Jason Sterner & Birgit Poppler Win

PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles Title

**Final match victory against Diandra Asbaty and Jason Belmonte decides title**

HOUSTON, Texas — Jason Sterner of Cocoa, Fla., and “replacement” partner Birgit Poppler of Germany defeated Australia’s Jason Belmonte and Diandra Asbaty of Chicago in the final game to win the 18th PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles title at Copperfield Bowl Sunday.

Sterner, who won his only Professional Bowlers Association Tour title in the 2013 Don Carter Classic in Detroit, teamed up with Poppler, who was in the United States as a Professional Women’s Bowling Association competitor, after his original partner was forced to cancel due to an injury. Trailing Asbaty and Belmonte by 10 pins heading into the final position round match, Sterner threw a 258 game and Poppler a 204 for 462 total pins, topping Asbaty’s 178 and Belmonte’s 254 by 30 pins to overcome the deficit.

The winners, who won five consecutive matches earlier in the round to dig out from a 238-pin deficit, split $16,000 in prize money. Poppler, a veteran member of Germany’s national bowling team, also earned her first PWBA Tour title.

“Before we started, I told her I needed to impress her, so hopefully I did,” Sterner said. “Everyone knows how much work I put in, so it’s nice to get a little reward.”

“Jason did great,” Poppler said. “I didn’t expect to bowl this tournament so it couldn’t be a better outcome.”

Four-time past winners Shannon Pluhowski and Tommy Jones, and three-time winners Shannon O’Keefe and Bill O’Neill failed to qualify for the match play finals. Pluhowski and Jones finished in 12th place while two-time defending champions O’Keefe and O’Neill finished 36th.

PWBA players now head to Plano, Texas, for the U.S. Women’s Open Tuesday through Sunday, PBA Tour players will begin the final three weeks of PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series competition in the Xtra Frame Chesapeake Open from AMF Western Branch in Chesapeake, Va., Aug. 12-13. Immediately following will be the Xtra Frame Gene Carter’s Pro Shop Classic from Mid-County Bowling and Entertainment in Middle.

Ron Mohr Ends Five-Year Title Slump in PBA50 South Shore Open

HAMMOND, Ind. (July 27, 2017) – Ron Mohr of Las Vegas, a two-time PBA50 Tour Player of the Year wins ninth career title in Hammond

Two-time PBA50 Player of the Year continues his nine-year winning streak Thursday, winning the PBA50 South Shore Open presented by DV8 at Olympia Lanes for his ninth career title with a 213-194 victory over Bob Learn of Erie, Pa.

Mohr, now a 61-year-old “super senior,” threw five strikes on his first six attempts to build a 41-pin lead over Learn and he held on despite leaving a 4-6-7 split to win $4,500.

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 correction

Last week’s Jr. Gold article states that Solomon was the first to win back-to-back. However Shannon Pluhowski won the girls division three times: 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Solomon is the first boy to win back-to-back titles.
FROM ONE TO TWO HANDS OR HOW I FELL BACK IN LOVE WITH BOWLING
by Dustin J. Markowitz

“I’m done.”

I will never forget uttering those words as I sat after bowling a doubles tournament in Laughlin, Nevada. As I let the tape on my wrist fall to the table and the tears of pain and frustration filled my eyes, I remember looking at my doubles partner who also happened to be my own mother. Confused at what I said, I held up my badly shaking right hand much to her shock and concern. At that point, I knew that my bowling career would never be the same.

It was November of 2015 and I was at the top of my game. At 29 years old, I had been fortunate enough to do just about everything I had wanted in the sport of bowling. I led my local association in average for two years running, I had represented three major ball companies and one accessory as a contracted staffer, I had shot plenty of honor scores in both leagues and tournaments and felt as if I had achieved the goal I had always set out for myself; to be great locally, good regionally and okay nationally.

Ironically, I was never what most people assumed a 29-year-old player to be. I wasn’t a cranker, I wasn’t a banger but rather a smooth tweener that spent game after game learning to shoot spares and hit the same from one to two hands.

Eric Forkel and Dustin Markowitz;
ROSEVILLE, Calif. – It’s now been 20 years since Mary Lynly was named to the prestigious California Women’s Bowling Assn. Hall of Fame for meritorious service.

Twenty years later, Mary has maintained the pace as one of the most tireless supporters and crusaders of women’s bowling.

“California women’s bowling over the last 40 years would not be what it is without her,” said California Bowling News publisher-editor Carol Mancini, who was named to the CWBA Hall of Fame in 2012.

“When she was state president [of the California WBA], and something needed to be done, she would be the one to do it. She always had her hand up.”

Mary, who has lived in Roseville just outside Sacramento for the past 31 years, is a life and Hall of Fame member of both the California WBA (1997) and the Foot-hill WBA (in Mountain View, 1984).

When the International Bowling Museum & Hall of Fame left St. Louis in 2008, Mary – along with several others – was a key supporter for the new site in Arlington, Texas.

The museum opened in Arlington in 2010 and Mary traveled there for the grand opening with many of her bowling friends. Mary got a chance to track down a commemorative brick she had bought that was on full display outside.

“When they started selling their first bricks, I decided I’d buy it for my husband and kids and commemorate it on that particular brick,” Mary says.

Then she added impishly, “I got into a little bit of trouble because I forgot my daughter-in-law who was somewhat new to the family.”

In any event, Mary visited Arlington with Joan Romeo, Jackie Wyckoff, Jan Schmidt, CJ Goodwin, Barbara Metzinger-Hureaux and Chris Beard. “It was exciting,” recalls Mary about locating her brick. “That’s in perpetuity. It was exciting to have done that.”

Mary also sold 100 copies of a cookbook that she published. Where did the proceeds go? To support bowling of course – the International Bowling Media Assn. Chuck Pezzano Scholarship. It was really a labor of love, she says.

“I always donated to bowling and raised money for bowling,” Mary says. “People like me can’t say no.”

It also should be mentioned that Mary has been bowling for a whopping 67 years and has carried a 175 average for some years. She once bowled a 697 series and has come within a whisker several times of bowling a perfect game.

“I wasn’t such a hotshot bowler that I won a lot of things but I’ve always been an avid supporter,” says Mary, who received a plaque in 2006 marking her 50 years as a tournament bowler.

Mary has been a bowling advocate and “card-carrying member” for nearly 70 years. Her resume is filled with accomplishments as an administrator.

She helped form the Foothill WBA in 1964 and became its charter secretary and then its president. Mary also helped open Camino Bowl in Mountain View where she worked in promotion and teaching.

Mary also is a distinguished writer, having received 28 writing awards and special awards, including the National Women Bowling Writers Herta Kissel Memorial Award for the “best of the best” and a similar award from the CWBA Granite Award’s committee, the Lucelle Ware Memorial Award.

Mary is definitely a bowling Hall of Famer. And she doesn’t even have to pick up a bowling ball to richly deserve that honor.
PETALUMA, Calif. – Mike McGrath, who stunned the Professional Bowlers Association when he won the 1965 Portland Open, the first PBA tournament he entered at age 19, died late Sunday in California. His death, at age 71, was confirmed by his daughter Jennifer. Details were not immediately available.

McGrath, a lanky left-hander, was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1988 and the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame in 1993 after a career that included back-to-back PBA National Championships in 1969 and 1970, when he was the tour’s leading money winner. He recorded another major victory when he defeated fellow Hall of Famer Earl Anthony, 234-222, to become the first left-hander to win the U.S. Open in 1973 in Madison Square Garden in New York.

McGrath finished his career with 10 Tour titles and $238,305 in career earnings. During the PBA’s 50th anniversary gala in 2009, he was ranked 39th on list of the PBA’s 50 greatest players. “Anyone who won 10 titles in that era had some ability,” said PBA Hall of Famer Dick Ritger about McGrath’s selection to the all-time top 50 list. “He was one of the top three or four left-handers alongside Bill Allen, Dave Davis and Earl Anthony.”

“Today I lost one of my best friends, said close friend and fellow hall of famer Barry Asher. “Mike McGrath has passed. “For those of you who didn’t really know and understand him, you really missed something special. He was a Hall of Fame bowler as we all know. But in life he was a Hall of Fame person, friend and especially a father. I will miss him as long as I draw breath.”

Details regarding memorial services will be published when they are available.

The PBA also has learned of the death Sunday of PBA pioneer Bill Lillard, one of the 33 founding members of the organization in 1958. A former member of the famous Budweisers of St. Louis, among other noted “beer teams” of the 1950s, Lillard won his only PBA Tour title in the 1966 Miller High Life Open. The Houston native would have celebrated his 90th birthday in October.

Lillard had his most visible success in the USBC Open Championships where he won eight titles and set the all-time pinfall list with 124,087 total pins throughout his career. Lillard also was owner of Bowl on Bellaire, the center that hosted the PBA-PWBA Xtra Frame Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles event for several years before he told the center last year.

Carol Mancini: “Although I haven’t seen Mike McGrath for a few years, he has a special place in my heart. Mike received a red jacket for one of his PBA wins and he gave it to me. A couple of years later a Japanese friend who owned a center in Tokyo was visiting me at Del Rio Lanes.

Mr. Noda mentioned that his association was putting together a museum. I gave him Mike’s jacket with the short history. Bon Voyage Mike. See you on the lanes.”
Xframe Bowling Tour: Pro Invitational 2017

EL MONTE - Xframe Bowling Tour visited Action Lanes and had an Eliminator Format. It proved to be exciting to the finals as the winners of 34 bowlers. Trying to be in the top 8 bowlers one game to advance to the top 5 which the Hi Qualifier will sit out to bowl for the title. The other 4 bowlers one game with the top shooter to bowl for the title the others finish in 3, 4 & 5 spots. The field of 34 cashers saw the prize fund pay $3,752. $50 entry with a re-coup $45. Reduced entries are $35 and pay 60% of the pay check. Hi Qualifier in, qualifying squads were Mark Andrews +168 for the men and Beth Borci led the ladies at +111. They received paid entries for the fine bowling!! We had many entrants (Two Squads) 143, and MANY, new members again.

Round One or First Game of the ELIMINATOR FINALS: 34 bowlers 3 games, cut the field to 8 bowlers with a nice +82. Alan Aguilar hit the lanes to be top seed with +119 to sit out to bowl for the title. He barely edged Freddy Zamora +130. Now Freddy Z., Mark Fisser, Laura Baltazar and Dennis Kelsey will bowl one game to advance. This game determines who will bowl for the title. The others finish 3-4-5 places, and a Pretty Lady Laura Baltazar won out with a nice 249. Mark Fisser finished in 3rd 237. Kelsey was 4th 236 and Freddy was 5th 229. Now Laura to advance to the title game. What an exciting game as all four bowlers were within 20 pins!

The title game was on. Laura advancing to meet Alan for The Big Bucks. They found a decent shot, but Laura lost her magic and Alan on his game wins out 232-184. All scores included handicap, Alan and tonke a nice $1,500 check, winning $1,000 1st plus the Xframe Bonus of $500. Our Lady finalist Laura dated 20 bowlers and used a Hammer Legend as all four bowlers were within 20 pins!

Laura Baltazar is from L.A. and used a Hammer Legend and Old Pal Alan Aguilar stepped up big time and won his first Xframe title at Action Lanes downing pretty Laura Baltazar in the title game to take home a nice $1,500 to Anaheim. It was Laura’s first event with Xframe. She did very well.

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10 split in the ninth frame. Learn’s inability to put two strikes together until the final two frames gave Mohr a big cushion, and he sealed the win with a strike on his first attempt in the 10th frame.

“Those is nine titles, and it’s nine more than I expected when I came out here to bowl, ” said Mohr, who retired from his career as an air traffic controller in Alaska to try his hand in professional bowling. “It’s great to win, but when it’s over, you still have to go home and mow the lawn and pick up dog poop. It’s not life changing to win out here, but it sure is nice.”

The turning point in Mohr’s title quest actually came in the semifinal match, when it looked like PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., was going to extend Mohr’s frustrating streak of 15 championship round appearances in the past two years without a title. Needing a strike in the 10th frame, Mohr, who was looking for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and second of the year, got two strikes in his 10th frame. Monacelli, who was trying for his first PBA50 Tour title, got his first strike in the 10th frame. Faulkner had a 210-200 victory and a berth in the championship match.

“You never expect that from Norm,” Mohr said. “If all Norm needs is a mark to win, he’ll never miss. He was by far the best bowler in the tournament this week, but I guess it was my turn. To get past Norm was a real blessing. He just got a really bad break, but I've been on that side myself.”

In the opening match, PBA50 rookie Gary Faulkner of Norfolk, Va., a two-time PBA Regional title winner bowling in his sixth eventer, won all eight comeback attempts on eight of his first nine shots (leaving a pocket 7-10 split on his only non-strike shot). But a 4-7-10 split in the 10th frame gave Venezuela’s Amleto Monacelli a chance to win with two strikes in his 10th frame. Monacelli, who was trying for his ninth PBA50 Tour title and second of the year, got the first strike, but left his fourth 10 pin of the game in a 229-225 loss to Faulkner.

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The tour’s next stop is the PBA50 Dave Small’s Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip in Anderson, Ind., beginning Sunday and concluding on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The PBA50 Tour will then complete its season with the DeHayes Insurance Group Championship Lanes Classic presented by Roto Grip in Anderson, Ind., Aug. 26-27.

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Mark twice. While a lot of my friends just gawked after the high rev players on the tour, I was more interested in the guys who were the machines regardless of style. I spent hours watching tapes of Glenn Allison, Dick Weber, Earl Anthony, Norm Duke, Walter Ray Williams Jr., David Ozio, Parker Bohn III and my eventual broadcast partner Eric Forkel. In fact, it was Eric who gave me one of my favorite compliments after a tournament we doubled together in. With a pat on the back and a handshake, he told me that “your game is simple and it works.”

He wasn’t the only one to stroke my ego a bit. The late, great Barry Gurney and I used to talk frequently about bowling and he constantly asked me about my game. “You throw it so good,” he would say. “You need to bowl more events and get out there.” I would always chuckle and shrug it off but he was always laughing and saying he wanted to see me out on tour. It was comments like that which pushed me to try and perfect what I had. I was a realist, however, in that I knew that I wasn’t the guy to be able to bowl the national tour. Not because I didn’t feel I had the talent but because I knew I never could put the games in.

In my mid-teens, I started to focus on generating forward roll to the best of my ability with sheer wrist movement. It was a decision that paid dividends for me early on but it came with a cost. Rich Arellano, a former PCB bowler and friend of my family, warned me that I was setting myself up to destroy my wrist. Being the dumb kid I was, I laughed it off and told him when I was old that I would worry about it then. That day came much earlier than I anticipated. By the time I was 23, I had taken to wearing athletic tape on my wrist every time I bowled. By the time I was 27, I was wearing a full wrist support. At the end, I was wearing anything I could to keep my wrist together for just one more set.

A question I get often is “why didn’t you take a break?” Another is “why didn’t you change your style?” The simple answer to both is that the more in pain I was, the better I was bowling. Ego is a funny thing and I felt I owed it to myself to push well beyond what I should have in order to succeed. Even as I cut out my practice time, longer tournaments and bowled less leagues, my mental game more than made up for my physical limitations and that was enough for me. By the time that fateful tournament in November came, I was averaging 240 in a house where only myself and 7 others had averaged 230 or better for a season in the then 17-year history of the center. I wanted to hold out as long as I could.

My first trip to the doctor proved to be the right diagnosis even if I did not believe them at the time. As it was explained to me, I was suffering from an advanced form of Tenosynovitis as well as severe atrophy of the tendons in my right wrist. As did the two specialists I spoke to said as well, my doctor told me if I quit that there was a small chance it could heal but the damage was so severe that the odds were I would just end up damaging it again if I went back to bowling. He further explained that it could be months or even years before I was back to a point where I could throw a 15-pound ball again and that I would be better off just switching hands or quitting altogether. To say this devastated me would be an understatement.

I spent the next 3 weeks gathering more information on my injury and getting told the same story over and over again. I was angry, I was confused and I was bitter towards the sport I loved. That anger bled over into my talk show, my bowling writing and even my perception of the sport as a whole. I started to feel just plain hatred at the state of the game and, instead of trying to help it along, I was burying it. It was around mid-Decem-

ber I was set to see my doctor again when I was watching some old bowling videos on YouTube. Serendipitously, an old episode of my Bowling Evolved Talk Show came on where Eric and I had talked about 2-handed bowling. At this point, I was preparing to go left handed and to try and overcome my right dominated self but the more I thought about it the more I realized maybe I wouldn’t have to give up on everything I had trained for. I wanted to find a way to bowl right handed and not hurt my wrist.

After getting clearance from my doctor to give it a try and setting myself up with a 13-pound ball, I set my sights on teaching myself how to bowl with 2 hands. As a tra-
ditional player and coach, I had very little exposure to the style outside of what I had seen on TV. I decided to start at square one, just walking to the line and finding a way to release the ball. I quickly found myself in a trial and error period over what would bother my wrist and what wouldn’t. I found cradling the ball bothered me but keeping my arm swing straight with the weight of the ball in my left hand did not. From there, I started to teach myself how to walk to the line and I was shocked at how difficult it was to keep my balance without having my left arm out to keep me upright. I fell down more than I care to admit but slowly I started to get my legs under me. Approach came next and then actually throwing the ball.

Most bowlers think that when you go to 2 hands, you automatically gain a ton of speed and revs on the ball. Part of that is right in that you turn the ball much more but for someone like me, my speed dropped like a rock. I threw a 13-pound plastic ball at rough...
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Bowling Calendar
by Bette Addington

August:
4-6 – 9th Cal Bowlers Tour Reno Invitational, Nat. Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
5 – Xframe Tournament Club, 4pm, 6pm, Bowling Square, Arcadia
6-16 – Team Military Classic, South Point, Las Vegas, NV
7-16 – USBC Sr. Championships, Texas Station, Las Vegas, NV
8-10 – USBC Summer Shootout 2017, 10, 1 & 4, Regency Lanes, Bakersfield, geusbc.com
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12-13 – CUSBC Diddy Watts Youth Singles Challenge, McHenry Bowl, Modesto
12-13 – CBT Mega Doubles-4-Gamer, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, ctbowling.com
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20 – CUSBC Senior Singles, West Lane Bowl, Stockton
20 – CUSBC Mega Doubles-4-Gamer, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, ctbowling.com
20 – San Joaquin Bowling Club Tournament, KC Bowl, Hanford
20 – 12th Willie Taylor Memorial Tourn., Yosemite Lanes, Modesto
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27 – HammerPins Fall Classic Scratch 10-Gamer, Travis Bowl, TravisAFB
27 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 8, 10am, Action Lanes, El Monte

September:
1-3 – PBA Tony Reyes Memorial, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose
1-2-3-4 – Xframe Tournament Club, Labor Day Special, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
3-6 – PWBA Tour Championship Season Finale, Richmond Int. Raceway, VA
15-17 – PBA/PBA50 Northwest/West, Ukiah
16 – Xframe Tournament Club, 4pm, 6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood
17 – Scratch 6-Gamer, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, Wayne – 209/524-9161
23-24 – Earl Anthony’s Memorial Jr. Fall Classic Scholarship Tourn., Dbls.-Sat.; Singles-Sun., Dublin Bowl, earlantonyshublinbowl.com
24 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 9 Finals, 10am, Deer Creek Lanes, Rancho Cucamonga
30-1 – 10th Don Glover Scratch Masters, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield

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There’s Always a Funnyman in the Crowd
by Fred Eisenhammer

WINNETKA – Sharp minds and sharp bowlers.
That was on display one recent night at Winnetka Bowl. Veteran bowler Carol Tucker was milling around the bowling center and could be heard muttering, “How did that happen?” She was referring to her league average being pegged at a lofty 151 – way too high, the always-self-deprecating right-hander decided.

At the same time, one of Carol’s teammates – John de la Rionda – happened to be walking by. De la Rionda listened sympathetically to her protests about her listed average and tried to provide an encouraging face on such seemingly downbeat news.

“If must have been the Russian hackers,” de la Rionda concluded.

Footnote: As it turned out, Carol showed the average was no fluke, blistering a 500 series later that night, capped with a 192 score in her third game.

Carol Tucker, with John de la Rionda at her side, was in disbelief when she learned that she was tagged with a 151 average. That disbelief didn’t last long.

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by 10 mph and was trying to figure out how to keep it on the lane. A short season league started up and I decided to bowl with my Mom and one of my students Tyler Hughes, in the hopes that they could help me figure out this new style. As I said before, ego is a funny thing. As much as I was trying to learn, I kept getting frustrated with myself as I had no consistency nor accuracy which were the staples of my 1 hand game. Add into that the 3 game limit my doctor had put on me per week, the snickers from the peanut gallery at the house hero turned to zero and it was no wonder my team had to keep reminding me of what I was trying to do. If not for my Mom and Tyler supporting me, I would have probably given up.

Those first few weeks were very tough to get through but I started finding support from some amazing sources. My family and close friends such as my Dad, Eric, Fred Eisenhammer and more kept pushing me to pursue my goal. Steve Adams of Mongoose Products was a huge help in keeping me motivated in what I was doing as he himself was getting back into bowling at the same time. Furthermore, I was able to restock my arsenal with some very well placed orders for my Brunswick and Motiv who showed me amazing support for the years I was with each of their brands. Lastly, I started getting messages from my friends on Facebook that made me thrilled that I was trying to do something so different in order to succeed again.

As the weeks turned to months, I began to truly enjoy myself on the lanes again without pain and with ambition to get myself back to where I was. I could write a whole book on everything I had to change in order to retrain my brain to bowl the way I do but, suffice to say, it was a struggle that made me appreciate how much I loved bowling and my average began to increase, my speed went back up, I went from 13 to 15 pounds again and today I am back to the next level. I feel anything is possible when you dedicate yourself to it and I hope you were able to get something out of my story that you can use for yourself. Good luck, high scoring and God bless you all.

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**Ballard Gutter Ball** continued from page 1

Ballard advanced to the championship match with victories of 247-208 over Robert Lawrence and 257-223 over Norm Duke.

Weber led Ballard by six pins through five frames but failed to mark in the sixth, allowing Ballard to seize a 15-pin lead after seven frames. Weber then struck out and forced Ballard to nail the first two strikes and seven pins in the 10th frame.

Ballard, of North Richland Hills, Texas, coolly struck his last shot in the 10th frame. His misfortune could only get five.”

Ballard later said: “My adrenaline was flowing too fast. I just ran up there and threw it. I didn’t take my time and use my head.”

Ballard said: “I thought it was over when Del got the first two. I felt like I reached out and stole it from him.”

Ballard, 27 at the time, won $15,500. Weber, with his 16th tour title, won $30,000.

Footnote: Ballard rebounded a few weeks later by winning the Long Island Open championship. Ballard was a top-caliber PBA performer. In 1994, he became the 11th player in PBA history to win $1 million in career earnings. That year Ballard enjoyed his most successful year on the tour. He won 13 PBA titles, all between 1987 and 1993. He has been inducted into both the PBA and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

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**TUESDAY – Friendly Seniors:** John Contreras 222/592, Jerry Funderburg 210, Cockayne 211.

**Guys & Dolls:** Nathan White 273/604, Randy Vasquez 238/633, Jeff Black 234/618, Denise Chavez 215, Casey Davis 294, Stacie Davis 195, Senior Davis 198.


**Friday – Vegas Gamblers:** Brandon Webb 279, Gary Wingett 278/704, Joe Lottspeich 256/704, Dexter Harrod 694, Lauren Bennett 268/674, Amanda Stewart 256, Sue Delgado 251, Emily Commiss 207.

Until next week, GOOD LUCK and HIGH SCORING!
It’s the 13th week and we have some great information and all of our specials and our youth website of years old..

Carol Mancini Sez The Answer is: Sequoia trees - they live to be thousands of years old.
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