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The So. Cal 2023 Junior Shootouts are this week at Forest Lanes on Sunday November 19th. \$200,000 in Smart Scholarship money is up for grabs. 4 Divisions, A 180+, B 161 - 185, C 136 - 160 and D 135 and

below. You need 3 to qualify for Grand Championships at Cal Bowl in Lakewood in January 2024. See advertisement on page 3. Contact Forest Lanes at (949) 770-0055 for more info.



C Division Champion Aiden Starr & 2nd Bailey Villegas



D Division Champion Connor Mazaras & 2nd Jizelle Garcia



A Division Champion Aiden Shippy & 2nd Daniel Hong

VETERANS DAY & BOWLING

by Frank Weiler, United States Air Force Retired

Veterans love bowling and the sport of Bowling supports our veterans. Bowling's BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) charitable activities has raised millions of dollars to aid our hospitalized veterans. In addition to this industry wide effort to raise money for veterans, many Bowling Centers proudly display our Nation's Flag on VETERANS DAY. So, what is Veterans Day and why do we celebrate it?

World War One (1914-1918) known at the time as "**The Great War**" officially ended with the Treaty of Versailles being signed on June 28, 1919 in the Palace of Versailles just outside the town Ver-



sailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an **armistice**, or temporary cessation of the hostilities, between the Allied Nations and Germany went into effect on the

11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. For that reason November 11, 1918 is generally regarded as the end of "**The War To End All Wars**".

Veteran's day originated as Armistice Day on November 11, 1919 the first anniversary of the end of World War One. It was proclaimed in 1919 by **President Woodrow Wilson**. He proclaimed November 11th as the first Armistice Day with the following words "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the service of our country and with grati-



tude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in

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\$2,560 In SMART Scholarship Awarded At Buena Lanes

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

VENTURA - The Bowling Centers of Southern California's Summer Shootout held one event this weekend at Buena Lanes in Ventura. \$2,560 in scholarship funds was awarded to bowlers this Saturday.

In the A Division, Aiden Shippy took down top-seed Daniel Hong for the title and a \$375 scholarship. Daniel Hong earns \$375 for being top-qualifier and finishing 2nd. B Division action saw Caden Raines make a late charge to get into the championship match, then continued to stay

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B Division Champion Caden Raines and 2nd Stephanie Hong



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A VETERAN IS..... and Probably is a Bowler

by Frank Weiler

A Veteran is someone who **chooses to serve** our country and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is someone who chooses to leave family and friends to serve our country and..... probably is a bowler. A Veteran is someone who **forgoes the comforts of home** to serve our country and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is someone who **loves our country** and serves for little compensation and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is an **unselfish team player** and..... probably is a bowler. A Veteran is someone who willingly serves our country overseas and..... probably is a bowler.

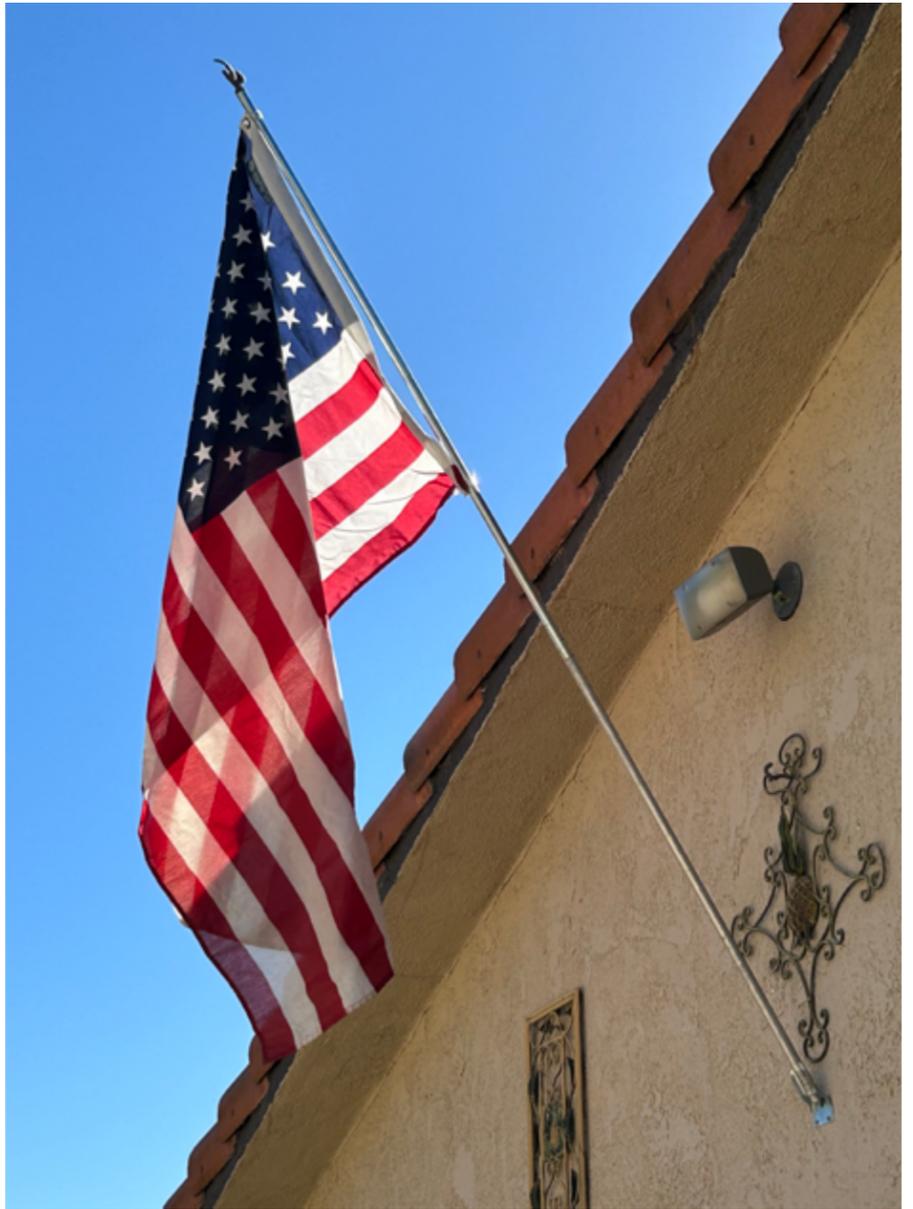
A Veteran is someone who willingly spends years serving his country and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is someone who volunteers to confront and defeat our nations enemies and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is someone who marches into harm's way to confront and defeat our nation's enemies and..... probably is a bowler.

A Veteran is someone who **willingly risks life and limb** to protect us and country and..... probably is a bowler.

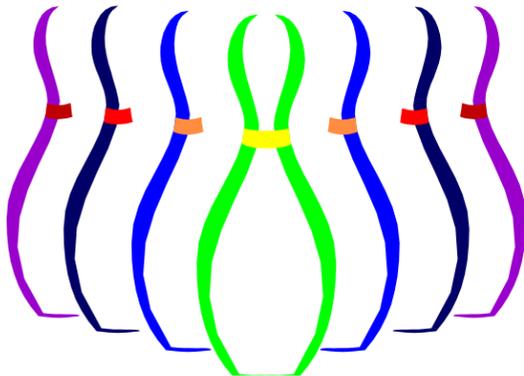
A Veteran is someone who **willingly gives their life** for our country and..... probably was a bowler.



"THERE IS NO GREATER SACRIFICE THEN GIVING ONES LIFE FOR ANOTHER".

Through such examples of devotion to country and acts of heroism above and beyond the call of duty, we can say with confidence that:

- A Veteran is **Devoted.**
- A Veteran is **Sincere.**
- A Veteran is **Generous.**
- A Veteran is **Responsible.**
- A Veteran is **Trustworthy.**
- A Veteran is **Reliable.**
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Southern CALIFORNIA 2023 Junior SHOOTOUTS

\$200,000
in SMART Scholarship Money

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FOREST LANES Sunday November 19th

Cal BOWL Saturday December 2nd

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Division B - 161-185	\$35	4 GAMES	Division D - Under 135	\$30	3 GAMES

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JAT Takes The Lanes For Opening Day 2023-24

by David Yamauchi

WESTMINSTER - The JAT took the lanes for the first tournament of the season with a late start due to the Summer Shootout series occupying many weekends throughout August, September and October. 65 bowlers took the lanes in the three division to take on Westminster Lanes in Westminster.

In the Open Division, the scoring pace was hot as it took +70 to make the cut to the top-16 bracket. After two rounds, the semifinals saw RJ Davis take down Bryce Nakunz in two games 195-175 and 211-201 to advance to the Championship Match. On the other side of the bracket, Kaven Massey blasted Jeremy Morris 265-148 and 229-174 to cement his spot in the final. The Championship Pair proved tricky, but RJ Davis took game one 223-159 then completed the sweep 219-204 to earn his first JAT Open Division title. Congratulations to RJ; a long-time JAT bowler and son of JAT Alum Stacy Rider!

In the Farm Club, -50 earned a spot in the top-14 for the match-play round. Scores escalated as Gian Figureoa earned the top-seed at +348 followed by Matthew Beck at +300 and Tyler VanDenberg at +279. In the opening match, Matthew Beck got by



Open Division Champion RJ Davis and 2nd Kaven Massey



Farm Club 2nd Matthew Beck, Champion Gian Figureoa, 3rd Tyler VanDenberg



Preps Division 2nd Lizette Arellano, Champion AJ Holland, 3rd Jacob Blake

Tyler VanDenberg 213-189 to meet top-seeded Gian Figureoa. The title match was all Gian as he struck to a 239-171 win and his first JAT Farm Club title.

The Preps saw Lizette Arellano (-122) lead the action, followed by Jacob Blake (-153) and AJ Holland (-157) advancing to the rollofs. AJ Holland took care of business beating Jacob Blake 167-145 to advance to the Championship Match. In the final, it was AJ Holland continuing to stay hot and marking to a 160-120 win for the title. Congratulations AJ!

The JAT takes the lanes for the PBA Challenge at Forest Lanes on Sunday, December 3. Check out www.bowljat.org for up to the date information on our events!

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hot besting top-seed Stephanie Hong for the title. Caden banked a \$350 scholarship for the win with Stephanie Hong also receiving \$350 for leading qualifying and finishing 2nd. In the C Division, Aiden Starr took the championship by beating top-seed Bailey Villegas in a close match that went down to the last ball. Aiden took home a \$280 scholarship with Bailey Villegas earning \$275 for 2nd. The D Division action was the only division where the top-seed held on as Connor Mazaras took down Jizelle Garcia for the title and a \$330 scholarship. Jizelle Garcia earned \$225 for finishing 2nd.

We have added a date at Forest Lanes on Sunday, November 19th, and the Shootout date for Cal Bowl has been moved from November 18th to Saturday, December 2nd. The Cal Bowl event will be the last chance to get in your three events to qualify for the Grand Championships. There are only 2 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.

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the councils of Nations”.

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business.

Congress passed a Resolution in 1926 for an annual observance on November 11th that became a National Holiday beginning in 1938. Later United States Representative **Edward Page Reese** of Kansas proposed a Bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954 Congress passed the Bill that **President Dwight Eisenhower** signed proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day.

Veteran's Day continues to be observed on November 11th, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The observance of Veterans Day on November 11th not only preserves the historical significance of the date but helps focus attention on the important purposes Veterans Day is celebrated, to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Originally Armistice Day was dedicated to the cause of World Peace and to remember the service of those who served in the First World War. Eventually this holiday came to celebrate and honor those who have died in the service of country and to thank those who have served and still live. We honor the generations of men and women who have served and sacrificed not for a person or a place but for an idea **“That EVERY-ONE is created equal with INALIENABLE RIGHTS to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness granted by GOD”**. An idea pursued by the United States of America for nearly 250 years, primarily by the efforts of our veterans who have defended these values that make us strong.

Here are some interesting facts regarding Veterans Day:

Wishing a veteran a happy Veterans Day or showing your appreciation by way of saying **“thank you for your service”** is certainly an appropriate way to acknowledge a veteran.

The flower that is a symbol of Veterans Day is the **red poppy**. For over 100 years now the red poppy has been a symbol used by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the American Legion in recognition of veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

There are approximately 19,000,000 United States veterans. Women make up about 13% of all these.

We all owe our veterans a great deal of admiration for their service. Their willingness to serve and potentially risk life and limb so we may live our lives safe and free deserves our respect and gratitude.

Let's go bowling and always remember our VETERANS.

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 event Sunday at Forest Lanes in Lake Forest. Check-in will begin at 9:00 with bowling at 10:00.



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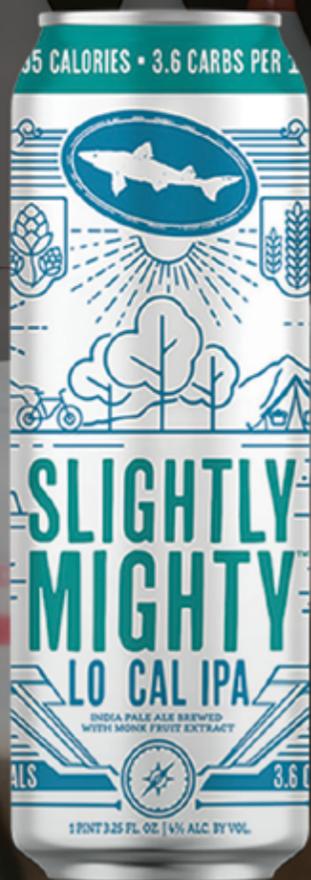
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Another Bowling Company Going Public

by Dave Williams

It all started with American International Bowling Corporation (AIBC), the first bowling center chain to go public on October 28th, 1958, with 770,000 shares being offered at less than \$1 per share. Yes, that's right — before there was Bowlero, or AMF Bowling Centers, or even Brunswick Recreation Centers, the first really large bowling conglomerate to operate bowling centers on a worldwide basis was AIBC, as we reported in an article debuting in July of 2021 (The Bowling Chain That Started Them All).

In that article, it was reported that the offering would benefit the original eight locations being constructed in New Jersey (Ramsey, New Brunswick, and Levittown), New York (Yonkers), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, Bethlehem, and Lancaster), and Michigan (Flint). Likewise, the Pinstripes (stock symbol PNST) news release states that the public offering will assist in their expansion at six locations already underway: Aventura, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Coral Gables, Fla., Paramus, N.J., Walnut Creek, Calif., and Bellevue, Washington.

Pinstripes is not a new name for many of you, as they already operate bowling entertainment centers in 14 different locations: North Bethesda, Md., Norwalk, Conn., Chicago, Ill., Oak Brook, Ill., Northbrook, Ill., South Barrington, Ill., Cleveland, Ohio, Fort Worth, Tx., Houston, Tx., Edina, Minn., Overland Park, Kansas, San Mateo, Calif., Canoga Park, Calif., and Georgetown, in the nation's capital. Is it just me, or have any of you also noticed how the locations of Pinstripes mirror many of the closings of famous bowling locations from the past?

The Pinstripes prospectus defines the company as a best-in-class experiential dining and entertainment brand combining bistro, bowling, bocce, and private event space. If they're looking to capture former "leaguers" from those famous closed locations, this is not the "home away from home" atmosphere to lure them back. Instead, Pinstripes seems more content to offer the same type of allure as Bowlero, Round1 USA, and all the rest... exotic food, drinks, private rooms, and event spaces. One can only assume that opportunities for "leaguers" will be available — but only at times which cannot be filled with the higher priced events.

Looking over the list of current and future locations of Pinstripes provides a look into the past of bowling center nobility, where only the best that bowling had to offer were built and allowed to flourish. Even Pinstripes headquarters in Northbrook, Ill., is just a stone's throw from the shuttered AMF Strike 'n Spare Lanes, perhaps most famous for the very first Jerry Lewis Bowl-A-Thon in 1959. It was also host to the last BPAA All Star tournament in 1970, won by Bobby Cooper of Houston (\$8,000) for the men, and Mary Baker of Central Islip, N.Y. (\$4,000) for the women.

Then there's Pinstripes in the Westfield Topanga Mall, less than 3 miles from the former location of AMF Rocket Bowl in Chatsworth, California. Perhaps



Pinstripes North Bethesda (2017)

most notable about the Rocket Bowl location, named in honor of the Atlas rockets constructed in the Aerojet Rocketdyne plant next door, were the weekly visits by league member Roy Rogers, who lived just a few blocks away on Trigger Street (named after his famous horse).

Another well known bowling location was King Louie West in Overland Park, Kansas, which was a combination of bowling lanes, billiards, and an indoor ice-skating rink. Vic and Morris Lerner, two Polish immigrant brothers, shared in the American Dream when they wagered that families relocating to the suburbs of Kansas City would see bowling as fun for the whole family, as reported in the Shawnee Mission Post in 2022. The bet paid off, and King Louie West became a draw for local families, and also millions of TV fans that enjoyed the PBA Tour stop in Overland Park for many years. (The former King Louie West facility is about a 15 minute drive from Pinstripes Overland Park location).

King Louie West eventually closed in 2009, after a 50 year run. The mammoth building remained idle for a couple of years until the Johnson County Commission purchased the facility from AMF with the vision of creating a county Heritage Center. Today, visitors can drop by the Heritage Center, which is anchored by the Johnson County Museum. The Shawnee Mission Post article goes on to say that features of the King Louie West Bowling Center and Ice Chateau can still be seen today, with subtle but clever nods to the building's history.

The Pinstripes news release states that they are visualizing a long-term opportunity of approximately 150 locations in the USA, with substantial interna-

tional potential. The value of the company is estimated at \$520 million, or \$10.00 per share, according to the combination prospectus and news release. The Board of Directors of Pinstripes, and partner Banyan Acquisition Corporation (stock symbol BYN) have all approved the transaction, subject to approval by the SEC and Banyan stockholders. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2023.

Dale Schwartz, Founder and CEO of Pinstripes, stated in the release: "We founded Pinstripes to create the fun interactions and celebrations that people crave, by uniquely combining made-from-scratch dining with the timeless games of bowling and bocce. We're at a strategic inflection point of substantial growth. Innovative restaurant and recreational brands are filling the void as key traffic creators in shopping centers, as legacy anchor tenants' close stores."

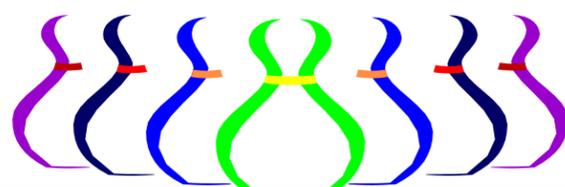
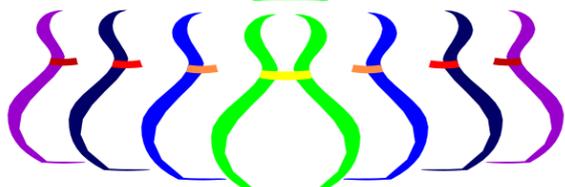
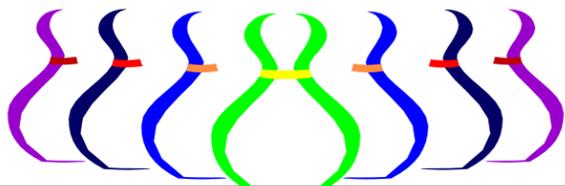
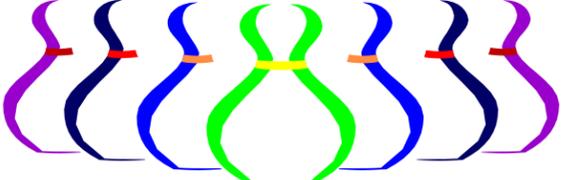
Everyone knows that history repeats itself, and what goes around, comes around... again. Mr. Schwartz, and others, feel that bowling presents a unique opportunity to replace areas in shopping malls, so called white spaces, caused by numerous closings of anchor stores. But can you imagine what the game will be like when league bowling returns to the prominence once enjoyed — only now at your local shopping mall? Of course, Pinstripes and others will need to get back to the "home away from home" atmosphere, at least for most of the day.

- Artist's concept of Pinstripes North Bethesda (2017). pinstripes.com
- Conceptual drawing for King Louie West (1959). The Ice Chateau was added in 1964. JCPRD.com



King Louie West (1959)

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Two 9-1 Teams Look To Stay Hot On The Short

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the third week of the shorter oil round. The lanes continued to be selfish with the scoring as the top match featured two 9-1 teams hoping to remain on top. The pattern played exceptionally dry, as balls were hooking out of the building from the start.

In the "A" match, **Westminster Lanes** (Jonathan Gale) took on **Professional Approach Oak Tree** (John Struckman) with both teams looking to keep their losses at just one for the round. Westminster Lanes took game one, but Professional Approach Oak Tree came back and snuck out a two-pin win. Westminster Lanes came back to take game three and totals for the 4-1 win and will remain in the "A" match next week. Tony Brunning led Westminster Lanes with a 593 set while David Schiada was huge for Professional Approach Oak Tree with a 708 effort.

In the "B" match, **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) took on **Cal Bowl** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) with both teams missing regulars in this key matchup. Cal Bowl snuck out a first game win by two sticks but it was all Bowlium from there as they cruised to the 4-1 win. Billy Myers Jr. led Bowlium with a nice 625 set while Ramon Torres was huge for Cal Bowl with a 676 series.

Junior Amateur Tour (Anthony Santos) was looking to continue their decent scoring after leading the league in week 2, taking on **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) who was bumped down from the "A" match last week. US Foods took the first game but Junior Amateur Tour hung on to take game two. US Foods made sure they would take totals as they cruised to a triple-digit win and the 4-1 result. Gabriel Martinez led US Foods with a 671 set while J.A.T. was paced by Antony Santos' 623 series.

Forever Hope Foundation (Vernon Adams) was taking on **DV8** (David Cogswell) with Forever Hope wanting to keep the momentum going from their

sweep in week 2, and DV8 looking to bounce back after a one-win effort. DV8 took advantage of a short-handed Forever Hope Foundation and rolled to a 5-0 sweep. Daniel Hong went huge for DV8 with a 724 series while sub Joe Pepitone paced Forever Hope with a 602 set.

ThreadWorks (Eric Snow) was sitting a 5-5 taking on first-round winners **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) in a battle of two veteran teams. Threadworks took the bookend games but Family Ties was the tough draw game two as the big win gave them totals and a 3-2 result. Vince Duarte paced Family Ties with a 624 set while Paul Varela was strong for Theadworks with his 654 series.

Professional Approach Del Rio (Eric Daniels) took on **Touchstone Homes** (Christian Eikelkraut) with both teams sitting at 4-6 and looking to jump back in the round. Touchstone Homes swept Professional Approach Del Rio including a close third game three-pin win. Kevin Cowden led Touchstone Homes with a 600 set while Austin Berube paced Professional Approach Del Rio with a 502 effort.

Professional Approach Keystone Lanes, Forest Lanes, Del Rio Lanes and iColor Printing rounded out Monday's action. Del Rio Lanes took a sweep of iColor Printing led by Jonathan Huezo's strong 633 set. iColor printing was led by Javier Hernandez with a 592 set. Forest Lanes avenged their week two effort with a strong sweep of Professional Approach Keystone. Jesse Perez stroked his way to a strong 666 effort while William Morris paced Professional Approach Keystone with a 549 set.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Daniel Hong (277) for \$160 with 2nd to Jonathan Huezo (256) for \$70. Sidepots went to Paul Varela (244) and Jonathan Huezo (256) for \$46 each with 2nd to Vince Duarte (226) and Jesse Perez (254) for \$23 each. SuperPot

TOP 10 ROUND 2 WEEK 3

Westminster Lanes . . . 13	Cal Bowl 9
Bowlium 12	Touchtone Homes 9
US Foods 10	Junior Amateur Tour . . 8
DV8 10	ThreadWorks 7
Pro Approach OakTree 10	Family Ties \$. 7

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

724 Daniel Hong	654 Paul Varela
708 David Schiada	633 Jonathan Huezo
695 Billy Myers Jr.	626 Marquan Rivers
676 Ramin Torres	625 D.A. Smith
666 Jesse Perez	624 Vince Duarte

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went to Mikey Villarreal (233) for \$138 with 2nd to Jesse Perez (226) for \$69. Strike out and clean-30 pot both carried over again.

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