KYLE TROUP TO RECEIVE 2024 PBA TONY REYES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

PBA star recognized for his annual holiday fundraiser and community engagement

by Nolan Jughes



Kyle Troup has been selected as the 2024 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.

Each holiday season, Troup hosts a charitable bowling tournament to raise money for families in need. This year's Third Annual Christmas No-Tap Fundraiser, which he held Nov. 30 in Jeffersontown, Ky., raised more than \$17,500.

In three years running the event, which has grown each year, Troup has raised donacontinued on page 5

RICHIE TEECE VOTED 2024 PBA STEVE NAGY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNER

Teece's joyous personality recognized by fellow PBA Tour players

England's Richie Teece has been selected to receive the 2024 PBA Steve Nagy Sportsmanship award.

Nine players earned nominations from PBA players who competed in over half of 2024 PBA Tour events. Teece received a plurality with 25.81% of the votes, followed closely by Tommy Jones at 19.35%.

Two-time Nagy award winner Jake Peters finished third in voting, garnering 12.90% of votes. Deo Benard, Benjy Martinez, Dick Allen, DJ Archer, Marshall Kent and Packy Hanrahan were also nominated and received votes.

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Memories Of Alice Meglemre

by Dave Williams

After mentioning in my column last week about Cal Bowl in Lakewood, Calif., one of the really big bowling centers still remaining in the game with a total of 68 lanes, I got to wondering what had happened to Alice Meglemre, the editor and publisher of the California Kegler from Long Beach.

We always had such a good relationship, and I can remember Alice sending me a copy of her newspaper whenever she would use a press release from my days at AMF, including a personal note from her next to the printed article. We also exchanged Christmas cards every year, and I seem to remember hearing from her daughter when she passed away.

I checked the internet and found an article from Mike Guardabascio of the Press-Telegram in Long Beach, updated September 1, 2017: "Alice Meglemre, First Female Press-Telegram Sportswriter, Passes Away."

Mike wrote: "In the late 1950's and into the 1960's, Meglemre made history in the pages of the Independent Press-Telegram with her popular 'Bowling Along' column." According to Mary Meglemre, daughter of Alice, "The sports editor at the paper had taken some flak about hiring a woman to report the bowling scores. His reply was: 'That's not just a woman, that's Alice Meglemre!'"

Guardabascio continued, "Meglemre built a reputation as a sterling reporter covering the bowling scene throughout Southern California in the days when it was expected that newspaper readers could find accounts of the best leagues and bowlers in the area. Meglemre ran the bowling coverage for the paper, as well as working on the night desk and even doing work as a photographer."

I was surprised to learn from Mike's article that Alice had left the Press-Telegram in the mid-1960's to become editor of the California Bowling News. She remained there until a falling out with the publisher over what she viewed as unethical practices, according to Guardabascio. "The publisher told my mother, 'If you don't like it, start your own (newspaper),' so she did," said Mary.

The California Kegler ran under Meglemre's watchful eye for more than four decades. She earned inductions into several Halls of Fame in California and Las Vegas, as well as in the International Bowling Media Association in 1992, said daughter Mary.

Alice was always so full of energy and upbeat. I can remember her calling me and commenting on a particular AMF news release and if we might want to run an advertisement alongside the copy. It was hard to say no to her and I would often run to my colleagues across the hall at AMF to see if we could include a bowling products advertisement.



That's me in the middle with two unidentified women. They must be Cal Bowl league officers or association officials from 1985. Does anyone know their identity?



Dave Williams with Alice Meglemre at Cal Bowl (1985)

Daughter Mary commented that Alice was never sick or had any serious health issues until entering hospice care at the age of 91. "She lived on her own and continued visiting with friends at Cal Bowl in Lakewood up until then," said Mary.

"The whole Meglemre clan was involved in the newspaper their mother loved so much," according to Mary. "Although she began following bowling as something to keep her busy and allow her to see her friends while her husband was working and the kids were in school, the self-taught scribe fell in love with the sport."

Isn't that the way, with most of us...

WHEN IN DOUBT, CHECK THE DATE — Last week's article about USBC membership at different associations throughout the land included information from bowl.com on the largest of all the local consortiums. The article stated that the Metro Detroit USBC had more than 80 bowling centers with around 50,000 certified members. What I failed to notice was the date that appeared at the bottom of the article - 2013.

When I got a couple of emails questioning the numbers, I went back to the article and discovered the date. I called the Metro Detroit USBC to get the correct numbers. Manager Phil Goodman reported that there are currently 60 bowling centers (56 certified) with 32,000 adult members, and another 1,600 youth keglers

Goodman said that most of the closed bowling centers were due to property values, and the drop in league membership, in addition to the closed centers, was from a change in most individual's lifestyle, choosing to bowl in only one league, rather than multiple leagues each week.

I placed a call to the Southern Nevada USBC office, the "new" capital of bowling with more than 10 centers boasting 50 or more lanes, but I have not yet heard back from them. My "bet" is that Detroit is still on top in terms of both lane beds and membership. If you know of any others that might rival Detroit, let me know.





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tions totaling nearly \$40,000 to provide holiday gifts for children in North Carolina and Kentucky.

"To join the list of people (who have won this award) and see the caliber of what they've done for their organizations, I'm honored to be a part of the group," Troup said. "It definitely makes me want to work even harder now."

Troup's PBA Tour career began a few years after Reyes' passing in 2012, but the legend of Reyes and his everlasting smile lives on the tour.

"I don't have any personal experiences with Tony, but I love hearing stories about him," Troup said. "The first thing you hear about Tony is the type of person he was, not the bowler. I've only heard world class things about him and I think the more people try and act like him, the world's going to be a better place."

Troup, a 12-time champion, shares Reyes' remarkable ability to bring a smile to the faces of PBA fans. With his bubbling personality, southern charm, flashy outfits and, of course, signature afro, Troup has become a beloved figure on the PBA Tour.

Bowling with style is the Troup family trade; he learned the art of showmanship from his father, Guppy, one of the PBA Tour's most charismatic and exuberant stars of the 1970s and 80s.

In 2021, Troup broke the PBA's single-season earnings record and earned PBA Player of the Year honors. But he wanted to do more than knock over pins and collect trophies.

"Given the opportunities and blessings that I've had in my career and my life through bowling, I wanted to be able to give back," Troup said.

In December 2022, Troup said he helped Jeremy Thomas, a tournament director based in Louisville, with a tournament. Troup said they used the proceeds from the event, more than \$8,600, to take families shopping for holiday gifts — an experience that Troup has not forgotten.

"To see the joy that we were bringing to these families personally, that was pretty special and stuck with me," Troup said. "(The kids) had so much joy, but they were also worried. They would ask, 'Can we get this?' and I would say, "Hell yeah, you can!"

Troup said his passion for the holiday season has grown tremendously because of his fiancée, Breanna Stewart.

"Breanna has absolutely brought more Christmas spirit out of me over the years," Troup said. "I've always enjoyed Christmas, but she absolutely loves it and the kids love it. We were already full-blown Christmas by early November at the house!"

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Stewart provides far more than just the holiday spirit; Troup said she coordinates most of the event. Troup thanked his brother, Tyler, who plays a major role behind the scenes and directed the 2023 tournament, and Todd McGill, who joined this year as tournament director and will maintain that role moving forward. He also thanked his many local friends who have been instrumental in putting on the event each year. When Troup learned he would be receiving this year's award, via a phone call from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark, the first person who came to Troup's mind was his late mother, Sherri.

"When I got that call, it made me think about what my mom said, probably the last words that she ever spoke: Be the best you can be," Troup said. "I learned a lot from her and those words helped me grow into the man I am today. This is another example of that. There are tons of players out there doing (great work in the community), and I would think and hope that this will lead to more players doing more things. I think we can always give back in one way or another."

The Tony Reyes Community Service Award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational contributions over the course of a PBA season.

Reyes, who died in 2012, was an eight-time PBA Regional Tour champion, collegiate All-American and the 18th player in PBA history to bowl a 300 game on national television. Few remember the accolades when they think of Tony Reyes; instead, they remember his infectious laugh, buoyant personality and limitless generosity.

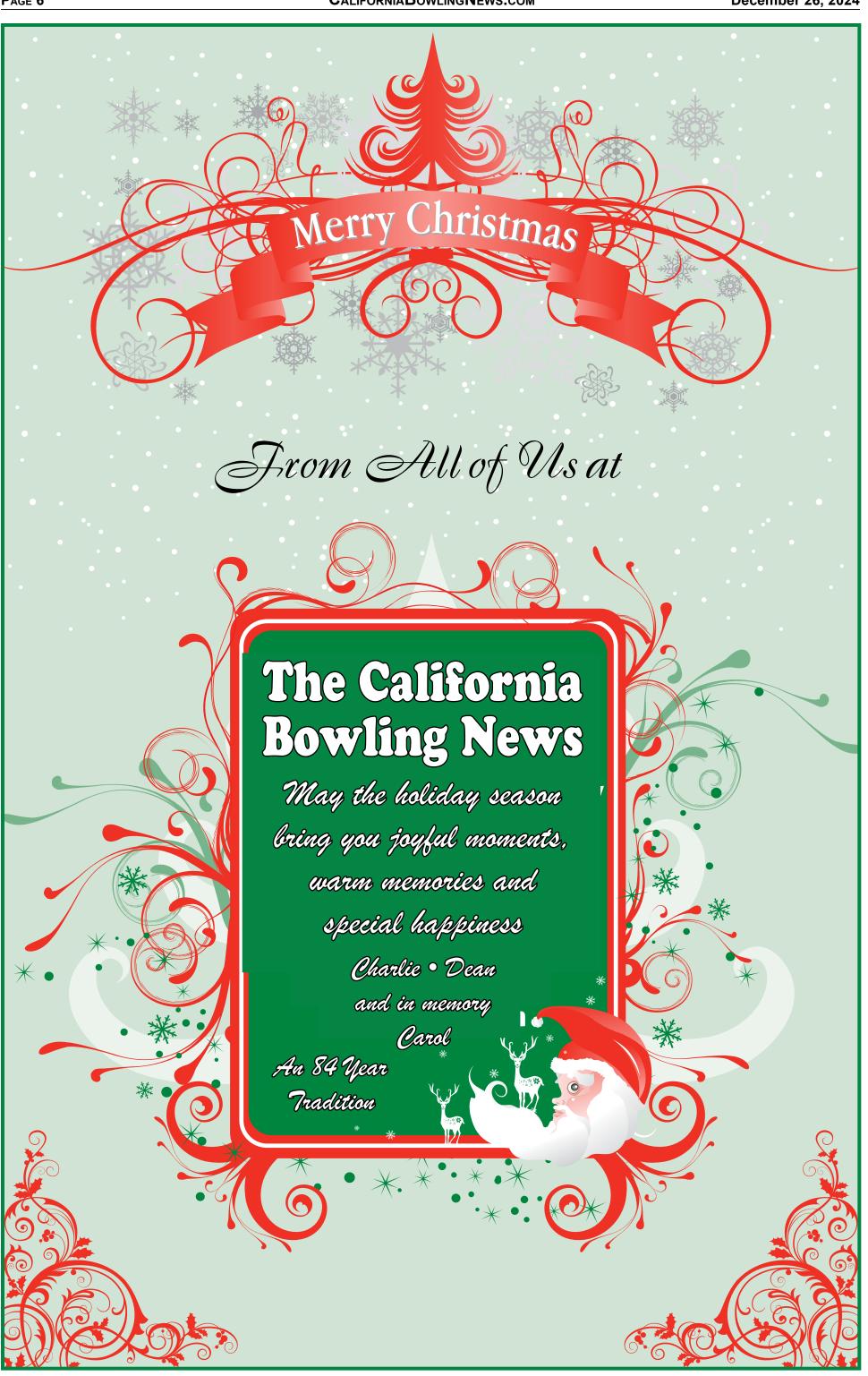
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Chris Barnes, 2018
Del Ballard Jr., 2017
Rhino Page, 2016
Ed Godbout, 2015
Missy Parkin, 2014
Parker Bohn III, 2013

Complete list of PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award recipients









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"It's awesome being recognized by your peers," Teece said. "I try to be happy all the time and make things positive. It makes for a generally better environment on the tour, let alone just for yourself. I'm just happy that my peers have seen that. Being in that group (of Nagy award winners) is special."

While some PBA Tour players use the offseason to temporarily step away from the lanes, Teece has done the opposite. The 34-year-old, who lives with his wife Katie in England, has traveled to Sweden each of the past three weekends to compete in the Swedish League.

Teece loves the game so much that, for him, between showing too much frustration and "not crossing the class clown line," he finds the latter to be the more difficult task.

"There's way more to life than bowling," Teece said. "Yes, it's my job and it obviously plays an important part in how I live. I like to look at it as whenever you are happy, you generally tend to do things in the right way and everything all seems to fit in. That mindset really hit me this year. I tried to be positive no matter the outcome and I feel like it resonated with others."

Teece mentioned two PBA Tour players in particular whose demeanor he admires and respects.

The first was Jake Peters, Teece's tour roommate and a two-time Nagy award winner. In fact, Peters thanked Teece profoundly during his own Nagy award acceptance speech two years ago.

The second player was another nominee for this year's award: Packy Hanrahan. Teece said he sees Hanrahan's infectious joy during all types of competition — from the PBA Tour to league to practice — and tries to emulate it in his own way.

When Teece recently read a text from PBA Commissioner Tom Clark — a message that read "Are you in the U.S. or the U.K.?" — Teece was immediately alarmed. He thought there might be a problem with immigration, which could potentially jeopardize his entire career.

Instead, Teece soon learned he won the Nagy award, and with that honor comes something perhaps more nauseating than dealing with immigration: Giving an acceptance speech at next year's Hall of Fame banquet.

"I hate public speaking," Teece said with a laugh. "Having the anticipation of receiving that award, hopefully it will be a nice, little cherry on the top of a better-than-content season. It's always nice to have something to look forward to."

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.

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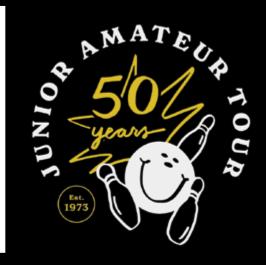


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Merry Christmas! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa! Happy Bodhi! Happy Yalda! The best to bowlers of all faiths and persuasions.

This busy holiday season brings many blessings but also much stress, frustration and some disappointment. All because of the many obligations, activities and gatherings of the season. Because there is so much going on during this holiday season, I thought it would be helpful to remind everyone that Christmas and all the other wonderful holidays of the season are about more than shopping, caroling and partying. It should also be about taking some time for beneficence and reflection.

Christmas and the whole season is about joy. Feeling joy and spreading joy. Joy is a gift. A gift which comes from one's own generosity, one's own kindness and one's own care for those around us. Joy is a gift. It can't be manufactured or made. Joy is about beneficence and reflection.

It is the season of giving. It is the season for counting our blessings. It is a season to remember who is most responsible for those blessings and give him a gift in return. Let us all joyfully begin to celebrate this season with our own special gift. Our gift to God. Our gift to God is Praise and Thanksgiving. So during this season of joy take time to Praise Him and Thank Him, if not aloud and clear, at least in mind and heart. Whatever your faith, let us all begin this holiday season by giving God the gift of our praise and thanksgiving.

For those wanting to do more, consider some or all of the following:

It would be a great time to remember the poor. A small gift of food or water to a homeless person on the street might be life saving. A gift of some socks and underwear in a ziplock bag could be of great comfort to someone in need. You don't have to save the world. One or two persons you come across is enough.

It is the season when we might consider forgiving a sinner! We all have been hurt by others during our lifetimes. Maybe not physically but emotionally. Some of these hurts are severe. Words can sometimes cut deeper than deeds. Holding on to grudges only drag us down. Let God exact justice. Lighten your heart and forgive and let go.

A little humility never hurt anyone. It is a virtue practiced by the greatest of persons who ever lived. Buddha, Jesus, Mahatma Gandhi, and Mother Teresa to name a few. What better season then now to confess our own sins. To take some quiet time on reflecting on our behavior during the past year.

How about spending some quiet time alone with God! Taking some time alone and reflecting on our actions and inactions that have hurt others and ourselves. Taking some time reflecting on the repercussions of our actions and inactions. Taking some quiet time taking responsibility for what we have done or not done that have hurt others during the past year. Taking some quiet time opening up to God! Are you man enough, are you woman enough to ask for forgiveness?

Take time to pray for yourself. Take time to rejoice in your strengths and recognize your weaknesses, resolving to act and become a better you. Take time to seek faith, hope, charity and humility.

Finally, take a moment to tell someone you love them. That you appreciate them. The best gift you will ever give another are words of affection, affirmation, praise and encouragement. Be generous with your words.

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A Retrospective: Johnnie and Scott Englehart Made for an Epic Evening 10 Years Ago

by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – It already was a great night for Johnnie Englehart on Oct. 13, 2014, after he crushed his 66th 800 series (805: 300-237-268) and 63rd perfect game.

Minutes later, Johnnie's evening heated up into an out-of-this-world experience.

That's when Johnnie's son, Scott, launched a Brooklyn strike on his final shot to lift him to a 300 game and an 800 series. If that wasn't special enough, it was Scott's first perfect game and his first 800 series (802: 245, 257, 300).

Father-and-son Englehart were bowling on different teams – eight lanes apart in Monday night's River Maniacs league at Winnetka Bowl. When Scott finished, it was a pandemonium scene full of celebration and astonishment.

A United States Bowling Congress spokesman said at the time that he could not find any similar situations of a father and son blasting 300s and 800s on the same night at the same bowling center. "Exceptional" was how he put it.

Incredible, to be sure.

For Johnnie, arguably the premier bowler in the area the past few decades, it was a take-your-breath-away moment that literally took his breath away. Not one to be at a loss for words, Johnnie struggled to find meaning in this emotional night.

"This will stay with me a long time – only because of my son. Words can't describe it," said Johnnie 10 years ago.

Johnnie knows all about accolades. He is a threetime selection in California Halls of Fame and a twotime all-events champion in the USBC state championships (30 years apart!).

But looking back 10 years later and with a decade to reflect on this once-in-a-lifetime achievement with Scott, Johnnie acknowledged: "That was probably the pinnacle of my bowling for me and for my son. I was just so excited that he and I did it."

For Johnnie, who has accrued dozens of good friends through the years because of his classy persona, it was karma coming back to strike him.

At 66, Johnnie continues to bowl highlight games and series (including two more 300s in 2023). His average, still over 200, may not be as lofty as the days when he was rampaging the lanes at a 255 clip, but his fellow bowlers still revere him.

Just as an example: Shortly after Larry George bowled his first 300 a couple months ago at age 82 in a Winnetka senior league, he acknowledged he had one role model and favorite: Johnnie Englehart.

"I love the game even if my game is not as good as it should be," Johnnie said. "I live for Wednesday night [in Winnetka's ultra-competitive Mixed Classic Handicap league]. The guys I bowl with are great.

"To me, if I had a choice: bowling against Pete Weber or bowling Wednesday night, I'd say, 'Pete, I'm not bowling against you.' That's the best league I ever bowled in. Leagues like this one don't grow on trees."

Nor do historic moments that catapulted him and Scott into bowling lore 10 years ago.

Said Johnnie today: "It can't get any better."



Johnnie and Scott Englehart turned in an amazing performance 10 years ago when they each blasted 300 games and 800 series. It was the first 300 and 800 for Scott.





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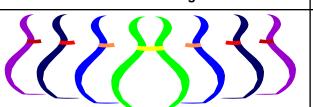
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Two Teams Jump To 10-0 To Lead Round Three

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational took to the lanes to bowl the last league session of 2024. Bowlers adjusted their arsenals after week on on the long pattern to attack the pattern differently in week two.

In the "A" match, the high of the four 5-0 teams battled as **Weaverbird** (Eric Williams Jr.) took on second-round winners **Pro Approach Oak Tree** (Leonard Ruiz Jr.). The night was all Pro Approach Oak Tree as they swept to a 5-0 result and jumped to 10-0 for the round. Bobby Hornacek led Pro Approach Oak Tree with a 610 set while Chris Equilos was the highlight for Weaverbird with a 562 set.

In the "B" match, the other 5-0 teams looked to keep their records perfect in the new round as **Bowlium** (Billy Myers Jr.) battled **Pro Approach Del Rio** (Augie Labrado Jr.). Bowlum took the first two and grabbed a 3-pin win in game three for the 5-0 sweep. Kevin Jones led Bowlium with a 624 set while Augie Labrado Jr. posted 613 in the tough effort.

The two high 4-1 teams paired up as Forest Lanes (Jon Diso) drew Family Ties (Bobby Campagnale). Family Ties took a close first game, but Forest Lanes came back to win an ugly 640-630 game two. Game three went to Family Ties for the 4-1 win. Bobby Campagnale led Family Ties with a 594 set while JT Diso was solid for Forest Lanes with a 630 series.

Junior Amateur Tour (Kevin Valmonte) was the low 4-1 team, taking on the lone 3-2 team **US Foods** (Gabriel Martinez). Junior Amateur Tour came out strong with a big game one win, then came back to win game

two en route to a 5-0 sweep. Kevin Valmonte was huge for Junior Amateur Tour with a 703 series while the pair of subs Michael Montano and Kasey Uyesugi both posted 569 sets to lead US Foods.

Don Julio Tequila (Gabe Garza) put their 2-3 record up against the high 1-4 team **DV8** (Matthew Zweig). DV8 took the bookend wins for a 4-1 result over Don Julio Tequila. DV8 was led by Bryan Osborne's 620 set while sub Sarah Magno led Don Julio Tequila with a 554 series.

Taco Bell (Kaven Massey) and Threadworks (Eric Snow) were the lower of the 1-4 teams after week one. Taco Bell made a quick run to the border for the big sweep over Threadworks. Kaven Massey was diablo for Taco Bell with a 668 series while Paul Varela paced Threadworks with a 561 set.

Love Laundry (Ramsey Basurto), Touchstone Homes (Christian Eichelkraut), Del Rio Lanes (Michael Barnett) and Pro Approach Cal Bowl (Austin Wasielewski) rounded out Monday's action. Love Laundry took a 4-1 win over Touchstone Homes led by Marquan Rivers' 585 set while Touchstone Homes was paced by Kevin Cowden's 512 set. Pro Approach Cal Bowl took the bookend games but the second game win by Del Rio Lanes was enough for them to bank a 3-2 win. Ricky Arellano led Del Rio Lanes with a 631 set while Scott Silva paced Pro Approach Cal Bowl with a 550 set.

Financial Advisors Pot went to Ramon Torres (236) for \$160 with 2nd to Gabe Garza (233) for \$70. Sidepots went to Austin Wasielewski (237) and Gabe Garza (233) for

TOP 10 ROUND 3 WEEK 2

Pro Approach Oak Tree \$\$. 10	DV85
Bowlium10	Forest Lanes 5
Junior Amateur Tour. 9	Weaverbird 5
Family Ties 8	Pro Approach Del Rio . 5
Taco Bell 6	Love Laundry \$4

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

703 Kevin Valmonte 630 JT Diso 668 Kaven Massey 624 Kevin Jones 647 Leoj Chin 623 Jeff Hickenbottom 645 Michael Marmolejo 620 Bryan Osborne 631 Ricky E. Arellano 613 Augie Labrado Jr.

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\$72 each with 2nd to Matt Zweig (223) and Kaven Massey (226) for \$36. SuperPot went to Michael Marmolejo (246) for 216 with 2nd to Bobby Campagnale and Bobby Hornacek (237) for \$54 each.

Next week the league takes a bye for the holidays, but we will be back on the lanes on January 6th. Come out on the 6th at 7:30 and watch Southern California's Richest League take the lanes at Del Rio as they continue the round on Mexico City to kick off 2025!

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