SPARTANBURG — Aging like a fine wine, PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray Williams Jr. of Oxford, Fla., celebrated his 58th birthday Friday, six days after defeating amateur Robert Crain of Goshen, S.C., 257-174, for his 105th career PBA title Sunday in Spartanburg, S.C.

Williams, PBA’s all-time leading title winner, picked up his third PBA50 regional title in the month of September in the PBA50 J & L Sports Spartanburg South Open at Paradise Lanes. Over his 37-year PBA career, he has won 47 PBA50 Regional titles, 11 PBA50 Tour and now 15 PBA50 Regional titles.

Unofficially, Williams has competed in 823 PBA Tour, 192 PBA Regional, 11 PBA50 Tour and now 15 PBA50 Regional titles.

After qualifying in a tie for 15th place to slip into the Spartanburg elimination bracket finals, he never looked back in winning five consecutive matches on his way to the $1,900 first prize. Crain pocketed $1,000 as the runner-up.

Williams started his climb by eliminating Joe Scarborough of Charlotte, N.C., 2-0 in the best-of-three-game Round of 16, followed by a 2-0 sweep of Ernie Segura of Taylor, Mich., in the Round of 12; another 2-0 sweep of Roy Davis of Lumberton, N.C., in the Round of 8; and 210-195 victory over Doug Becker of Clermont, Fla., in the semifinal round. Crain won his Rounds of 12 and 8 matches before rallying to eliminate PBA Hall of Famer Tom Baker of King, N.C., 199-178, in his semifinal match.

HERMOSILLO, Mexico — Jenny Wegner from Sweden will be back to try to become the 4th woman to win back to back titles following her victory in Shanghai last year. There she qualified for the arena finals in fourth place, but beat the leader, Bernice Lim of Singapore, in the semi final and went on the beat USA player Danielle McEwan in the final.

Jenny will face tough competition from Aumi Guerra from the Dominican Republic, herself a two-time champion (2010 in Toulon, 2011 in Johannesburg). No woman has yet won the title three times: could it be this year for Aumi?

Siu Hong Wu, our champion two years ago in Las Vegas, will be making a welcome return. He was the first player from Hong Kong to claim the title, when he beat Jaris Goh of Singapore in the semi final then Francois Louw of South Africa in the final, and would clearly like to repeat that feat.

Joint third place finisher from last year, Anze Grabijan of Slovenia, will be returning as well. His third place was the highest ever in the Bowling World Cup for a player from Slovenia.

Family connections run deep at the World Cup. This time we have two mother and son combinations: Sue Abeida and Justin Scicluna, representing Malta and Shagdar and Odkhuu Narantuyu representing Mongolia. Sue will actually be competing for the 13th time in the event, while Justin has competed once before, in 2011. It is a first time appearance for both Mongolian players.

Then there is the father and daughter team of Valentin and Laura Piros from Romania, both of whom will be competing for the first time.

The husband and wife team of Khaled and Hela Meziou will be the competitors for Tunisia, for the 8th time, while Dhirav Sarda will be emulating his father yet again by representing India. Harsh Vardan Sarda played in the event in 1999 and 2004. They are believed to be the only father and son combination ever to compete in the Bowling World Cup. Watching her son, Ryan, participate for Canada will be Miriam Reiz who played in 1978 when the event was in Bogota, Colombia.
PBA League Returns to Portland, Maine in April 2018 for Season Six

Four telecasts including Elias Cup finals to conclude Go Bowling! PBA Tour’s ESPN schedule

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association’s PBA League will return to Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in April where the most fan-loving, raucous fans in bowling will help celebrate PAL season six, closing out the ESPN portion of the inaugural Go Bowling! PBA Tour! PBA Tour schedule includes four consecutive Sunday telecasts, including the PBA League Elias Cup finals on Sunday, May 13, at 10 a.m.

Leading the eight-team pack into the fast-paced sixth season of PBA League competition will be player-manager Norm Duke’s Dallas Strikers, in search of their third consecutive Elias Cup. Chasing the Strikers again will be the hometown Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack; the Silver Lake Atom Splitters, managed by Mark Baker; the Philadelphia Hitmen, managed by Jason Couch; L.A.-X, managed by Andrew Cain; the New York City WTT Kingpins, managed by Carolyn Dorin-Ballard; the Motown Muscle, managed by Del Ballard, and the Brooklyn Styles, styled by Johnny Petraglia.

In keeping with tradition, the PBA League will officially get underway with team managers announcing the names of three players from their 2017 rosters who they want to protect when the annual player draft is held. On January 7 Duke and Mack (Dallas and Portland) will name three players from their 2017 rosters they want to retain for the new season. On January 14, Baker and Couch (Silver Lake and Philadelphia) will announce their three protected players. Cain and Dorin-Ballard (L.A.-X and New York City) will select their three protected players by no later than January 21, and Ballard and Petraglia (Motown and Brooklyn) will have until January 28 to name their three protected players.

All eight teams will then round out their five-player rosters in the PBA League Draft which will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in Indianapolis, site of the Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, at Woodland Bowl. The draft will be live streamed on PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame, with teams picking in reverse order of how they finished in 2017. That means Brooklyn will select first – in both rounds – followed by Motown, New York City, L.A., Philadelphia, Silver Lake, Portland and Dallas. Of note, the 2018 draft will not use the serpentine order used in previous years.

There will also be a change in eligibility rules for players wanting to enter the 2018 draft pool. Players who will be eligible for the draft must finish in the top 75 on the 2017-18 PBA Tour-World Bowling Tour earnings money list for 2017 through the 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions which ends February 11. Players from 2017 teams who are not protected by their team managers will not be automatically eligible for the draft. The eligibility list will be published on Feb. 11; eligible players must then declare their intention to participate in the draft by Feb. 12.

The PBA League’s return to Portland will get underway with the PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout April 17-19, with a PBA Tour title at stake in an open entry event that will be covered from start to finish on Xtra Frame.

On Friday, April 20, all PBA League teams will bowl an eight-game Baker format “seeding tournament” to determine seeding positions for the Baker format single-elimination match play bracket.

The PBA League finals will take place on Sunday, April 29, with the No. 1 seed team vs. No. 4 vs. No. 5 on the first ESPN telecast that will air on Sunday, April 22. Immediately following on Saturday will be the second round of quarterfinal round robin matches between team No. 2 vs. No. 7, and No. 3 vs. No. 6. Those matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, April 29. All quarterfinal matches will be “best of two-game” Baker format team contests with a one-ball roll-off to break any ties.

Saturday’s winning teams will advance to the semifinal round on Sunday, April 22, at 9 a.m. The semifinal round winners will then bowl for the Elias Cup later on Sunday. The semifinal matches will air on ESPN on Sunday, May 6, with the Elias Cup finals airing on May 13.

All PBA League matches will be live streamed as they happen on ESPN3 and the ESPN app.

At the conclusion of the competition, the PBA will announce the Mark Roth PBA League Most Valuable Player.

2018 PBA LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Jan. 7 – Deadline for Dallas Strickers & Portland Lumberjacks to protect three rostered players
Jan. 14 – Deadline for Silver Lake Atom Splitters & Philadelphia Hitmen to protect three rostered players
Jan. 21 – Deadline for L.A.-X and NYC WTT Kingpins to protect three rostered players
Jan. 28 – Deadline for Motown Muscle & Brooklyn Styles to protect three rostered players
Feb. 12 – Deadline for eligible players to declare for the 2018 PBA League Draft
Feb. 13 – 2018 PBA League Draft, Indianapolis
April 17-20 – PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout, Bayseid Bowl, Portland, Maine (companion event open to all players)
April 20 – PBA League eight-game Baker format seeding tournament, Bayside Bowl
April 21 – PBA League quarterfinal matches one (61 seed vs. 88 seed) and two (64 seed vs. 65 seed), and matches three (62 seed vs. 87 seed) and four (63 seed vs. 86 seed), Bayside Bowl
April 22 – ESPN telecast of quarterfinal matches one and two, 10 a.m.
April 22 – Semifinal matches one (winners of quarterfinal matches one and two) and two (winners of quarterfinal matches three and four), Bayside Bowl
April 29 – ESPN telecast of quarterfinal matches three and four, 10 a.m.
May 6 – ESPN telecast of semifinal matches, 10 a.m.
May 13 – ESPN telecast of Elias Cup championship match, 10 a.m.

HISTORY OF PBA LEAGUE ELIAS CUP CHAMPIONS

2013 NYC WTT Kingpins presented by GEICO
Tommy Jones / Jack Jurek / John Szczerbinski / Scott Norton / Pete Weber / Kelly Kulick
2014 Silver Lake Atom Splitters
Bryan Smith / Chris Barnes / Dom Barrett / Wes Malott / Tommy Jones
2015 Bass Pro Shops Silver Lake Atom Splitters
Mike Kelly / Chris Barnes / Norm Duke / Tom Daugherty / Dick Allen
2016 Gold Bowling.com Dallas Strikers
Norm Duke / Bill O’Neil / Shawn Maldonado / BJ Moore / Tommy Jones
2017 Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers
Bill O’Neil / Norm Duke / Rhine Page / BJ Moore / Tommy Jones

HISTORY OF MARK ROTH PBA LEAGUE MVP AWARD WINNERS

2014 Chris Barnes 2015 Tommy Jones
2015 Dick Allen 2017 Norm Duke

2017 Shipyard Brewing Dallas Strikers
Bill O’Neil / Norm Duke / Rhine Page / BJ Moore / Tommy Jones
NORWALK/SATURDAY – Ryan Lee and Dillon O’Neil outscored a packed field to capture JBT titles in the season-opener of the 2017-18 JBT Southern California Conference, held at Keystone Lanes in Norwalk.

Anthony Scharen began the division step ladder finals with a 209-158 win over Las Vegas Open champ Garrett Lee. Ken Simmons and Lee defeated Scharen 248-146, and followed with a 191-170 win over Ryan Howieson to move on to the title match.

Top seed Ryan Lee squeezed in as the last bowler in the first cut, then put together a big second round to grab the lead. Andrews meanwhile had began the day on fire with 3-4-2, and then had to regroup to get to the final game. A second half string from Lee put the previously close title game away, and the 229-191 final score was good for the first seed and overall second title of Lee’s JBT career.

Caleb Rothstein began the handicap division stepladder with a 227-184 win over Patrick Sablan. O’Neil took over, beating Rothstein 233-197 and following with a 228-215 win over Tanner Fergus to reach the title match.

O’Neil ten took over, beating Rothstein 233-197 and following with a 228-215 win over Tanner Fergus to reach the final game. A second half string from Lee put the previously close title game away, and the 191-170 final score was good for the second seed and overall second title of Lee’s JBT career.

Thanks to additional great contributions from MSC Inc, and the bonus funds created from our Ebonite ball raffle, $2,283 in scholarships were awarded on the day, with the top 5 finishers headed Pam Faller 203-201 for the day’s title and $50 bonus prize, while Faller earned $25, courtesy of vision last season, but perhaps a new year means new luck for her, as she squeezed by newcomer Ferguson to reach the title match.

Rivers has been paying his dues on Tour, and it all came together for him in a very well bowled match by both players, “O” came up with the 244-229 win, earning the first title of his JBT career.

Manuel Gonzalez was wonderful in qualifying to gain the top seed, and continued the torrid pace through matchplay, beating Caleb Rothstein, Shane Howard, and then Connor Steelmon-Hill in the semifinal, to reach the title match. On the other side of the bracket, Jaclyn Arvedo earned the #2 seed, beat Cameron Ross in round one, but fell to the seemingly unstoppable 10-year-old freight train that is Gage Baker in the semifinals to set up the title match.

Both bowlers put on great performances in the final, but this time it was Gonzalez doing what few others have done lately, beating Gage 223-221 for the first title of his JBT career. Renee Gentry earned a $50 scholarship as the Priority Girls Scratch champ with a win over competitive newcomer Pamela Faller. Guf Egana earned the 1/2 title division with a win over Howieson in that title match.

Thanks to Priority Girl, MSC (who also awarded a $200 progressive bonus to Mabry for the perfect), and Ebonite, over $2,200 was awarded on the day, and over $4,500 on the weekend, to bowlers of all ages and averages—wow! Want in on the fun? Just check out our schedule and come on down!
PBA REGIONAL UPDATE:

BOHR EXTENDS REGIONAL TITLE STREAK TO 11 YEARS

PBA Southwest Region Hall of Famer Nathan Bohr from Austin, Texas, won six of his eight matches to overtake qualifying leader Anthony Lavery-Spahr of Pasadena, Texas, and claim his 23rd PBA Regional title in the inaugural PBA Liberal Kansas Southwest Open Sunday at Ayclay Lanes.

Bohr not only earned $4,000, but also stretched his personal record for winning at least one PBA Regional title to 11 consecutive years.

Bohr trailed Lavery-Spahr until the sixth game of the six-game modified round-robin match play finals when he defeated Brad Miller of Maryland Heights, Mo., 269-216, while Lavery-Spahr suffered a disastrous 256-146 loss to Canada’s Francois Lavoie. Taking a 42-pin lead going into position round against Lavery-Spahr, Bohr won the decisive match, 254-200, to claim the title, while collegiate bowler Cortez Schenck from Phoenix defeated Mark Scroggins of Canyon, Texas, 203-160, to move into second place. Bohr finished the event with a 21-game total of 5,018 pins, including match play bonus pins, for a 93-pin margin of victory over Schenck.


Williams, the PBA’s all-time leading champion, won a $1,800 prize. His composite PBA titles total includes PBA Tour, PBA Regional, PBA50 Tour and PBA50 Regional victories.

- In the best-of-three semifinal round, Williams defeated top qualifier Chuck Walker of Bismarck, N.D., 226-222, 255-267, 258-216 while Brousseau rallied to edged Brian Kretzer of Dayton, Ohio, 200-207, 244-176, 199-182.

- Chris Loschetter of Avon, Ohio defeated Matt Ogle of Louisville, Ky., by 62 pins Sunday to win the PBA Florence Bowl Center Central Open in Florence, Ky.

Loschetter finished with a 7-3 match play record and a total of 4,200 pins for 18 games, including match play bonus pins, to win the $2,000 first prize and his 15th career regional title.


Cavagnaro, bowling anchor, needed a double in the final frame for the title. After struggling earlier on the right lane, he made a ball change in the eighth frame which allowed him to throw the clinching double in the 10th. The title was the second for each bowler, who also earned $2,000 each.

In the best-of-three semifinal round, Conway and Cavagnaro defeated Tony Reynaud of Harwinton, Conn. and Anthony Pepe of Elmhurst, N.Y., 2-0, while Edwards and O’Grady defeated the father/son team of Steve Pavliko Sr. and Jr. of Sewell, N.J., 2-0.

- Tom Hess of Urbana, Iowa, defeated amateur Rick Miller of Lincoln, Neb., by 93 pins over a span of 13 games to win the PBA Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open in Omaha, Neb., Sunday.

In picking up his 10th career title, Hess won five of his six matches and posted a 3,044 pinfall total to top Miller’s 2,951 total to earn $1,800.

Scott Merritt of Iowa City, Iowa, defeated Jim Knoblauch of Waukesha, Wis., 2,990-2,981, to win the companion PBA50 Mockingbird Lanes Midwest Open. Merritt, a PBA50 rookie, earned his second title of the year plus the $1,500 first prize.

- Jakob Butturff of Tempe, Ariz., posted a 5-5 match play record and knocked down 4,749 pins Sunday to win his 12th career regional title and second in a row in the PBA Northwest/West TSI Inc. Open at Paradise Lanes in Tacoma, Wash.

Butturff, who earned $2,000, defeated David Haynes of Las Vegas, by 73 pins for the title. Haynes had a 7-2-1 match play record and 4,676 total pins for his 18 games including match play bonus pins.

In the companion PBA50 Open, Hugh Miller of Mercer Island, Wash., won 7-1 and knocked down 3,861 total pins for 16 games to top Kevin Croucher of Grants Pass, Ore., by 44 pins for his eighth PBA50 West Region title. Croucher had a 5-3 match play record and a total of 3,817 pins.

- Steve Arehart won his second PBA title near his hometown on Sunday, Sept. 17, defeating PBA Tour titist Dick Allen of Columbia, S.C., 246-140, to win the second annual PBA Century Lanes Hampton South Open in Hampton, Va.

Arehart, from nearby Chesapeake, was the top qualifier for the stepladder finals in leading the event from wire to wire. In the first stepladder match Allen defeated Chris Arcaro of Carolina Beach, N.C. 210-205. Allen then elimi- nated Kyle Troup of Troup, N.C., 230-185, in the semifinal match.

- For complete PBA Regional schedules, rules and entry information, visit pba.com, open the “schedules” tab and click on PBA Regional Tours to find the event(s) in your area...and remember, you can follow “live scoring” for all PBA Regional events on pba.com (easily accessible for Apple device users using the new PBA app).

QUICK NOTES

- PBA star Chris Barnes and his PWBA champion wife Lynda will host their 13th annual Barnes Thanksgiving Classic youth scholarship tournament Nov. 24-26 at Plano Super Bowl in Plano, Texas. There will be scratch and handicap divisions, and a 13 & Under Division. For more information, visit the Barnes Thanksgiving Classic Facebook page.

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HANDBALL SEVEN GAMER IS SET FOR SATURDAY

You still have time to sign up for Bellevue Bowl’s Handicap Singles Seven Gamer this Saturday, Oct. 14. The entry fee is $60. Action starts at 11 a.m. and you will be using your 2017 book average. There is a guaranteed first place of $350 based on 40 entries. The tourney is open to all men and women who are members of the USBC. One out of every 5 will cash. You will roll 7 games moving one pair of lanes to the right after each game. The top 5 qualifiers will then move to a step ladder final. Entry forms are now available at Bellevue Bowl. This will be a fun tournament and it is not certified by the USBC. Give Sean McCulloch a call at 209-358-6466 to reserve a spot or for information.

Handicap Take the Battle at Black Oak

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DOD RESULTS FROM SANTA MARIA

The crowd from the Merced/Atwater area bowlers was sparse this year during the Co- lumbus weekend Department of Defense tournament held every year at Rancho Bowl. It looks like the only locals making a some bucks were Bob Heller and J.D. Lawson during the payday on Sunday evening. The attendance has dwindle ever since the leader of the local group Johnel Maryland was injured in an automobile accident few years back. Maryland was the driving force by getting bowlers to drive to Santa Maria for this big money event. Coming in second was Chris Warren of Grands Pass, Ore. with a 5-5 record for $1,300 was edged out by 6 pins by Haggerty. A couple of Modesto bowlers picked up some bucks as Wayne Garber placed in 6th for $700, and Landyn Carnate in 8th place for $400.

FRESNO'S CHIN WINS DON GLOVER MASTERS

Ridic Chin, the youngsters masters winner at 23 won the 10th Annual Don Glover Masters in Bakersfield recently and took home the Glover trophy and a check for $3,000. Seeded number one, Chin took on the second seed in Ray Lussier from San Jose. He defeated Lussier 245-193 for the win. Chin started the final match with five strikes and led by 50 going into the tenth frame. He was averaging 244 in the match play finals. He also rolled a 300 during the tourney. Chin is attending Fresno City College and will be enrolling at Fresno State for this 5th year. He has been coached by Chris Preble of Fresno State which is known as the top bowling coach in California. A total prize fund of $11,399 was paid out down to 14th with 71 entries. Two of our Modesto bowlers came home with a few bucks in their pocket as Wayne Garber finished in 11th for $230 and Landyn Carnate in 14th for $200.

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UP YOUR ALLEY... by Don Serdich

SATURDAY SPORT GOES TO SWEDEN

LAKESLINOORE – Week four of the Pins ’N Pockets Saturday Sport league started it’s three week run on the 2016 WTBA Stockholm pattern this past Saturday. Due to it’s 34 foot length, success necessitates playing the gutter. While this is a short pattern, the volume is at the bottom of the high range. This means that there is a lot of oil in a small area. And in this case, that small area is from board eight right to eight left and from the foul line to 15’. Thus, the gutter tends to hook. Most take this as a cue to move left. But a much better option is to stay near the gutter but use urethane or slower response reactive bowling balls. Also, stick with symmetric cores as asymmetric cores bounce off the dry too hard making control of the 16’ backend more difficult.

So, that’s the pattern...what about the bowlers you ask? Stephanie Sanders and Scott Everson had average +55 games of 233 and 209 respectively. Clarie Saavedra +31=175. Shannon Williams +38-205. Steve Lertpaichaiyon +63-203 and +109=529. Cheryl Robinson 224,212-608.

However, the scoring and adjustment award of the day goes to Didi Pulsipher. Didi spent games one and two playing the lanes around 2nd arrow and rolled a +32-177. But then, with a little lane play advice, she moved outside 1st arrow and her game three was +101-246 for a series +131=566! Based on that awesomeness, I have no doubt that if anyone asks Didi where to play on Stockholm, she will enthusiastically reply, “The gut- ter!”

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here that we saw the first ever perfect game, from Jack Guay of Canada. That was in 1994 and Jack was there again in 2008 when he presented the ball he had used for that notable 300 to Fernando Gutiérrez, owner of the bowling centres.

In addition to the competition on the lanes, the players also look to win the Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Tournament awards. The awards are given after great supporters of the World Cup, Jacky Felsenstein and Barry James, respectively. Jacky was a doyenne of the bowling scene in Belgium and highly regarded by all. Barry James was a British journalist who covered the World Cup for Reuters and published the World Cup Review for many, many years. Two players competing this year have been honoured in this way in the past: Sue Abela (1991) and Paolo Lopez of Portugal who was chosen in 2015.

Judy Howlett has represented England and Great Britain several times in her bowling career. She played in the Bowling World Cup twice, coming second in 1985 (Seoul, South Korea). She has been in part of the organising team since 2001.

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LAKE CITY, PA - Why are some bowlers more successful than others? It is natural talent, physical ability or do they know something the rest of us don’t?

While all the above are helpful parts to anyone’s mastery of this game, alone, not one of them creates superiority. There is, however, one personal characteristic which will determine how far you progress as a bowler. That attribute can’t be coached because it can’t be learned. Can you guess what it is?

Give up? If you did, your chances of attaining the lofty goal of becoming an elite bowler just went down! Why? Because elite bowlers never give up. Their passion won’t allow it, and that is what separates enviable competitors from also-rans. In other words, unless you’re a beginner, the level at which you bowl indicates the passion you harbor for this sport. That alone determines the amount of effort you will have put into overcoming any limitations you may have.

While passion determines how much effort you will expend, it requires guidance, just like the strength you use to deliver a shot. Such guidance can come from coaches, teammates or anyone who shares your feelings for this sport. It can even be self-directed. No matter the case, a starting point is required. What should that starting point be? Education! Nobody ever became great without it.

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WINNETKA – There have been some big turnabouts in bowlers’ three-game series from week to week. There also have been some really, really big turnabouts. Marti Tirabassi, the longtime president of Winnetka Bowl’s “Guys and Dolls” league, enjoyed one of the latter.

Marti, who carries a 143 average, suffered through a very subpar 366 series (119, 94, 14) last month in league play. That represents a 128.7 average. “I have no idea what happened,” says Marti, whose performance undoubtedly was diminished by a recent gallbladder surgery. The following week, it was a different story. Marti, a right-hander with a deft touch, blistered a three-game total of 360, her career-best. Marti scored games of 190, 203 and 167 for an average of 186.7. “I couldn’t do no wrong,” says Marti, smiling.

That marked a whopping 174-pin jump from week to week.

Said teammate Tom Martino: Marti went from bowling her all-time worst to her all-time best in one week. If a bowling ball was a bow and arrow, she was Robin Hood. Marti’s torrid performance brought smiles to the faces of league members. Marti, affable and unassuming, has been the well- respected president of the league since 2002 when the league bowled at now-defunct Rocket Bowl in Chatsworth.

She maintained that position when the league moved to AMF Woodlake Lanes in Woodland Hills and then to Winnetka Bowl.

Marti gets high marks for doing her job above and beyond what is expected of league presidents. And she does it in a professional, no-nonsense manner.

“She’s always there when she’s needed,” said Martino, who serves as league vice president. “She’s always punctual and kind to people and has a nice smile.”

Sami Rice, who serves as league secretary with husband Mike Rice, agrees.

“We love her,” Sami said. “Marti never said no to anything. She’s always on board with anything as long as it’s a good thing and not a bad thing.

“She’s a wonderful, gentle, classy lady. She’s always treated Mike and me with respect. I wish I could be as gracious as she is.”

Marti downplays the workload and importance of her position. Still, she acknowledges that she’s enjoyed her time as league president.

“It’s been fun,” said Marti, who bowls during the summer with husband Nick and during the fall with Martino, Diane Weed and Shannon Renee. “I haven’t had too many hassles. It’s a nice league for the most part. Everyone gets along and that makes it easy.”

It also makes it more fun when she can put a lousy series in the past and bowl nearly 200 pins better the following week.

1975 – Part 2

by Carol Mancini

If you were bowling in Southern California in 1975, you might have made a headline. Let’s check and see.

LA MIRADA BOWL ran a squad of Blue Chip bowling at midnight on Fridays. New in the pro shop “Zero Scare” show spray. The company also ran a coupon ad – - - a 15-cents off a can of spray.

BARBY HALLGRIMSON and “KEN” BAUSMAN won the GABLE HOUSE doubles. She was a real doll!

What did KTT stand for? Was there more than one club? They seemed to be everywhere.

TONY KOWALCZYK was known as “The Sliding Pole”.

JIM TRIPPLETT had seven 700’s at the Frontiers.

PETE WEBER was 12 years old and averaged a monstrous 232 in a St. Louis Jr. League.

BUD FISHER, the P.R. man for the P.B.A. was averaging over 100,000 a year on the road and in the sky.


The slogan for the C.W.B.A. Tournament in San Diego was “Comma Live in ’75.” The gals bowled at FRONTIER and UNIVERSITY.

Photos illustrated called on local gals BILL TAYLOR for information or facts about the bowling game.

LILIS HOLM joined the staff at KEYSTONE LAKES. What a tiger ---- - - - she was gorgeous.

WANTED ---- - - - - Bowlers to stop stealing other bowlers ROBBY’S GLOVES. Seems they all look alike. (Good Excuse.)

What happened to the sports museum on Sepulveda near the airport? It held trophies and medals from such stars as JACK DEMPSEY, JIM THORPE, JOE LEWIS, BABE RUTH and HANK MARINO. In later years bowlers were included.

Who rolled the nasty “reverse hook”? MR. FRANK BABORE. - - - - he would walk in, pay the entry fee, and shock you with the first ball.

RUDY SANTILLIEN broke the bank on “Bowling For Dollars” wearing TREESPA SPENCER’S old bowling shoes. (“Trees” was writing the weekly Horoscope column and was known as Starr Gazer.)

What did you do with your old bowling ball was the question of the week. “I had my husband’s ashes put in it.” The survey was concluded!!

JOHNNY GRANT was M.C. at the Winter’s Banquet held at Sheraton-Anahiem. Above about that later.

JEAN WORTHY was crowned C.W.B.A. State Queen. She was awarded $759.50 and a trophy.

The top four at the HUNTINGTON LANES PCB were: Winner FRED CONNER, LAMAR KECK, BOBBY KNIPPLE and NIGG BAADEREED. Any challengers????

Remember the “PAUL BUNYAN” in Porterville? A woman won the tournament. She ran a squad of Blue Chip bowling at midnight on Fridays.

She carried the big hatchet home.

“Guys and Dolls” league bowlers crowd behind league president Marti Tirabassi at Winnetka Bowl. Marti blasted a 560 series, representing a staggering 174-pin improvement from the previous week. Photo by Fred Eisenhammer.
XTRA FRAME’S PBA PLAYER’S PERSPECTIVE VISITS WITH SEAN RASH

Sean Rash won his 11th PBA Tour title when he defeated Australia’s Jason Belmonte in the finals of the 2016 PBA Detroit Open at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Mich. In this new PBA Player’s Perspective that debuted on Xtra Frame on Friday, Oct. 6, Rash provides insight into that victory.

On Oct. 14, the Player’s Perspective series on Xtra Frame will be made available on the PBA’s YouTube channel. EJ Tackett’s Player’s Perspective from the 2016 PBA World Championship has already been posted and fans can look for other Player’s Perspectives to be added to YouTube beginning this Tuesday with Ryan Ciminelli’s description of the 2015 U.S. Open title match.

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Yannaphon Larpapharat Wins PBA International WBT Thailand Title
Bangkok Resident Becomes First Thai Bowler to Win PBA Tour Title

BANGKOK, Thailand (Oct. 6, 2017) – Yannaphon Larpapharat became the first bowler from Thailand to win a PBA Tour title when he threw two strikes in the 10th frame to defeat Swedish two-handed star Jesper Svensson, 212-202, in the championship match of the PBA International-WBT Thailand at Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Paragon on Friday in his home city.

Larpapharat, a 34-year-old right-hander and a third-year PBA member, was the top qualifier heading into the eight-player stepladder finals, and won the equivalent of U$32,255 over a world-class field of American and international PBA competitors. Larpapharat, who previously bowled in the 2008 PBA World Championship in Wichita, Kan., and the 2015 U.S. Open in Arlington, Texas, will return to the United States to bowl in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, Nov. 7-19, in Reno, Nev.

Svensson, the 22-year-old defending WBT Thailand champion, was trying for his seventh PBA Tour title. He advanced to the title match by defeating Chris Barnes of Double Oak, Texas, 248-222, in the semifinal match. He also eliminated Sean Rash of Montgomery, Ill., 258-227, in match three after knocking out Indonesia’s Tannya Roumimper and PBA Tour star Tommy Jones of Simpsonville, S.C., in a hotly-contested three-player match two.

Next on the PBA Tour’s 2017 schedule will be Bowling U.S. Open from Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool, N.Y., Oct. 27-Nov. 1. Preliminary rounds will be live streamed on PBA’s Xtra Frame online bowling channel. The finals will air live on CBS Sports Network on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

PBA INTERNATIONAL-WBT THAILAND
Blu-O Rhythm and Bowl Siam Paragon,
Bangkok, Thailand, Oct. 6

Final Standings:
1. Yannaphon Larpapharat, Thailand, $32,255.
3. Chris Barnes, Double Oak, Texas, $9,675.
4. Sean Rash, Montgomery, Ill., $6,450.
5. w-Tannya Roumimper, Indonesia, $3,225.
7. Ryan Lalaisang, Indonesia, $2,740.

Stepladder Results:
Match One – Roumimper (244) def. Lalaisang (233) and
Ciminelli (228).
Match Two – Svensson (203) def. Roumimper (202) and
Jones (199).
BURBANK – It’s nice to see all our bowlers back for the winter season. There is an element of comfort when getting back into a familiar routine. No distractions by all the enticing outdoor fields and leisure knowing where you are supposed to be on a given evening.

Now to the bowling: a winter season will set me a bit sideways and perhaps I will lose track of the day of the week! Every winter bowling season, I feel like I can settle in and not worry too much about the scores. It’s on the calendar for Saturday, October 28th. Check-in at 4:30/65, Brielle Dropkins 27/50.

**Mini Bees:**


**All Schools:**


**TUESDAY – Glenbrook Gals:**

Rhonda Ross 204, Mickey Gay 200, Mary Beth Thompson 193, Kathy Boyett 192.

**WEDNESDAY – Silver Foxes:**

Rizzuto 193, Penny Bird 191.

**THURSDAY 890:**

(scr) Richard Brown 188, Kathy Temple 188

(scr) Ryan Hinchliffe 258, Amber Ball 258

(scr) Brandon Rothrock 205, Mason Vogtmann 463

(scr) Roger Desgroseillers 225, Barbara Montgomery 225, Dave Brubaker 220, Tony Whelan 220.

**TUESDAY – Sunset Rollers:**

John Balicki 204, Ann Rubin 204, Mary Beth Thompson 193, Kathy Boyett 192.

**DIAMOND BAR – On Oct 20th we will be having our No-Tap Tournament check-in at 3:30 pm at bowl at 1:00 pm the cost is $10.00. come on out and have fun with all the other Seniors.**

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5th - 248 - Tito's Handmade Vodka  6th - 248 - Ramon Torres
7th - 247 - Joey Jimenez  8th - 239 - Ray Minter
9th - 237 - Mikey Villarreal  10th - 235 - Paul Varela

TOP 10 THIS WEEK

1st - 720 - Eric Spingnola  2nd - 718 - Ray Minter
3rd - 714 - Joey Jimenez  4th - 710 - Mike Jennings
5th - 707 - Jon Dio  6th - 703 - Tito's Handmade Vodka
7th - 701 - Heath Newkirk  8th - 699 - Mike Calvillo
9th - 691 - Charlie Kinstler  10th - 691 - Tim Giguere

SUPER SWEEPER POT

Top 10 teams: 2018 \( \times \) 2018

1st - 270 - DeeRon Booker • 2nd 257 Vernon Adams & Gabriel Martinez
3rd - 256 - Joey Jimenez
4th - 255 - Mike Jennings
5th - 251 - Jon Dio
6th - 250 - Paul Varela
7th - 248 - Mikey Villarreal
8th - 247 - Mikey Villarreal
9th - 246 - Ramon Torres
10th - 245 - Joey Jimenez

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