Shannon O’Keefe Claims PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open

PLANO, Texas – Coming off a three-title season and then coaching her colleague team to two national titles, Shannon O’Keefe of O’Fallon, Illinois, seemingly could do no wrong. But bowling seems to have a way of challenging even the best players, and it took a little longer for O’Keefe to make her first television appearance of the 2017 Professional Women’s Bowling Association Tour season.

The top seed for the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, O’Keefe captured her fifth career PWBA title with a 202-200 victory over Colombia’s Clara Guerrero.

The stepladder finals were televised Tuesday on CBS Sports Network.

When the final match reached the 10th frame, O’Keefe simply had to watch as Guerrero stepped up to take the title with two strikes and a nine-count. But Guerrero left the 1-4-7-10 combination and did not convert the spare.

That left O’Keefe needing a spare and nine pins to take the match, and she took advantage of the opening to win the event and, in the process, turn around a troubling season.

“It’s been a challenging year,” O’Keefe said. “I missed the very first cut by seven pins, was frustrated by that, then dug my heels in and just had to grind every week. Then, in the middle of the season, I missed back-to-back cuts and was really upset. I don’t think I have been that upset over bowling, ever.”

Her thoughts went from questioning what she was doing to continued on page 6

BOWL  AN HONOR SCORE THIS MONTH?

Attention All Bowlers

Bowling News Honor Roll

Name    Score    Date    Center

Mike Edwards 801/300 06-25-17 Sands Bowl

Darryl Watkins 833/300 08-07-17 Vista Lanes

Ryan Lee (JR Bowler) 808 08-27-17 Keystone Lanes

Tracy Menzies 800/300 07-05-17 Valencia Lanes

Charles Kenny 828 07-05-17 Winnetka Bowl

San Mitchell 706 07-26-17 Winnetka Bowl

Romaulo Rodriguez Cruz 300 07-26-17 Harleys Camarillo

Sid Nakagawa 300 08-03-17 Cal Bowl

Scott Critchfield 833/300 08-02-17 Winnetka Bowl

Juan Bermoe 300 07-31-17 Winnetka Bowl

Travis Gilbreath 804/300 07-05-17 Buena Lanes

Emmerson Wafer 300 06-25-17 Cal Bowl

Mike Edwards 801/300 06-26-17 Sands Bowl

Romualdo Rodriguez Cruz 300 07-26-17 Harleys Camarillo

Wesley Low Jr 300 08-24-17 Northrock Lanes

Devron Lindsey 801 08-22-17 Action Lanes

Bob Ramsey (86 Yrs) 300 07-05-17 Buena Lanes

Jon Knapp 300 07-09-17 Cal Bowl

Jonathan Diso 300 07-10-17 Forest Lanes

Rick Stine 806 07-18-17 Winnetka Bowl

Kerry Tissler 300 08-23-17 Harleys Camarillo

Juan Vasquez 833/300 07-19-17 Sands Bowl

Dennis Sliva 300 07-19-17 Harleys Camarillo

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Montclair – It’s just around the corner and it’s arguably one of the most exciting amateur bowling tournaments in the state. It’s the Fab 5.

Details are just coming out about the tournament, which is sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors’ Assn. of America.

This much is known: The tournament will commence with qualifying at various bowling centers around the Southland in early October.

The finals will be held in early December at a site to be determined. Last year the top four teams in the state finals earned money. The five-member winning team won a total of $1,555.
The first topic of discussion was Bonding. President Neubig shared that USBC doesn’t cover league envelopes that mysteriously get lost while in a league secretary’s possession. By this he was referring to when bowlers turn in their envelopes to a league secretary, he or she needs to make sure they are not left out in plain sight while the secretary is up to bowl! Be sure to put them away in a safe place. Also, President Neubig read a questionnaire he found on bowl.com concerning whether a bowler who had a conviction of felony twenty years ago could hold the position of league secretary and the answer is no, they still cannot hold that position if they have been convicted of a prior felony. It was stressed that a good way for secretaries to keep track of money they have been given each week is to have a sheet that you have each team representative sign with the amount they are giving for each week to verify what they are paying so there is no misunderstanding and you can refer back to that sheet if there are any questions.

Assoc. Manager Nancy Weber then explained what she needs from secretaries when they submit their league’s sanction and the league bowlers’ sanction cards. One of the hardest things is getting all your league bowlers to fill out a sanction card the first night they are bowling as well as any bowlers that bowl in multiple leagues need to also fill out a sanction card form for all their additional leagues when they bowl in these other leagues their first time even though they have already paid for their card in their first league of the season. If you do not fill out a card for an additional league you are bowling in, your name will not be on the league roster. It should be the responsibility of the team captain to be sure all their team fills these cards out throughout the season when a bowler bowls on your team as a sub or alternate.

USBC sanction cards have gone up this season which reflects the dues increase passed a year ago at the USBC National Convention. Cards are $21 ($13 – National; $2 – State; and $6 – local). If you are a bowler transferring from another CA association and have a valid 2017-18 USBC card, the transfer fee is $6. If you are a bowler transferring from another state and have a valid USBC card, the fee is $8. Please fill out your USBC sanction card application clearly and if you have a pre-printed form (bowled in the same league last season), be sure to check that your name, address and phone are correct if you have moved or married. If any of this is incorrect, this is where your USBC card will be mailed and you might not get your card in the mail when they are mailed out. If you get married or have a change of address during this new season, you need to submit a new sanction card to get the information updated. It usually takes two months from the start of fall leagues to get your new USBC sanction cards. You can always go online to check to see if you are listed to check your status.

There is also a league roster sheet in all the secretaries’ league packets for the secretaries to list all their league bowlers that you send in with your sanction cards. You only need to send this sheet in once at the beginning of the season and the purpose of you providing all the names of your league bowlers to help Nancy if there is a place where she can double check a name of a bowler if she can’t read their sanction card application.

USBC will bond a league up to $10k. If a league’s prize fund exceeds $10k, you need to put that information on your league sanction form in order to be covered.

Hope this helps give you some further advice on what takes place and is discussed at this annual Workshop. It is open to any league officer and always takes place mid-August. This should also let you know how important it is to have both a league president and league secretary who are efficient and will take the time to do their job for the betterment of your league. This is why it is so important to have at least one team member attend the league meeting at the start of your season to be sure the correct people are elected to these positions.

**Bowling Calendar**

**September:**
- 1-3 – PBA Tony Rayes Memorial, 4th Street Bowl, San Jose
- 1-3 – Xtime Tournament Club, Labor Day Special, West Covina Lanes, West Covina
- 3-4 – PBA Tour Championship Season Finale, Richmond Int. Raceway, VA
- 15-17 – PBA/PBA50 Northeast/West, Utah
- 16 – Xtime Tournament Club, 4pm, 6pm, Cal Bowl, Lakewood
- 17 – Scratch 8-Gamer, Yosemiti Lanes, Modesto - 209/324-9161
- 17 – Jaquish Bowling Club Doubles Tourn., Porterville Lanes, 559/385-8837
- 17 – Mike Asa’s 8-Gamer
- 21-22 – 48th CSSBA Open Champs., Modesto, (five weekends), 925/757-2695
- 24 – GameTime Bowlers Battle 9 Finals, 10am, Deer Creek Lanes, Rancho Cucamonga
- 30-1 – 10th Don Glover Scratch Masters, AMF Southwest Lanes, Bakersfield

**October:**
- 1-2 – West Coast Bowling Con., Coconut Bowl, Sparks, NV, wcbowling.com
- 5-15 – Storm Festival of Bowling Med., Reno, REO, 80304-2895
- 6-8 – PBA Black at Black Oak, Touluma, CA
- 9-12 – Senior High Roller, The Orleans, Las Vegas, NV
- 13-15 – Pam Bucket Open Tour., NSB, Reno
- 14-26 – Stockton’s USBC Open Reno Med., Dills Singles, Grand Sierra Resort
- 15-16 – CSSBAC CA State Singles, Keystone Lanes, Norwalk, calbowl.com
- 17-22 – 40th ABT Nationals, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, abtbowling.com
- 21-22 – 48th CSSBA Open Champs., Modesto, (five weekends), 925/757-2895
- 29 – HammerPins Scratch Doubles 8-Gamer, 10am, AMF Rocklin Lanes

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**Ron Range Mesmerizes Torrance Gable House Bowlers With His Beautiful 11-In-A-Row**

TORRANCE – It was quite a day in the Roaring 90’s Scratch Doubles League on June 29th. After the first couple of frames, executing with his HYROD ball, everyone knew it was “just going to be Ron’s day … the 12th shot and “what a finish!” All of us felt immediate heart-ache for the “two pin” cost him his third perfect game!! …BUT, “HOLD EVERYTHING FOLKS” … “THAT LOUSY 2-PIN” JUST AWARDED RON HIS FIRST CAREER 299 GAME! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?

Ron became interested in bowling at the young age of eight years old. He became obsessed with practicing on his game. While attending college, even though he wasn’t able to participate in league play, he would go to Gable House to better his game.

His dedication brought him to the accomplished bowler he has become today. Ron recorded his career high game, a 300, in 2001 his second in 2004 and managed to maintain the Roaring 90’s League highest average of 206 over 51 games, our last season. WE ALL, CONGRATULATE THIS NICE YOUNG MAN.

**NORMALK —** At 77 years, Frank is cashing checks and wearing a champions crown. Recently Frank entered the National Senior Tournament at Texas Station — in the 75 and over division. To no ones surprise, Frank won and claimed the $1000.00 check.

For a guy who averages 150 in league play at West Covina Lanes and Shatto 39 Lanes he knows his way to the winners circle.

One of his fondest memories was the California State Senior Team Tournament in 2008. You can’t lose with this team! Richard Valdez, Bert Strat, Keith Kenworthy and Frank Menchaca.


**MEET FRANK MENCHACA!**
PBA Players Help Boston’s Mookie Betts Raise $150,000 for New England Kids’ Charities

Tommy Jones, Bill O’Neill, Dom Barrett, Tom Daugherty, Chris Via and Malaysia’s Zulkifli were participants in the inaugural Mookie Betts Big League Bowl held on August 17 at Jillian’s Lucky Strike Lanes in Boston, helping the Boston Red Sox star and noted bowling enthusiast raise more than $150,000 to benefit Pitching In For Kids and One Mission, a pair of charities aimed at improving the lives of children in New England and helping affected kids deal with their battles with cancer.

Betts, an accomplished bowler, competed in the 2015 GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling VII in Reno and in the 2017 CP3 PBA Celebrity Invitational in Los Angeles.

The inaugural fundraiser, held in an upscale bowling facility in the shadow of historic Fenway Park, also included a group of Betts’ Red Sox teammates.

Jason Belmonte Wins PBA-WBT “Storm Lucky Larsen Masters” in Sweden for 15th Career Title

MALMO, Sweden – Australia’s Jason Belmonte defeated Cameron Weier of Tacoma, Wash., 245-180, to win the PBA International-World Bowling Tour’s Storm Lucky Larsen Masters at Baltiska Bowlinghallen Sunday for his 15th career PBA Tour title.

Belmonte, 34, joined EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., as the only three-time PBA Tour title winners in 2017. Earlier in the year, Belmonte won the Barbaros PBA Players Championship and a record fourth USBC Masters title. His win in Sweden, a new event on the PBA International-WBT schedule, was his second international tour title. He also won the 2012 Australian Masters.

After qualifying first for the Malmo stepladder finals by 45 pins over Weier, Belmonte started the title match with two spares followed by a string of six strikes to build a lead Weier couldn’t overcome. Belmonte won the equivalent of $19,832 along with his title.

Weier, a 26-year-old former Robert Morris-Illinois collegiate star, won his only PBA Tour title in the 2015 Qatar Open. He defeated Finland’s Jari Ratia, 226-194, to advance to the title match.

The Malmo tournament – named for Swedish PBA star Martin Larsen – was a World Bowling Tour points event. The top three men and top three women in 2017 WBT points will bowl in the WBT Men’s and Women’s Finals, presented by the PBA, during the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, on Nov. 19 in Reno, Nev. Two additional qualifying events – the WBT Thailand in September, and the PBA World Championship in Reno – remain on the schedule prior to the finals.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WORLD BOWLING TOUR STORM LUCKY LARSEN MASTERS
Baltiska Bowlinghallen, Malmo, Sweden, Sunday

Final Standings:
1, Jason Belmonte, Australia, $19,832.
2, Cameron Weier, Tacoma, Wash., $13,635.
3, Jari Ratia, Finland, $9,916.
4, Pontus Andersson, Sweden, $8,057.

“Californian” JERRY WOOD Laughlin Superstar

by Frank Weiler

LAUGHLIN, NV – Big Shots, Big Scores, Big Wins. That is what what CALIFORNIA bowlers are about. That is what “Californian” Jerry Wood is all about. That is what Jerry Wood is all about when he goes to Laughlin and hits the lanes.

Big Shots, Big Scores, Big Wins. BIG, BIG, BIG in RIVER CITY. That is why Jerry Wood is a Laughlin Superstar. He makes big shots, big scores and has big wins.

Twice a year (January and August) Jerry is among a hundred or so bowlers from Arizona, CALIFORNIA and Nevada who converge on “River City” to compete in the Laughlin Blast Tournament. A Senior Handicap No-Tap Tournament for bowlers fifty and older. Each Blast is actually three tournaments, with champions crowned Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Though Jerry is 80 years young he enjoys beating the pants off the 50 year old kids. He won the Laughlin Blast “Triple Crown” in the summer of 2015 (winning the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday tournaments), won a title again in 2016 and last week won again. He has won titles in three consecutive years.

In addition to all those titles Jerry is rolling some of the biggest scores in Laughlin Blast history. Last Monday he bowled an incredible 920 (298-318-304) handicap series. The score may be the highest series in “BLAST” history. Jerry also combined with partner Frank Weiler for a phenomenal 1,757 (920-837) doubles set.

Jerry Wood is a CALIFORNIA bowler and a Laughlin Superstar. He has been bowling for three score years and is in such good shape the odds are he will be competing in Laughlin when he is 100 years old. Jerry Wood is another example of why CALIFORNIA bowlers are the best in the world.
AGOURA HILLS – I know. I know. It had to happen. Buy a cheap watch and this is what you get: A watch that expires before its time. It’s sad. So, sad.

It did its job so beautifully and made this bowling writer a happy person who showed up for interviews and bowling sessions on time. I thought my watch would survive years of use, perhaps decades. I thought my watch could stand the test of time – indefinitely. But I was wrong.

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, my beloved watch passed away in its sleep without notice after flawlessly ticking away on my wrist for 1 year, 4 months and 6 days. Cause of death: a broken-down battery. I’ve written extensively about the troubles I’ve had finding a watch that wouldn’t fall apart. My previous watches came from trustworthy places such as Costco and T.J. Maxx and ranged from $70 to $140. No cheapies there.

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Friends and family applauded how much I became attached to this watch. A comment from Facebook friend Rob McNaughton was typical: “I gave up on expensive watches long ago,” Rob wrote. “I’ve had a watch that I bought at Walmart over 10 years ago and never have had to replace the battery! And it’s got BIG numbers that I can read in my old age!”

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That’s not to say he’s bowling as well now as he did before. But he’s still in the game, still improving and he’s enjoying a new side of the game – so to speak. He’s still looking for his groove. But time is on his side.

Then there’s Michael Antin. Another lights-out bowler in his heyday, Michael realized he needed to make changes after a series of injuries robbed him of his ability to blast away at the pins. So he now bowls craftily, throwing precise shots that hook sweetly into the pocket.

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by Fred Eisenhammer

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WEST COVINA – Sol Cericos bowled tough and won his 2nd Xframe title at Bowlium Lanes. Qualifying in the 4:00 PM squad and winning the title which featured a Beat the Board Finals Format. He took home a nice $750 and a nice $1,500 top spot as they tied for top spot with a Nice +155. We then had a full game-off title match. Sol came out on top as he fired a 254 game to Mark Lester Anthony to win the title. Sol earned a $500 bonus and a nice $1,500. Mark Lester let himself be known at the 3rd, he could have won it all but ended runner-up and took home a nice $750. In 3rd was Tess Dizon with a nice +148, she got $131. 5 others were close and could have won, including 4th Jessica Garcia +135

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Speaking of Jaimee and Tess! They shared a sweet $2,805 Match Game. They each shot 222 in Game 3 to split the cash, $1,403 each.

Sol hails from Arcadia and is a loyal Xframe Bowler and friend. He used an Anarchy/Storm drilled by Memo at Chaparral Lanes. Sol Cericos is married to Mary with two daughters Hannah and Maegan and one son AJ. Mark Lester Anthony is from Montclair, married to Odette with 4 kids. He also hails from Arcadia. Memo Chaparral and used a Pitch-Black Storm. His father also is a good bowler and a regular supporter of the ABTA when I was there and soon will join Xframe after his injury heals. A great guy!! Good people here folks!!

Tess Dizon is from San Bernadino, married to Lito with a cute, smart daughter Angelina. She used a CRUX Storm drilled by Dave at West Covina Lanes.

Jessica Garcia is from Artesia married to Marc and used a Hammer drilled by Jeremy at Cerritos Lanes. They have three daughters. Congrats to all who cashed and hope to see you this Big Weekend at West Covina

Special Thanks to Bowlium Host of the Xframe 800 League Saturday AM for their professionalism, we will return.

THIS WEEK IS OUR BIG LABOR DAY WEEKEND EVENT SEPTEMBER 1-2-3 AT POPULAR WEST COVINA LANES. Make plans and join us at West Covina Lanes, $6,000 1st with Bounties.

At West Covina, we will use same format as the July 4 Special at CAL BOWL. We are done by Midnight Sunday night.

CHECK IN EARLY PLEASE ESPECIALLY AT 2:30 AND 4:00 SUNDAY. Hope to see you there for the FUN.

WEST COVINA – Sol Cericos bowled tough and won his 2nd Xframe title at Bowlium Lanes. (he won his first event also at Bowlium in June). He downed Mark Lester Anthony in a roll-off after they tied to the pin in the Beat the Board Event. (L to R) are Jeff Taino - Director, Mark Lester Anthony Runner up $750, Sol Cericos Champ $1,500, Tess Dizon 4th $313, Jessica Garcia 5th $150 and Reny Alkonga Director.

Cericos Loves Bowlium Lanes Wins 2nd Xframe Title

Name Score Prize Bonus
1 Cericos, Sol 755 $1,000 $250 $63
2 Anthony, Marklester 755 $500 $250 $63
3 Dios, Tess 749 $500 $250 $63
4 Garcia, Jessica 735 $500 $250 $63
5 Kelsey, Dennis 734 $125
6 Pamintuan, Jaimee 726 $100
7 Cunanan, Kimel 724 $90
8 Pascual, Darren 707 $87
9 Stokes, Robert 705 $85
10 Avelia, Tito 700 $80
11 Borillo, Ramonie 696 $75
12 Tran, Parker 694 $60
13 Anonas, Edward P 688 $50
14 Vejar, Carlos 677 $50
15 Lalas, Evelyn 676 $50
16 Samson, Richard 668 $45
17 Bachus III, Louis 664 $45
18 Allen, Ferdinand 650 $35
19 Barcelona, Jojo 660 $50
20 Alarcon, Jamescart 650 $50
21 Borillo, Leah 657 $50
22 Ferguson(RH), Lordan 656 $50
23 Manuel, Katie 650 $50
24 Palma, Ed 648 $50
25 Mercado, Robert 640 $50
26 Perez, Eric 634 $50
27 Kusman, John Jr 650 $50
28 Serrano, Sylvia 626 $25
29 Toro, Floyd 597 $50
30 Marcella, Cesar 571 $25

FINANCIAL REPORT

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Saturday: Men: +113 Women: +69
Seniors: Men: +109 Women: +63

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Two Ladies Share Match Game of $2,806 at Bowlium

Two Pretty Xframe Lady Regulars Jamee Pamintuan (left) and Tess Dizon at the (right) shared a $2,805 Match Game at the Bowlium Saturday Night with a nice 222 Scratch Game 3 Score taking home a nice $1,403 each. They are Most Deserving. Congrats to 2 Classy Ladies.
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doing to possibly taking a week off and going home. Instead, her husband, Bryan, worked with her each round of the PWBA Orlando Open, including practice sessions, giving her one goal on which to focus.

“He said to exaggerate my pushaway, then work on keeping my elbow a little tighter at the bottom, then the next round was keep my left arm really stable,” said O’Keefe, who coaches the McKendree women’s bowling team during the school year. “By the end of the tournament, it’s the best I have felt throwing the ball in a year and a half. And that just snowballed into the rest of the season.”

Guerrero, who has battled injuries since late last year, also was making her first TV appearance of the season and was attempting to climb the stepladder as the No. 4 seed.

In the opening match, Guerrero struck on four of her first six shots to get past Danielle McEwan of Stony Point, New York, 215-198.

Also making her first TV appearance was Giselle Poss of Montgomery, Illinois, a 2016-2017 National Tenpin Coaches Association first-team All-American at Vanderbilt competing in just her fourth PWBA event.

Poss held a slim lead heading into the seventh frame, but back-to-back open frames – missing a 7-pin and failing to convert the more difficult 2-4-8-10 combination – cut short her bid to advance as Guerrero took a 235-214 victory to reach the title match.

The qualifying and match-play rounds of the PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open took place July 6-8 at Seminole Lanes in Seminole, Florida. It was the second consecutive year Seminole Lanes hosted the tournament. The stepladder finals were one of three shows taped at Plano Super Bowl, in conjunction with the U.S. Women’s Open, for later broadcast on CBS Sports Network.

The finals of the PWBA Orlando Open aired Aug. 15, and the Nationwide PWBA Rochester Open finals will be broadcast on CBS Sports Network on Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. EDT.

PWBA ORLANDO OPEN

Final standings
1, Shannon O’Keefe, O’Fallon, Ill., 202 (1 game), $10,000
2, Clara Guerrero, Colombia, 650 (3 games), $5,000
3, Giselle Poss, Montgomery, Ill., 214 (1 game), $3,500
4, Danielle McEwan, Stony Point, N.Y., 198 (1 game), $3,000

Stepladder results
Match One – Guerrero def. McEwan, 215-198
Semifinal – Guerrero def. Poss, 235-214
Championship – O’Keefe def. Guerrero, 202-200
To The Editor

Carol, some other facts about that PCB tournament. Two factors contributed to the high scores. First, Roy Horineke was the laneman at Bowling Square so the lanes were blocked big time. Second, it was the era of “soak- ers” and most every one had one. Unfortunately Dick Strobridge did not, so E.G. Mock lent him one of his.

Not that unusual except that FG was left handed and Dick was right handed. So the 300 he shot was with a left handed drilled ball. In the championship game Lee Taylor and unfortunately I can’t remember the other bowler’s name but they both shot 278 and since Lee was ahead going in he won.

It was the weirdest tournament I ever saw with high scores everywhere. If I remember rightly Clark Moore from (I think) Riverside shot 279,289,299 his last three games. Your mentioning it brought back my memories of that tournament.  

Dave Precht!

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Rhino Page Ends Title Slump with PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic Win - EJ Tackett Claims Storm Cup

COLDWATER, Ohio – Rhino Page of Orlando, Fla., defeated rookie Chris Via of Springfield, Ohio, 190-173, to win his first Professional Bowlers Association singles title in seven years Sunday in the PBA Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Group Classic at Pla-Mor Lanes. Earlier in the event, EJ Tackett of Huntington, Ind., clinched the PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup title in a finale without much drama.

The Kenn-Feld Classic championship match reflected the challenging scoring environment, where strings of strikes were rare and spares were at a premium. Via, the tournament leader coming into the title match, left a 2-10 split and opened in the first frame. Page returned the favor, leaving a 3-7-9 split and opening in the sixth frame.

After a ball change that resulted in a cross-over strike, Page tacked on another for the only double of match, taking a six-pin lead. Via then left a 4-9 split in the ninth and opened again. Needing a double in the 10th to force Page to mark in his final frame, the former Notre Dame College two-handed player got the first strike but not the second.

All Page needed was seven pins to end his title slump, and he threw a strike to lock up his fifth career title.

“I can’t even catch my breath,” Page said. “It feels so wonderful, I can’t even describe it. I can’t thank the guys who helped me keep my head up the past seven years.

“I think (Pla-Mor Lanes) is one place that shows it’s not always about the (lane conditioning) pattern, but the playing surface as well. It’s not like there were a lot of strikes to be had, so I relied on my spare game, and that was the key.”

In the opening match, Jason Sterner of Rockledge, Fla., struck on five of his first six shots and held a 36-pin lead, but lost his momentum when he left a 4-7-10 split and opened in the seventh frame. Given an opening, Joe Bailey, a 35-year-old veteran of PBA Central Region competition with one title, responded with a double, but needing a double in the 10th frame, he left the 3-4-6-7 split and opened. Sterner won, 209-179, but Bailey recorded his highest finish (fourth place) in 39 national tour events.

Sterner quickly became a victim of the challenging scoring environment in the semifinal match, dropping a 214-168 decision to Page, who started with a spare and three strikes, and stayed out of trouble the rest of the game to earn his shot at the title. The Xtra Frame Kenn-Feld Classic was the final tournament in the seven-event PBA Xtra Frame Storm Cup series that awarded $50,000 in bonus prizes to the five points leaders, including $20,000 to Tackett as the points champion. Tackett came into Coldwater with a nine-point lead in the Storm Cup race, and picked up two more points in his final frame, the former Notre Dame College two-handed player got the first strike but not the second.

The entire Xtra Frame Tour and Storm Cup series was live streamed on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. PBA XTRA FRAME KENN-FELD CLASSIC Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio, Sunday

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NORWALK – The Junior Amateur Tour kicked off their 2017-2018 Season with an event at Keystone Lanes last Sunday. 65 bowlers took to the lanes including 12 in the newly-created Preps Division geared toward bowlers 140-165 average. Scoring was high as the bowlers came out of with their striking shoes on!

Thanks to a generous grant from the Bowling Centers of Southern California (the local association of bowling proprietors) the newly formed Preps Division took the lanes for the first time. With the sponsorship, the 140-165 average Preps bowl three games for only a $10 entry fee and have the chance to earn SMART Scholarship funds for their efforts. $275 in scholarship funds were awarded to our Preps. The first Preps Champion was Luke Mercado with a 525 series earning him a championship plaque and $75 scholarship. Other cashers included Louis DePero- 488 (plaque & $55 scholarship), Emily Schrödter- 472 (plaque & $55 scholarship), Kaidynn Yukihito- 455 ($45 scholarship) and Aidan Contreras- 437 ($35 scholarship). We hope to see more bowlers come out and get some tournament experience in the new Preps Division in upcoming events!

In the JAT Farm Club (averages 165-190), a field of 30 bowlers took the lanes. After 5 games of qualifying, southpaw Brandon Howard led the pack at +64 followed closely by Alex Zieg +25 and Andrew Chan +22. Low to advance was Zachary Alaya at -145. Match-play saw the three leaders extend their leads as Brandon Howard’s 4-1 record and 120 bonus pins catapulted him to +339 followed by Chan at +306 and Howard at +261.

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WINNETKA — Here are the top scores from the summer leagues at Winnetka Bowl in July and August. Leagues are wrapping up this week and our fall season will start right away. If you haven’t signed up yet, it’s not too late. Stop by or give us a call at 818-340-5190. Also, if you’re in Pro Zone and visit Rusty or Karl to have your equipment given a tune-up before the season starts. Check with us for avail-

utable practice rates. Get out and throw a few

Vegas Clutches: — It’s tight at the top, between Two Dranks, Minimum, Destination #1 and Into the Woods. I wonder who is going to take first place? Scores from week 19: Game One: Jimmy Hamilton 214/606, Rey Santos 216/562, Bob Sneed 213/601, Dave Tubaugh 211/592, Kathy Boyett 189.

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