## Mitch Beasley Wins PBA Chameleon Championship **Tommy Jones Wins PBA Scorpion Championship** Francois Lavoie Wins PBA Shark Championship



*Mitch Beasley* Military veteran completes injury-plagued title quest during GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII

RENO, NV — Twenty-two years, a crushed wrist, debilitating hip and back injuries and a whirlwind marriage later, Mitch Beasley won the PBA Chameleon Championship presented by HotelPlanner.com for his first PBA Tour title.

The Chameleon Championship, the second of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium, aired Sunday on ESPN.

Beasley, at age 48, held off A.J. Johnson of Oswego, Ill., 246-237, for a title he began chasing in the early 1980s when he was on active duty with the U.S. Air Force. After converting a 9 pin in the second frame, he reeled off seven consecutive strikes and survived a pocket 7-10 split in the ninth frame to defeat Johnson, who was 2 years old when Beasley bowled his first PBA event.

"It's been a great road," Beasley said with a delayed grin. "I was late into bowling, late to the Tour. I just got better with age, like fine wine." continued on page 10



*Tommy Jones* Long-time PBA star closes in on 20-win goal with GEICO **PBA World Series of Bowling VIII victory** 

RENO, NV — Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., took another step toward his goal of joining an elite group of Professional Bowlers Association champions to win 20 titles when he captured the PBA Scorpion Championship presented by Reno Tahoe USA for his 18th PBA Tour title.

The Scorpion Championship, the third of four PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium, aired as part of a WSOB VIII doubleheader Sunday on ESPN.

Jones, at age 38, made another statement for age-andexperience overcoming youthful exuberance when he defeated B.J. Moore III of Greensburg, Pa., 211-168, to win the Scorpion title.

"That (Scorpion) pattern is really tricky, especially when you've got four guys playing in a similar part of the lane," Jones said. "You have to stay ahead of the moves, but if you get too far ahead, you go right by what's hap-



*Francois Lavoie* Former collegiate star spoils Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s bid for history in GEICO PBA WSOB VIII

RENO, NV — Canada's François Lavoie dramatically improved his Professional Bowlers Association Rookie of the Year chances when he defeated the PBA's all-time titles leader, Walter Ray Williams Jr., 204-196, to win the PBA Shark Championship and spoil Williams' bid for his-

The Shark Championship was the fourth and final PBA animal pattern championships conducted during the GEI-CO PBA World Series of Bowling VIII, presented by Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, at Reno's National Bowling Stadium. The Scorpion and Shark Championships aired back-to-back Sunday on ESPN.

Lavoie, who joined the PBA late in the 2016 season, threw the only back-to-back strikes in the title match and bowled an otherwise error-free game to edge the 57-yearold Williams. The 23-year-old former Wichita State University star survived two 4 pin leaves on high pocket shots by Williams – both times following strikes – to claim his second victory of the year. In November, the Quebec City

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## MOM'S BOWLING BRACELET

by Frank Weile

Mom never bowled until she turned sixty-two. MOM DIDN'T BOWL UNTIL SHE RETIRED. She started late because she dedicated her life to her family. Though she started late she still accumulated a few trophies as a member of several league championship teams. While some of these trophies are impressive, her favorite and most meaningful bowling "trophy" was her silver charm BOWLING BRACELET. It also is my favorite bowling trophy.

Mom was a child of the Great Depression and a young wife during World War II. She married dad in 1939 and I was born while he was fighting in the Pacific Theatre in 1943. Mom and dad were members of Tom Brokaw's "Greatest Generation". They were tested ... and true ... to the patriotic principles that make America great.

Teenage girls in the early 1930's weren't bowling. Mom was working as a seamstress at the time but not earning much money. I remember her telling me how she started out as a young girl making FIVE CENTS an hour! There was no minimum wage back then and employers were not regulated by the government. Mom never claimed to have worked in a "sweat shop" but did say the girls were expected to work eight hours without breaks.

Mother was living and working in New York Mills (N.Y.) back then. It was a "Mill Town". The town had several factories and knitting mills, massive red brick structures that covered as many as ten acres each and containing hundreds of weaving machines. These huge buildings sit empty today, a reminder of times past when there were millions of American factory and mill jobs and prosperity reigned in middle America. Those were the days when work was the focus of life. People in New York Mills didn't have time to bowl. Even if they did, there was no bowling alley in town. To this day there is no bowling center in town and probably never will be since the population has dropped 50% since the Mills left. MOM DIDN'T BOWL AS A TEENAGER.

My parents met in 1936 at the Polish Legion of American Veterans (P.L.A.V.) hall in west Utica. The fraternal club hosted a dance every Saturday night and mom went, once in a while, with her three sisters. Dad was a regular and had a reputation for style and "high stepping". He was known as the "DUKE". He caught mom's eye one night and they married just before the war started. Work and courting didn't allow for bowling. Neither did the war.

After the war mom and dad concentrated on family life and saving to buy a home. No time or money for bowling. MOM DIDN'T BOWL AS A NEWLYWED.

My parents purchased their first home in the late nineteen forties at 1023 Wager Street in the west end of Utica (N.Y.). The price was \$5,000. Mom was busy with two kids and dad was earning about \$3,000 a year as a tractor trailer driver. He also worked nights driving an oil truck for Utica Oil and Heating. Coal furnaces were on the way out and oil heaters were on the way in. MOM DIDN'T BOWL AS A NEW HOMEMAKER.

When my brother and I started school mom went back to work. She worked on the assembly line as a piece worker and then as an inspector. Raising kids and working full time made it impossible for mom to bowl. MOM DIDN'T BOWL AS A YOUNG MOTHER.

Mother ended up working over twenty years for General Electric. She saved every penny possible to pay for my and my brother's college tuition. She gave us a "full ride" for our bachelor degrees. We didn't have to take out student loans until graduate school. MOM DIDN'T BOWL AS A FACTORY WORKER.

After decades of work mom retired at 62. She came to live with me after dad passed, when I was stationed at Homestead A.F.B. south of Miami (FL.). I was bowling at Don Carter's Kendall Lanes at the time and was a teammate of Don and Paula Carter. Every Thursday night mom came to watch me bowl with the Carter's. I knew that it was only a matter of time before my retired mom would become a bowler.

After watching us bowl for a few months, "mom popped the question": when can I start bowling? I had her in a beginners league within weeks. A few weeks after taking the plunge, mom was in her second league and her love affair with bowling was on. Soon she bowled as much as she could and became a huge PBA fan. She watched every Saturday telecast and kept a notebook with statistics and comments on every bowler. MOM DID BOWL AFTER SHE RETIRED.

We practiced together every weekend for a few years and before long mother was averaging close to 140. Not bad for a sixty-five year old bowler, who could still be considered a bowling "rookie". Then mom rolled a 200 game. We were thrilled and it seemed to me she deserved a special gift to commemorate her accomplishment. We decided that a charm bracelet would be perfect. A BOWLING BRACELET. That charm bracelet became mom's most prized bowling "trophy" and today it is mine.

Mom was nearly seventy when she rolled her only 200 and received the bracelet for CHRISTMAS a few months after the game. The bracelet has a silver chain with five silver charms. Three of the charms were in the shape of a man's head with the names of my dad, myself and my brother on each head. The fourth charm was a bowling pin with the numbers 201. That was my mothers first two hundred score. The fifth charm was a bowling ball with space for three numbers. The ball was to be engraved with the score of mom's next 200 game. For the next eleven years my mother and I bowled together regularly as teammates and practice partners. We bowled together at least twice a week. It became FAMILY TRADITION for mom to wear her bowling bracelet whenever we bowled together. I always made a point of admiring her bracelet when we were bowling.

Mom passed away at eighty-two in 1998. She passed just before CHRISTMAS. It would have been the twelfth anniversary of her big game and the receipt of her bracelet. Mom's bowling bracelet always "CHARMED" the both of us and still "CHARMS" me today. This CHRISTMAS was my nineteenth without mom, but I still have her BOWLING BRACELET.



## Make It a 'Spectacular' 2017

TARZANA – So a new year is about to dawn and bowlers have new goals to accomplish.

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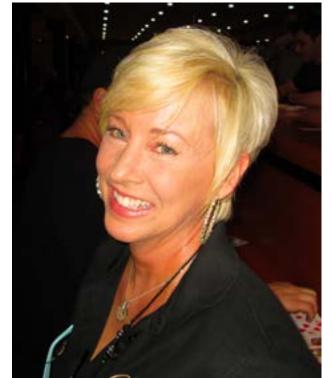
For some, it will be that remarkable 900 series – a destination that no one from the L.A. area has reached. That 900 roadmap is something that few bowlers know how to navigate, but such elite bowlers as Tim Tripp, Johnnie Englehart and Charles Kenny all have shown they have the makeup and skills to do it.

For others, joining the 800 club is a mighty goal. For some, logging that initial perfect game would make for a great New Year's present.

Reaching that first 200 or 700 series is quite an accomplishment as well. The same goes for that first 600 series. And one can definitely be proud of a first-time 500 series.

It's nice to find motivation. Two and a half years ago, stylish lefthander Bill Plummer made headlines with stunning back-to-back perfect games at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana. After learning of Plummer's magical flurry, elite bowler Kelly Gold retorted, "I am inspired to do something spectacular."

Kelly seemingly does something magical every time she bowls. Other players should keep her mission statement in mind when they charge into 2017. As long as bowlers are rolling a ball that hits the pins at a friendly angle with some



Kelly Gold was inspired by Bill Plummer's back-to-back perfect games. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

force, they're all capable of something spectacular. Sometimes, it might take some luck. It always will require considerable skill. But that "spectacular" performance is there for the taking. Give it your best shot in 2017.

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pening to the condition. It's one of the hardest patterns for me because I'm not very good at throwing the ball slow. It actually hurts the next day because I'm so tense from trying to slow down."

Jones won the event by starting the title match with four strikes to jump into a 41-pin lead midway through the match, and he kept the pressure on while the 28-year-old Moore struggled to find the pocket.

"I got fortunate on the first shot, but the next three were as good as I've thrown all week," Jones said. "I got off to a little lead and he got a bad break (4-6-7 split in the third frame). From that point, it was just a matter of surviving.

"It was hard throwing the ball slow during the week, but it was really hard on TV when you've got the adrenalin going. It's something I've been working at and I'm getting better. We'll call it mission accomplished."

Moore, who was trying for his first PBA Tour title, won his berth in the final match with a 224 game in the fourplayer elimination match to open the telecast while Jones advanced with a 212 game. Sweden's Jesper Svensson and Brandon Novak of Chillicothe, Ohio, were eliminated with 194 and 175 games, respectively.

With his 18th PBA Tour title, Jones joined PBA Hall of Famers Nelson Burton Jr., Dave Davis, Dave Soutar, the late Billy Hardwick and future hall of famer Chris Barnes in a tie for 15th place on the all-time PBA Tour titles list.

"Eighteen is great, but 20 is special," he said. "There aren't many guys in PBA history who have won 20 titles so that's something that'll hopefully happen down the road.

"Right now, the most important thing is I tied Chris Barnes...and I'm a decade younger than him, and you can quote me on that," he added with a grin. (For the record, Barnes is 46).

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- 2, B.J. Moore III, Greensburg, Pa., \$10,000.
- 3, Jesper Svensson, Sweden, \$5,000.
- 4, Brandon Novak, Chillicothe, Ohio, \$5,000.

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## **Justin Pluchino Making His Mark**

by Fred Eisenhamme

WINNETKA – Some people just look like bowlers.

Jason Belmonte does. Same with Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr.

And so does Justin Pluchino, the powerful wunderkind who turned 21 on Nov. 11 Veterans Day.

Justin is the top homegrown San Fernando Valley athlete in many years to have a shot at making a mark on the Professional Bowlers Assn. tour.

He was a dominating presence in his Winnetka Bowl youth league and he Justin Pluchino, in front, anchors his "We're Motley Too!!!" league team that bowls Tuesday at Winnetka Bowl. Other members of his team include Billy Mulvihill, Ginna Nagy, Angela Wales and Jayne Pluchino, Justin's mother. Photo by George Pluchino.

hasn't skipped a beat since joining three adult leagues this year.

In just a few months, he has racked up his first 800 series (809: 267, 263, 279) and blistered his second and third perfect games. He added a 900 no-tap series to his resume in May

In July, Pluchino won multiple awards for his sizzling effort in the United States Bowling Congress Youth Championships at Forest Lanes in the Orange County city of Lake Forest.

The right-handed Pluchino claimed titles in both the singles and Masters divisions. He added second-place finishes in doubles (with Julia Frias) and in the all-events category.

The California Bowling News doesn't bestow a Bowler of the Year award. But if it did, Justin Pluchino would be my choice for 2016.

A certified bowling coach, Pluchino returns to his Junior Royals League at Winnetka Bowl on the weekend to lend his experience and insights.

He's already making an impact on his adult leagues. Billy Mulvihill bowls with Pluchino on their "We're Motley Too!!!!" league team and says bowling with the young star has been "a blast. We're able to push each other."

Mulvihill, bowling leadoff, averages 213 and has blistered a perfect game alongside Pluchino, who anchors the team and is averaging 223.

Pluchino, who anchors the team and is averaging 223.

Mulvihill indicated he considered his teammate a

strong threat to make a name for himself on the PBA tour.

"There's no limit to his bowling," Mulvihill said. "He's 21 and his head's in it. He's one of the best in California."

For his part, the right-handed Pluchino just has that look of confidence when he's on the lanes scattering frightened pins

There's no telling how far that talent will carry him. For now, he's on track to continue piling up the honors.

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## **Celebrity and PBA Tour Player Lineup Announced for 2017 Chris Paul Family Foundation PBA Celebrity** Invitational Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike LA Live

## Tickets now on sale for Jan. 17 ESPN taping in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES – The Professional Bowlers Association and the Chris Paul Family Foundation have announced the celebrity and PBA Tour player lineup for the Chris Paul Family Foundation PBA Celebrity Invitational which will be held Tuesday, Jan. 17 at Lucky Strike LA Live in downtown Los Angeles.

Tournament host, LA Clippers guard and nine-time NBA All-Star Chris Paul, defending champion former NFL star Terrell Owens and Boston Red Sox All-star outfielder and 2016 Major League MVP finalist Mookie Betts headline the list of celebrities scheduled to compete in the eighth fundraiser which benefits the Chris Paul Family Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting education, health, sports and social responsibility.

PBA Tour stars scheduled to compete in the Celebrity Invitational are:

- EJ Tackett, 2016 PBA World Championship winner and five-time Tour titlist
- Pete Weber, PBA Hall of Famer and 37-time PBA Tour winner
- Chris Barnes, former Player of the Year and 18-time Tour winner
- Sean Rash, former Player of the Year and 11-time Tour winner
- Tommy Jones, former Player of the Year and 18-time Tour winner

A Chris Paul Family Foundation Invitational regular, Owens won last year's event with Weber as his partner. Two additional celebrities will be announced at a later date.

Celebrity bowlers who have participated in previous events include NBA stars LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, Blake Griffin, Rudy Gay and Kevin Durant; National Football League stars Michael Strahan, Hines Ward, LaMarr Woodley, Reggie Bush, and C.J. Anderson; hip-hop stars Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Lil Wayne and Nelly, television personality Chris Hardwick, comedian/motion picture star Kevin Hart and television star Jesse Williams.

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- \$350 VIP package Includes meet & greet, dinner, open bar, premium seat and signed pin.
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  - \$25 general admission ticket.

The Celebrity Invitational begins with a red carpet ceremony at 6 p.m. PT at Lucky Strike LA Live (800 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles) with the competition beginning at 7 p.m. The event will be tape-delayed and will air Friday, Feb. 17 at 9 p.m. ET on ESPN.

#### **CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational past winners:**

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Bowlers from across Indian Country are invited to compete for a guaranteed \$10,000 in prize money at the inaugural tourney at Morongo's Canyon Lanes Bowling Alley in May 2017.

Cabazon, Calif. – Native American bowlers from across the nation are invited to compete for a share of a guaranteed \$10,000 prize pool at the 1st Annual National Native American Bowling Tournament, planned for May 19-21 at the state-of-the-art Canyon Lanes Bowling Alley alongside the Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa in Cabazon, Calif.

The inaugural tournament is expected to draw more than 280 professional-level Native American bowlers from across the nation with competitions including four-member teams, doubles and singles. The tournament is open to all ages and genders.

"Morongo is thrilled to be hosting the very first national tournament for Native American bowlers, which will showcase the incredible talent and precision of bowlers from across Indian Country," said Morongo Tribal Council Member Damon Sandoval. "Spectators and bowlers alike will marvel at the expertise of these incredible athletes."

Prizes will be awarded for highest scores and runners-up, said Norris Runnels, general manager of Canyon Lane and a professional bowler.

"This is a professional-style tournament being overseen and organized by professional bowlers, and it will give our tournament competitors a chance to showcase their skills against some of the top Native American bowlers around," Runnels said.

Limited tournament entry is still available with space filling up fast. A \$75 entry fee is required. For more information and to fill out a registration form, please visit https://canyonlanes.org/tournaments

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As I prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, I take time to reflect on 2016 -- both its joys and sorrows -- for me personally, my community, our nation and our world. But, in taking stock of the year, I do take great comfort in the work we do at BVL to support our nation's service men and women.

With your help, we've made a tremendous difference in the lives of literally thousands of men and women who have sacrificed for us and for our country. From a "Re-Creation" performance for the WWII vets in the VA Medical Center in Togus, Maine, to a holiday party we sponsored just this week for the vets at the Peninsula Vet Center in Menlo Park, California; we are Brightening Veterans' Lives.

The list of programs and services we've provided this year to boost spirits, increase camaraderie, speed recuperation, and reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation is way too long to detail, but please know that as part of the BVL family you are helping to send a truly a life-changing gift every day to our veterans.

Isn't it great to know that we are doing our part to give back to those who gave for us?

You are making brighter days for our veterans. I want to thank every single contributor and volunteer, every one of our growing list of corporate sponsors, our partners in BVL program development and delivery, and my fellow BVL Board Members. You have given me great joy and pride to allow BVL to maintain our promise made to our veterans in 1942: "We won't forget your sacrifice"

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We are looking forward to turning the page to an exciting new year as we prepare for BVL's 75th Anniversary!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2017,

John John LaSpina, Chairman BVL Board of Directors

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LAKEWOOD — Only a few more days before we welcome in the new year - 2017. Whatever you do to celebrate keep it safe. Let's make it a great year with more high scores and lots of fun.

The league sheets are here and I see a lot of high scores to report for this Cal Bowl Bowling Report. Do you see your name in the list?

Funsters: Jim Plante 661, Vince Haneda 605, Fred Guray 573, Odette Dalton 581, Beth Austria 535, Dee Phipps 509, Fale Sula 245, Abe Morales 236, Tony White 222, Luz Cruz 203

V.A.: Armand Ivory 584, Chris Martinez 579, Melvin Hogan 534, Dan Martinez 227, Michelle McGarry 469.

Big Bear: Jerry Cant 255/748, Harold Dubose 248/714, Billy Anderson 255/7674, Paul Staff 278/671, Grover Dye 670, Louis Whitlock 247/668, Emmerson Wafer 238/665, Sonny Dew 662, Chris McIntosh 649, Steve Bryant 256/648, George Reister 644, Carlos Salcedo 637, Chris Abing 237/635, Shirley Owens 258/667, Sue Cant 269/607, Derbra Gipson 209/605, Beverly Cuevas 212/590, Michelle Criswell 231/589, Susan Alvarado 213/584, Carol Egenias 529, Rita Soares 200/515, Janalee Hagan 202/507.

Grandma's/Grandpa's: Fale Sula 245/705, Art Diemert 201/573, Chuck Stonebraker 536, Walter Milsap 215/529, Larry Cosgrove 524, Walter Gist 504, Betty Green 214/568, Donna May 204/504, Anna VonMuegge 503.

Mini Couples: Steve Moeller 653, Dan Rodgers 566, Rene Palomo 551, Cindy Callaway 576, Orrelle Dennis 491, Bill Dennis 258, Daniel Amos 235, Mike Onusic 216, Emily Burchman 223, Patti Palomo 201.

Laughlin Bowler Bears: Jonathan Gale 257/663, Brandon Mims 210/617, Dennis Ingram 200/557, Henry Beaudion 547, Allen Swickard 200/528, Katwuan Sauldsberry 214/502, Elaine Harmon 503, Donna Smith 503.

Recycled Teens: Rob Kordich 269/706, Jim Plante 226/655, Ron Woodruff 224/633, Boylee Inocente 234/627, Jojo Jasmin 612, Rod Leideholdt 609, Art Diemert 237/605, Joanne Burke 478.

Pin Heads: Andre Eubanks 229/652, Anthony Cartwright 201/637, Bruce Brown 203/597, Chuck Appleberry 221/575, Gary Kelly 500, Lila Dodson 205/566, Diane Robles 525, Mel Leach 204/515, Ashley Brown 501.

Young at Heart: Paul Wells 265/669, Art Diemart 248/660, B.J. 247/628, Josh Hudson 248/626, Rey Santos 610, Jimmy Hamilton 216/610, Bob Sneed 265/606, Ron Mc-Clain Sr. 215/590, Walter Milsap 230/587, Fale Sula 588, Rob Kordich 561, Oritta Steel 555, Tua Sula 200/540, Dee Phipps 203/518, Maxx Paul 510, Frances Walker 509, Linda Kinney 509, Danne VanHorn 201/493.

Cal Bowleros: Carolyn Rousseau 228/585, Carole Fischer 203/558, Susan Garcia 515, Cheryl Hilton 512. Side-pot winners-Game One: Vedia Moore 230; Game Two: Carolyn Rousseau 228; Game Three: Cheryl Hilton 236.

Captain & Crew: Sandy Cotcher 202/578, Becky Salcedo

Sierra Bugs: Shonna Hernandez 550, Connie Wood 526, Kelle Falbo 521, Cathy Wyatt 504, Annie Maae 503. Sidepot winners-Game One: Joan Rotter 217; Game Two: Joan Lumpford 185; Game Three: Pam Johnson 233.

Marcus Lemons Vegas: Emmerson Wafer 268/727, Anthony Maxwell 254/u701, David Fitzgerald 269/698, Will Young 668, Eric Bell 258/660, Robert Cloyd 656, Tony Kellum 246/652, Crystal Barker 265/607, Rhonda Wright 219/579, June Collier 564, Diann Donaldson 220/552, Stephanie Jones 542, Bobbie Johnson 215/539, Kim Allen

Tues. Mega Vegas-Cal: Gerrick Myers 279/738, Le'Star Walker 258/723, William Taylor 228/666, Mike Hartley 234/630, Mark Fowler 246/630, Anthony Stoute 245/595, Scott Erickson 204/571, Tony Clark 568, Kelvin Watson 213/585, Billy Williams 202/561, Wayne Brown 552, Derrick Green 548, Marcus Mack 542, Stacey Erickson 569, Kathy Jackson 214/497.

Cal Mega Vegas-Sun: James Matthews 278/707, Rob Lee 223/658, Bob Johnson 249/644, Victor Lewis 235/601, Chamrong Chhauy 223/598, Warner Jordan 232/561 Wesley King 549, Marcel V 541, Melisa Garrido 495.

Fil-Am: Freddie Catamisan 279/753, Emmerson Wafer 279/685, Leon Bradford 264/680, James Kennard 259/671, Matt Mosley 653, Frank Balajadia 244/652, Manny Antonio 649, Rick Llaneta 257/643, Darrell Pascual 642, Ike Topacio 247/630, Roland Sanchez 620, Abe Morales 615, Cesar Usi 615, Yvette Lloyd 201/574, Jessica Garcia 556, Emily Burchman 544, Susan Ebilane 202/535, Linda Sarabia 209/526, Annie Yonemura 212/520.

Vegas Crackpots: Ray Jenkins 258/717, Alwyn Woods 248/670, Robbie Parks 256/659, Alvin Adams 232/655, Jacob Culpepper 226/640, Mike Dees 236/637, Mike Haynes 226/616, Mark Williams 239/605, Nathaniel Hampton 598, Wendell Rising 235/588, Bobby Prince 586, Barneisha Hull 248/596, Annette Haynes 220/578, Kim Allen 521, Alex Hammond 505, Shaonna Battle 501.

Senior Men's Trio: Rick Llaneta "300"/756, Herman Ferguson 268/739, Jerry Cant 732, Rich Kelly 726, Josh Hudson 720, Steve Clark 279, Don Gardner 269, Daryl Mc-Cloud 268. See you on the lanes.





DIAMOND BAR - Hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and Santa was good to you all. With the New Year just around the corner we are getting ready to start our Youth Spring leagues so let's start with grabbing your child or friend of age 19 & under and come join our Youth/Adult league that bowls Tues at 6:30 pm starting Jan 3, 2017.

Then we have Thurs. at 4:30 pm, ages 19 & under, 2 on a team starting Jan 5, 2017. Our main program is Sat. at 10:00 am. We have 3 programs ages 8 & under that bowl 2 games, 8 to 12 bowling 3 games. These 2 groups have 1 to 2 kids on a team depending on how many show to bowl on opening day. Then our older group 12 & up is a Youth/ Adult league that can be all youth or can have an adult on

All these leagues will have a meeting 1/2 hour prior to start time. If you have any questions you can call the bowling center and ask for Annette Anderson our Youth Director of Turtlebowl Youth Bowling Program. We also have a short adult league starting Thursday Jan. 5, 2017 that bowls at 5:00 pm, any 3 on a team and goes to Laughlin at the end of the league, paying \$18.00 a week.

Do not forget, if you need something to do New Years Eve come celebrate the New Year with us. We are having a New Years Eve Party from 10:00 pm to 1:00 am, cost \$120 a lane. Now onto this week's scores:

Vegas Gamblers: Scr. Scores: 1868 Team 2, 584 Larry Leach, 445 B.J. Schoner, 216 Evan Blevins, 202 Randy Blevins.

No Sandbaggers Scr. Scores: 2016 Team Shwing Shwing, 695 Van Navillas, 634 Chris Chacon, 515 Karen Carrow, 254 Jacob Martinez, 232 Tony Morales, 203 Teri Larson.

Vegas Bound: Scr. Scores: 2692 Hoes' Bitches, 683 Alex McKendall, 664 Trevor Brown, 277 Brian Chesbro, 257 Richard Mondragon, 613 Sherri Steelman, 555 Toni Ayotte, 233 Shellie Camarata, 218 Leona Ruiz.

Senior Club 55: Winner of 1st Half of League was Happy Daze Hdcp scores: Team 2012 Three Old Bucs, 673 Team 12, 692 Albert Delos Santos, 676 Ron Cantrell, 265 Don Cunningham, 650 Marietta Simonson & Carmen Barron, 235 Jennifer Chai.

Crazy 4 Vegas: Scr. Scores: Team 2473 Team 5, 581 Fred Edick, 578 Jon Stein, 208 Lance Clifford, 206 Jim Lowe, 434 Gaby Zuniga, 157 Lisa Lowe.

Chamber & Friends: Scr. Scores: Team 2096 Weebles, 605 Bryan Boothe, 544 Clara Lotton, 532 Heidi Boothe, 221 Joe Codorniz, 207 Leona Ruiz.

Senior Young @ Heart: Winner of 1st Half of League was Dead Wood 2 Hdcp Scores: 2031 Team 10, 745 Art Nakamoto, 740 Debbie Kaan, 285 Lee Carroll, 281 Joe Martinez,

268 Jan Walk, 265 Penny Martinez. ABTA-Filam Keglers: Scr. Scores: 2320 Team 33, 692 Jun Chua, 677 Cip Villanueva, 672, Mark Huertas, 608 Korn Ngow, 259 Bong DelaCruz, 257 Robert Marshall, 256 Pat McMurphy, 226 Florence Sullivan, 207 Arrielle Gonzales.

Thursday 10 am Senior Young @ Heart is looking for bowlers, Friday night 8 pm Filam is looking for 2 lady bowlers. If interested give Jim or Annette a call at 909-860-3558 and we can get you set up.

Check our website www.oaktreelanes.net for more information and our youth website www.tbybp.com

Until next week, enjoy your week of bowling.

## **CHAMELEON** continued from page 1

The title match held almost as much drama as the fourplayer elimination battle that started the telecast, culling the field to the top two scorers for the finale. In the elimination match, Beasley finished with four strikes to lead the group with a 239. Johnson put together a late string of six strikes, adding a nine-count on his fill ball for 236. Denmark's Thomas Larsen, a two-time PBA International-World Bowling Tour winner, appeared a lock for the final match, but left four pins standing on his final shot for a 235. And veteran PBA Central Regional competitor Patrick Dombrowski of Parma, Ohio, struggled to a 182 in his national television debut.

In the championship match, Beasley was a man on a

"I began to doubt I'd ever win because of the injuries," he said. "I fell off a ladder eight years ago and shattered my wrist, which cost me a year. Then I had to throw 13 pounds at the World Series that year (and cashed in three out of five events). Then I was out of bowling for two-anda-half years with hip and back injuries.

"I saw nine different specialists. I had four tell me to do surgery, two said don't, but I met a great surgeon who does reconstruction for people who have had a crushed pelvis in a car accident, and he said he knew exactly what my problem was. He did scans and MRIs, and found the issue and told me not to do fusion surgery because it would destroy my other hip and continue to destroy my back. So with lots of physical therapy and rest, it finally started to get better."

Beasley, shortly after his retirement from 20 years of service with the Air Force, returned to bowling in 2014 and won a PBA "super" regional in Lubbock, Texas. Then he traveled to the PBA World Series of Bowling where he met Ingelimar Contreras, a three-time Venezuela Woman Bowler of the Year, and they got married a month later. And now he has a great support system.

"I've kept on learning along the way," Beasley added. "The more you learn, the better you get.

"I expected to win. If you expect not to win, you won't win. I've paid my dues. I've put in the time and effort. I fixed things that needed to be fixed. Now I'm looking for four or five more wins before I get to the (PBA50 Tour) in a couple of years.

#### PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP

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National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Mitch Beasley, Clarksville, Tenn., \$20,000.
- 2, A.J. Johnson, Oswego, Ill., \$10,000.
- 3, Thomas Larsen, Denmark, \$5,000.
- 4, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, \$5,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Elimination Match (top two scores advanced): Beasley 239, Johnson 236, Larsen 235, Dombrowski 182.

Championship: Beasley def. Johnson, 246-237.

## **SHARK** continued from page 1

native won the U.S. Open, bowling the first nationallytelevised 300 game in U.S. Open history en route to his

"Being able to bowl someone like Walter is special," Lavoie said after his Shark victory. "I watched him a lot when I was a kid. It seemed like he was always on TV. It's amazing he's still competing with us, but to be able to bowl against him is a privilege. It was definitely a close match, and I was fortunate to come out on top.

Williams, at age 57 years, 65 days, was in position to become the oldest player to win a PBA Tour title when he advanced out of the four-player elimination match to open the championship round. Williams broke open that match with three late strikes for a 227 game. Lavoie was second with a 212, followed by a 208 by Andrew Cain of Phoenix and a 201 by Matt O'Grady of South Amboy, N.J.

The record for the oldest PBA Tour titlist is held by John Handegard, who was 57 years, 55 days old when he won the PBA Tour event in Kennewick, Wash., in 1995. The significance of bowling Williams for the title wasn't lost on the young Canadian.

"He's definitely the most accomplished player I've ever beaten, so it's great," Lavoie said. "We talk about the history and a little part of me kinda feels bad it didn't happen, but when we're competing like this, everyone has to be a little selfish. I wanted to do it for myself.

"That's what you dream about as kids," he said after throwing a decisive strike on his first shot in the 10th frame. "Anyone who's a true competitor wants to be in that position, wants to have the ball in your hand to win a title. It's one of those dreams come true, but I always try to stick with the process and not think of things I shouldn't be thinking about. When you do that, it's a lot easier to throw a shot in a situation like that."

Williams, who continues to defy the calendar, was disappointed, but he took the loss in stride.

"It wasn't my best game and Francois deserved to win," the 47-time PBA Tour titlist said. "Hopefully it won't be the last chance I get. Winning another PBA Tour title is something I definitely want to do."

The Shark Championship was the final PBA Tour event of the 2016 season, but ESPN's World Series of Bowling coverage continues with an encore presentation of the PBA World Championship on New Year's Day at 1 p.m. followed by the special USA vs. The World team event on Sunday, Jan. 8, at 10 a.m.

The PBA's first event of the 2017 season will be the DHC PBA Japan Invitational Jan. 11-14 at Bentencho Grandbowl in Osaka, Japan, featuring a field of 16 PBA international players and 16 Japan PBA competitors in a 32-game match play event. The winner will earn a projected \$40,000 first prize and a PBA Tour title (if he/she is a member). The entire tournament will be live streamed on PBA's exclusive online bowling channel, Xtra Frame.

#### PBA SHARK CHAMPIONSHIP

National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.

#### **Final Standings:**

- 1, Francois Lavoie, Canada, \$20,000.
- 2, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Oxford, Fla., \$10,000.
- 3, Andrew Cain, Phoenix, \$5,000.
- 4, Matt O'Grady, South Amboy, N.J., \$5,000.

#### **Stepladder Results:**

Elimination Match (top two scores advanced): Williams 227, Lavoie 212, Cain 208, O'Grady 201.

Championship: Lavoie def. Williams, 204-196.



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