Make It a Spectacular Year!

WINNETKA - So a new year is about to dawn and bowlers may be in the process of sketching out what new goals they plan to accomplish.

Well, perhaps they're old goals that just went undone in 2023.

In any event, this represents a good time for bowlers to map out their plans to generate some new pages for their personal bowling scrapbooks next year.

Just like what Cathy Fazio Pia did on Nov. 22 at Winnetka Bowl.

A 141-average bowler in Winnetka's Funtimers senior league, Cathy crushed scores of 188, 191 and 182.

That's no misprint.

That's a 561 series, or a whopping 756 with Cathy, the handicap. granddaughter of PBA Hall-of-Famer Buzz Fazio, finished each game at least 41 pins above her average.

Cathy wasn't sure if her score marked her career best in more than "60 years of bowling," but husband Richard Deem stated decisively that her series was "the best she's done in at least eight years." Cathy modestly passed the credit over to her brother, Brian, a bowling coach and elite bowler. Cathy and Richard traveled to her hometown in Michigan in October and Brian then went to work with them.

"He spent nine hours with us bowling," Cathy said. "It was intensive training and it helped me rewire." Cathy's goal was to improve her consistency, although she admitted she wouldn't mind popping a 600 series.

Cathy may not have quite hit 600 last month, but it was pretty darn close. It also was good enough to earn her a league award for racking up a score 50 pins above her average in her second game.

So Cathy found her bowling sugar high. And it tasted pretty sweet.

Others undoubtedly will also try to get their sugar high next year whether it's racking up their first 500 or 600 or 700 series or any kind of personal best.

As long as bowlers roll a ball with force or with a pins-dispersing spin, they're all capable of something spectacular.

Sometimes it might take some luck. But that spectacular performance is there for the taking.

Give it your best shot this year!



Cathy Fazio Pia and husband Richard Deem

EJ Tackett Wins 2023 PBA Player of the Year Award

Tackett receives second career Player of the Year honor after winning five titles and two majors in 2023

by Nolan Hughes



Tackett won five titles, including two majors, and became the first player to earn the No. 1 seed in four majors during a single season. He received 82.5% of the votes by PBA members and the media.

Anthony Simonsen, who won three titles and finished in the top 10 in all 17 title events, was second with 6.8% of the votes. Kyle Troup edged out Jason Belmonte and Packy Hanrahan for third place in voting. Additional nominees included Kevin McCune, Jakob Butturff and Matt Ogle.

After leading all rookies on the 2023 PBA Tour in points, earnings and average, Phoenix's Cortez Schenck has been named the 2023 Harry

Golden PBA Rookie of

55.3% of the votes from PBA members and the media. Andrew Hall finished second with 16.1%

of votes, followed by Dal-

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received

the Year. Schenck



"It's really humbling to know that people think that highly of me and my accomplishments season," Tackett said.

With Player of the Year wins in 2016 and 2023, the 31-year-old Tackett became just the 12th player to win the award multiple times.

the Year once was really cool but winning it twice — that puts you in a pretty elite category," he said. "Not a lot of people have done that."

The PBA Player of the Year award bears the name of Chris Schenkel, a Hall of Fame sportscaster who served as "Winning Player of the voice for the PBA

from 1962-1997. Tackett and Schenkel were each born in the small county of Huntington in Indiana.

"It's a great honor to add another trophy with his name on it to the trophy case," Tackett said. "Honestly, it's unfortunate that I never got to meet him. I really, really continued on page 3

CORTEZ SCHENCK WINS THE 2023 HARRY GOLDEN PBA ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Schenck graduates from an exemplary youth and amateur career to earn the PBA's top rookie honor

by Nolan Hughes



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LEN GUISEPPE Is Leaving For Sacramento

"Life goes on". The world moves with or with-

out you. **All True!** But when friends have to part it's difficult. Especially when a "Good Guy" is the one moving on.

That's what's happening this week in our senior leagues. "GOOD GUY" Len Guiseppe is leaving Redlands for Sacramento. After years of competing in our senior leagues he is moving north. Len's story is typical of our senior world. Moving to be closer to the kids when life circumstances demand action.

That is where Len is now. Recently his wife of decades passed away and it has become evident that as a SUPER SENIOR it was time to move closer to family. His



Friends Len Guiseppe (left) and Frank Weiler (right) on last day bowling in Redlands.

decision is the wise decision and the right decision.

I will miss Len. He is a genuine "GOOD GUY". He is a great bowler but better yet he is a **great person**, a sportsman. He is a real sportsman who believes in fair play while still playing to win. I love bowlers who want to win and want to win the right way. No sandbagging, no psychological games, or any other types of gamesmanship. No bragging or boasting. Just **old-fashioned** competing.

Len is the guy who wants to take you on in a fair fight. Eye to eye, toe to toe, push for push. He won't throw any low blows just man up without fear. He is my type of guy, my type of bowler.

Most bowlers are friendly but do not take a personal interest in their fellow bowlers. Not Len. He supports his teammates with encouraging words and helpful bowling tips all the time. But better yet he is willing to support other bowlers not on his team. While we were not teammates, Len always checked on how well I was bowling. He was always concerned about my bowling, about how I was doing and whether all was well in my world. There were only a few other bowlers over the years who would come to me with that kind of care and concern. In this regard, Len is so special.

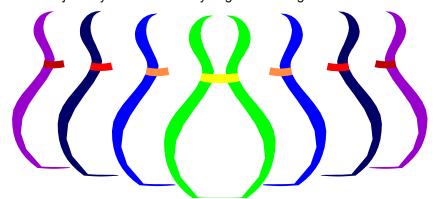
Don't get me wrong, Len is a **real competitor.** While he was happy to encourage, support and help me to do my best he also wanted to outscore me or beat me in head to head competition. He didn't keep that a secret. He was always wanting to compare scores even when we were bowling lanes apart. I knew he was **"discreetly"** competing with me while still showing an interest in my results. Still encouraging me to do my best. He was still a FOX.

Len is a **student of the sport.** Always wanting to improve and talking about ways he could score better. He wanted to know if I had discovered any new technique or strategy that he could use to attack the lanes and the pins. I enjoyed comparing notes with him and always learned more from him than he probably ever learned from me.

This season Len was bowling in the Golden Agers League where he averaged 176 with highs of 225 and 590. In the Senior Laughlin League, he was averaging 180. **Damn Good** for a guy past 80!

One more thing, a **CHICAGO CUBS** fan has to be a great guy. Someone loyal to a team for half a century, when that team is perpetually near the bottom of the standings, is a great guy. That kind of loyalty is rare. That's my kind of fan.

I will miss those Chicago Cub shirts and jerseys. I will miss Len Guiseppe. Have a safe journey Len and I wish you great bowling in Sacramento!.



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las Leong, Ramsey Basurto and Nate Stubler.

"I'm super honored and happy to win the award. That was the goal going into the season," Schenck said. "I have high respect for a lot of the rookies that were out there this year. There were a lot of really good bowlers that I've bowled against throughout the years. I know it was not easy for me, so I can imagine it was a mental grind for a lot of us."

Schenck, 24, started the season slow as he struggled to crack the main field from the pre-tournament qualifiers. He said he got inside his own head as he struggled to meet lofty internal and external expectations.

"I just wasn't trusting myself," Schenck said. "I was pressing really hard just because I had higher expectations than what was happening. I couldn't give myself an opportunity to showcase anything or show myself what I can do."

As a youth player, Schenck won the 2013 U15 Junior Gold Championships and a record 99 Junior Bowlers Tour (JBT) titles across the southwestern U.S.

Schenck won nine gold medals across six years as a member Junior Team USA (2016-2021). He also made Team USA in 2018 after winning that year's U.S. Amateur title, defeating 2021 PBA Rookie of the Year Matt Russo in the final match.

During the USBC Masters at the end of March, Schenck said his girlfriend and two other friends visited from back home in Arizona. Their visit changed the trajectory of his rookie season.

"It brought me back to reality and loosened me up," Schenck said. "It reminded me that there were only a few tournaments left and to just do the best that I could. It felt like it couldn't get much worse and I had nothing to lose."

Over his final four tournaments, Schenck notched three top-25 finishes, including a season-high finish of 10th in the Roth/Holman PBA Doubles Championship presented by Bally's Dover Casino Resort with Michael Fitzgerald.

Growing up, Schenck said the main player he admired was Mike Fagan.

"The high swing, high rev rate — Fagan was the guy you wanted to throw it like if you were one-handed," Schenck said.

In recent years, Schenck said Anthony Simonsen, Jason Belmonte and particularly Darren Tang are three players he's learned from.

"Darren's given me some advice over the last couple of years and he's been super supportive of me," Schenck said. "I'm always really comfortable talking to him. I think we see the lanes pretty similarly, so sometimes I try to model my game after what he's doing because he is a good player as well."

Schenck intended on bowling the 2022 PBA Tour season. He made the West Region Finals of the PBA Players Championship, which was the first tournament of the season.

After his father Stephen passed away in February, Schenck stepped away from the lanes for several months to grieve and help run his father's business. He later bowled the 2022 USBC Masters, but because he bowled in just two events, he retained rookie eligibility for 2023.

"My dad meant everything to me," Schenck said. "He was with me every step of the way for anything bowling-related. He went to all my tournaments and was my biggest supporter for sure."

When Schenck returned to PBA competition in the West Region in June, he reminded the bowling world of his immense talent. He won his first two PBA Regional Tour events of the season, then finished runner-up in the next two.

Ultimately, he earned the West Region's Rookie of the Year award for 2022. After taking his talents to the national tour, Schenck said his dad would be super proud and happy.

"Winning Rookie of the Year was definitely one of those goals he had for me," Schenck said "I think right now he'd be telling me, 'Great job, I'm proud of you. But still, you could do a lot better.'

"I'm looking forward to hopefully bouncing off my rookie season and improving next year."

Recent Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year Winners

Santtu Tahvanainen, 2022
Matt Russo, 2021
not awarded in 2020 due to the pandemic-interrupted season (2020 rookies retained eligibility through 2021)
Mykel Holliman, 2019
Kamron Doyle, 2018
Matt Sanders, 2017
François Lavoie, 2016

Jesper Svensson, 2015 Marshall Kent, 2014 EJ Tackett, 2013

Complete list of Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year award winners

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wish I would have gotten to meet him. I think he would have been elated to know someone from where he's from was having success in a sport that he loved and was the voice of for so many years."

Tackett led the Tour with \$458,450 in earnings, 41,200 points and a 227.18 average. His five titles, two major championships and two runner-up finishes also led the Tour, while he ranked second with 11 topfive, 12 top-10 and 14 top-25 finishes.

Though Tackett won three of the season's first five tournaments and ultimately earned the vast majority of votes, Tackett said Simonsen's own historic pace helped him keep his foot on the gas.

"Obviously I bowled really well, but Simo did have something to do with it," Tackett said. "He kind of drove me to different heights. I knew I had to keep bowling well and I had to keep winning events if I wanted to be hoisting this trophy at the end of the year."

Simonsen won three titles and earned 13 top-five finishes while competing in all 17 title events. The 26-year-old two-hander finished no lower than fourth in the five major championships and no lower than 10th in any title event.

Though Simonsen made history with his top-10 finish streak, Tackett set a record of his own by earning the No. 1 seed in four of five major championships. Tackett said his two major victories were the highlights of his season.

First, Tackett avenged his 2022 title match defeat to win the season-opening U.S. Open presented by Go Bowling! That major title marked his first PBA Tour win in his home state of Indiana as he became the ninth Triple Crown winner in PBA history.

Two months later, in perhaps one of the greatest matches in recent memory, Tackett defeated Jason Belmonte to win the PBA World Championship presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon. After Tackett doubled in the 10th frame to clinch the win, his spur-of-themoment celebration captured the essence of the 2023 season:

"It's my time!"

Recent Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Winners

Jason Belmonte, 2022 Kyle Troup, 2021 Jason Belmonte, 2020 Jason Belmonte, 2019 **Andrew Anderson, 2018** Jason Belmonte, 2017 EJ Tackett, 2016 Jason Belmonte, 2015 Jason Belmonte, 2014 Jason Belmonte, 2013

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JOHNNY PETRAGLIA TO RECEIVE 2023 PBA TONY REYES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD PBA Hall of Famer recognized for his decades of charitable efforts with military veterans

by Nolan Hughes

Johnny Petraglia, a 58-year PBA member and 14-time champion, has been selected as the 2023 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award recipient. The award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational contributions over the course of a PBA season.

"To receive an award with Tony's name on it is an honor, very simply," Petraglia said. "He was a wonderful guy who did a lot of the right things for the sport and the Tour. He would've been a great ambassador for years."

Less than two weeks after winning his first career PBA Tour title in 1966, Petraglia said he was drafted and began serving in the U.S. Army. He spent time in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive in 1968.

Since returning to the United States in the fall of 1968, he has worked countless hours with military veterans and helped to raise millions of dollars through his work with Bowlers to Veterans Link, a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to funding recreation therapy programs for veterans.

Petraglia said his inspiration began shortly after returning home in 1968. He said a group of U.S. senators organized one athlete from every sport to visit patients in Veterans Health Administration (VA) hospitals.

As the least heralded athlete, but the lone Vietnam War veteran, Petraglia said they paired him with perhaps the most prominent athlete in attendance: Jesse Owens.

"I learned so much from him in those couple of days about how to talk to the patients, especially the patients in intensive care wards," Petraglia said. "He was just this wonderful and gentle man and he knew exactly how to talk to everybody.

"He really inspired me," Petraglia continued. "I don't know what they are doing in Washington, but I've got to keep this going. I found out about the BVL soon after and thought, 'I've got to stick with this and do what I can."

During his full-time playing career, Petraglia visited VA hospitals throughout the PBA and PBA50 Tours. In recent years, he has spent more time helping organize fundraisers and tournaments for military veterans.

Petraglia said he also coaches youth bowlers and helps them to earn college scholarships, even a scholarship bearing his name in partnership with the Bowl-4Life foundation.

In November, Petraglia celebrated his 50th year working with BVL.

BVL, according to their website, has raised more than \$56 million "to support veterans by funding recreation therapy programs at veterans' hospitals, clinics and community-based counseling centers" since their foundation in 1942.

Petraglia said in the past year alone, they have raised \$1.4 million. Starting in 2024, the BVL will be the official charity of the PBA Tour.

"I'm so proud of the people that do this (with the BVL) and raise that money," Petraglia said. "And now that we got the PBA involved, it's going to be even better. Everything, in this sense, gets launched because of Tony (Reyes). It goes back to him, somebody who helped everybody. That's as good as it gets."

Past PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award Recipients

Ryan Shafer, 2022 Warren Eales, 2021 Danny Wiseman, 2020 Chuck Gardner, 2019 Chris Barnes, 2018 Del Ballard Jr., 2017 Rhino Page, 2016 Ed Godbout, 2015 Missy Parkin, 2014 Parker Bohn III, 2013



BJ MOORE TO RECEIVE 2023 PBA STEVE NAGY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD PBA Tour athletes recognize Moore's continuous generosity and class

by Nolan Hughes

BJ Moore of Greensburg, Pa. has been voted the 2023 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award recipient.

Nine players earned nominations from PBA players who competed in over half of 2023 national tour events. Moore received a plurality of the votes at 28%, followed by Chris Via at 20% and Jakob Butturff at 16%.

Arturo Quintero, Chris Barnes, Brandon Runk, Richie Teece, Keven Williams and Jake Peters also received votes.

"It's an honor," Moore said. "Because it's not something that you just go out and try to win. It's literally voted amongst everyone that you're surrounded by, so it just kind of shows your true character. I think there's no other way to put it, it's just an honor to be able to accept it."

However, in true Nagy-recipient fashion, Moore said he was surprised to receive the award.

"When you see Chris Via's name on the ballot, you just figure that's a lock," Moore said. "He's super personable, always nice to literally everyone and always has a smile on his face. So I honestly did not expect [to receive this award] at all."

Moore has long been among the PBA Tour's most respected players. Players like EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte and Via himself have commended Moore's character.

A prime example of Moore's sportsmanship came in 2022 as Moore was set to face Belmonte in match play of the PBA Shark Championship. Belmonte arrived right as competition began, allowing Moore the opportunity to bowl ahead and win at least the first game.

Instead Moore waited until Belmonte was ready to begin the match, which Belmonte later won. Before the championship round that night, Belmonte thanked Moore.

"[Moore] was not obligated to wait for me for our match this morning, but he did," Belmonte said. "You're a true gentleman. I really appreciate what you did and I won't forget it."

Moore said he wants to allow fellow players to have the same opportunities that he has, and then let the best man win.

"I have always been a firm believer of the cliché saying about how you treat people how you want to be treated, especially after having kids," Moore said. "If someone needs help, you try to help them out. You try to be kind and compassionate to everyone. You never know what anyone is going through in their day-to-day life; someone is always in a worse position than you are. I try not to take anything for granted, and to show my kids a better way to live."

The PBA's sportsmanship award honors Steve Nagy, a PBA Hall of Famer and founding member. He was instrumental to the early success of the PBA. The award has been awarded since 1966, the year of Nagy's death.

Recent PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award Recipients

Jake Peters, 2022
Jake Peters, 2021
Brad Miller, 2020
Martin Larsen, 2019
Tom Smallwood, 2018
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Ryan Shafer, 2013
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As I continued looking through the incredible files of Henry Kaven, the "boss" of the AMF Advisory Staff of Champions, I came upon the photos and promotional write-up for Paula Sperber-Carter, a lifelong resident of Miami, Florida.

As a teenager, Paula worked at the famous Miami Coliseum Bowling Palace. It was there that she developed her love for the game and eventually joined the PWBA at the age of eighteen. Just a couple of years later, she pocketed close to \$15,000 in total earnings, including a victory at the U.S. Open that was valued at \$4,000.

Paula signed with the AMF staff as a result of winning the U.S. Open. She looked back fondly and remembered beating another AMF staffer, June Llewellyn from Pompano Beach, Florida. "On the first ball I lost my balance and spun around twice, waving my arms like a big bird," said Paula in an article that appeared in Sports Illustrated ("She Never Played With Dolls," by Pat Putnam).

"She got the strike," wrote Putnam, "and then a second, and finally nine pins to finish with a 215. Llewellyn left a 4-6 split and missed both pins for a 214." It was an auspicious start to Paula's professional career in bowling that was cut short by what doctors told her was PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

"I think it started when I was sent to Japan for a series of exhibitions," recalled Carter in a phone interview earlier this week. "While in Sapporo, a remote area in the very northern part of the country, I encountered a 'panic attack' brought on by desolation and loneliness."

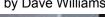
Paula said that she never fully recovered from that experience, and after winning a second U.S. Open in 1975, she decided to call it quits. "I called Woody Woodruff and told him that I couldn't handle the travel anymore." Her last appearance was for the Beat the Champs telecast in Chicago, with "The Tenpin Tattler," Sam Weinstein. She beat PBA pro Don Johnson by 40 pins.

Meeting Don Carter

When I asked Paula about how she met Don Carter, she thought back to how Eddie Elias, founder of the PBA, called her to see if she could help with Don's visit to Miami. "Eddie was my business manager, and he said that Don had just gone through a divorce and had never been to Miami, and maybe I could show him around and make him feel at home."

The rest, as they say, is history. The two dated for four years, followed by a marriage that lasted 36 years, until Don's death in 2012. They both shared in a disdain for travel — Don on airplanes and Paula in automobiles, so they kept close to home and built an empire of bowling centers with the assistance of partners in Illinois, Ohio, Texas, Louisiana and Florida.

"Paula and I really miss Kendall Lanes because we practically lived there for 30 years," Carter told Dick Evans of the Miami Herald in 2006. "We would hang





Paula Carter (left) signs first AMF Pro Staff contract, with Woody Woodruff of AMF (1971)

out there a lot because it was close to our home. We had a lot of close friends at Kendall and miss seeing them all the time." Kendall Lanes, like so many other bowling centers, was purchased by a development firm that converted the space into a shopping center that includes Starbucks, Staples, Walgreen's, Panera Bread, and all the other usual culprits.

Paula Carter Today

After her retirement from the PWBA, Paula used the additional free time to volunteer at the Family Resource Center of South Florida (frcflorida.org). "We started with a budget of around \$100,000 in 1978, and today we are the leader in child welfare services in South Florida," stated Carter.

"The goal of the organization is to prevent and change dysfunctional parent and child interaction patterns, promote self-concepts and build healthy relationships to prevent the abuse of children," said Paula.

It was during this time that Paula met and became very attached to a crack baby that was left at the center. The 2 year old was attracted to Carter because she resembled the child's mother. Paula befriended the mom as well and discussed the possibility of adopting the 2 year old named John.

But first she would need to discuss this with Mr. files of Henry Kaven

Carter. Paula came home one day from the Resource Center and told Don, "You're going to need to sit down for this one." As she told him about her interest in the 2 year old, Don expressed some reservation and told Paula that he wasn't sure if he was ready to go through the process of adopting a 2 year old, since he had already experienced raising children.

But with some coaxing from Paula, Don agreed to visit the Resource Center and meet John. "When we sat down, John reached out to Don and touched him," said Paula. "That was all it took." John is now 42 years old and on his own. Paula continued, "He talks all the time about Don and misses him very much, as we all do."

The Carter's also fostered a son named Robert from Boys Town, who is now 56 and has multiple sclerosis. Paula continues her volunteer work today at The Palace in Kendall (thepalace.org), a center for senior citizens. She currently works as a volunteer for dementia patients. "It's interesting that we are known more for what we have done outside bowling than for our involvement in bowling here in Miami."

Paula has found her unique niche in this life, doing the work of the Lord. What an amazing life story...

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Brunswick E

Billy Myers Jr.'s 278 Rolls Bowlium To The Second Round Title

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes for the final week of the second round. Three teams were still in contention, but it would take a perfect finish up top and a sweep for DV8 to manage just a tie. All eyes in the league were on the rematch of the "A" match from the week before on the feature pair.

In the "A" match, **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) who held just a 1.5 game lead over **Junior Amateur Tour** (Anthony Santos) with one session to go after J.A.T. made things interesting the week before. The first game was close with Bowlium taking game one and forcing J.A.T. to sweep the rest of the night to win the round. Bowlium anchor Billy Myers Jr. made sure it wasn't going to happen, stringing the front-9 for a huge 278 game, locking up the round win for Bowlium. Billy Myers Jr. was huge for Bowlium with a 690 series while Anthony Santos led J.A.T. with a 634 set.

The "B" match featured **DV8** (David Cogswell) who had jumped back into the race after a sweep the previous week, taking on **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez) and needing a sweep combined with a 3-2 result in the "A" match just to get a tie at 25. DV8 took game one but US Foods spoiled the party with a game two win eliminating DV8 from the round. DV8 closed out the round with a 4-1 result led by Daniel Hong's 596 set. US Foods was paced by Paul Barraco with a 552 series.

Cal Bowl (Leonard Ruiz Jr.) and **ThreadWorks** (Eric Snow) were the top match that had both teams out of round contention and looking to bank some season wins. Cal Bowl took the first game but it was all ThreadWorks from there as they were again tough for the 4-1 win. Eric Snow led ThreadWorks finishing strong for a solid 623 set while Ramon Torres paced Cal Bowl with a 581 set.

Forever Hope Foundation (Vernon Adams) took on Forest Lanes with both teams sitting at 16-14 for the round. Forever Hope Foundation finished the

round with a 4-1 win led by Vernon Adams huge 669 set. Chris Diemond led Forest with a big finish for 544.

Westminster Lanes (Jonathan Gale) matched up with Del Rio Lanes (Marquan Rivers) as the league schedule shifted to drop the first round winners out of the mix. Westminster Lanes swept a low-scoring match led by Semaj Lewis' 514 set. Michael Barnett managed 488 to pace Del Rio Lanes.

Professional Approach Oak Tree (John Struckman) took on their Keystone counterparts (William Morris) in the 11th vs. 12th matchup. Professional Approach Keystone took the bookend games for the 4-1 win. Aaron Law paced Keystone with a 544 set while the Oak Tree crew was led by David Schiada's 554 series.

Professional Approach Del Rio (Eric Daniels), Touchstone Homes (Christian Eichelkraut), iColor Printing (Augie Labrado Jr.) and Family Ties (Mikey Villarreal) rounded out the action. iColor Printing was bowling against the scores of Touchstone Homes, and Family Ties were bowling against the scores of Bowlium. Professional Approach Del Rio took 4 from Touchstone Homes. iColor Printing took a 4-1 result over the scores of Touchstone Homes and Family Ties took 1 against Bowlium's scores.

The Financial Advisor's pot went to Billy Myers Jr. (278) for \$160 with 2nd to Eric Williams Jr. (221) for \$70. Sidepots went to Vernon Adams (211) and Eric Williams Jr. (221) for \$48 each with 2nd to Mikey Villarreal (203) and Vernon Adams 9212) for \$24 each. SuperPot went to Vernon Adams (246) for \$144 with 2nd to Anthony Santos (236) for \$72. Eric Snow's Clean-30 from last week held up and he takes the entire pot for \$430.

Come on out and watch Southern California's Richest League Monday at 8:00 as the league starts the third round on the long-oil pattern.

TOP 10 ROUND 2 WEEK 7

Bowlium \$\$	
Junior Amateur Tour 22.5	Westminster Lanes 19
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TOP 10 THIS WEEK

690 Billy Myers Jr. 669 Vernon Adams 634 Anthony Santos 624 Mikey Villarreal 623 Eric Snow

596 Daniel Hong 582 Eric Williams Jr. 581 Ramon Torres 577 D.A. Smith 568 Augie Labrado Jr.

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