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## 39th Year! Brunswick® INVITATIONAL

### Cal Bowl Upsets Top-Seeded US Foods For The Brunswick Invitational Title

by David Yamauchi

Downey – The Brunswick Invitational wrapped up the season with three days of playoffs to determine the league champion. The 6 teams were in position and ready to bowl for the \$62,000 in prize money waiting for the first through sixth place teams.

The opening day matches started with the overall wildcard team Family Ties (Michael Montano, sub Bailey Villegas, Steve Gurrieri, Scott Smith and Daniel Hong) taking on the Wildcard Round winner DV8 (Jeff Carr, Joe Rye, Tom Cochran and Tony Brunning). The draw determined that the first match would be on the 2nd round short-oil condition. DV8 took the first game in a nail-biter 703-691 led by a solid 207 from Jeff Carr. Family Ties bounced back with a huge 245 effort from Daniel Hong to take game two 776-692 and force a game three. Game three scores jumped as the bowlers were getting locked in on the pattern, and Family Ties took game three 813-769 to advance to the next match. DV8 finishes in 6th place and will share \$7,000.

In the next match, 4th seeded Forest Lanes (Marshall Degnan, Jesse Perez, Jon Diso and JT Diso) were waiting in the wings to take on Family Ties on the 3rd round long-oil pattern. Forest Lanes took the first game 797-681 with Marshall Degnan's 230 leading Forest Lanes but offset by Family Ties' Bailey Villegas' 231. The second game was all Forest Lanes as a big 228 effort from JT Diso was enough to take the game 785-696 for the sweep of Family Ties. Family Ties finishes the league in 5th place for \$8,000.

The rollofs moved to Tuesday night, with the 3rd-seeded Taco Bell (Tyler VanDenburg, Avian Tran, Jarred Eusebio and Kaven Massey) ready to take on Forest Lanes. The first match of the night would be contested on the 4th-round USBC Nationals Team Event pattern. Taco Bell came out big, taking game one 815-703 paced by Jarred Eusebio's strong 232 start. The 2nd game was the same result as Taco

Bell was relentless posting a huge 834-649 win to advance. Forest Lanes finishes in 4th place and will split \$9,000.

The semifinal match saw second-seed Cal Bowl (Ramon Torres, Ricky Arellano Jr., Doug Harris III and Mike Zuck) ready to bowl against Taco Bell. The match would be contested on the high-scoring house shot. Taco Bell started the night big, posting an 837-787 win with a one-two punch from Jarred Eusebio (237) and Kaven Masey (267). The teams moved one pair right to a fresh pair, and it definitely helped Cal Bowl as they put up a huge 990-797 win with Ricky Arellano (274) and Ramon Torres (257) leading the charge. This sent the match to a third game, and an interesting strategic move by Taco Bell brought scoring to a grind. Cal Bowl survived the battle 827-803 to advance to the Championship Match, led by Mike Zuck's 223 effort to cap off the win. Taco Bell finishes in 3rd place and will share \$10,000.

The Championship Match was set for Monday and the draw put the conditions as 1st round house, then 3rd round long-oil, 2nd round short-oil, and if needed 4th round Nationals pattern. The tie-breaking 5th game condition was chosen as 2nd round short-oil by top-seeded US Foods should the match go 5. The first match posted top-seed US Foods (Paul Barraco, Charlie Kinstler, Kasey Uyesugi and Gabriel Martinez) against Cal Bowl. The match started on house, and as expected the scores were high with Cal Bowl taking the match 1072-950 with some huge scores (Torres 279, Arellano 259, Harris 266 and Zuck 269).

The teams moved right one pair to the much tighter 3rd round long-oil pattern. The match was much lower scoring as marks were huge. Cal Bowl jumped out to a big lead, but US Foods closed the gap late, and a big 10th frame double from Mike Zuck gave Cal Bowl the 783-726 win and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-five finals.



1st Place \$16,000 - Cal Bowl

Doug Harris III, Mike Zuck,  
Ricky Arellano, Ramon Torres



2nd Place \$12,000 - US Foods

Paul Barraco, Kasey Uyesugi,  
Gabriel Martinez, Charlie Kinstler

The match moved from 27-28 to 21-22 to bowl on the 2nd round short-oil pattern, the fifth-game choice of US Foods, but also the round that Cal Bowl won during the regular season. The fresh short-oil pattern was definitely hooking as Cal Bowl came out of the gate fast to take

an early lead. The match never got close, as Cal Bowl continued to mark enough to pull away for a 682-571 win and the 3-0 sweep of the Championship Match. Cal Bowl will take home the title and split \$16,000 while US Foods finishes second for \$12,000.

The Brunswick Invitational hits the lanes for the 2026-27 season starting Monday, September 14th at Del Rio Lanes. Contact the bowl and be a part of our 40th anniversary season!

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**3rd Place \$10,000 - Taco Bell**

Tyler VanDenburg, Kaven Massey, Avian Tran, Jarred Eusebio



**4th Place \$9,000 - Forest Lanes**

Jon Diso, JT Diso, Marshall Degnan, Jesse Perez



**5th Place \$8,000 - Family Ties**

Scott Smith, Daniel Hong, Steve Gurrieri, Michael Montano



**6th Place \$7,000 - DV8**

Tony Brunning, Joe Rye, Tom Cochran, Jeff Carr

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