## Brunswick Acquires Ebonite In Industry Shaking Move

by Lucas Wiseman

In a blockbuster move goes, everyone has been resure to shake up the industry, Brunswick has acquired Ebonite International in a deal that was announced Friday. Brunswick secured all the assets of EBI, including all of its brands, trademarks and technologies. Effective immediately, the EBI plant in Hopkinsville, Kentucky, has been shut down and production will move to Brunswick's plant in Reynosa, Mexico.
"We're still working on plans," Brunswick Director of Marketing Bugsy Kelly told FloBowling. "We have about two or three weeks of working on what this really means for Brunswick. As far as Ebonite's pro staff
tained."
EBI's brands include Columbia 300, Hammer, Ebonite, Track, Power House and Robby's. What this move means for the long-term future of each individual brand is unclear and Kelly said those details will be worked out in the coming weeks.
"Our goal and our whole premise behind what we are doing right now is to make sure the consumer still has all the product that they need and would want," Kelly said. "The consumer is going to be top of mind for Brunswick going forward for all of our brands."

# Sean Rash Wins PBA China Tiger Cup in 2019 PBA Tour Season Finale 

14-Time PBA Tour Champion Sweeps Fellow American AJ Johnson

## SUZHOU, China- Sean

 Rash, a 14-time Professional Bowlers Association Tour title winner, added another unique accomplishment to his portfolio when he swept fellow American PBA member AJ Johnson in a best-of-three-game title match to win the historic PBA China Tiger Cup at Suzhou Tiger Bowl, the first PBA event ever held in China.Rash, from Montgomery, Illinois, defeated Johnson, from nearby Oswego, 211-194 and 227-207 for the title. Rash's conversion of the 2-4-8-10 split in the ninth frame to win game one was the pivotal shot in

## the match.



2019 PBA China Cup Champion Sean Rash
The two Illinois bowl- PBA members from China streamed Tuesday on Floers were part of a seven- and Chinese Hong Kong. Bowling.com by the PBA's player PBA delegation that Rash collected $\$ 20,000$ for online streaming partner. bowled in a single-elim- his win; Johnson received ination match play event $\$ 10,000$ as runner-up. The finals also are available
in the FloBowling archive.

# Old Faithiul and Chippy Ball Helps 75-Year-Old Man Become Perfect 



Al Zaccagnini

LAKE FOREST, Calif. At some point in one's bowling career, everything has to go perfect at least once, right? For 75 -yearold Temecula resident Al Zaccagnini, that moment came Monday, November 25 at Forest Lanes, when he shot his first-ever perfect 300 game.

The moment came in his first week back from an eye surgery that kept him away from bowling for a month.

He had shot a 195 game in the first game of his 1 p.m. Capo Memorial league, two pins under his average of 197, and then followed it with a 202 game.

Then it happened. "When I had nine strikes I told myself I had a chance to do it," Zaccagnini said, "I buried the first one and felt really comfortable, but kept thinking I would mess up and get tapped."

Bam! Another strike. Bringing him to the all-important twelfth ball.
"I looked at the pins and said to myself, 'if I hit all 10 pins, they'll fall,' and so I let the ball go, watched it roll, hook into the pocket and hit all 10 pins, and they all went down!" he said. He could not believe what just happened. "It was one of those things that happens once in continued on page 4

## There Wasa Real Buru Rounn Cataly Pia

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA - Remember Buzz Fazio? Cathy Pia certainly does.
Actually, make that Cathy Fazio Pia, a free spirit in Winnetka Bowl's Funtimers senior league.
Buzz Fazio is one of
the greatest bowlers ever and Cathy is Buzz's granddaughter. Buzz, nicknamed the "Buzzer," is actually Basil "Buzz" Fazio, but there was no mistaking his audience-pleasing theatrics when he starred on TV racking up strikes from the early 1940s to the late


## 1960s.

## California Bowling Writers Shirlee Dar Passes Away

Shirlee moved to sunny California in 1959. She started league bowling at Jefferson Bowl in Culver City in 1963.
She traveled to many State and National conventions and tournaments over the years.

Her past resume of bowling offices held consists of being a Director, then Treasurer of the Los Angeles WBA. She moved to Ventura County and joined their association and held the offices of Director,


Shirlee Darr
3rd Vice President and Sgt-at-Arms until 2017. The CBW was fortunate to have Shirlee on their Board as she was a great link with all the women bowlers from So.Calif.


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8 - Closing entry deadline for Average Joe Tournament Handicap \& Scratch Doubles (12/21 in Vegas), 661/240-7879
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The PBA's first full year of competition under its new FOX Sports agreement proved to be financially rewarding to PBA Tour players. Nine players exceeded $\$ 100,000$ in earnings during the year, led by Australia's Jason Belmone who banked $\$ 288,290$, the highest single-season earnings total since Mika Koivuniemi collected $\$ 333,040$ after winning the record $\$ 250,000$ first prize in the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions during the 2010-11 season.

Belmonte was the Go Bowling! PBA Tour's only four-time title winner in 2019, including a pair of major championships (PBA Tournament of Champions and PBA World Championship), and won the earnings crown by $\$ 52,510$ over Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., who won a total of $\$ 235,780$. Both totals were career highs.

The top 10 in 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour earnings includes the following players:

| 1. Jason Belmonte $\qquad$ \$288,290 |
| :---: |
| 3. Bill O'Neill............................................... $\$ 192,4$ |
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|  |
| 5. Sean Rash |
| 6. Anthony Simonsen ........................ $\$ 176,598$ |
| 7. EJ Tackett |
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## PBA REEIONAL UPDATE: WAITER RAY WINS RELIONALITIIE NO. 54

- Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla. and non-PBA member Josh Johnson of Yulee, Fla., defeated Orlando partners Mike Moore and Shawn Naumann, 244-232, to win the $\$ 4,800$ first prize in the PBA South Region Member/ Non-Member Doubles at Break Point Alley Bowling Center in Tavares, Fla., Sunday.
With his 34th standard PBA Regional win, Williams improved his overall PBA Regional titles total to 54, one behind all-time leader Chris Warren of Grants Pass, Oregon, who has won a combined 55 times in PBA and PBA50 Regional competition. Including WRW's record 47 PBA Tour titles and 14 PBA50 Tour titles, he improved his record for overall PBA titles at all levels to 115 .
Williams and Johnson won only four of their 10 matches leading into the stepladder finals, but their 18 -game total of 5,974 pins was enough to claim the top berth in the finals by 13 pins over Craig Auerbach of Sunrise, Florida, and his non-member partner, Matthew Tuckfield of Orlando. Moore and Naumann, the defending champions, qualified third and easily defeated the team of Tom Daugherty of Riverview, Florida and Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Florida, 248189, in the first stepladder match. Moore and Naumann then eliminated Tuckfield and Auerbach, 244-203, to advance to the title match.
- Lennie Boresch of Kenosha, Wis. defeated Steve Kenyon of Grosse Ile, Mich., 743-644 in the three-game final match to win the PBA50 Allstate Central Match Classic at Westland Bowl in Westland, Mich., Sunday for his eighth PBA50 Regional title and the $\$ 1,700$ first prize.

In the semifinal round, Boresch topped Darryl Bower of Middletown, Pa., 723-651, and Kenyon edged Michael Lucente of Warren, Mich., 652-651, in the three-game semifinal round to set up the championship match.

- Warren Crawford from McKinleyville, Calif., and Kevin Croucher from Grants Pass, Ore., were winners in Sunday's PBA and PBA50 Epicenter Northwest-West Open tournaments, respectively, in Klamath Falls, Ore

Crawford, needing to beat Chris Warren of Grants Pass by 29 pins for the title, defeated the all-time PBA Regional titles leader, 238-203, in their position round match to claim the $\$ 2,000$ first prize and his second PBA Regional title. Warren has won a record 47 standard PBA Regional titles.
In the companion PBA50 event, Croucher went 6-2 and knocked down 3,715 total pins for 16 games, including match play bonus pins, to top Blaine Weninger of Happy Valley, Ore., for his fifth PBA50 Regional title, 10th overall PBA Regional title and a $\$ 1,300$ prize. Weninger had a $6-2$ match play record and a total of 3,513 pins.

- The only PBA Regional tournament over the Nov. 29-Dec. 1 Thanksgiving weekend will be the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas.
- The PBA Regional schedule over the Dec. 6-8 weekend includes the Knob Hill East Challenge at Knob Hill Country Lanes in Manalapan, N.J., and the Warren Harley-Davidson Central Challenge at Freeway Lanes of Warren, Ohio. Both "challenge" tournaments are open exclusively to non-title winners
- The PBA Regional program concludes its 2019 season with PBA/PBA50 Houston Emerald Bowl Doubles Dec. 20-22 in Houston, Texas. The Southwest Region event is projected to pay a projected $\$ 7,000$ first place
- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the "schedules" tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area....and remember, you can follow "live scoring" for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple and Android device users using the PBA app).


## QUICK NOTES

- PBA Tour competitor Francois Louw became the first South African bowler to win the QubicaAMF World Cup in the tournament's 55 -year history, defeating Ryan Lalisang of Indonesia in Palembang, Indonesia, 237-202. Australia's Bec Whiting won the women's title, defeating two-time World Cup winner Aumi Guerra of Dominican Republic, 172162 , in their title match.



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## Zaccagnini ${ }_{\text {continued from page }}$

a lifetime," he said, "I didn't think it would ever happen. Even when it had just happened, I didn't think it had!"
Bowling has been in Zaccagnini's life since he was a child. He helped to keep score for his uncle, who bowled in a blind league at Chicago's Gateway Bowl

Unfortunately, it, like many bowling centers in California, closed sometime during or after the 90s, according to the website Bowling History. Today it is home to Easy Cash Solutions, a Pay Day Advance center. A notable bowling legend who used to bowl there was Carmen Salvino.

Fast forward 40 years, and it certainly happened, and it took place on lanes 21 and 22 at Forest, where he also bowls in the Tuesday Mixers league and Rock of Ages on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
His ball of choice was his trusty Hammer Taboo that was given to him by a teammate at his local bowling center at Temecula Lanes five-and-a-half years ago.
"This young kid helped me out and gave me a ball to get back into bowling, and it's all I've used. It has more chips in it than a marble. It's the only ball I've used," he said.
Zaccagnini moved came to California from Chicago in 1978, and returned to bowling in 2013 following the death of his wife. She was buried in Lake Forest, close to the bowling center he now calls home.

The year after, in 2014, he started to bowl more frequently. He steadily brought his average up from a 170 to where he stands today.
"I was shocked and in awe, and today (the day after) I couldn't even bowl a 200 game!" he said, "I called everybody to tell them, but nobody answered; instead I got their answering machines!"

They should be sure to answer their phones the next time Zaccagnini gives them a phone call with exciting news.
"It hit me late Monday night, and it's all I've been talking about," he said.

With great reason. It's a reminder that it's never too late o experience bowling perfection. Well done, Al Zaccagnini.

The thumb slug in his Hammer Taboo is visibly cracked, but didn't deter Zaccagnini on his path to perfection.
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## CALIFORNIA USBE STATE SINGLES TOURNAMENT - FINAL RESULTS

SANTA MARIA - Driving north on Route 101 from Santa Barbara, with the Pacific Ocean and Vandenberg Air Force Base to the west, one passes through the Santa Maria Valley on the way to Rancho Bowl and this years California State Singles Tournament. The valley is home of the Lawrence Goldfinch and famous for Santa Maria style barbecue.
That barbecue taste apparently suited Jermaine Bautista as he rolled a huge 299 scratch game and a tournament high 1,432 total scratch score for first place in the Men's High Average Scratch Division (176 average and above). That win netted Mr. Bautista \$210.

LARRY WORRALL, California USBC Association First Vice President, did another great job as Tournament Chairman providing the leadership, we are accustomed to at our state tournaments.

The tournament was open to all California USBC members. There were four divisions, two for women and two for men. Both the women and the men were divided into a 176 average and above division and a 175 average and below division. While the main tournament is a handicap event there are optional scratch divisions divided by the same averages as the handicap divisions. Handicap was based on $30 \%$ of 230 . Youth bowlers were eligible to participate with a signed USBC scholarship waiver prior to competition. The TOP BOWLERS in each Division follow:

| Women's Handicap (175 and below) | Score | Prize |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Kimberly Stewart | 1,572 | \$458 |
| 2. Sonya Bryars | 1,536 | 230 |
| Suryanie Tolentino | 1,513 | 153 |
| Women's Handicap (176 and above) |  |  |
| 1. Jennifer Loredo | 1,519 | \$236 |
| 2. Katherine Fitzgerald | 1,421 | 110 |
| Danielle Jones | 1,419 | 50 |
| Men's Handicap (175 and below) |  |  |
| 1. James Thomas | 1,611 | \$367 |
| 2. Jason Oliver | 1,580 | 182 |
| Eric Getzen | 1,578 | 122 |
| Men's Handicap (176 and above) |  |  |
| 1. Tyson Barnes | 1,555 | \$520 |
| 2. Thomas Klein | 1,545 | 350 |
| 3. Larry Bottoms | 1,543 | 235 |
| Women's Scratch (175 and below) |  |  |
| 1. Stephanie Hong | 1,116 | \$60 |
| Women's Scratch (176 and above) |  |  |
| 1. Jennifer Loredo | 1,393 | \$65 |
| 2. Danielle Jones | 1,179 | 55 |
| Men's Scratch (175 and below) |  |  |
| 1. Jason Oliver | 1,244 | \$70 |
| Men's Scratch (176 and above) |  |  |
| 1. Jermaine Bautista | 1,432 | \$210 |
| 2. Thomas Cowley | 1,359 | 115 |
| 3. Dan Sasaki | 1,358 | 70 |

The Tournament prize fund totaled $\$ 5,862$. Those are substantial dollars, making a trip to the California coast for this year's California USBC State Singles Tournament worthwhile. Those are dollars which should interest all bowlers in entering next year's California USBC State Singles Tournament.

## China Tiger Cup continued from page 1

The tournament was an out-growth of a movement that began early in the current decade when China expressed interest in developing bowlers as PBA-level competitors. The PBA invited a contingent of Chinese bowlers who had established bowling averages of 200 and higher to participate in the 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling in Las Vegas. That experience, along with continuing conversations between PBA Commissioner Tom Clark and China's Frank Zhao, founder and president of Longmarch Bowling, eventually led to the inaugural China Tiger Cup tournament.

The American PBA players were invited based upon competition points earned during the 2019 FloBowling PBA Summer Tour. Joining Rash and Johnson were Kyle Sherman of O'Fallon, Missouri; Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, South Carolina; Bill O'Neill of Langhorne, Pennsylvania; Jason Sterner of Rochester, New York, and Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, North Carolina.

The American players were seeded into a 16 -player match play elimination round against nine Chinese representatives who earned their berths in a preliminary qualifying event involving nearly 100 players from China, Chinese Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and Korea.

The Chinese players demonstrated how far they have advanced in less than 10 years, winning five of the eight first-round matches and eliminating American stars Troup, Jones and Sterner in the process. Rash advanced to the title match by eliminating a pair of Chinese representatives in 2-0 sweeps while Johnson ousted fellow U.S. players O'Neill and Sherman, also winning both matches without losing a game.

The PBA China Tiger Cup was the final event of the 2019 Go Bowling! PBA Tour season. The PBA Tour will be idle until it kicks off its 2020 schedule with the PBA Hall of Fame Classic in Arlington, Texas, in January.

## PBA CHINA TIGER CUP

Suzhou Bowling Center, Suzhou, China
Championship (best of three games)
Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill. ( $\$ 20,000$ ), def. AJ Johnson, Oswego, Ill. ( $\$ 10,000$ ), 2-0 (211-194, 227-207).
Semifinal Round (best of three games)
Rash def. Cheuk Yin Mak, Chinese Hong Kong (\$8,000), 2-1 (210-174, 225-268, 258191)

Johnson def. Jun Su, China (\$6,000), 2-0 (227-181, 203-171).
Match Play Round Two (best of three games)
Mak def. WenBin Chen, China ( $\$ 5,000$ ), 2-1 ( $242-191,187-213,237-221$ )
Su def. HongBo Wang, China (\$4,200), 2-0 (207-192, 234-194).
Johnson def. Kyle Sherman, O'Fallon, Mo. (\$4,500), 2-0 (256-222, 256-211)


## USBC TO IMPIEMENT ATILRED CENTER CERTIFICATION PROCRAM

by Terry Bigham
ARLINGTON, Texas - Following a recent study of the lane certification process and analyzing data from lane inspections, the United States Bowling Congress determined it will implement a center certification program, featuring tiered levels of certification and a national staff of lane inspectors, over the next five years.

Details of the tiered center certification program will be announced at the 2021 USBC Convention. The USBC Equipment and Specifications Committee, which made the decision to implement the program, has delegated authority from the USBC Board to make changes to equipment specifications.
USBC also determined it will not require local associations to perform annual lane inspections as the USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team continues its work to fully develop the program. The decision means all bowling centers will be certified until the national staff begins center certifications in 2022.

Once the tiered center certification program is in place, centers will be inspected and assigned to a tier based on the level it meets in regard to USBC specifications. The decision to make any necessary improvements, based on the results of an inspection, will be eft to the center and no longer mandated by USBC.
"The research and the discussions with stakeholders made it clear that a tiered center certification program is the right direction for USBC," said Andrew Cain, chair of the USBC Equipment Specifications Committee. "It is our responsibility as the National Governing Body to deliver efficient and consistent inspections for all centers and allow members to see the certification level of the center."

During the last three years, as USBC began to compile data from lane inspections, it also looked at how a national program could manage the inspection of the nearly 4,000 centers. It required evaluating staff needed and the tools required. During the evaluation, he focus turned to the time required for an inspection.
The USBC Equipment Specifications and Certifications team is examining the tools to streamline the inspection process. Additional testing of the tools will continue
USBC also plans to hire and train a small team of national inspectors, who will coordinate with centers to efficiently conduct lane inspections throughout the country.
In recent years, USBC set out to improve the center certification process, studying the process over a three-year period and publishing its study of 64 centers and more than 1,000 lanes across 20 states. The results led to changes in the center certification process that were announced at the 2017 USBC Convention.

Data collection and analysis, including spot-checks to determine the accuracy of the data collected, confirmed a new approach to center certification was needed.

The USBC Equipment Specifications team, in coordination with the committee and a third-party consultant, then spent the next 12 months working on a tiered center certification model. It enlisted several focus groups of industry stakeholders to evaluate and build the model.

Additional education and awareness, including an ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders, will be important as the process moves forward.

Go to BOWL.com/EquipAndSpecs and click on Center Certifications to view all the work being done in this area.

## Fazio

plishments: He was a six-time American Bowling Congress and two-time Professional Bowlers Assn. champion and was ranked as the 31st greatest bowler of the 20th century by magazine Bowlers Journal in 1999.

Cathy watched her grandfather on TV as a young girl and her parents attended Buzz's tournaments.

Last week Cathy paid tribute to Buzz by wearing one of his original bowling shirts during her Wednesday afternoon competition in the Funtimers league. Cathy said the shirt was a recent present from a cousin.

A popular figure in the league, Cathy has never claimed to be the second coming of Buzz.
"The only thing admirable about my bowling career is that I've been doing it for 55 years," joked Cathy last year.

Cathy is averaging 139 this season and has sprinkled in numerous 200 games.
Buzz died in 1993 and Cathy (and her brother Brian) are proudly carrying on the family bowling tradition.

Rash def. Min Zhang, China (\$2,650), 2-0 (256-234, 246-202).
Match Play Round One (best of three games)
Mak def. Kyle Troup, Taylorsville, N.C. (\$3,850), 2-0 (256-244, 236-206). Su def. Tommy Jones, Simpsonville, S.C. (\$3,500), 2-0 (213-213, 217-212). Johnson def. Bill O'Neill, Langhorne, Pa. (\$3,300), 2-0 (279-174, 200-146). Rash def. LiangXin Wang, China (\$2,650), 2-0 (237-202, 220-168). Zhang def. ShiZhen Wang, China (\$3,850), 2-1 (202-215, 223-185, 206-193). Sherman def. ZhongLi Mi, China (\$2,900), 2-0 (226-201, 221-219).
HongBo Wang def. Jason Sterner, Rochester, N.Y. (\$3,100), 2-0 (190-177, 196-183).
Chen def. Chun Hin Tse, Chinese Hong Kong (\$2,500), 2-0 (194-168, 225-184).

In yet another consolidation within the bowling industry, Brunswick Corporation has now acquired Ebonite, makers of Columbia, Track, Hammer and Ebonite Bowling Balls. This follows the earlier acquisitions of AMF Bowling Centers by Bowlmor in 2013, and then BowlmorAMF's acquisition of Brunswick Bowling Centers in 2014, resulting in the Bowlero Corporation.

Perhaps the most astonishing acquisition was Bowlero's purchase of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) earlier this year. It's hard to keep up with all of this activity unless you have a scorecard, but it's apparent that Brunswick is focusing on bowling equipment (lanes, machines, bowling balls and other merchandise), while Bowlero has capitalized on the operation of bowling centers through their acquisitions.

It remains to be seen as to whether or not Brunswick will acquire QuibicaAMF, the remaining portion of AMF that still manufactures bowling lanes, machines and computerized scoring equipment. Maybe that's when antitrust laws, designed to protect consumers from monopolies, will step in and restore some sanity to this merger madness.

The acquisition of Ebonite by Brunswick brings back many fond memories of my "silent" relationship with the aforementioned ball manufacturer. Most bowler's do not know that AMF stopped manufacturing bowling balls in the early 1970 's. First it was the plastic bowling balls that were just not comparable to Columbia, so AMF began marketing the Pro Classic, which was competitive with other plastic high-performance bowling balls, and produced by Columbia. In similar fashion, the rubber ball aspect of AMF's bowling ball line began to be manufactured by Ebonite.

It was about this time that I gave up my aspirations to become a professional bowler and joined AMF, where I was very successful at promoting new business. While competing in a qualifying segment of the Checkerboard Doubles - one of my favorite instant success events - I was fortunate to roll a 300 game at AMF Cascade Lanes in Portland, Oregon, using the newly released Ebonite Magnum-7 rubber bowling ball.

When executives at the AMF Bowling Headquarters in New York heard of this, I got a call from Roy Ryan, Director of Operations for AMF Bowling Centers. Roy informed me that I couldn't use equipment other than AMF, and that he had arranged to place me on a preferred list of pros that received complimentary bowling equipment. My first shipment was two of the experimental AMF Black Angle urethane bowling balls.

The manager of AMF Bowling Products at the time was Frank Gullotti, and he would give me a call periodically to find out what I thought about the equipment that he sent, as I continued my journey closer and closer to AMF's Bowling Headquarters with each promotion that I received. When I finally reached the hallowed halls of AMF, Frank was on his way out, and he was being replaced by a sales whiz-kid named Jack McIntyre.


Angle History - When sales of the Gray Angle began to wane, AMF prepared this photo to go with an article in the Richmond (Virginia) Times Dispatch, regarding a transition to the new AMF Ultra Angle. From (L to R): one of the very first Black Angles; the very first Gold Angle; and the very first Ultra Angle, that forever changed weight block symmetry.

Jack and I hit it off from day one, and he utilized me to the maximum amount allowable by my boss, Mr. Bruce Gobbi of the AMF Bowling Centers division. He used me exclusively for the development of both the Gold and Gray Angle urethane bowling balls, as I used my league session each week at Deer Park Bowl to test the latest samples, as well as practice sessions at other local bowling establishments.

When McIntyre was replaced by Rick Milner, my exclusive arrangement with the bowling ball testing was curtailed, which was fine with me because I definitely had a full plate of activity with my bowling center marketing activities. Rick did still keep me in the loop, providing me with free equipment whenever a new bowling ball was introduced, but the results were from a consortium of players, like it was when Gullotti was at the helm of bowling products.

The "silent" relationship that I had with Ebonite throughout the Gullotti, McIntyre and Milner eras, was in the testing of all the urethane bowling balls for AMF, that were actually being produced by Ebonite. Whenever something new would come along, I would get a call from Paul Guevin, a chemist at AMF's Corporate Headquarters in White Plains, New York. He would alert me to a new product that he would be forwarding to me or arrange to meet me at a local bowling center for product testing.

Although he never sought any fame or glory, it was actually Mr. Guevin that invented the formula for urethane bowling balls. My relationship with Paul allowed me to develop relationships with a few executives at Ebonite, including Mike Quitter, who assisted me in developing a color-coded house ball program, first for AMF, and later for American Recreation Centers and Nationwide Bowling.

What's next on the merger mania activity in the world of bowling? Stay tuned


The Best Approach - Dave Williams was used in this centerfold advertisement that appeared in the Bowlers Journal and other bowling publications, using his favorite Gray Angle, while establishing a new slogan for AMF, "The Best Approach."

## Senior Shoots House Record 886 at Winnetka Bowl

by Fred Eisenhammer
WINNETKA - What does it take to elevate one's league average from 227 to 236 ?

How about crushing a stratospheric 886 series?

That's exactly what Frank Chiodo did Oct. 16 with one of the most brilliant performances in Los Angeles-area history.

Bowling in Wednesday's star-studded Mixed Classic Handicap league at Winnetka Bowl, Chiodo ripped off games of 288,300 and 298.

Chiodo's masterpiece ranks as the second-highest series in L.A. history. lasted an 886 series with scores of 288, 300 and 298. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer now-defunct Mission Hills Bowl.

Chiodo revealed that Sharpsteen "chased me down the next day to tell me congratulations and said he had wanted me to beat his score. He was very gracious." Chiodo actually had a shot at tying Sharpsteen's score on his last shot of his third game but left the 4-7. "It was my only ball out of the pocket," Chiodo said.

Still, Chiodo's score was good enough to claim the Winnetka Bowl house record, surpassing the 869 rolled on July 18, 2011 by California United States Bowling Congress Hall-of-Famer and Valley icon Johnnie Englehart. It also exceeded an 876 series (300-277-299) by powerful Charles Kenny, another California USBC Hall-of-Famer, at Jewel City Bowl in Glendale in 2016. For Chiodo, a 71 -year-old Granada Hills resident, it marked his second 800 series. His first came in 2015 at Winnetka Bowl when he rolled an 801 - one year after he ended a 20 -year break from the game.

So Chiodo improved his previous best series by a whopping 85 pins. "Shock," responded Chiodo with a wide smile when asked his reaction to his 886 . "Did I really make 33 strikes out of 35 shots?"

Weeks after his gem, Chiodo was still brimming with good cheer about his sensational night.
He mentioned how bowlers have asked him whether he's "come down" from his high. Said Chiodo: "I say 'I'm still moonwalking, tripping on clouds.'

Chiodo, who now has four perfect games, is known as a prodigious practice bowler - typically working on his game four days a week at Winnetka Bowl with his employer of 30 years, Darlene Somers. Asked why he loves the game, Chiodo laughs and says: "I think I'm good at it . . . and it's the only sport that allows me to go [to Winnetka Bowl] and then go back to work."

The right-handed Chiodo is a self-described "stroker," meaning he has a very smooth delivery with a precise shot that doesn't rely on a 100 -mile-an-hour fastball.

The result on that special October night was that Chiodo nailed strikes on his first 10 shots before leaving a solid 10 pin. He then collected 23 straight strikes before he knocked down eight pins on his last shot.
"He was definitely in a zone," teammate Ed Chow said. "He was hitting his mark, stroking it and relaxed. He was so confident. Every ball looked the same."

Bob Adams observed Chiodo from a nearby lane and marveled at what he saw. "It was unbelievable," Adams said. "Right in the pocket. Boom. Boom. Boom."

It may seem that Chiodo's effort was shocking, but in reality, it wasn't. Somers says that Chiodo rolls countless perfect games in a row when he's practicing with her during the week.
Very humble, Chiodo insisted that credit must be given for his 886. His list included Somers; Winnetka Bowl proshop operators Rusty Bryant and Karl Kuntz; Corbin Bowl pro-shop owner Brandon McGinnes; and bowling coach Mark Baker for his video and book.

Chiodo now rates as a strong candidate to become the first L.A. area bowler to roll a 900, but he realizes the difficulty of reaching that number.

At last count, only 35 bowlers have rolled a total of 36 certified 900 series.
"You can have all the skill in the world," Chiodo said, "but if the pins don't fall, it's tough to bowl a 900 ."
But as Frank Chiodo showed a month ago, it can certainly be within reach.

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## Brunswick

Before Friday's news there were three major bowling ball manufacturers - Storm Products, Brunswick and Ebonite International. The consolidation means bowling will now only have two major players in the equipment space with Storm and Brunswick going head to head while other smaller brands like MOTIV also battle for market share.
In a press release out late Friday, Brunswick CEO Corey Dykstra said: "Ebonite and its associated brands have an extraordinary history in bowling. We look forward to continuing the tradition of producing outstanding products for loyal Ebonite, Hammer, Columbia 300 and Track consumers."

The release also said Brunswick will continue to market products under all the Ebonite brands and will honor all warranties on existing Ebonite International bowling balls. "Ebonite International has built a strong 109-year legacy in the bowling industry," Ebonite International CEO Randy Schickert said in the release. "We believe that Brunswick Bowling Products is the right partner at the right time for continuing the traditions of the Ebonite, Hammer, Columbia 300 and Track brands."

Tommy Jones, one of the main faces of Ebonite International on the PBA Tour, told FloBowling on Friday night that the news caught him by surprise.
"I called Rob (Gotchall) and talked to him, and I guess they were more blindsided than us because you think they know in the office a little bit," Jones said. "I know when Ebonite bought Columbia and Track they kept all their players and all their contracts, so hopefully that's what that will entail for us. Time will tell, and we will just see what happens."

Although Jones said details were scarce on the deal, he did feel bad for the people who lost their jobs Friday as a result of the Hopkinsville plant closing.

II feel bad for the employees of Ebonite because being a union place for however long - factory workers, a lot of them have been there for 20 years," Jones said. "You've got some people who have been working there since they were 15 years old, so I feel bad for those people."

According to the Kentucky New Era newspaper, EBI has operated its Hopkinsville plant for 52 years and the paper reported around 170 employees will lose their jobs. The New Era also reported that employees will receive their salary and benefits through Jan. 13, 2020.


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## We've turned to May 27, 1993 to start part four. Top of the page headline: "1993 KWIKIE SINGLES IS HERE," Dan Mueller, Buena Lanes, announced. Many centers were running qualifying squads and selling $t$-shirts. We probably can't avoid more headlines the rest of the year! MORE FRONT PAGE HEADLINES:

Billy Myers Jr. wins PBA Regional at Brunswick Valley Bowl
Ron Winger won $\$ 7,500$ and a trophy capturing his first PBA Title in Chicago. Took him 33 years, but worth it.

- Town Square Lanes in Riverside signed a contract with PBA to host in June for the 10th time. David Spiegel was CEO of Active West and Bob Osborne did all the work
The PBA Public Relations man, Kevin Shippy was a great guy and knew his stuff.
- NABI Tournament Club had become MANY clubs covering So. Calif. They teamed up with Brunswick and presented "The Rhino Pro Shootout: at the Showboat. A pro and a NABI would team up to compete in the doubles shootout. Brunswick bowlers included Judy Soutar, Parker Bohn III, Amletto Monacelli, Randy Pederson, Mark Roth, Dave Soutar and Brian Boss. Wish we could have been there!
- Footnote- Nine tournament clubs had full page ads the week of May 27
- Mickey Cogan announced that Gable House would no longer host the PBA. 16 times was enough. Too much time and money was spent, before and after; so now they could put the same effort into league business.
"Letters to the Editor" concerning the consolidation of ABC associations filled the mailbox. The ABC plan was to consolidate the area from Kern County to the Mexican border into only 6 associations. Questions on the table. Merge their money? Re-make special awards, average books, all paper work, new office, phone numbers, bank accounts, etc etc. How could the Directors say "No" to Nationals?
- Mission Hills Bowl started a "Pick a Ball" League. Every member got a new ball at the end. Choose one: Burgundy Hammer, Blue Hammer, Black Hammer, Red Hammer, Blue Pearl Hammer, Red Pearl Hammer, Teal Rhino Pro, Blue Rhino Pro, Purple Rhino Pro, Black Rhino Pro, Crush, Crush R, X-Calibur, Pro Hook, Sumo, Ninja, Turbo X Bobcat, V-Dots, Outlaw, Torq, Turbo. What was your favorite? Still got it???
What California City claimed Walter Ray Williams? Give up? Stockton.
Doris Rofano was almost perfect at Canoga. In an "8-Pin No Tap" Tourney she shot 300, 297, 300 and won $\$ 40$.
- The YABA sponsored, recruited and supervised "In School Bowling Programs."
- California legislators decided if they couldn't tax bowling, that tax funded schools could not run bowling programs.
- Dave Piazza was pictured with Jay Robinson on the front page, June 3. Dave was leaving the top spot at Friendly Hills to reign at Cerritos Lanes. Jay slid into the Managers spot at Friendly
- Los Angeles BA welcomed four new members to their Hall of Fame, all for the many years of service: Jim Morris, Jack Gately, John Klares, Richard Miller and Barry Gurney for bowling achievemen
- The first ever in Orange County! A Mexican-American Tournament...hosted by Regal Lanes. They served Mexican food and Mexican beer. The proceeds from this fundraiser went to the home for abused children.
- It was printed- Jewel City Bowl's highest series ever-Jack Price 268-279-235/782.
- Letter after letter was sent to the Bowling News rebelling against consolidation of Associations in So. California. Not one in favor!
- Town Square Lanes hosted the PBA in June. They had special squads of pro-ams for Adults, Seniors, Youth, Special People (Don't know who was special) Deaf, and Bumper. Everyone got to bowl 3 games with a pro, a t-shirt, programs, etc.
- Special award for best team name entered in the Men's State Tournament went to "The Nasty Habits".
- June 17, 1983 page 11. Mission Hills Bowl ran a half page ad with pictures of Robin Romeo and Brian Voss...typical league bowlers! Another person was unidentified (very unhappy) labeled a non-league bowler. The final line on the ad? ASSUME THE MISSION POSITION. (I must have been on vacation that week.)
- Rumors were flying that Granada Lanes would soon be closing. Remember when the police raided the ladies league one day for gambling on the lanes? Those $\$ 5$ sidepots were illegal! Just like Blue Chip Stamps.
- Big question of the day...why don't we have bowling as a sport in schools? We have baseball, football, soccer, etc. Bowling is the only sport that you can play forever! Soc cer grandmas? Kids don't get hurt. No equipment to buy. Compete rain or shine. The kids still learned sportsmanship and honed their skills. What a loss!


## 2020 California Adult Championships



Billy Myers Jr. and Joe Staton
cos. Billy had a 300 and 299!

- Rick Barbaria was averaging 240 at Del Rio Lanes! (He's just as good today.)
- Mary Jo Light moved her managers chair from Bowl-o-Drome to Inglewood Bowl. Women managers were popping up all over. They didn't spend their time drinking, playing pinball, bowling, or avoiding their fans. Male Bowling Center Managers attracted women like they were movie stars!!! Owners were happy to hire women managers who liked a clean center and knew how to hussle.
- Rocket Bowl finished their re-model in time to host the Coca Cola World Cup Finals and qualifying. Winner got a trip to Virginia. Winner there got a trip to Africa!
- Ken Keegan bowled the first ever 800 at Hollywood Star Lanes! 808 for Ken. Same week Peter Skahill posted 804
- How many of you remember a quaint Don Cecil? Never could figure out if he was a genius or one step away from being committed! Would love to hear YOUR story
- Kris Douglas rolled the highest series recorded in Orange County. 279-300-279/858
- Rolf Gauger wrote a weekly column mostly about "how to improve your average." His column on "Why and How to Practice" remains true today
- Rustys Pro Shop moved to Brunswick Matador Bowl.
- The PBA Senior Open at Cal Bowl in August 1993 spotlighted these popular pros Nelson Burton Jr, Carmen Salvino, John Hricsina, Dick Weber, Gene Stus and Dave Davis. Always fun for the Pro-Ams.
- Congrats ad; Ron Winger, winner of Wyoming PBA Senior Open. He had a TV 300 game. That was back to back titles.
- Tava Lanes in Riverside hosted the "California School for the Deaf" bowling event. The Grand Champion made \$1.25!
- Sunset Lanes in Vegas area was a $\$ 7$ million project. The Managing Partner Gus Tzanetopoulas expected an August opening
- Dick Sanders kept the "West Coast Seniors" busy and on the road. He did all the work and the members reaped the rewards
- Oh no...Billy Myers Jr. again! Yup. He was the San Gabriel Valley All Events Champ. (I think he had a good teacher.)
- Bruce Harner was a familiar face at Bowling Square in Arcadia. The rumor was. Harner had picked up more 7-10 splits than anyone in the world!
- Corey Groth won his 3rd PCB Title of the Year at Cal Oaks Bowl. He could have won 1993 Buick Regal all he needed was 18 strikes in a row!
- The PWSBT in July was held at Welcome Lanes in Oceanside. Gone and forgotten by most. Maybe someone at Gage Bowl remembers???
- Rick Roy was named San Gabriel Valley Bowler of the Year. He had games of 298, 299 300 and an 800 bowling in 3 leagues weekly
- Picture this. 1993 Women's State Tournament at Pinkys Bowl. The bank closed the bowl with 2 weekends to go. State President Mary Lynly went to the bank and go permission to be open the next 2 weekends. The CWBA ladies cleaned the restrooms emptied the trash, etc. They saved the day! Plus a few of the staff volunteered to help
- Fun league at Tom Cristi's Sports Center Bowl..."River Raft Adventure". WIN A TRIP to the American River, rafting, camping, meals included. Sign me up
- How about a 4 day cruise to Ensenada? Did you ever bowl a cruise league? Haven't seen an ad in 20 years for a cruise league
- 11 year old Matt Gilman rolled a 300 game. He was averaging 197 in his Junior League - 1993-30 Year old Missile Bowl got an update. They hoped the refurbished lanes would draw some high average bowlers! Thats what THEY said!
- Over 200 PBA Seniors bowled the Pro Am Event Cal Bowl Open August 1-5, 1993.
- Bowlers night at Angel Stadium was a fundraiser for the Grand Prix Scholarship Pro gram. Tickets were $\$ 7$. Dave Osborne- Fountain Bowl- represented the bowlers on the field The fight with the Olympic Committee goes on. Is bowling a sport? Is archery a sport? Is ribbon dancing a sport? How about rifle shooting?

We will start our next chit-chat with August 1993. Every place I go bowlers make com ments or relate a story. Your response to our trip down memory lane is welcome. YOUR stories are welcome. Share them with me any Monday. Carol Mancini 562-807-3600

## 2020 Adult State Championships

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# 2019 PBA Power Rankings 

The final power rankings of 2019 require a bit of shuffling. Rather than add a little more weight to recent performance, the season-ending rankings should shift the weight more toward a body of work over the entire season. Don't worry: because it's bowling, there are exceptions. After the WBT Kuwait Open won by Dom Barrett and the non-title PBA China Tiger Cup won by Sean Rash, a couple players shifted on their recent merits and several moved around based on the quality of their 2019 seasons as a whole. Here are the final PBA Power Rankings for the 2019 season:

## 1. Jason Belmonte (previous ranking: 1)

Belmonte won four titles in 2019 (the second time he's won that many in a season) and earned $\$ 285,290$ in prize money, the most he's ever earned on tour. He finished outside the top 10 just four times. With bowling's tendency to skew toward the recent, detractors will say all of Belmonte's titles came before May. Still, no one else won four titles, no one else won two majors and no one else had as many wins as non-top-10s. Belmonte also led the tour in average, points and earnings. There are others deserving of consideration, but Belmonte is likely looking at his fifth career Player of the Year Award which will be announced Dec. 11 on FloBowling.

## 2. Sean Rash (2)

Rash bowled in seven championship matches in 2019, five of which were in the back half of the season, and won his 13th and 14th career titles. Rash also won the non-title event in China to push his earnings higher than they've been since his Player of the Year season in 2011-12. While he finished the season fifth in PBA Tour points, he finishes the season second in our rankings.

## 3. Anthony Simonsen (3)

Fourth in PBA Tour points and fifth in earnings, Simonsen spent nearly the entire back half of 2019 in the top 10. He declined his invitation to China but turned a strange start to 2019 into an impressive finish, setting him up as one of the favorites as we wildly prognosticate way too early about 2020's Player of the Year.

## 4. EJ Tackett (5)

After missing the cut in the U.S. Open, Tackett had to miss the China Tiger Cup due to visa issues. Tackett was second in 2019 PBA Tour average, third in points and sixth in earnings. Among 16 top-10 finishes, Tackett took home one title (the PBA Tour Finals).

## 5. Bill O'Neill (4)

This year was debatably the best season of O'Neill's career, possibly inspired by his pre-season power rankings snub. He earned the most money of his career $(\$ 185,148.33$ is nearly $\$ 40,000$ more than his previous best in 2009), won two titles plus the non-title ATX Invite and was a consistent threat to win throughout the whole season, never experiencing a prolonged slump.

## 6. Jakob Butturff (9)

Butturff had been falling in the last couple iterations of the power rankings as he was putting up some uncharacteristically low finishes including a withdrawal at the U.S. Open, but he has to be near the top of any season-recap discussion. Butturff was second in points and cashes, third in earnings and won his first major - the USBC Masters - among three total wins this year. He also won the non-title PBA Clash, an event that was held before and aired after his withdrawal from the U.S. Open. Although we have him ranked sixth, he'll probably finish in the top three in Player of the Year voting

## 7. Kyle Sherman (7)

From the last edition of the power rankings: "Look at his stats in majors: 30th in the Players Championship, eighth in the World Championship, 13th in the USBC Masters and now 18th in the U.S. Open." One win, two seconds and a stealthily stellar performance in majors make Sherman, who just finished sixth in China, a bigger threat than ever going into 2020.

## 8. Kris Prather (14)

Prather won his first PBA Tour title in the Scorpion Championship and finished 11th overall in PBA Tour competition points. Prather's big win in the PBA Playoffs didn't count as a title but the 100 grand he won there catapulted him to fourth in earnings. His $\$ 179,348$ in 2019 more than tripled his previous best season of 2018. Add an Elias Cup to the list as Prather helped the Portland Lumberjacks win for the first time.

## 9. Dom Barrett (11)

Barrett finally captured a victory (the first of 2019 and eighth of his career) in the Kuwait Open after a frustrating season of making enough cuts to get paid but not to consistently contend. A down year for Barrett is still a good year for most players, though, and this makes two years in a row he's won a tournament in November. Fun fact: Barrett's eight PBA Tour titles have come in five different countries.

## 10. Kyle Troup (8)

Similar to Barrett, Troup's 2019 featured a lot of contention for contending, but not enough actual contending for his liking. He made it to four stepladder finals among seven top-10s, finishing third twice, and won the Elias Cup with Portland. Troup took Simonsen's spot in the China Tiger Cup and finished ninth.

## 11. AJ Johnson (10)

Although 17th in PBA Tour points and 21st in earnings, Johnson is 11th in our seasonending power rankings due to the overwhelming power of recent performance that even our self-imposed rule can't quell. Since March, Johnson finished in the top 20 in every event except one. Johnson finished second in China and will now try to translate his lateseason success to early-season success as the PBA Tour returns in January.

## 12. Tom Daugherty (12)

One of just seven players to appear in every edition of our 2019 power rankings, Daugherty was 20th in the pre-season rankings, peaked at sixth following the Jonesboro Open and averaged 12 th, which is exactly where he sits at the end of the season. Daugherty was ninth in average and points, 11th in earnings and, at $\$ 74,155$, earned more than he ever had before on the PBA Tour.

## 13. Chris Barnes (13)

Financially, this was not one of Barnes's best seasons, but that's mitigated by these facts: it's his best since 2015 , he once had a string of 12 consecutive six-figure seasons so it's hard to crack such a formidable history, and he's not interested in money. One of those three facts is false. Still, Barnes got better as the season went on and, on the strength of six top 10s, finished 16th on tour in both earnings and points.

## 14. Dick Allen (19)

The $\$ 86,380$ Allen earned this year (second most of his career) and, more important, the two titles he won among five top 10s, probably make 2019 the best season of Allen's PBA Tour career. He was 10th in earnings and 12th in points and, in related news, just re-upped his MOTIV ball contract for another five years.

## 15. Marshall Kent (16)

A weird year for Kent appears to be looking up going into 2020. He started the season poorly, took a quick break to recompose himself, returned with an incredible run through February, then finished the season making his presence known in just about every event but only cracking the top 10 twice in the back half of the season. Making the top 10 in three of five majors helped get Kent to 10th in PBA Tour points for the season.

## 16. Wes Malott (20)

Overall, Malott's season was good by most standards, although he obviously would've preferred to get a win. Some knee trouble forced him out of a couple events and he was never able to go on a sustained run of contention, but he did finish in the top 10 six times, earned the Mark Roth MVP Award as the anchor of the Elias Cup champion Lumberjacks and landed 15th in overall PBA Tour points.

## 17. Norm Duke (not ranked)

Duke hasn't been in the power rankings since the middle of the summer tour, but he definitely deserves to be recognized for a season in which he won twice (his 39th and 40th career titles), ranked eighth in earnings, seventh in points and finished 10th in the U.S. Open.

## 18. Tommy Jones (15)

Jones was 21st in PBA Tour points but makes it into our top 20, largely because he put himself in the top 20 of so many tournaments this season. Jones won his 19th career title in Coldwater in August, finished ninth in the U.S. Open and 10th in China. Jones enters the PBA Hall of Fame in January.

## 19. Jason Sterner (17)

Aside from a sixth-place finish in the season-opening Hall of Fame Classic, Sterner's success was all late, including a win in the Illinois Open in August. Sterner ranked 19th in earnings on the season.

## 20. François Lavoie (6)

Lavoie earns a spot in the year-end top 20 thanks to his U.S. Open triumph and quality late-season performance. Yes, this is another example of recent performance taking precedence over sustained brilliance, but Lavoie was in the top 10 in four of his last six events (and finished 11th in another). Even with all his success coming late, Lavoie was 24th in earnings, ahead of players like Brad Miller and Josh Blanchard, both of whom landed in the top 20 in PBA Tour points and could make a legitimate claim to this spot.


## Winnetka Bowl



WINNETKA - Season's Greetings from Winnetka Bowl! An abundance of great scores were bowled by our league members again this past month. Read on to see who the star bowlers are for November.
PHIL-AM: Christopher Marcos 299-723, Julius Penaranda 280-633, James Yjares 264-627, Irwin Ejada 222-625 Helen Ventenilla 228-600, Sun Buffington 222-587, Donna ontanos 207-535.
AN AVERAGE LEAGUE: Andre Eubanks 300-816, Jonny Wolke 258-707, Shann Spencer 224-628, Lynn Matsubara 215-623.
VAN NUYS EAGLES: Matt Hall 277-777, Eric Wilson 278687, Alex Schwartz 242-679, Tom Leigh 236-679, Georgina Lopez 205-517, Lolita Newchurch 180-512, Gladys Stevenson 170-501
49'ERS SENIOR: Chuck Alexander 237-694, Les Pease 258-685, Jim Land 259-658, Darlene Redman 222-542, ora Caparros 205-538
MONDAY NITE MADNESS: Wayne McClean 235-677 Drew Vassil 226-630, Bill Lind 206-607, Arlene Dempsey 225-560, Victoria 189-523, Pam Lind 192-517
RIVER MANIACS: Justin Pluchino 299-822, Julia Frias 279-760, John Englehart 258-754, Mike Olson 277-747, Jennifer Kennick 259-680, Jodi Cromar 234-671
470 TRAVEL LEAGUE: Marcia Logan 235-597, Petra Kaun 216-590, Maria Paier 207-585
ELLEN'S COMEDIANS: Drew Stern 279-801, Michael Pollack 279-797, Barry Borses 300-770, Alex Schwartz 276-757, Amy Lew 215-621, Sheryl Tschappat 212-590, Dolly Householder 213-540.
GUYS \& DOLLS: Jude Niles 279-762, Jay Buffington 279761, Roger Paskell II 280-743, Jeff Stitz 257-740, Tracy Stine 264-612, Sun Buffington 217-578, Heather Rios 195-532. LEAGUE OF OUR OWN: John Ritchie 289-793, Eric Lorback 264-748, Darwin Rubio 259-746, Farrice Cain 265 740, Jennifer Santulan 232-635, Joy Sharma 196-579 FUNTIMERS SENIOR: Craig Kisro 289-764, Andy Munro 235-685, Jim Land 279-628, Gary Covitt 247-627, Mary Lauer 177-501, Carole Peire 170-497, Karen McDonald 169-497, Cathy Pia 202-492
C.C.A.: Jason Seeder 279-712, Jim Davis 237-667, Anthony Chavez 214-630, Nancy Kato 226-625, Leah Hoffman 233-621, Bob Storaker 224-619, Sylvia Hedding 227-599. MIXED CLASSIC HANDICAP: Jeff Owens 300-824, Jusin Pluchino 300-824, Patrick Michaels 300-804, Ed Chow 300-788, Karl Kurtz 297-786, Tom Cowley 300-772, Oscar Padilla 300 game, Julia Frias 250-715, San Mitchell 246693, Monise Kelly 277-679.
COPPER BUCKET: Armando Villar 246-684, Steven Felix 268-659, Mike Morrell 242-656, Tim Edwards 222-635, Seth Gilmore 287-635, Sherry Minor 176-469, Judy Yeager 176465.

500 CLASSIC: Sun Buffington 257-632, Stella Mount 221 629, Marcia Logan 234-612, Christine Drew 246-609 39'ERS SENIOR: Larry George 258-687, Jerry Kanowitz 255-653, Jim Land 224-641, Bob Sturla 618, Darlene Red man 215-599, Shelly Rick 198-582, Roxie Rock 211-538. THIRSTY NITE OUT: Kenneth Dolotina 300-763, Daniel Barkin 258-743, Patrick Reed Sr. 267-735, Carl Comrie 298-735, Stella Mount 224-583, Carmen Hofstra 211-555 Debbie Stelle 192-511
ST. CYRILS: Ray Plasse 234-678, Howard Bender 207605, Susie Rothenberg 213-535, Pauline Mengel 192-501. SFVCC NIKKEI: George Parker 257-749, Matt Parker 289-720, Bing Lau 244-700, San Mitchell 248-682, Randy Tomita 254-680, Sandra Yamamoto 243-639.
JUNIOR ROYALS: Kyler Orosco 262-728, Sabrina Tan 256-724, Blake Jozwiakowski 255-691, Justin Erickson 251-688, Ardani Rodas 259-669, Miranda Emery 234-645, Tracy Campbell 254-632, Jaelyn Thoman 238-608. KINGS \& QUEENS: (Youth Sport - 5 games): Kyler Orosco 227-1025, Jacey Opiana 266-910.
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WEDNESDAY - Silver Foxes: Jerry Rudd 279/642, Charlie Juster 257/601, Ed Jamison 238/708.
Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING! lands. Every Sunday is a holiday. Food, drinks, fun and games.**James Bael 759, Ike Topacio 718, Matt MosAustria 574, Tres Catalasan 269, Emmerson Wafer 248,

James Borillo 247, Valerie Colian 235, Annie Yonemura 222, Christy Estimo 199
V.A. League: Send in the subs! Too many things to think about and too many recipes to trade. Save the leftovers, they're the best.***Steve Bertaux 515, Joe Morse 515 Terry Girlie 290, Kristi Richmond 309, Mike Ventura 190 Steve Sinas 153, Valerie Morse 144
Vegas Crackpots: The Crackpots are not ALL nuts They just bowl like crazy. Lock 'em up! They are beat ing up the pins, banging the pockets and racking up the strikes.***Kevin Watts 288/670, Curtis McCann 267/649 Terrence Grady 266/631, Gerald Williams Jr 243-235/674 Roy Coleman 235, Timothy Worshim 651, LaDrena Boyd 237-192/614, Janet Reese 213-193/576, Carolyn Jones 94/506, Michelle Stokes 193/514, Sophia Owens 182/527 Seal Beach Dads: No "dudes in this group of "dads Question? How come nobody ever takes a copy of their -cap sheet? Each team captain can have one.***Eddy schuh 514 Wayne Tennis 494 adam Larson 491, Kirk Pa reti 189, Roger Klump 179
C.A.U.L.: New faces and names top the sheet. Somebody been giving lessons? Practice?***Rich Dahmen 276/627 Jeff Stone 255/623, Ferdie Directo 246/684, Andy Clark 240/614, David Discher 233, Derek Spann 612, Lori Gilm ore 190/497, Leigh Anne Kitch 181/480, Susan Dorwin 176-160/490, Beth Watts 172/416, Ann Hocking 417. Marcus Lemons: Rain makes the pins scatter. True or False? Heat makes the oil move? Drinking improves your approach? Broken shoelaces are good luck? Everyone has their own methods.***Jonathan Ware 234/605, Wal Jeffers 233, Jonathan Lewis 226/613, Desi Nixon 226 Greg Thomas 622, LaJeana Harris 226/589, Felecia Tripp 211/553, Crystal Barker 202/539, Anita Dobbins 200/532. Cal Bowleros: "Cupcakes" are leading. We have a tie for second. Believe!!***Carole Fischer 556, Janet Love-Reece 523, Bheth Alcayde 521, Carolyn Rousseau 203, Nene Ca manag 192, Danne VanHorn 189.

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## La Habra "300" Bowl <br> 370 E. Whittier <br> a Habra, CA 90631 <br> (562) 691-6721 <br> by Ed

62, Sue ens 222/563, Darylynn Davis 221/593, Naimah Williams 212/557
Vegas in May: May is a great time to go to Vegas. But do you HAVE a great time in Vegas?***Kenneth Johnson 695, Garryl Bohanon 644, David Bryant 636, Jennifer Morrow 587, Jeanette Bryant 549, Milena Zelaya 517, Antonie Johnson 257, Jerry Blackshire 235, Frank Moss 222, Kry Hill 226, Patrice Smith 203, Patrice Bradley 183.
Laughlin Bowler Bears: Only 23 more weeks til they head for Laughlin. The waiting is like a kids waiting for Xmas. No gambling on the outcome of the regular Sunday matches. Just show up, shoot, and shuffle on home. Anyone want to hybernate? No chance. David Garcia 279/621, Ernie Fisher 269-244/677, Michael Savolskis 237/601, Jaime Grabinski 236/629, Ashlee Ravaglia 192/502, Robyn Ramelb 186/455, Julie Grabinski 182-181/503, Pamela Norwood 170, Bea Hackler 458, Becky Carroll 456
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BRUNNNG WTTH PERFECTTON; TONY BRUNNNG SHOOTS 300 ON SHORT PATTERN
by Jonathan Garza

DOWNEY - Tony Brunning shot the lone perfect 300 game of the
short-oil pattern to date, getting the help of a messenger (probably from the Bowling God) on the 10th ball, and then the six pin tripping the 10 pin on the 11th, and finally some good pin carry on the 12th. It sealed a great night for Forest Lanes in its quest to win the second round of he Brunswick Invitational Foods. It was Paul Barraco shooting of the defending champion US former Sysco to a four-point win over a hot Cal Bowl team without its anchor, Leonard Ruiz Jr. Cal Bowl was no slouch though, putting up fight, led by Ramon Torres 637 series. In Game 3, Cal Bowl tried would come 42 pins shy of totals though. US Foods goes to 22 points for the round; the same as Cal Bowl, assuring a rematch next week on the final night of the round.
In the "B" matchup tonight, the tailspin continues for Don Julio Tequila, which dropped four more points, this time to Team Hu\$tle.
Hustle anchor Jello Gray also had the front nine strikes in Game 3, and just after Brunning finished his perfect game, it was Gray's turn. He threw a beautiful ball in the pocket and crushed it - but that 10 pin we all know and hate so much stood up, looking right at he and the
crowd hoping to cheer him on as well. He still shot a 279 and 677 for the night. Raul "Spanky" Rosales shot a 624 to lead Don Julio. Hu\$tle goes to 21 wins for the round. Don Julio to 18.
Back to the story of the night and Brunning's perfect game on this short-oil pattern. He started off with a 147 and Junior Amateur Tour (JAT) snuck out a 10-pin win in Game 1. What ensued wasn't even
close. Forest Lanes shot 1,013 in Game 3 including Brunning's 300 game. Their low game, a 216 game was higher than all of JAT's bowlers in that game. Forest's 2,645 was 364 -pins better than JAT for four points on the night. They go to 20 points for the round. JAT goes to 15 . win in Game 1, it was all Tito's Vodka, including a 182 payback win in Game 2. Game 3 was much closer - a three-pin win for Tito's, which wound up with four points, led by sub Romeo Borillo's 614 series. Buddy's was led by Buddy Lucas 678. Tito's goes to 18 wins for the Antonio Palangio shot a solid 667 in route to Bowling Guys
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our-point victory over round one winner DV8, which was led by Jeff
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Carr's 580 series. Bowling Guys goes to 17 points for the round, and Captain after a clean swoep entered the night with 12 wins and left with 17 with a 657 . Butch Jackson was the leader for Bowlium with a 557 . They stay with 13 wins for the season
Five more wins for Kingpin Pro Shop in its latest sweep - this Kingpin was led by Mikey Villarreal's 674 series. Eric Snow put up quite the fight but had no support - he shot a 635 series. 3 Olives stays at 2 wins for the round.
Saddleback Lanes got back on track in their matchup with Rednil insurance Brokers. Susan Heffern turned in a solid 628 series, backed the high man for Rednil with a 578 . Saddleback goes to 14 points on the season and Rednil to 10
Building off the momentum of last week's win, Keystone Lanes kept it going with four more wins over Professional Approach, led
by Bill Heffern's 290 game in Game 3 and 678 series. Professional Approach was led by Tom Sheridan's 557. Keystone goes to 12 wins for the round; Professional Approach jumps to nine.
The final match of the evening saw Threadworks picks up a clean
weep of Century 21-PEAK, led by sub Brian Ritchie's 577 taking the place of Mike Calvillo. Russell Skersick led the way for Century 21, which sits at 3 wins for the round. Threadworks goes to 12 .
Cashing in the upper division sidepot was Villarreal (236) for Game , Snow (244) for Game 2, and Bill Heffern (290) for Game 3 . 1, Aarik Torres with a 213 in Game 2 and 214 in Game 3. The Financial Advisors Pot saw Garcia win $\$ 190$ for shooting a 266. Snow gets $\$ 90$ for his 244 game

Another congratulations to Brunning for his 300 game on this sport pattern. on the short pattern, ever thought he would shoot a perfect game game on any sport patternl"
A few teams are left in contention going into the final night next

## TOP TEN TEAMS ROUND 2

TOP 10 THIS WEEK Bobby Hornacek. . . . . 691 Mikey Villarreal . . . . . . 674 Tony Brunning . . . . . . 679 Stephanie Zavala . . . . 669
Bill Heffern.
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