to provide medical transport planes to bring wounded service personnel back home from World War II. Over the past eight decades, BVL has raised more than \$56 million to fund recreation therapy programs and services. PBA Hall of Famer and Vietnam Veteran Johnny Petraglia celebrates his 50th year as a BVL Ambassador this November during BVL Month in America.

About BVL

Bowlers To Veterans Link (BVL) is bowling's own and oldest charity, raising more than \$56 million since 1942 to fund recreation therapy programs that address the emotional and physical needs of veterans and active-duty military. BVL provides funds for dozens of diverse recreation therapy programs including outdoor sports, music, arts & crafts, bowling, adaptive equipment, virtual reality therapy, and so much more, at veterans' hospitals, clinics and community-based counseling centers. BVL is a national nonprofit 501 (c) (3) charity that is consistently acknowledged for efficient and effective programming delivered with extremely low overhead. BVL has been recognized as one of "America's Best Charities" by Independent Charities of America, earned a "Top-Rated" Nonprofit distinction from GreatNonprofits, and is also a member of the Combined Federal Campaign (#93325). For more information on BVL, visit BVL.org.

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Aiden Shippy (\$300) for the title. Daniel Hong remains on fire in A Division play and now has a strong lead in the overall points race for the \$1000 bonus. B Division action saw second-seeded Dylan Ingram (\$370) beat top-seed Caden Raines (\$370) for the title with 3rd going to Nicholas Lunde (\$195). Caden was bowling in only his second tournament ever, led the field, and finished second! C Division bowling saw Ezekiel DeGuzman (\$370) remain on fire using his NU look against 2nd Chason Hou (\$250) for the title with 3rd going to Makaio Yu (\$160). The D Division was the largest field of the day with all three bowlers finishing as the qualified; 1st to Colin Moreno (\$410), 2nd to Jacob Blake (\$290), 3rd to Percial Garcia (\$205), and 4th Paolo Samson (\$150). \$3,520 in scholarship paid out at Santa Clarita. Congratulations to everyone!

There is a chance the event on Saturday, November 18th at Cal Bowl will need to be moved to another date/house. Details shortly as they work out their calendar.

We have added a date at Forest Lanes on Sunday, November 19th which will be the final event of the Shootouts. There are only 5 events left on the schedule with up to \$6,000 up for grabs at each event. With entry fees from \$30, these are fun, affordable events for Southern California junior bowlers to have a chance to earn SMART Scholarship funds for their future.

Bowlers entering at least three events in the series will be eligible to enter the Southern California Grand Championships in January of 2024. Over \$100,000 in scholarships will be available in the mega-event thanks to the Bowling Centers of Southern California. Hope to see you for this weekend's events Saturday, November 4th at La Habra "300" Bowl and Sunday, November 5th at Harley's Camarillo Bowl. Check-in will begin at 9:00 with bowling at 10:00.

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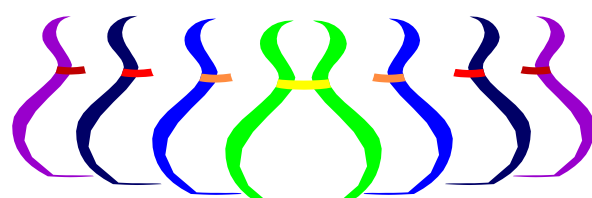
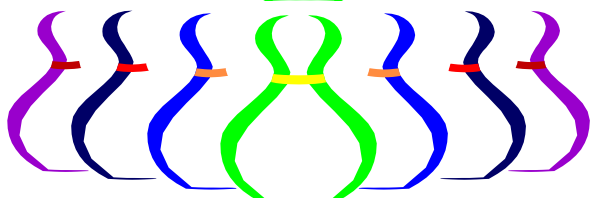
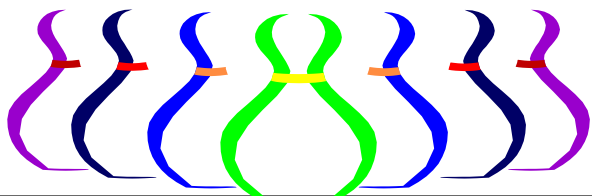
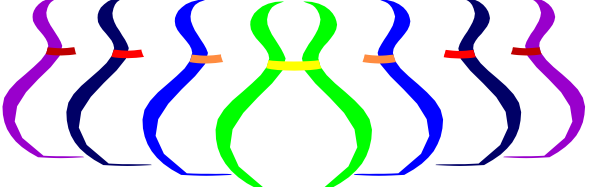
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37th Year! Brunswick® INVITATIONAL

Round Two Starts With The New Shorter/Low Volume Pattern

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the first week of the second round. Scores took a dive as the league moved from a standard house shot to the short pattern. This year's pattern was a bit longer than last year's (30 feet), however it featured a 1.36:1 ultra-flat ratio and a total of just 7.92mL to challenge the league. The lanes definitely were lower volume but carrydown and transition made them tough as the night went on.

In the "A" match, **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) took on **US Foods** (Gabe Martinez) with Family Ties looking to keep their first-round win momentum going. US Foods took a very low first game but rolled from there for the 5-0 sweep of the league-leaders. Gabriel Martinez led US Foods with a 598 set while Michael Montano's 538 was high for Family Ties.

In the "B" match, **ThreadWorks** (Eric Snow) was trying to again be the tough draw, this time against red-hot **Forever Hope Foundation** (Ramsey Basurto). Threadworks lived up to the hype taking a 4-1 win over Forever Hope Foundation. Eric Snow was again tough with a 544 set to lead ThreadWorks while Ramsey Basurto struck his way to a 617 set to lead Forever Hope Foundation.

In a battle of veteran teams, **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) took on **Junior Amateur Tour** (Anthony Santos) with both teams looking to past experience for guidance. Junior Amateur Tour took a close first game, but Bowlium stormed back with a huge 836 game. Junior Amateur Tour fought back with a game three win for a 3-2 win for Bowlium. Billy Myers Jr. was huge for Bowlium with a 712 set while Anthony Santos stroked his way to 654 to pace Junior Amateur Tour.

Del Rio Lanes (Marquan Rivers) faced **DV8** (David Cogswell) with both teams looking for what their look would be for the next seven weeks. Del Rio Lanes came out big, but it was all DV8 from there as the got lined up and took 4 Del Rio Lanes. David Cogswell led DV8 with a nice 599 series while Michael Barnett managed 537 to lead Del Rio Lanes.

Forest Lanes (Jon Diso) and **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) were matched up again, with Cal Bowl looking to avenge their last matchup with the Disos. Forest Lanes took game one by 11 but it was all Cal Bowl from there as they rolled to a 4-1 win over Forest. Jon Diso put up one big game to lead Forest with a 584 set while James Bael got locked in late to lead Cal Bowl with a 591 series.

Touchstone Homes (Christian Eikelkraut) faced **Professional Approach Keystone** (William Morris) with a good mix of veterans and new players feeling out the new shot. Tuchstone Homes took the first two with Professional Approach Keystone stealing the last game by 14 for a 4-1 result. Kevin Cowden paced Touchstone Homes with a 562 set while Saul DeUlloa managed 540 for Professional Approach Keystone.

iColor Printing (Javier Hernandez), **Professional Approach Oak Tree** (John Struckman), **Professional Approach Del Rio** (Denis Rivera) and **Westminster Lanes** (Jonathan Gale) rounded out Monday's action on the short. Professional Approach Oak Tree swept iColor Printing 5-0 led by David Schiada's 562 set while Augie Labrado Jr. paced iColor Printing with a 561 set. Westminster Lanes also took a 5-0 sweep over Professional Approach Del Rio with Tony Brunning going strong for a 630 set while Austin Berube led the Del Rio bunch with a 489 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Billy Myers Jr. (263) for \$160 with 2nd to Jon Diso (253) for \$70. Sidepots went to Anthony Santos (248) and Ramsey Basurto (205) for \$48 each with 2nd to Ramsey Basurto (209) and Jonathan Huevo (205) for \$24. SuperPot went to Gabriel Martinez (255) for \$144 with 2nd to Anthony Santos (235) for \$72.

Come on out and watch Southern California's Richest League battle the low-volume, flat, 30-foot short-oil as Round 2 continues Monday at 8:00!

TOP 10 ROUND 2 WEEK 1

Westminster Lanes . . . 5	Cal Bowl 4
US Foods 5	Touchtone Homes . . . 4
Pro Approach OakTree 5	Bowlium 3
DV8 4	Junior Amateur Tour . . 2
ThreadWorks 4	Forest Lanes 1

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

712 Billy Myers Jr.	598 Gabriel Martinez
664 Anthony Santos	591 James Bael
630 Tony Brunning	584 Arnold Cheesman
617 Ramsey Basurto	584 Jon Diso
599 David Cogswell	578 Ramiro Garcia

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