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## \$4,800 In SMART Scholarship Awarded At Cal Bowl

### \$90,624 Total Scholarships Earned By Shootout Bowlers

LAKEWOOD - The Bowling Centers of Southern California's Summer Shootout held the final event of the Summer Shootout Series Saturday at Cal Bowl. \$4,800 in scholarship funds were awarded to bowlers in this final event, bringing the series award total to just over \$90,000.

Bowlers who have participated in at least three events in the series are eligible to enter the Southern California continued on page 4



B Division 2nd Joshua Yamauchi, Champion Dylan Ingram, 3rd Jacob Major

## NICHOLAS HOCKMAN Bowls 300 and "Best of All" ...

by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS - Oh to be young, talented and a bowler today. There has never been a better time to be a young bowler. The onset of two handed bowling and the resulting spike in high scoring has launched our sport into a new era. Some would call it **Bowling's Boom Times**. Maybe **Victor Hugo** of Les Miserables fame would call this "Bowling's Best of Times! A new **"Era of Good Feelings"** with everyone getting excited about the sport of Bowling and its future as Americans were excited about America's future during **President James Monroe's** time in office.

Nicholas Hockman is a bowler of these times. A "son" of Bowling's Boom Times. He's one of this generations two handed superstars who bowls

at Empire Bowl every Saturday morning in the Junior Fall League. He is the dominant force in the Junior League, averaging a record high 245 per game. His average could be a national high at this point in the season. Question, could 245 be a **National Youth High Average Record?**

While the USBC Record Book on the internet shows the Adult Male High Average Record held by **Jeff Carter** of Springfield, Illinois at 261.7, set in 2000-2001 and the Adult Female High Average Record held by **Shannon Pluhowsky** of Dayton, Ohio at 250.7, set in 2017-2018. The Record Book does not list a Youth High Average Record.

In addition to his perfect 300 game, for which continued on page 4

## PBA MISSOURI CLASSIC TO HONOR PETE WEBER IN 2024

by Nolan Hughes

Pete Weber's greatness and persona has touched every corner of professional bowling. The history of the PBA cannot be told without him — and neither will the 2024 season

The fourth title event of the season in Springfield, Mo. — Weber's home state — will be named the PBA Pete Weber Missouri Classic.

"To have a tournament named after you is probably the highest honor you can get," Weber said. "I'm thinking this ranks up there with the fifth U.S. Open and second Triple Crown. It's one of the best things that's ever happened to me."



"My dad, Dick Weber, has had a tournament named after him," Pete continued. "Earl Anthony, Carmen Salvino, and even the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award, anytime you get an honor like that, it'll leave you speechless."

Pete Weber is, of course, among the most accomplished players the PBA Tour has ever seen. He's the only player to win the Triple Crown twice over, and remains the youngest player to reach 10 and 20 PBA Tour titles.

All the while, he captivated an audience like no player before or since. "Pete is the most fascinating bowler the sport has seen," said PBA Tour Commissioner Tom Clark. "He once told me, 'When I bowl on televi- continued on page 2

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sion, I don't want anyone to change the channel.' No one did. Whether you loved him or hated him, you had to watch.

"While many equate Pete with his classic antics on the lanes, to me it's Pete's timeless gift to bowl that puts him at one with the essence of the game and is mesmerizing," Clark continued. "Having his name on the tournament means the event will be all the more special."

Weber grew up in the St. Louis suburb of Florissant, where his father, PBA Hall of Famer Dick Weber, owned a bowling center. It was on those Missouri lanes that the extraordinary legend of Pete Weber originated.

Pete said during his teenage years he bowled against (and defeated) the PBA stars of the 1970s in exhibition matches for nothing more than bragging rights and a soda. Between competing in those matches and countless tournaments across the region, Pete developed the unassailable self-belief that inspired him to join the PBA at 17 years old.

The conviction that powered Pete to 37 PBA Tour titles, seven more than his father, Dick, and fourth all-time.

The ambition that helped him win 10 major championships, tied with Earl Anthony for second all-time.

The audacity that led to a record five U.S. Open crowns — and the most iconic phrase in the history of bowling.

Fifty some years later, Pete's confidence has yet to fade. Moments after hearing about the tournament named in his honor, he had a question for the commissioner:

"Well, can I bowl?"

"To be able to win your own tournament, that's kind of exciting," Pete said. "You never know, I might have a chance to win. If I didn't feel like I could win, I probably wouldn't bowl."

The PBA Pete Weber Missouri Classic will be held at Enterprise Park Lanes in Springfield, Mo., which is about 3.5 hours southwest of Weber's hometown.

Weber said his family has known Steve Wiemer, the proprietor of Enterprise Park Lanes, and his family for his entire life. Weber said having the tournament named after him in the Wiemer's center is another honor.

"Our history with the Weber family goes back more than 50 years," Wiemer said. "I was tickled to death about the opportunity to have Pete's name on the tournament."

Enterprise Park Lanes hosted its first-ever PBA Tour stop last season. Sam Cooley defeated Springfield native Keven Williams in the title match on BowlTV. This year, the stepladder finals will be televised live Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1. More information on the PBA Pete Weber Missouri Classic can be found [here](#).

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# Bowling In Scotland

by Dave Williams

As my adventure to discover the origin of a bowling lane in a Scotland castle known as Fyvie continues, I've called upon a bowling historian and a veteran union worker to help determine the answer. Together we are zeroing in on what we believe could be the solution, although at this time still not verified.

Fyvie Castle is an imposing 800 year old fortress. According to the National Trust for Scotland website, "The magnificent castle in the heart of Aberdeenshire is a sterling example of Scottish Baronial architecture. Ghosts, legends and folklore are all woven into Fyvie's history."

The castle has an indoor bowling "alley" as part of a games area. Princess Margaret, who was known for her glamour and beauty, as well as her love for nightlife and the arts, is said to have enjoyed using the lane at Fyvie in the 1990's. Other notables to frequent the castle in earlier times included William the Lion Hearted (King of Scots from 1165 to 1214), Robert the Bruce (King of Scots from 1274 to 1329) and Charles I, King of England, Scotland and Ireland from 1625 to 1649.

When I contacted J.R. Schmidt, historian and writer of the Yesteryear column for Bowlers Journal International, he was able to locate pages from a Spalding annual catalogue that outline the construction of a bowling lane from the early 1900's. The first page outlines the dimensions of the lane, including the width and length of the lane, the approach, the gutters, the pin pit and cushions. The same measurements are all in effect today.

Pages 2-4 outline "How to Build an Alley." It's a bit hard to read so I will provide some of the more interesting details below:

- An ordinary carpenter can no more build a perfect bowling alley than a blacksmith can manipulate a typewriter. It requires skill, a perfect eye, an excellent judge of wood, and at least two years experience before a man can be rated as a first class alley builder.
- The steel and slate alleys, which were introduced in the east some time in the early 1800's, are no longer to be seen anywhere. Both have proven a failure from the very start because they were too noisy or deprived the wooden pin of elasticity.
- There are a few alleys still in use that are constructed of cherry, birch and poplar woods, but these are becoming rare. The most popular alley now in use is the one constructed of pine and maple, either in one solid bed, firmly fastened to the foundation or floor, or in sections.
- In order to get a perfect alley bed it is necessary to secure lumber, either pine or maple, that has been thoroughly air dried. This can best be secured by the larger concerns, who are now making a specialty of this business.
- The most suitable size is material that will measure one by three inches, or one and 1/8th inches by 3 and 1/4th inches, set on edge, and should have a tongue on one side and groove on the other. Each strip should be nailed, and then either belted through the center or clamped at the bottom. The lane should never be less than forty-one and 1/2 inches in width.
- The alley beds, whether sectional or solid, maple or pine and maple, should at all times be at least 72 feet in length, as the foul line is placed in the alley bed 60 feet from the center of the head pin, or 63 feet 3 inches from the pit end of the alley bed.
- The pits should be three feet 6 inches in length, five feet wide and about eleven inches deep, so that when covered with a mat at the bottom, they will be regulation. There is little chance of the ball rebounding onto the alley, but the pins can be brought back occasionally so that there is a chance to make the so-called impossible split.
- In a pine and maple lane, the pine should be interlocked or dove-tailed into the maple at the eleven foot mark, and allowed to continue downward until within about four feet from the pit end of the alley bed where maple should again be used.
- The gutters should be made to measure about 8 3/4 inches in width and be of regulation depth.



**AWWIU Logo Plate**



**Bowling Lane in Fyvie Castle**

The outline goes on to explain the importance of guarding against moisture or dampness of any kind. I can vouch for the fact that when this was not done, a lane could tend to warp or spread more rapidly. This scenario occurred during the late 50's and early 60's when so many lanes were being installed too rapidly, without even allowing for the ground to settle. Another interesting observation from my international travels was the use of eucalyptus wood in Australia, which tended to be much harder than the maple and pine installations, and also turned a much darker color with extended use.

## Let's Ask Some Union Workers

My friend Bruce Bakos, a 44 year union veteran while working for Exxon Mobil in Linden, N.J., had a couple of keen observations. We have all been fascinated by the plate that appears at the end of the lane in Scotland: Amalgamated Wood Workers International Union of America. Bruce feels that this confirms the fact that the lane had to be constructed in the USA.

Otherwise, the measurements in the Spalding guide would have been in metrics, as well as in feet and inches. Bruce's contention is that the lane was constructed here and then shipped to Scotland, either in whole, or perhaps in smaller sections, as described in bullet points number 3 and 6 above.

J.R. "Jake" Schmidt states the following: "I have been a lifetime union member, and come from a union family, but we have never seen this wood workers logo or marking." Jake is of the opinion that the construction of the lane could have been carried out in Scotland with the use of the Spalding Bowling Guide of 1903, containing the detailed instructions on "How to Build an Alley."

As I continued searching the internet for clues, I found this interesting entry regarding the Amalgamated Wood Workers International Union, or AWWIU, at [thefreelibrary.com](http://thefreelibrary.com): "AWWIU (1895-1912) was the first national wood workers organization in the United States. At its peak in 1904, there were 31,230 members. **Thirty percent of the membership worked in Chicago, with a sizable number employed at Brunswick, Balke and Collander Company, a world famous manufacturer of billiard tables, bowling lanes and high-class bar room fixtures.**"

Another entry from [richlandcountyhistory.com](http://richlandcountyhistory.com) in Mansfield, Ohio, provides the following: "AMF produced nearly everything in a bowling center, **except the bowling lanes.** The ball racks, seats, ball returns, desks and magic triangle machines were all manufactured at AMF's plant in Shelby, Ohio." (AMF's famous bowling pins were always manufactured in Lowville, N.Y., at a plant that remains in operation today).

Unfortunately, all of my sources at AMF, and those of Barb Spigner at Brunswick, have retired. But it would certainly appear that the lane was either constructed by Brunswick in Chicago, or assembled in Scotland utilizing the Spalding guide from 1903. Converting inches (25.4 mm) and feet (30.48 cm) would be a bit tedious, so I'm leaning toward the manufacturing of the lane in Chicago. To be continued...

Photos provided by the Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame

# Bowlers Took On The 44' PBA EJ Tackett Pattern in JAT Play

by David Yamauchi

LAKE FOREST - The JAT took the lanes for the first of the two PBA Challenges on the schedule this season. This Sunday's challenge was the 44' PBA EJ Tackett pattern, and although the distance was long, the lanes still provided plenty of friction for ball movement.

In the Open Division, the scoring pace was all over the map but those who had a look definitely were doing some striking. After qualifying, Elias O'Hollaren led the field at +209 averaging just under 235 for his 6-game block. Low-to-qualify was Katelyn Abigania who just held off Jazmyn Beck's 269 final game to take the 16th spot at -21. In the bracket, the upsets kept coming as (16) Katelyn Abigania knocked out (1) Elias O'Hollaren in two-straight and lower seeds took 5 of the 8 matches. The semifinals saw (16) Katelyn Abigania take out (13) Gian Figueroa in three games and (7) Daniel Hong needed all three games to dispatch (11) Gage Baker. The final match started off scorching as Katelyn Abigania put up an 11-bagger for a 290-198 win then kept the striking going for a 226-200 sweep of Daniel Hong for the title! **Congratulations Katelyn on your second JAT Open Division title!**



Open Champion Katelyn Abigania & 2nd Daniel Hong



Farm Club 2nd Alexandra McCowan, Champion Jai Kankariya, 3rd Chason Hou

The Preps saw Franklin Judd lead qualifying at -64 with Max Torres low to the rolloff at -78. Jacob Blake (-149) and Charlie Katz (-165) also earned scholarships in the Preps Division. In the rollofs, (3) Max Torres beat (2) Frankie Katz 179-173 to advance to the finals against top-seeded Franklin Judd. In the Championship, Max Torres remained red-hot taking the title 203-158. Congratulations to Max on the win.

Special thanks to our title sponsor Brunswick Bowling for their support of JAT and youth bowling. Special shout out to Strike 12 Creations for their generosity providing each of our winners with a free jersey including a special JAT Champion graphic!

The JAT takes the lanes for the first of two Adult/Member Doubles tournaments on Saturday, December 16th. Signups are open and the field is limited to the first 60 teams! Check out [www.bowljat.org](http://www.bowljat.org) for the signup link and more information on our events!

In the Farm Club, -158 earned a spot in Match Play with Dylan Ingram stealing the last spot from three other bowlers who were within 7 pins of the cut. Lindsay Greim led all qualifiers with a solid +84 effort averaging just under 217 for her 5-game block. In Match-Play, Jai Kankariya got hot going 4-1 including a 255 game to get to +235 to take the top-seed in the rollofs. Chason Hou was the second-seed at +197 followed by Alexandra McCowan at +146. In the rollofs, the semifinal saw Alexander McCowan take down Chason Hou 214-200 to advance to the final. In the final, top-seed Jai Kankariya came up with some clutch late strikes to lock up his first Farm Club title 213-190. Congratulations Jai!



Preps 2nd Franklin Judd, Champion Max Torres, 3rd Frankie Katz

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he just received his USBC ring and a 300 game certificate, Nicholas has rolled a league high 795 scratch series. He is anchor bowler on his league leading team which has 20 wins and just 7 losses. His teammates include brother Matthew Hockman (150 average), Ethan Chambers (208 average) and Aarin Shepard (208 average). The team has an overall 611 scratch team average. Not bad for a boy's bowling team whose ages average under 15 years.

**Better yet,** Nicholas is an Honor Student. He is as serious about pursuing high grades as he is about rolling high bowling scores. He hopes to someday bowl for Wichita State University, the school with the most successful college bowling program in the nation. Wichita State has produced more than two dozen PBA stars including such professional champions as **Chris Barnes**, Rick Steelsmith, Sean Rash, Packy Hanrahan, Clara Guerrero, Kris Prather and Francois Lavoie just to name a few.

**Best of all,** Nicholas is mature beyond his age. He is cool, calm and collected on and off the lanes. He is a good listener, easily digesting and comprehending the instructions of his coaches. Nicholas is already a great bowler but is mature enough to know he has much more to learn about the complexities of our sport and about the life challenges he and our youth face today.

I am sure coaches **Art Guzman** and **Mike Rademan** would agree that Nicholas is one of the most coachable young bowlers they have coached.

Great bowling Nicholas Hockman. You are another great example of why "California Bowlers Are The Best Bowlers In The World".

## Shootout continued from page 1

Junior 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.

The entry form for the Grand Championships is now posted online and entries are open. The field will be limited to 162 entries, and entries close January 7, 2024 or whenever the field is full. Entries can be found at [www.facebook.com/groups/socalgrand](http://www.facebook.com/groups/socalgrand) and may be submitted in person at any JAT event, or online to [socalgrand@gmail.com](mailto:socalgrand@gmail.com).

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**C Division** - 1st Neel Kankariya (\$310), 2nd Franklin Judd (\$260), 3rd Kaili Purugganan (\$235) and 4th Chason Hou (\$150)

**D Division** - 1st Max Torres (\$410), 2nd Jacob Blake (\$260), 3rd Jizelle Garcia (\$235), 4th Veronika Garcia (\$150) and 5th Jase Wilson (\$110)



A Division - 2nd Tristan Perham, Champion Daniel Hong, 3rd Brandon Rother



C Division - 2nd Franklin Judd, Champion Neel Kankariya, 3rd Kaili Purugganan



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# PBA REGIONAL RECAP: WALTER RAY WILLIAMS JR. CLINCHES 65TH REGIONAL TITLE

by Chase Kaufman

With just one month remaining on the 2023 PBA Regional Tour, bowlers are down to their final opportunities to bring home a title this year. Six events took place over the previous two weeks and five more remain before the Regional Players Invitational in January.

Would you be surprised if I told you Walter Ray Williams Jr. earned one of these titles? Probably not. The all-time PBA titles leader on the national and regional tours took home another victory to boost his count to 65 regional and 47 PBA national titles.

Read on to find out who else took home some hardware in this edition of the Regional Recap:

## PBA60 WILSON & SONS PEST CONTROL OPEN



Beginning with one of the few PBA60 tournaments scattered throughout the year, Frank Gallo Jr. started with the lead at Liberty Lanes in Gastonia, N.C. As the one-seed, Gallo won his first two matches against Danny Weikel and Ronald Reitzel. But on the opposite side of the bracket stood a man named Walter Ray Williams Jr., stormed through the bracket by defeating Brian Link and Darryl Bower to get to the finals.

Gallo started off on the wrong foot in the final match, splitting in the first frame. He was forced to play catch-up from there but couldn't solve some carry issues, with four straight nine-counts in frames four through seven. Meanwhile, Williams stayed clean and won 237-197 to accumulate regional title no. 65.

### PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Open Final Standings

Walter Ray Williams Jr., \$2,500

Frank Gallo Jr., \$1,200

Darryl Bower, \$1,000

Ronald Reitzel, \$1,000

[PBA60 Wilson & Sons Pest Control Open Full Results](#)

## PBA PLAZA LANES MIDWEST INVITATIONAL



In a double-dose of Midwest action, the PBA and PBA50 divisions competed on the 42-foot Mark Roth pattern at Plaza Lanes in Illinois. Kevin McCune kicked things off by shooting +246 for his eight games, enough for a 104-pin lead over second. That lead shrunk a bit after the three-game advancer round, but McCune still held on for the one-seed. Bailey Mavrack earned the two-seed, followed by Tim Gruendler and Chris Hill.

Gruendler never got comfortable in the opening match, shooting a 176 and falling to Hill's 246. Hill doubled early in the following battle, but a split in the seventh frame downed his hopes as Mavrack cruised to a 238-211 win.

The final match was a thriller as both players went back and forth with strikes. Eventually, Mavrack stepped up in the 10th and struck out for a 258 to force McCune to go strike-nine-spares to seal the deal. McCune stepped up and nailed the first shot, but his second shot never made it back hard enough to the pocket as he left the 2-4-5. Mavrack snuck by to win his second career title, 258-257.

### PBA Plaza Lanes Midwest Invitational Final Standings

Bailey Mavrack, \$2,000

Kevin McCune, \$1,200

Chris Hill, \$900

Tim Gruendler, \$800

[PBA Plaza Lanes Midwest Invitational Full Results](#)

## PBA50 PLAZA LANES MIDWEST INVITATIONAL

Staying in the center on the same pattern, Eugene McCune bested his son with +279 for his eight games to take the lead. Tom Adcock sat in second place at +152. Instead of an advancer round, the top eight players each bowled one match to decide the stepladder participants. McCune held onto the one-seed, Brian Kretzer secured the second seed, while Anthony Jovanovich and Scott Rains opened the finals.

The first match was all Jovanovich as he battled for perfection, but he sent the last shot a little wide for a 298. Jovanovich continued the run in the second match as Kretzer opened in back-to-back frames; Jovanovich never relinquished his lead, winning 241-186.

In the finals, both players stayed clean through the first nine frames. McCune needed all three in the 10th to force Jovanovich to double. But a pesky 10-pin only allowed McCune to 226, while Jovanovich shot 257 for his first regional title.

### PBA50 Plaza Lanes Midwest Invitational Final Standings

Anthony Jovanovich, \$2,100

Eugene McCune, \$1,400

Brian Kretzer, \$1,050

Scott Rains, \$900

[PBA50 Plaza Lanes Midwest Invitational Full Results](#)

## PBA MONROE SPORT CENTER CENTRAL CHALLENGE

The weekend's fourth event took place at Monroe Sport Center in Monroe, Mich. Players competed on the 40-foot Don Johnson pattern for the one-day event, which included a 12-player match-play bracket.

Brett Miller took the one-seed, averaging 227, while Michael Bankert, Jacob Balser, and Tommy Parker III also earned byes for their qualifying efforts. Miller lost in his first match, so Marcus Oien and Parker III fought in the first semifinal match. Parker won that match 190-179, while Balser defeated Matt Roskoski 209-190 in the other semifinal. In the championship match, Balser put on his striking shoes and won 226-206 for \$1,500 and his first career title.

### PBA Monroe Sport Center Central Challenge Final Standings

Jacob Balser, \$1,500

Tommy Parker, \$1,050

Marcus Oien, \$850

Matt Roskoski, \$850

[PBA Monroe Sport Center Central Challenge Full Results](#)



## PBA50 BEAUMONT SOUTHWEST OPEN



After stuffing themselves with food on Thanksgiving, 42 contestants bowled at Crossroads Bowling Center in Beaumont, Texas, in hopes of stuffing their pockets with cash. Michael Austin started with the lead at +290 for eight games, but Chris Hibbits II took the lead after the five-game advancer round at +436.

The top eight players moved on and Pete McCordic held the lead at +747 through seven games of match play. With just the position round remaining, Hibbits trailed by just nine pins, while Jeff Atkins also had an outside chance at +673.

But McCordic, a two-time PBA Tour champion and 2023 PBA Hall of Fame inductee, held on with a 225-194 win. This win marks his eighth regional title and first victory since 1992 after 26 years as the Southwest Region tournament director.

### PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open Final Standings

Pete McCordic, 2,500 points, \$2,500

Jeff Atkins, 1,500, \$1,600

Chris Hibbits II, 1,150, \$1,100

Paul McCordic, 950, \$900

[PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open Full Results](#)

## PBA FORT MEADE CHALLENGE (NON-CHAMPIONS) PRESENTED BY AUTO SPA EXPRESS

For the final event of November, The Lanes Fort Meade in Ft. Meade, Md., hosted 46 non-champions to turn one of them into a champion. Youth bowler Jacob Bockstie smashed the field in qualifying by averaging 246, more than 25 pins better than second place. Joey Royer Jr., Zacary Preston, and Eric Cornog also received a bye for their efforts as the top 12 players headed into the single-elimination bracket.

Both Cornog and Bockstie fell from the bracket before the semifinals. In the upper half of the bracket, Robert Shine defeated Benjamin Lamb to claim a spot in the finals. Preston defeated Ta'Shawn Jones to take the other berth in the finals. The three-seed Preston took down Shine 216-202 to take the win and \$1,500.

### PBA Fort Meade Challenge (Non-Champions) presented by Auto Spa Express Final Standings

Zacary Preston, \$1,500

Robert Shine, \$1,000

Ta'Shawn Jones, \$775

Benjamin Lamb, \$775

[PBA Fort Meade Challenge \(Non-Champions\) presented by Auto Spa Express](#)

View the season-long points standings in each region [here](#).

# 2024 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE RELEASED

*The PBA50 World Series of Bowling II and season finale at historic AMF Riviera Lanes highlight the schedule*

by Nolan Hughes

The 2024 PBA50 Tour schedule, which was released today, features the world's best aged-50-and-over bowlers competing in 16 title events, including five major championships, and an estimated \$1.4 million total prize fund.

The PBA50 World Series of Bowling II returning to Jackson, Mich., and the PBA50 Tournament of Champions heading to the famed AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio headline the schedule, which lasts from late April to mid-August.

A five-event sprint with stops in Michigan, North Carolina, and Florida kicks off the 2024 PBA50 Tour. The final event of this swing — the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open — will help raise money for [Bowlers to Veterans Link](#), the official charity of the PBA Tour.

In June, the PBA50 Tour heads west as the USBC Senior Masters returns to Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas. Then Troy Lint, the reigning PBA50 Player of the Year, will aim to defend his Senior U.S. Open crown in Greeley, Colo. After a short break, the PBA50 Tour resumes in July for the final leg of the season and three major championships.

The Bud Moore PBA50 Players Championship will once again crown a champion in Manassas, Va. Last season, Pete Weber earned his first title in two years on the pair of lanes inside Bill Moore's home.

The second annual PBA50 WSOB heads back to JAX 60 in Jackson, Mich. Three championships named in honor of living legends — Del Ballard Jr., Amleto Monacelli and Petraglia — and the PBA50 World Championship comprise the late-July event.

Finally, the hallowed grounds of AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio will be the site of the season's final event. The longtime host of the PBA Tournament of Champions becomes a first-time host to the PBA50 TOC.

Two national events for PBA60 competitors are on the docket in 2024. The USBC Super Senior Classic runs from May 29 to June 2 at Sam's Town Bowling Center in Las Vegas, while the PBA60 Tristan's Memorial Open will be held at Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl during the week of July 4.

The schedule allows for PBA50 players to compete in the 2024 [PBA LBC National Championships](#) at Bowlero Mount Prospect in Mount Prospect, Ill. All players can compete on weekends from June 1 through July 14, with the dates of June 29-30 and July 6 being ideal for PBA50 competitors. More information on the PBA LBC National Championships is available [here](#).

The entire PBA50 Tour will be livestreamed on [BowTV](#). PBA and PBA50 Regional Tour events for the 2024 season will be announced soon.

## 2024 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

**PBA50** majors are bolded *PBA60* events are italicized

**PBA50 Hamtramck Singles Classic Open at Vision Lanes**  
Vision Lanes  
Westland, Michigan  
April 22-25, 2024

**PBA50 Granville Financial Open**  
Sandhills Bowling Center  
Aberdeen, North Carolina  
April 28-May 1

**PBA50 The Villages Classic**  
Spanish Springs Lanes  
The Villages, Florida  
May 5-9

**PBA50 Fort Myers Classic**  
Lightning Strikes Bowl  
Fort Myers, Florida  
May 12-15

**PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open**  
Maple Lanes Countryside  
Clearwater, Florida  
May 19-22

**USBC Super Senior Classic**  
Sam's Town Bowling Center  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
May 29-June 2

**USBC Senior Masters**  
Sam's Town Bowling Center  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
June 3-9

**PBA Senior U.S. Open**  
Highland Park Lanes  
Greeley, Colorado  
June 12-17

**PBA60 Tristan's Memorial Open**  
Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl  
Columbus, Ohio  
July 2-5

**PBA50 Morgantown Classic**  
Suburban Lanes  
Morgantown, West Virginia  
July 8-11

**Bud Moore PBA50 Players Championship**  
Bowl America Bull Run  
Manassas, Virginia  
July 14-19

**PBA50 World Series of Bowling II**  
JAX 60  
Jackson, Michigan  
July 22, 25: PBA50 Ballard Championship  
July 23, 26: PBA50 Monacelli Championship  
July 24, 27: PBA50 Petraglia Championship  
July 28-29: PBA50 World Championship

**PBA50 Jonesboro Open**  
Hijinx Bowling Center  
Jonesboro, Arkansas  
July 31-August 3

**PBA50 South Shore Classic**  
Olympia Lanes  
Hammond, Indiana  
August 5-8

**PBA50 Tournament of Champions**  
AMF Riviera Lanes  
Fairlawn, Ohio  
August 11-15

Entries open for 2024 PBA50 Tour events on Feb. 1, 2024.

More information on the PBA50 Tour is available [here](#).



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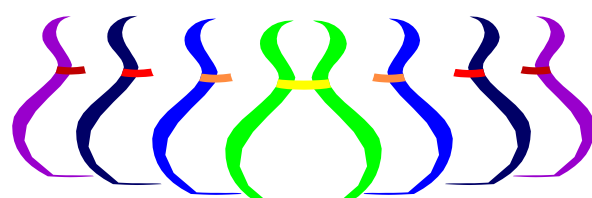
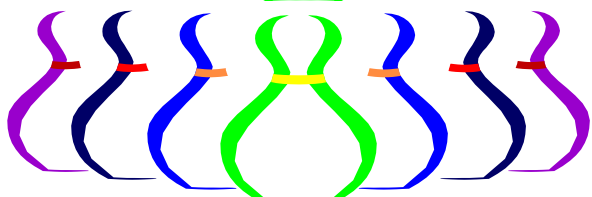
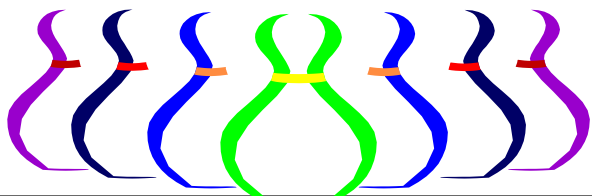
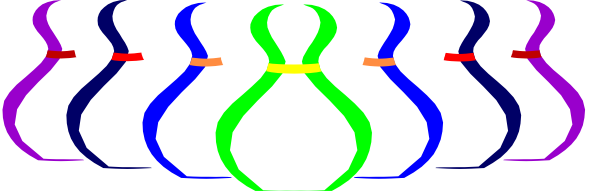
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### Junior Amateur Tour Closes The Gap On Bowlium Eric Snow Goes Clean-30

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the sixth week of seven on the shorter oil pattern. Teams were trying to get in position to give themselves a chance at the round next week. Bowlium was sitting on a 4.5 game lead on the field looking to lock up a round win with some points this week.

In the "A" match, **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) who was pulling away from the pack, met up with **Junior Amateur Tour** (Anthony Santos) who was 4.5 games back with just 10 points to go. The league was pulling for them to reel back in red-hot Bowlium to keep the round win within reach. Junior Amateur Tour came out red-hot posting a 861 game one but Bowlium stormed back with a 796 to take game two. Junior Amateur Tour got back in the groove taking game three and totals for the 4-1 win. Kaven Massey returned to lead J.A.T. with a big 620 set while Ramiro Garcia continued to be solid for Bowlium with a 598 set. Bowlium remains 1.5 games ahead going into the final week with just three teams mathematically still alive.

The "B" match featured **Forever Hope Foundation** (Vernon Adams) who had made a strong run recently with some good subs, taking on **DV8** (David Cogswell) who had jumped back into the spotlight after a strong week five. DV8 took a close first game by 15, then an even closer second game by 4, finishing with a game three win and a 5-0 sweep of Forever Hope Foundation. Daniel Hong's 582 and Jeff Carr's 581 led DV8 while sub Brandon Grant put up 591 to pace Forever Hope. DV8 has an outside chance at the round needing a 3-2 split in the "A" match and a sweep to tie for the round.

**Forest Lanes** (JT Diso) looked to keep their momentum going taking on **Cal Bowl** (Ramon Torres) who was looking to bounce back from a very tough matchup the week before. Forest Lanes got it right to start the night with a win, but it was all Cal Bowl from there with a 4-1 win. Ramon Torres was again on top for Cal Bowl with a 583 set while Forest Lanes was paced by JT Diso's 546 series.

**US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) and **Westminster Lanes** (Jonathan Gale) were looking to bank some wins after a very tough week five. US Foods took a close game one by 12, then continued to roll as they struck to a 5-0 win over Westminster Lanes. Gabriel Martinez shot 586 to lead US Foods while Semaj Lewis was the high man for Westminster with a 516 series.

**ThreadWorks** (Eric Snow) was hoping for a smoother effort this week matched up with **Del Rio Lanes** (Marquan Rivers) with both teams coming off five-win sweeps last week. Eric Snow was a picture of consistency, posting a huge 629 set, including an open-free three games to be the first in the round to record a Clean-30, and help lead his always-tough team to a 5-0 sweep. Marquan Rivers led Del Rio Lanes with a nice 589 series.

First-round winners **Family Ties** (Mikey Villarreal) who had a tough week last session took on **Professional Approach Oak Tree** (John Struckman). Family Ties took the bookend games and totals for a 4-1 win over Professional Approach Oak Tree. Vince Duarte was huge for Family Ties with a 638 set while David Silva paced Oak Tree with a 547 series.

**Touchstone Homes, Professional Approach Keystone, Professional Approach Del Rio and iColor Printing** rounded out Monday's action. Professional Approach Keystone swept Touchstone Homes 5-0 led by William Morris' 589 set. Terry Hatley managed 492 to pace Professional Approach Keystone. Professional Approach Del Rio managed a sweep of a short-handed iColor Printing team. Sub Julian Zavala led the Del Rio bunch with a 545 set while Augie Labrado Jr. managed 514 to lead iColor Printing.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Ramiro Garcia (234) for \$160 with 2nd to Vernon Adams (212) for \$70. Sidepots went to Eric Snow (211) and Vernon Adams (212) for \$60 each with 2nd to Julian Zavala (210) for \$30 and Scott Silva and Gabriel Martinez (206) for \$15 each. SuperPot was hit by Vince Duarte (246)

#### TOP 10 ROUND 2 WEEK 6

Bowlium.....23	ThreadWorks.....18
Junior Amateur Tour ..21.5	Forever Hope Foundation 16
DV8.....20	Forest Lanes.....16
US Foods.....19	Family Ties \$......15
Cal Bowl .....18.5	Westminster Lanes....14

#### TOP 10 THIS WEEK

638 Vince Duarte	598 Anthony Santos
629 Eric Snow	591 Brandon Grant
620 Kaven Massey	589 William Morris
611 D.A. Smith	589 Marquan Rivers
598 Ramiro Garcia	586 Gabriel Martinez

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