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by Dave Williams

But the number one tournament on my list was the Hot Pot No Tap at Grand Central Bowl in Glendale. Because the Lewis residence was just a few blocks away, I had ventured to Grand Central to practice, and became a regular at the center on Flower Street.

Easy Anderson, the desk person extraordinaire, would always put me on lanes 1 & 2, away from most of the noise and activity in the 60 lane center.

To say that the lanes were difficult would be polite, but I did find a way to reach the pocket by rolling outside the first arrow with a hard rubber Roto Star SR.

One day after a practice session Easy told me that I should give the Hot Pot a try. Because it only required a nine count on the first roll to be credited with a strike, I decided that my chances would be good, even though it was a handicapped event.

When I came to bowl the event that Saturday night I met Nick Mancini at the sign-in desk. I had read about many of Mancini’s promotions in the California Bowling News over the years, but meeting him made me realize the charisma that went with his advertising credentials.

While the entry fee was only $20 for the five game test, Mancini encouraged me to get in the Hot Pot side pots for an extra $5, thereby guaranteeing a $100 payoff for a no-tap 300 game.

After a couple of weeks, I realized that the Hot Pot side pots were really what this tournament was all about for a scratch bowler.

The culmination of my understanding was one eventful night when I rolled four consecutive no-tap 300’s, and in the fifth game I had the first eleven “real” strikes before leaving the 6-10 on my last roll.

The Most Profitable Year I Ever Had on the Pro Bowler's Tour was a summer I spent in Southern California...
Johnnie Englehart finished his strike-filled night with a 266 and 814 series. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer

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Lennie Boresch Jr. to Wins PBA50 Event For 3rd Career Title

Boresch defeats Bob Learn Jr. 264-213 in title match

THE VILLAGES, Fla. – In a wire-to-wire victory, Lennie Boresch Jr. of Kenosha, Wis., won the Sun Bowl in The Villages in his PBA50 Tour title.

Boresch, who led all four rounds in qualifying and match play to enter the stepladder finals as the top qualifier, defeated Bob Learn Jr. of Erie, Pa., 264-213, in the title match at Spanish Springs Lanes.

“It’s a relief because even though I’ve been bowling pretty well you really never know when the opportunity will come again,” said Boresch, who averaged 245 for the tournament. “I just focused and stayed with what got me through the first frame and couldn’t keep pace with Boresch for the rest of the match.

Learn, who qualified fifth for the finals, dominated the first three stepladder matches winning the opening match by beating Darin Hays of Wesley Chapel, Fla., 199-173, before defeating Sam Maccarone of Blackwood, N.J., 278-185, and then PBA Hall of Famers Parker Bohn III of Jackson, N.J., 279-245, in the semi-final match.

“The way he (Learn) was bowling I thought I might be in trouble,” said Boresch, who continued on page 13.
Xframe Bowling Tournament Club

Phuoc Tran wins Xframe Event 5 at West Covina in a shootout

Jeremy Mercado Runner-up $750 • Dom La Guardia 3rd $375

We have a Bye this week • Resume action May 13 at the Bowlium in Montclair

WEST COVINA — Phuoc Tran was the best Saturday night but barely so, as Jeremy Mercado and he went to the final ball as the exciting Bout the Board Finals at VERY high Scoring West Covina Lanes.

The cut scores were ridiculously high and not the pattern “Eiffel Tower” that we requested?!

But in all, it was a Nice Event at West Covina. We will again request a tough pattern when we return there.

Here we go, the cut scores were Men = 140. Ladies also Very High at +121 yes +121! Seniors: Men = 115, Ladies +82 Yes +82! due to a nice 114 entramts on the 6:00PM squad we had 30 Semifinals advance to the Bout the Board Finals.

It was HIGH Scoring as the side-pot went to Floyd Toro, a huge 295 w Handicap Game 2 Phuoc Tran 328 Yes 328! Game 3 went to Lito Diaz 292. This is way out of line and Eddie at West Covina promised that this will not happen again.

Game 3 of the finals saw the top two go at it, Phuoc Tran and Jeremy Mercado. After two games Tran led by a total of only 10 pins and we went down to the final frames. Tran was leading by 16 but got the Big 4 in the 9th and Jeremy needed to strike out for the win. He came up a bit short and Tran, despite the HIGH scoring, escaped to win his first Xframe title by 16 pins. Had Jeremy struck in the 9th frame he would have won the title.

It was close and exciting. Mr. Tran was the winner with a record +256 to take home $1,000. He did not join the Xframe Bonus for $10. He would have gotten $1,500 if so! Great scoring and bowling Mr. Tran! I imagine you will never forget this evening at West Covina!!!

Great Bowling by Jeremy Mercado in 2nd Place and at +240, Yes 240, you would think he would win but not on this night. He’s one of the good guys and comes from a great family. Nice bowling. Jeremy took home $750 runner-up, as he had the Bonus.

In 3rd Dom La Guardia bowled super at +187, He took home $375 with the bonus. His pretty pretty Zeny, was on hand to cheer for him at West Covina.

The champion Tran drew for the Match game $1,350 and the 237 had no matches in game #3 so we estmiate it at $1,600 in our next event, May 13th at Bowlium in Montclair.

We have our largest squad to date at West Covina 114 bowlers 6:00 PM. We are growing quickly.

Thanks to you, THE MEMBERS.

I regret to say that for some reason we do not have the BBO sheets for the finalists such as bull drillers and much more. I will try to contact the Top 3 and get it on Facebook. I knew them all but not the drillers etc. or residence city. All there are great people. Great bowling.

Thanks to West Covina for the hospitality, we will return there with a TOUCH SHOT Eddie will take care of it for sure. Thanks to the staff for the help, this is one of our favorite places.

Our apology of the discrepancy of the score. We WILL NEVER announce that there will be a tough sport shot and then have them so easy-walleted up that you can’t miss the poek-ett? That I assure you, Matthew happen!

THIS WEEK MAY 6 IS A BYE due to our Big League going to Las Vegas. We return May 13 at Bowlium Lanes in Montclair; then May 20 with FROZEN HANDICAP at Keystone Lanes in Norwalk. Our first Final Event “the Memorial Weekend Special” is at CAL Bowl in Lakewood. It will be a Friday, Saturday and Sunday Event. Only 9 squads plus the Re-entry Squad. $4,500 YES! $4,500 1st place with the Bonuses! $3,000 min Guaranteed 1st Place and the reduced Entry will have a 50% or $1,500 Min 1st prize and receive 50 % of the Bonus.

NEW HANDICAP REQUIREMENT:

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5. WE GUARANTEE 3 WOMEN & 2 SENIORS TO THE FINALS.

6. SOME LOCAL TOURNAMENT AVERAGES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL.

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8. ELIMINATOR FORMAT: HALF OF THE FINALIST WILL BE ELIMINATED AFTER EACH GAME UNTIL THEY ARE DOWN TO 4, 3, 2, 1, FOR THE WIN, BOWLING ON THE SAME FAIR OF LANES TO DETERMINE THE WINNER, POSITION IS FROM HIGH TO LOW SCORES.

3-2-1 PIN PEN DEDUCTION FOR THIS EVENT

GUARANTEED REGARDLESS OF ENTRIES

1st Place $3000+$100 Xframe Bonus+$50 = $3550 2nd Place $1900+$800 Xframe Bonus = $2700 3rd Place $750+$250 Xframe Bonus = $1000 4th Place $375+$125 Xframe Bonus = $500 Optional: Side Pots $7, Brackets $5, Match Game 3: $8 ENTRY FEE $80 RE-ENTRY $75 & REDUCED ENTRY $40 (50% PRICE OR Bonus)

Optional Xframe Bonus: $30 FULL $150 Bonus (

QUALIFIED RATING, MIN 12 Women 1/2 14 for Seniors men 35 & Women 35 &

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way down, the papers were smaller and centers were being renovated with automatic
scoring. Out with plastic cellos, yellow grease pencils, human scorekeepers and skimp
league sheets.

Order, smaller centers were closing and making way for strip malls. We will track the
progress thru the 70's starting today. Enjoy.

The "KWIKIE" was the rage. The two Dick's (Cole and Goldstein) found the pot at the
end of the rainbow. 788 bowlers entered the first week! Over 1500 ($7.50 each) stepped
up in just 3 weeks. IMPERIAL BOWL was the Mecca for tournaments.

DB MARTIN rolled a 300 game in a squad of Blue Chip at SOUTHWEST BOWL. His
25,000 stamps took a lot 'o luck.

HARRY GRANT was shoting $6,000.00 guaranteed in the Holiday Singles at ENCI
NO BOWL. Dick & Dick posted $6,000.00 at IMPERIAL. Who could compete??

Lane Center in Montana for sale. Only $20,000. Down you can fish, hunt and bowl all
in one day within a 3 mile radius.

The P.B.A. competed at BOWLING SQUARE. 160 members entered. ED BOURDAISE,
Fresno, was the victor, beating JOHNNY PETRAGLIA and picking up a $6,000.00 check.

Bourdaise had the reputation of being a "bad ass". He held the record for fists smashed
through ball returns. It was reported that ED was out to get everyone that stood between
him and winning.

New name in the news (and still a goody) LARRY GRAY, Champion Marathon
bowler at SANTA FE. LARRY now bowls Senior leagues and pops out a good one quite often.

More on the KWIKIE, LAMAR KECK won the High Game $100.00 plus first place
$400.00. Total payout $1450.00. 1773 entrees in 12 days. LAMAR tied with JOHN
ELAND, and JOHN banked $400.00.

HELP — Explain this one to me! The ad from PRO 300 LANES: “One Game Doubles
Scratch Sweeper”. I guess you could keep your same partner or switch each game. Bowl,
payoff, bowl, payoff, etc, etc. Pot games for two!

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More BOURDAISE = ED’s bar total at BOWLING SQUARE. was $110.00

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FRED EASTWOOD was put in Sc. Calif. Bowlers Hall of Fame.

SHOWBOAT paid out $77,777.77 at P.B.A. invitational. Winner, DAVE SOUTAR got a
check to $11,111. That’s Vegas folks!

ROY BADE, 60, suffered a heart attack after playing a round of golf. “I’ll have to turn a
ball that made it #1?

SANTA MONICA BOWL closed and re-opened as a twin movie house.

The two DICKs—Cole and GOLDSTEIN—decided to give the ladies a KWIKIE of
their own. 2 weekends. $1,000.00 prize fund. Did it go? Keep reading.

Remember the CABRILLO LANES Doubles I mentioned earlier. The winners: BILLIE
LEE and DARON CHOVAN. Two of San Diego’s finest people plus finest bowlers.

First ad of this kind. advertised Concourse Waitress. . Day and Night Shifts. There’s
a job that doesn’t exist anymore!!

On the first weekend of the ladies KWIKIE, four of the greats shot 945 Scratch. But,
BOBBIE NORTHERN claimed the cash after the talcum settled. 215-187-273-236/WOW!

CHERYL KAMINSKY graduated from beauty school and shot 666 in league. As a week

DON CARTER and DICK WEBER were elected to ABC Hall of Fame.

KIRKWOOD BOWL reported a strange situation. A fellow named CHUCK kicked the 1,
4, 7, 10, out of a full rack, leaving the 3, 5, 6, 8, 9.

Western Columbia Bowling Supply in San Gabriel opened with a big showroom and
giant warehouse. What a great! It even smelt good. A scent to drive a bowler wild.

If you could find Quincy, Cali. on the map, the bowling center was for sale. Only
$25,000.00 down.

Brunswick Corp. celebrated 125th anniversary. Founded in 1845.

Fact —STAN SCHREIER, SouthEast Secretary, was a flight instructor.

LATEST BOWL? Brunswick Grabber. Oh-hum!

2,677 Men’s teams shot the State Tournament in San Diego.

BEVERLY BOWL. . .In the Royal Flushers League, team 5 bowled Team 8. Game One
they both had $600 (each had different handicaps). Game Two they both chucked up 864’s.
Game Three? Yup. 931 each. No award getter, but its a great story.

The annual bowling awards dinner was held at the Odyssey. DAVE SOUTAR spoke a few kind words. BOB RAMIREZ and BOBBIE NORTHERN were named Bowlers of the

Year in the All-Star Teams—Mike HAMANO, LAUREL HANSEN, BOBBIE SOUTAR,
CHERYL KAMINSKY. Women: DEE SARGENT, DOTTIE PROBERT, CARMEN
ELIAS, BILLIE LEE and CHERYL KAMINSKY. Over 500 attended.

Any “ALLEY MAN” looking for a job? Las Vegas calling.

Rumor . . . GLENN ALLISON was giving up bowling. (This is 2017, check LA HABRA
BOWL for Allison sightings.)

NICK MANCINI invited the “world” to bowl his San Diego Doubles at PARKWAY BOWL,
MAY—SEPTEMBER. The S.D. Mayor seconded the motion.

Bakerfield’s DON GLOVER won the ABC Masters. He got a lot of press, patches,
prizes, pesos and practice. Now he has tournaments named after him!

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COVE BOWL featured the “ink Spots” singing group in their lounge. What was their #1??

We have fingered our way thru the first 6 months. Part II will be packed with pin pound
paragraphs. Oh Lordy!

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by Carol Mancini
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son’s roll-off strike. “He threw it exactly the way we thought he would.”

“The first one I threw in the 10th I thought was quite good,” Svensson said. “When I made the spare I should have moved, but I didn’t. That got me a little frustrated but when Mark asked if I was ready to go again, I said yes. I moved and threw it really good, and it struck.

“It’s a great feeling to play in this bowling center with this crowd,” the 22-year-old Swede said. “They really pump you up. I’m the guy who doesn’t show too many emotions when I bowl but around here it’s impossible not to. It’s really cool.”

The already enamored capacity crowd kept it up as their hometown Lumberjacks ral-
led in the last three frames of game one to pull out a 227-216 victory over the Barbados Motown Muscle in the final quarterly round match. After starting game two with five strikes, it looked like victory was readily in hand. But “Lumberjill” Liz Johnson failed to convert a 3-10 split, and Kyle Troup, Bryon Smith and anchor Wes Malott spied in three of the next four frames while the Muscle’s Dick Allen, EJ Tackett and anchor Anthony Simonsen put together a string of five strikes to win game two, 248-225.

In the roll-off, Malott struck for Portland and Simonsen left a solid 10 pin to send the Lumberjacks into the semifinal round against the Atom Splitters.

Malott noted the lane condition started to get away from the Lumberjacks after their five-strike start in game two, but when it came to the 10th frame and he knew his team was headed to a roll-off, Malott used that opportunity to get lined up for the roll-off.

“Hats off to Anthony; he made a great shot,” Malott said of Simonsen’s misfortune. “We were fortunate to come away with the win.”

“Anthony threw a great shot, but you could see every one of these roll-offs is coming down to a single pin,” Portland manager Tim Mack added. “Fortunately today we were on the right side of the break.”

Mack said the Lumberjacks were able to pull out the win by remaining under control throughout the match.

“I told our players, even though they’ve all been in position to make huge shots during their careers, to control their emotions and not get too high because we had the crowd behind us,” Mack said. “I told them to just make one good shot in the second half and we’d have a chance to win the game. And they all threw great shots down the stretch.

“In the roll-off, (Malott) had just come off the lane. Every one of our players could have thrown that shot, but (Wes) is bowling fifth in our lineup for a reason.”

Next Sunday’s 1 p.m. EDT semifinal round telecast will feature the Syosset Philadelphia Hitmen against the defending Elias Cup champion Shipyard Dallas Strikers followed by the L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the second “best-of-two-game” Baker format match. The winners will meet in the Elias Cup championship telecast on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. Eastern. The Elias Cup finals will include singles, doubles and trios matches worth one point each, and a five-player Baker format team finals worth three points. In case of a tie, the Elias Cup will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

The ESPN telecast will be simultaneously streamed on ESPN3 and the WatchESPN app.

**L.L.Bean PBA LEAGUE** Bayside Bowl, Portland, Maine

Quarterfinal Round Results  (best-of-two-game Baker format)

Match Three:  Live + Work in Maine Silver Lake Atom Splitters vs the L.L.Bean Portland Lumberjacks in the second “best-of-two-game” Baker format match. The winners will meet in the Elias Cup championship telecast on Sunday, May 14, at 1 p.m. Eastern. The Elias Cup finals will include singles, doubles and trios matches worth one point each, and a five-player Baker format team finals worth three points. In case of a tie, the Elias Cup will be decided in a one-ball sudden-death roll-off.

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- 6 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Singles Tourney, AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 6-7 – CUSBC Youth Pepsi State Finals, Classic Bowl, Daly City
- 7 – Deadline for Associations to register to attend 2017 CUSBC State Convention
- 11-13 – PWBA Tour, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley
- 12 – Father’s Day
- 13 – Xframe Bowling Tour, 4pm - 6pm, Boulevard Lanes, Montclair
- 14 – Silver Foxes Doubles Tourney., 12 noon, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
- 17-18 – TNBA So. Cal. Tri-Senates 1st Sr. Tourn., Palm Springs Lanes, Cathedral City
- 18 – Silver Foxes Tourn., 12 noon, AMF Visalia Lanes, Visalia
- 18 – Scratch 6-Gamer, 12 noon, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
- 19-21 – National American Native Bowling Tourn., Canyon Lanes, Morongo
- 20 – Xframe Bowling Tour, 4pm - 6pm, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk
- 20 – CCUSBC Melton Memorial Tourney, AMF Rodeo Lanes, Clovis
- 20 – Gold Pin Scratch 6-gamer, 1pm, Dublin Bowl, earlanychysdublinbowl.com
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- 23-26 – USBC Sr. Queens, Circle Bowl, Baton Rouge, LA
- 27 – HammerPins No-Tap Doubles Tourney., 2pm, Travis Bowl, Travis AFB
- 28-31 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood
- 28 – Silver Foxes Tourney, 12 noon, AMF Sierra Lanes, Fresno
- 29 – PBA50 No. CA Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood
- 30 – Xframe Bowling Tour, 4pm - 6pm, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk

**June:**
- 1-3 – USBC Super Sr. Classic, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
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- 4-10 – USBC Sr. Masters, Sam’s Town, Las Vegas
- 9-11 – CUSBC 2017 State Convention, Visalia Marriott
- 9-11 – PBA Northwest/West Wine Country, Rohnert Park
- 10 – Silver Foxes Tourney., 12 noon, AMF Sierra Lanes, Visalia
- 10-11 – Youth Pins for Pets Tourney., National Bowling Stadium
- 11 – Central Valley Masters Singles Tourney., 10am/2pm, KC Bowl, Hanford
- 11-16 – PBA Storm Sr. Us Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas
- 16-73 – Junior World Bowling Championships, National Bowling Stadium, Reno
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**COVINA BOWL**

by Frank Barraco Jr.

COVINA — Covina Bowl, the Taj Mahal of bowling centers of Southern California, has closed its door after 62 1/2 years. Originally scheduled to close on Sunday, March 12, it instead closed on Saturday, March 11, to the dismay of many people who traveled to the center to say their good byes and get one last look at the one-time palace.

Covina Bowl opened on February 11, 1956, to quite the fanfare. Local sportscaster Gil Stratten was the MC of the grand opening. The building itself was the star of the show. It was a feat of architectural brilliance, most notably Bowlers Journal and Bowler Journal Architecture.

Most folks don’t know that the 50 lane center opened as a 32 lane facility. The first 18 lanes weren’t added till the mid 1960’s. The addition of those 18 lanes made Covina Bowl the largest center in the area.

I have many personal memories of the center. My father, Frank Barraco Sr., started working there in 1957. He would later manage the center from the late 1960’s until he retired in the mid 1980’s, and our family got a front row seat to everything that went on there.

Bowling was in it’s heyday then and Covina Bowl was in the limelight. You could not get a lane in the place from 6:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M., Monday through Saturday. There were leagues every night filling the place. Of course you could come in at 11:00 P.M. and get on the waiting list. If you were lucky you might get one by 12 - 12:30 A.M. It also didn’t hurt that the center was open 24 hours. People would come into bowl after their swing or graveyard shifts, football games, or just for something to do during the middle of the night.

Another feature of our center was the coffee shop. You could get a meal anytime of day. Nights and weekends were very busy. Really hard to just get a table. Folks around the area would migrate to the coffee shop solely for their famous Monte Cristo sandwich. Yep, it was that good! There were also several beautiful banquet rooms. The Pyramid Room, The Egyptian Room, and the Garden Room were just a few. They served everything. Weddings, wedding receptions, bands, dances, birthday parties, grad nights, service clubs, and church meetings. You name it, we hosted it.

I suppose what really made Covina Bowl were the people. It was one BIG FAMILY! Everyone knew everybody. People even knew who’s kids belonged to who. If you were a kid in that building trying to get away with something you could forget it. Believe me I tried more than once! Never successful. There were eyes everywhere lol. Many friends were made there. Many of those friendships continue today.

There were so many stories and memories we could share, but it would take hours to tell. We played there. We ate there. We build friendships for a lifetime there. We learned the art of bowling. We lived at Covina Bowl.

Unfortunately all good things come to an end. It was sold to Brunswick in mid 1990’s and it began to lose its lustre and family atmosphere. Actually the next 20 years Covina Bowl began a slow painful death. AMF acquired it 2 1/2 years ago and it was even worse. It was very hard for a lot of us to watch this one time palace turn into a creaking old building, never taken care of.

Some are sad. I am not. We had Covina Bowl for 62 1/2 years. Mostly great years. Not a bad run. So goodbye to “The Meeting Place Of The San Gabriel Valley”. Thanks for the memories.
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positive and encouraging. She cared about all of her bowlers.

Silver has established herself as one of the top women bowlers in the state, having won titles in the California state Queens in 2003 and the California state women’s singles in 2015. Silver rolled her 20th perfect game in the latter tournament.

“When I met Barbara, she was like a mother figure,” Silver recalled. “She was loving, kind and her door was always open to the juniors. She loved her kids more than anything.”

Silver said Vega’s “nurturing, love and support” made her feel comfortable to be part of the bowling world.

Vega worked as a youth bowling coordinator for about 30 years before she retired in 1999. Those who knew her cite her generosity to her youth bowlers.

“She dedicated her whole life to her kids,” said Carol Mancini, the editor and publisher of the California Bowling News.

“If she found a kid who couldn’t pay [for bowling], she found a way to get it paid. She always denied it, but I think she was the one who paid for it.”

Mancini added: “She did her share for bowling, I can tell you that. She got hundreds and hundreds of kids to bowl. She had no less than 16 teams [with four bowlers each] in her [SED] travel league.

The fact that she required the kids to act like ladies and gentlemen was so great of her. She expected the most from them and she never heard a kid get nasty on the lanes or kick a ball return.”

Vega, who was born in Paso Robles, Calif., left a husband (Lyle); three sons: Michael (the oldest), Robert and Elias (the youngest); and five grandchildren.

Robert recalled that Vega started her involvement with the sport as a participant “even though she had polio as a child. Still, she was a pretty good bowler herself.”

Later, she would turn to bowling administration where she could work with young bowlers.

Those bowlers included all three of her sons, two of whom (Elias and Michael) went on to blast perfect 300 games.

Elias marveled at her mother’s skill at coaching – and particularly coaching her own children.

“When you’re a teenager, you don’t like to be told anything, particularly from your mother. I was resistant to her teaching, but I still listened,” Elias said with a laugh.

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ROSIE PARKER and LARRY PEPPERS
Represent California at USBC National Convention
by Frank Weiler

LAS VEGAS — CALIFORNIA was well represented at last week’s USBC National Convention. Our state President Rosie Parker and Association Manager Larry Peppers were both there representing us and ensuring our voice was heard. They attended eight seminars and cast votes for legislation involving league rules, tournament rules and by-laws.

Parker and Peppers represented CALIFORNIA when we were recognized for being the top state in the nation in raising money for the Bowlers to Veteran’s Link (BVL). The $108,500 CALIFORNIA bowlers raised was more than double the $48,201 raised by runner-up Michigan. The Top 5 state BVL fund raiser’s are:

1. California $108,500
2. Michigan 48,201
3. Virginia 42,351
4. Texas 41,476
5. Arizona 33,278

Another Californian, DAVID YAMAUCHI, was awarded the Kerm Helmer Horizon Award for his thirty-one years of service to youth bowlers with his involvement with the Junior Amateur Tour (JAT).

The 2017 USBC National Convention was a huge success. Ms. Parker and Mr. Peppers were a big part of that success and represented California well.
Mike Krol is a long-time fan of Mike Krol, a record company he has been a fan of for forever. His third album, "I Hate Mike Krol," was released in 2017. His second album, "Jazz," and his third album, "Trust Fund," were self-released. His first two albums, "I Hate Mike Krol," were released in 2015.

The website serves as a place for Mike Krol fans to share stories, photos, and fan art. Geography and bowling metaphors aside, advertising within the California Bowling News felt fitting, as Mike’s most recent single is titled "This Is The News."
WINNETKA — April has been quite a month for the league bowlers at Winnetka Bowl. Multiple perfect games and an evening series highlighted the month. The weather is heating up and so are the bowlers as they make a final push for the league championships as the winter season leagues are coming to a close.

The end of winter leagues also means that the summer leagues are just around the corner. If you haven’t signed up yet now is the time to do so. Some leagues already have waiting lists and others still have a spot or two available for teams and individuals. Call (818) 345-5190 for all the league information and to sign up.

Winnetka Bowl has a couple of great promotions going on that we’d like to share with you. If you have kids or grand kids age 15 & under we’ve got a FREE summer bowling offer for them. All you have to do is register the kids and they will get their free bowling passes by email every week all summer long. Go to www.kidsbowlevent.com/winnetka for all the details and to register.

Also did you know that Winnetka Bowl now has a rewards club? Each time you make a bowling purchase, including league fees, we punch your card on which you receive 10 off your next purchase. Simple as that! To join the rewards club text JOIN to 62687 and you are in!

Now on with the great scores for the month of April by our awesome bowlers including a salute to the newly crowned winter league champions.

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DOWNEY — The final round of the Brunswick Invitational is past the halfway mark, and teams are starting to separate from the field in the battle for seeds as well as for the final two playoff spots. For the round winners, it’s becoming a battle of two teams for the top seed. For the round, it looks like Bowlium is proving to be the team to beat. The wildcard position is still up for grabs. With three weeks to go, things can change in a hurry.

Bowlium won Monday night with a two game lead over the second placed team of Lindo’s Insurance. While the first two games were close, they both fell in favor of the Bowlium team. Game three was a rout, giving them a clean sweep and expanding their lead over the field. On this night, it was the Billy Myers for Lindo’s who needed to make a comeback. His first game was good, with a 212-211 win over the 212-210 of Brian Grant. Myers added a 213-221-582 for Lindo’s in deficit.

On the second pair of lanes, Herring Insurance stayed in the running with a 4-1 victory over J.A.T. Herring took the first two games had a lead of almost 200 pins for totals. J.A.T. took the final game by over 100, but it wasn’t enough to make up the deficit. Lee Liu led the pair with 215-211-594 for Herring Insurance. His teammate, Kevin Gaggen was right behind with 215-190. Anthony Santos topped J.A.T. with 208-192. With the four wins, Herring will move up to the first place to challenge Bowlium, and will start the match four games behind them.

Cal Bowl and GJC Junitalol both needed big nights to stay in contention for the round, and neither of them got it, as they battled to a 3-2 split. GJC moves up to third place with the three wins, and will be rooting for Herring to get some wins and bring Bowlium back to the pack. Aaron Cardenas led GJC with 206-211-377. Leonard Ruiz was the top scorer for Cal Bowl with 230-208.

Century 21—My Real Estate has won 9.5 out of 10 games in the last two weeks to sneak into contention for the round with 15.5 wins. On this night, the sweep came over Erickson’s Food Supply. Joe Jimenez led the way with 230-247-636. Dudefrom Brooklyn led Erickson’s with 230-212-629.

DV8 kept their slim hopes alive for the round with a 4-1 win over Threadworks. And, while their chances for the round aren’t great, they took very good for wildcard position, so this was a very big win for them. Kurt Arakaki was the top player for DV8 tonight with a 214-201-616. Eric Snow added 200 and 246 for Threadworks but it was only enough for one win.

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Brunswick Invitational is underway. The final round is in the books, and the top seed will be decided. The field is down to five teams, with Bowlium, J.A.T., Herring, Lindo’s, and Century 21—My Real Estate in contention.

Bowlium had a lead of almost 200 pins for totals. J.A.T. took the first two games had a lead of almost 200 pins for totals. J.A.T. took the final game by over 100, but it wasn’t enough to make up the deficit. Lee Liu led the pair with 215-211-594 for Herring Insurance. His teammate, Kevin Gaggen was right behind with 215-190. Anthony Santos topped J.A.T. with 208-192. With the four wins, Herring will move up to the first place to challenge Bowlium, and will start the match four games behind them.

Cal Bowl and GJC Junitalol both needed big nights to stay in contention for the round, and neither of them got it, as they battled to a 3-2 split. GJC moves up to third place with the three wins, and will be rooting for Herring to get some wins and bring Bowlium back to the pack. Aaron Cardenas led GJC with 206-211-377. Leonard Ruiz was the top scorer for Cal Bowl with 230-208.

Century 21—My Real Estate has won 9.5 out of 10 games in the last two weeks to sneak into contention for the round with 15.5 wins. On this night, the sweep came over Erickson’s Food Supply. Joe Jimenez led the way with 230-247-636. Dudefrom Brooklyn led Erickson’s with 230-212-629.

DV8 kept their slim hopes alive for the round with a 4-1 win over Threadworks. And, while their chances for the round aren’t great, they took very good for wildcard position, so this was a very big win for them. Kurt Arakaki was the top player for DV8 tonight with a 214-201-616. Eric Snow added 200 and 246 for Threadworks but it was only enough for one win.

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