VENTURA – Let’s see Walter Ray Williams Jr. do it or Pete Weber or Norm Duke or any of the top pro bowlers.

Let’s see if any of those famed pros can do what up-and-coming 22-year-old bowler Adam Seligman did in a recent one-week span.

Before breaking down the memorable events, the highlights were back-to-back perfect games in league play at Buena Lanes in Ventura and a matchplay victory over five-time Professional Bowlers Assn. tour champion Mike Fagan.

Tour champion Mike Fagan in a Scratch tournament in Las Vegas.

Seligman, a Newbury Park resident, crushed a career-best 846 series (246, 300, 300). The next night, he took on Fagan and defeated him by racking 227 to 197.

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Jakob Butturff and Krizziah Tabora know people at home have been watching on the live streaming and I’ve already got lots of notifications from friends and family. It has been a good year for me. Our ladies team won and although she recovered to make the finals in third and fourth places.

Last year, Jenny had been fourth and had come through to win. Would history repeat itself?

No is the quick answer. Both Siti and Krizziah had an open frame but Krizziah then started striking and Siti could not match her. Siti hit 191 but her score was eclipsed by the 236 from Krizziah. So for the third time we have a women’s section would be better.

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Norm Duke, Francois Lavoie Win PBA Challenge Events to Kick Off GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX

RENO, Nev. – Professional Bowlers Association Hall of Famer Norm Duke of Clermont, Fla., and 2016 PBA Rookie of the Year Francois Lavoie of Quebec City, Quebec, kicked off the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Properties, with victories in the special PBA50 Tour and PBA Regional Challenge events Tuesday at the National Bowling Stadium.

Duke, a 38-year PBA Tour champion who endured a second-place plagued season in PBA “senior tour” competition, completed a perfect match play round with a 222-212 victory over newly-elected PBA Hall of Famer Ron Mohr of Las Vegas to win the PBA50 Tour Challenge title, and an $8,000 prize heading into the start of World Series competition.

Wednesday. “There’s no place worse than second,” Duke said after winning an eight of his matches to reach the title match against Mohr. “It’s a nice start to the World Series and it’s a testament to how I bowled all season on the PBA50 Tour. Those second place finishes got me into the top of the Player of the Year, which was a goal, but

Adam Seligman, at Buena Lanes, rolled back-to-back perfect games in league play October 30th.
BVL Celebrates Veterans Day – BVL’s gift of more than one million dollars to provide recreational and therapeutic programs and services for America’s hospitalized inpatient and outpatient veterans was recognized today by Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin during a ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery celebrating Veteran’s Day.

BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar and the BVL Board of Directors were in attendance to make the presentation to the Secretary. With this most recent gift, the total raised by the sport’s own, oldest, and most successful charity was brought to an excess of $50 million.

Prior to the factsimile check presentation ceremonies, BVL representatives played a variety of roles at the national celebration to honor our nation’s veterans.

The morning began with BVL Board Member Libbi Fletcher and USBC President Frank Wilkinson joining with other national Veterans Service Organizations at a breakfast hosted by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

BVL representatives Anita LaSpina and Robbie Thomas participated in the national color guard, marching the US and BVL flags into the Amphitheatre on the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery to open and close the official ceremonies.

As a member of the National Veterans Day Organizing Committee, BVL representatives are afforded the opportunity to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. At the ceremony, Secretary Shulkin expressed his gratitude for BVL’s 75 years of support for America’s veterans.

“We are so appreciative that our friends at BVL have remained committed to America’s veterans,” noted Shulkin.

“Thank you all so very much.”

Through BVL, veterans in care at VA facilities across the country take part in sports and arts programs, enjoy a variety of activities from nature walks to gardening and pet therapy, and attend cultural events.

BVL Executive Director Mary Harrar notes, “In big cities and small towns throughout the nation America’s bowling family stands together to help meet our goal: Providing veterans with sports and arts programs that encourage healthy and active lifestyles, boost spirits, and reduce feelings of isolation and stress.”

The high game prizes went to Jenny Wegner of Sweden with the only perfect game of the tournament and to David Tanic of Serbia for the men. No man shot a 300 but David hit 297. “I was watching the finals,” he said, “and I got a bit worried when Jakob started with the first nine. But luckily for me he didn’t carry on and so I get the trophy!”

BVL Check Presentation to VA Secretary David Shulkin: (L to R) USBC President Frank Wilkinson, BVL Board Member Karen Jost, BVL Board Chairman John LaSpina, BVL Board Member Wally Hall, Secretary Shulkin, BVL Board Members Glenn Carano, Libbi Fletcher and Karl Kielich.

BVL Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns: (L to R) Karen Jost, Frank Wilkinson, John LaSpina and Glenn Carano.

Adds Harrar, “We encourage every bowler, association, bowling center operator as well as manufacturers and suppliers to join with us in the 2017-2018 season to make next year even better!”

QUBICA continued from page 1 bronze in the SEA Games and then we got silver in the Asian Indoor Games. But this is far and away the best!”

Over to the men and it was top seed Iledemo Ruiz against Oscar Rodriguez from Colombia, fourth place finisher. Yet again the fourth place finisher won, this time by 232 to 193. Jakob Butturff of the USA then played Ahmad Muaz of Malaysia in the second semi final and Jakob went off like a train, hitting the first nine strikes which was more than enough: he won by 266 to 176.

So the final was between two players from the American Zone. It was nip and tuck up to the fifth frame but then Jakob moved ahead when Oscar left a wash out. Our new champion was Jakob, winning by 246 to 201.

Jakob said afterwards: “I was leading the US Open by 600 pins but I lost in the final. That was heartbreaking but this makes up for it. I’ve won 13 PBA regional titles and two national titles so I came here full of hope. It’s just great to win such a prestigious title.”

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PBA’s 38th Year of ESPN Coverage
GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling

CHICAGO – The Professional Bowlers Association and ESPN are teaming up for the 38th consecutive year to provide millions of sports fans with world-class bowling action from the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX presented by Eldorado Reno Properties. A total of 17 competitions on Sundays through May will feature the best players in the world in a diverse series of events that will decide the 2017 Player of the Year race and kick off the 2018 Go Bowling PBA Tour’s 60th anniversary season. All events will also stream live via the ESPN app.

Providing the commentary will be lead announcer Dave LaMont in his second season, PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pedersen in his 17th year as color analyst and former Miss USA Kimberly Pressler returning for her eighth season as sideline reporter.

“ESPN is looking forward to another year of PBA on our networks,” said Burke Magnus, ESPN Executive Vice President of Programming and Scheduling. “One of our longest-standing relationships, PBA on ESPN provides exciting content for both avid and casual bowling fans, and it continues to serve an important sector of our fan base.”

Looking ahead at notable highlights for what promises to be one of the PBA’s most interesting TV seasons ever:

• The PBA Tournament of Champions will make an historic return to its longtime host center AMF Riviera Lanes near Akron, Ohio, where the PBA’s signature event was held from 1966-1994.

• The United States Bowling Congress Masters will be contested in a special arena setting in Syracuse, N.Y.’s downtown Convention Center.

• The PBA’s new Go Bowling! PBA 60th Anniversary Classic, as part of a season-long celebration highlighting the PBA’s creation in 1958, will come from Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis, one of the leading tournament venues in the country and host of numerous PBA major championships.

• The State Farm Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational presented by Go Bowling, in its eighth year to move to NBA star Paul’s new home in Houston and returns to a Super Bowl Sunday date.

• The PBA World Championship as the WSOB’s main event, along with all PBA animal pattern championships, a USA vs. World team event and the World Bowling Finals come from bowling’s greatest stage, the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nev.

• The PBA League team event returns to raucous Bay-side Bowl in Portland, Maine, where the Elias Cup will be decided over a series of four telecasts.

• Columbus, Ohio, hosts both the Barbasol PBA Players Championship and the Mark Roth/Marshall Holman Doubles Championship presented by BowlerX.com.

In addition to 29 hours of live coverage of PBA competition on ESPN, ESPnj and streaming on the ESPN app, the Go Bowling! PBA Tour schedule will feature a season-long celebration of the “60 Greatest Moments in PBA History.” Those moments will be counted down and revealed on the ESPN telecasts beginning with the PBA’s “Big February” slate of events. And, as part of the 60th Anniversary celebration, a new opening for the ESPN telecasts has been produced and can be seen here: https://www.espn.com/plus/library/videos/17492352

**Promotional tune-in posters (see right) will be in more than 2,500 Bowling Proprietor Association of America Strike Ten participating centers as part of the Go Bowling umbrella sponsorship of the PBA.**

All qualifying rounds of competition and archived ESPN finals will be on the PBA’s online bowling channel, Xtra Frame. For subscription and scheduling information go to xtraframe.tv or download the PBA Xtra Frame app.

BOWLING CALENDAR

**DECEMBER**

- 2 – 1st So Cal Tri-Senates TNBA Trios Tournament, 9am & 2pm, Westminster Lanes, 909/950-2154
- 3 – Dashing Through the Bowls Singles Tournament, 10am, Cal Bowl, Lakewood, 323/352-7904
- 3 – Scratch 10-Gamer, 10am, Bowlium, Montclair
- 9 – EBI Demo Day, 9am-12:30pm, Harley’s Simi Bowl, Jeffrey – 805/578-2254
- 9 – Holdem Mixd Team Tour., 1pm, West Lane Bowl, St. Louis, bowlingmerchants.net
- 10 – WCST at Riverside Casino, Laughlin, NV, 760/363-1164
- 9-10 – Challenge Scratch Tour – $50 for 1st-15th on Fri., Stars Recreation Ctr, Vacaville, 707/330-7165
- 9-10 – West Coast Challenge Scratch Tour – $50 for 1st-15th on Fri., Stars Recreation Ctr, Vacaville, 707/330-7165
- 10 – USBC Lane Inspection Workshop, 11am-3pm, Fountain Bowl
- 10 – December Handicap Eliminator, 10am, La Habra Bowl, La Habra
- 15-14 – California Bowling Writers Phone Card Drive for the Troops donation deadline, calbowlingwriters.org
- 16 – PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award Nominations due
- 26-30 – JBT Jr. Bowlers Tour Southwest 2017 Main Event, SouthPoint, Las Vegas, bowling.com
- 30 – End-of-the-Year 2-Pattern Scratch 12 Gamer, 11am, AMF Arwood Lanes, San Bernardino, 909/899-0355

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The Perfect Game by Steve Felege

Today’s lesson is about the most overlooked skill in bowling: the humble push-away. It is, by far, the simplest skill to perform and the easiest to master. This skill affects the accuracy, speed and timing of your shot. It also sets up the direction of your arm-swing.

Despite the importance of all those issues, many bowlers pay no attention to it, or perform it poorly. If you truly want to coach yourself to a higher scoring potential, pay close attention to this article. A solid push-away will give you a significant advantage over your opponents, those blasted pins.

To begin, assume the stance you developed using the information in last week’s Perfect Game article. For the sake of this exercise, I recommend holding the ball at waist level. Remember how your posture should place the ball directly over the target-line.

Now, to be effective, your push-away must keep it over that line, so, as you begin taking your first step, simultaneously begin pushing the ball directly toward the second arrow (or other target you have chosen). It’s important to continue pushing the ball forward until your arm is straight and your elbow is locked. What could be easier?

That’s really all there is to performing an efficient and effective push-away, but like any skill, mistakes can be made as you develop it. Here are a few suggestions that will ensure your push-away is the best it can be:

- The push-away should be smooth and deliberate, not aggressive.
- Its direction can be straight out toward the target-arrow, or straight-out-and-down along the target-line. It should not go upward or straight down. It must never be directed sideways, away from the target-line.
- The height of the ball at the end of the push-away influences the speed of your shot. The higher it is, the longer gravity will act on it. The faster it swings, the harder it will be to control. If you want more ball speed, hold the ball higher in your stance.
- Is your understanding of technique beginning to change? It’s important to recognize the basic skills as separate pieces of your delivery puzzle. Each one contributes to the success of every shot you make. Knitted together and performed properly, they become a single, effective delivery. Knowing this will make you a better self-instructor.

Tune in next week when we discuss the next skill in the delivery sequence; the arm-swing.

* This advice is for a standard four-step approach. If you use a five-step delivery, the push-away should be effective, but the push-away will not be effective.

For more information, please visit CallUSBC.com. A portion of each sale gets added into the 2018 CA Pepsi Championships scholarship fund.
LAKewood – Xframe Bowling Tour will hold its Annual Thanksgiving Event at popular Cal Bowl November 22-23-24-25 with a First Place Guarantee of $3,000. Up to $7,000 First Place can be won with the Bonuses and Xframe Bonus Option.

New members are welcome as this is an Open Event, with (No Membership Fees.) For Membership in Xframe, averages must be completely verified to join and enter the event.

Entry Fees for the Big Paying Event are reasonable with First Entry $95. Re Entries are $85-$75. $60 reduced entries will receive $1,500 1st place and 50% and enter the event.

There are Qualifying Squads all four days and each day is a separate qualifying board with 1 in 6 Men and 1 in 5 Ladies bowlers making the board daily.

First place in this Event is Guaranteed at $3,000 minimum and with Bonuses 1st place can be worth up to $7,000.

It all begins Wednesday Evening with a $2,000 BONUS if qualifying that night and winning the event. Squads Wednesday are 8:00 & 10:00 PM taking Men 1 in 6 and Women 1 in 5 entrants to the semifinals.

Thursday Squads / Nov. 23 are also 8:00 & 10:00 PM and a $1,000 Bonus!!

Friday Squads / Nov. 24 are also 8:00 & 10PM with a $500 Bonus.

Saturday Squads begin at 1:00, then 2:30-4:00 PM Boards FROZEN 1 IN 6 MEN 1 IN 5 LADIES to the Semifinals. Saturday at 6:00 is the Re-Entry Squad. YOU MUST HAVE ALREADY BOWLED TO JOIN THIS SPECIAL SQUAD which also takes Men 1 in 6 and Ladies 1 in 5 to the Semifinals at 8:15 PM.

SEMI-FINALS WILL BOWL 8:15 PM. TOP 16 will advance to a one game roll-off with the Qualifier to sit out and bowl for the title, assured of no less than 2nd Place. Bowlers finishing in 2-3-4-5 places to bowl a one game roll-off with the top score to advance to the title game. The others to cash in 3rd, 4th & 5th Place. Two Seniors and Two Ladies are guaranteed to the top 16. Payoffs are made as soon as possible same day. Please see our ad below for more information! Or go to Facebook @ Xframe Bowling Tour.

Cal Bowl is located at 2500 E. Carson, corner of Carson and Paramount, accessed by the 605, 91 or 405 Freeways. The phone at CAL is (562)421-8448.

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*See Rules for more information
Seligman continued from page 1 shots.

“Beating a seasoned pro meant a lot to Seligman. “That was right up there with my back-to-backs,” said Seligman, who does volunteer work in the Buena Lanes pro shop, which is run by seven-time PBA Tour champion Robert Smith. “I look up to [Fagan] because he’s a really good bowler.”

Seligman makes no secret of the fact that he wants to compete on the PBA Tour. And there’s no disputing that he puts in the work. He bowls in four leagues at Buena Lanes from Monday to Thursday. And he estimates he puts in 50-60 games of practice during the week – and that doesn’t include the games he bowls in tournaments during the weekend.

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Why Bowl in Leagues? Here’s Why

by Fred Eisenhammer

With the New Year quickly approaching, you might be considering joining a bowling league — if you haven’t already. So this may be a good time to review the benefits of bowling in a league. Here is a list of 10 reasons to join a bowling league, courtesy of About.com, along with my comments:

1 – The Characters

About.com: League bowling brings out some of the most colorful, interesting, baffling personalities in the world. You have no idea these people are in your community until you join a bowling league. From unbelievably talented bowlers to inexplicably strange humans, you get a cross-section of society you didn’t realize existed.

Fred Eisenhammer: Because there are so many characters, there is absolutely no shortage of individuals to write about. You never know when you encounter a bowling league icon like Ken Borshell among the mix of players. Borshell is someone who for 36 years traveled road-trip more than 200 miles every week just so he could bowl in Los Angeles on the same league team as his good friends. Borshell hit the road from Bakersfield for the first seven years and then drove from Palm Desert for 23 years. He’s now decided to bowl closer to home.

2 – Camaraderie

About.com: Bowling leagues, especially with your friends (or strangers who will become your friends), are great ways to spend a few hours a week.

Fred Eisenhammer: It’s a great way to make friends, especially for widows and widowers.

3 – Fun

About.com: Whether league bowling or not, it’s fun to bowl.

Fred Eisenhammer: Not only is it fun, but it’s exciting. Recently, anchor man Greg Kolksi prepared to bowl in the 10th frame of his second league game knowing that the game was on the line. Kolksi needed to mark to seal the victory for his team. Considering his average was a robust 186, Kolksi’s teammates were feeling pretty confident. Then Kolksi drilled a pocket shot that inexplicably left the imposing 6-7 split and it was apparent that the bowling was a robust 186, Kolksi’ s teammates were feeling pretty confident. Then Kolksi drilled a pocket shot that inexplicably left the imposing 6-7 split and it was apparent that the bowling was a robust 186, Kolksi’s teammates were feeling pretty confident. Then Kolksi drilled a pocket shot that inexplicably left the imposing 6-7 split and it was apparent that the bowling

4 – Gambling

About.com: Small-time gambling is acceptable in most bowling leagues. Often, half your league fees go toward your bowling and the other half goes toward the prize fund. At the end of the season, you and your team will receive prize money based on where you finish. Individual prizes are usually up for grabs, too. Other ways to win a pittance during league bowling involve card games and strike pots.

Fred Eisenhammer: It’s not usually a tremendous sum of money up for grabs, but bowlers are a competitive group — and even a little money means a lot.

5 – Fitness

About.com: Repeatedly hurling a heavy sphere requires strength and endurance, and you can burn a significant number of calories bowling.

Fred Eisenhammer: Bowling may not be the exercise program prescribed by your doctor, but even a little exercise is better than none.

6 – Pizza

About.com: Never mind you’re counteracting the exercise portion while cutting into your prize fund — it’s delicious.

Fred Eisenhammer: No mention of beer?

7 – Television

About.com: If bowling isn’t enough for you, many bowling alleys have TVs playing whatever most of you want to watch (typically sports). Depending on the time of your league, you can watch entire hockey and baseball games while bowling.

Fred Eisenhammer: Hockey? No thanks. Thumbs-up on football and basketball — and any game involving the Los Angeles Dodgers or the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

8 – United States Bowling Congress Membership

About.com: You’ll be a part of the USBC, which costs less than $20 a year (and is often hidden in your league fees, so you don’t even have to think about it if you don’t want to). Membership qualifies you for awards and gives you discounts with various merchants, including hotels and rental cars.

Fred Eisenhammer: As a USBC member, a bowler is eligible to participate in many tournaments, such as the West Coast Senior Tour, which often has events in the Southland.

9 – Relaxation

About.com: Except on the nights during which you’re bowling so poorly you find yourself doing anything but relaxing, the sport can give you a nice respite from the workday or workweek. Show up, relax, throw a few frames and have fun.

Fred Eisenhammer: Relaxation is nice in theory. Fact is, even a small pot of money at the end of the rainbow creates a competitive environment. And many bowlers feel the tension during the ninth and 10th frames. But competitiveness is a good thing. It’s fun to show that one can come through when the chips are down. A bad thing is when some bowlers resort to gamesmanship — deliberately distracting the other team’s bowlers or “disappearing” so the other team’s players bowl ahead of them in the 10th frame.

10 – Status

About.com: You’ll be amazed by how many people are impressed when they find out you bowl in a league.

Fred Eisenhammer: Perhaps more importantly, bowling in a league could provide a boost to your self-esteem. Your first 200 game, your first 500 series — it shows that you can accomplish things in your 30s, 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s and older. It’s no coincidence that some of the most successful people are avid bowlers.

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Since its inception in Detroit in 2009, the essence of the World Series has been a variety of “animal pattern” events that not only offer PBA Tour titles, but serve as qualifying stages culminating with the PBA World Championship. In order to win the PBA World Championship, players must demonstrate a high level of consistency across the different challenges the “animal patterns” present.

While oiling patterns on bowling lanes are normally invisible, the PBA helped fans get a visual appreciation of the lanes when it introduced the use of colored oil for televised WSOSB events in 2013. The “blue oil” lanes have remained a part of PBA’s televised events ever since.

Another major advance in understanding the challenges of bowling came when the PBA gave those varying oiling patterns names. Thus the so-called animal patterns were born, and fans can now appreciate the patterns more simply by referring to the pattern name and knowing peculiar features are involved with that particular oiling pattern.

This year, the patterns have been modified based upon advances in technology, but the essence of the PBA’s “animal pattern” remains the same – for the first time in the history of the pattern, the lane oil pattern names have been adjusted to include the distance oil is applied for each pattern. The new order of the program remains the same even if the order they will be used has been changed, and their names include the distance oil is applied for each pattern. The new oiling pattern names have been adjusted to include the distance oil is applied for each pattern. The new order of the program remains the same even if the order they will be used has been changed, and their names include the distance oil is applied for each pattern.

The Chameleon 39:

The Scorpion 42:
• Past WSOSB Scorpion champions include: Jason Belmonte (2011) and ber Yong-Jin Gu (2010), Dom Barrett (2011), Tom Daugherty (2012), Tom Smallwood (2013), and Jason Belmonte (2011) and, after a four–year absence, Francios Lavoie (2016). The Scorpion 42 was not part of the 2011 WSOSB.

The Shark 45:
• Past WSOSB Shark champions include: Jack Jurek (2009), Osku Palermaa (2010) and Jon Van Hees (2015). The Shark was not part of the 2011 WSOSB.

The Chameleon 39:
• Past WSOSB Chameleon champions include: Bill O’Neill (2009), Scott Norton (2010), Jason Belmonte (2011), Scott Norton (2012), Ryan Ciminelli (2013), Mika Koivu-
after 10 games for each animal pattern qualifying round: in 17th through 32nd place in both events. Below are the missing summaries of additional cashers earlier, he converted 100% of his “makeable” spares.

Betts finished the animal pattern qualifying portion of the 2015 WSOX with a composite average of 202.67. So far in 2017, he’s scoring at a 15 pins-per-game higher pace.

Some of Shark qualifying leader Shota Kawazoe’s stats vs. the field included:

- An average of 248, 30.4 pins better than the field at large;
- The entire field’s strike percentage was 58.01. First shots resulted in splits 7% of the time and non-strike shots for open frames 24%;
- Kawazoe had an 83.5% “clean frame” average, converting “makeable” spares 88% of the time.

After finishing the 10-game Chameleon round with a 202.67 average, Betts rolled games of 227, 246-201, after cruising past Malaysia’s Ahmad Muaz in the semifinal round, 266-176. Butturff, a lefty, converted 97% of his “makeable” spares.

A few of 19 players knocked down a total of 422,367 pins (compared to the Chameleon round’s 412,799 pins) – a 217.4 average.

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LA HABRA – Our 2017 Annual Mixed Doubles tournament has come and gone for another year. This popular tournament hosted by La Habra 300 Bowl was a success and yielded many happy participants.

The top 8 are listed. The total list will be posted on our website: ocubcn.org on November 20.

The winners for 2017 are: 1st place - Sandy Magana and Dave Easle with a final of 1,390. No other California bowlers made the Top 8. The two partners in this team are Andrea Fredericks and her partner David McCoy. 1-3 place goes to the team of Shelly and Ken Maxey - 1,379, 4th place - Mei Huey/George Yue - 1,376. 5th place - Marissa Gines/Hong Kha - 1,366, 6th place - Ashley Gines/Hong Kha - 1,363, 7th place - Erin McCarthy/Jim Needham - 1,351 and 8th place - Amber and Tony Toller - 1,343.

Youth event: 1st place - Danielle Etter/Joshua Tan-Torres - 1,307, 2nd place - Sahara Morgan/Michael Marmolejo - 1,244, 3rd place - Sahara Morgan/Alliez Zieg - 1,151, 4th place - Halie Morgan/Joshua Tan-Torres - 1,141, 5th place - Emily Schrader/Alliez Zieg - 1,133. 6th place - Shelly and Ken Maxey - Halie Morgan/Joshua Tan-Torres.

Congratulations to all our winners. You may call the office at 714-554-0111 and speak to our association manager, Andrea Fredericks to find out where you placed.

Thank you to La Habra 300 Bowl for hosting and to all board members and volunteers who helped make this tournament the success it was. We couldn’t do it without all of you. THANK YOU!

Our next tournament will be our very popular BVL tournament to be held January 20 and 21 at Linbrook Bowl. Entries will be in all Orange County centers shortly, also on our website and announcements will be published in the Bowling News. Please go to our website: californiabowlingnews.com and sign up for the digital copy only and the hard copy is published monthly.

Thank you Bowling News for keeping all our bowlers informed.

See you in JANUARY at LINBROOK BOWL.

P.S. The Orange County office will be closed starting December 9 and re-open January 2, 2018. HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!

“CALIFORNIAN” MICHAEL DURAN SCORES AT WORLD SERIES OF BOWLING

RENO – Michael Duran is a great bowler and has a promising future in the PBA. He is bowling in just his second World Series Of Bowling (WSOB) but is showing signs of being able to compete successfully against our sport’s top bowlers.

It is not surprising to see him succeed because he is a talented bowler and works constantly at improving his skills. I see him practicing every time I am in CANYON LANES and I have been told that he practices daily.

Give Michael an inch on the lanes and he is capable of going the whole nine yards. He nearly did just that last Saturday at WSOB. When asked about his performance he pronounced:

During Qualifying for the PBA Cheetah Championship he averaged a solid 222.4 for ten games. He ended up tied with another great CALIFORNIA bowler P.J. HAGGERTY. There were nine California bowlers in the field of 193 and only MICHAEL and DARREN TANG of our bowlers finished higher than Michael and P.J.

Duran had a chance to make the cut to the Top 16 but a few bad breaks in games nine and ten of qualifying cost him. After eight games he was in sixteenth place at plus 257 (232 average).

Haggerty and Duran finished higher in the standings than such PBA stars as Josh Blanchard, Mike Haugen, Marshall Kent, Amelio Monacelli, Ronnie Russell, Ryan Shafer and PETE WEBER. We all know that CALIFORNIA BOWLERS are the best.

PINS ‘N POCKETS SATURDAY SPORT by Ken Clay

After a week off, the Saturday Sport league resumed competition with week eight of eight league play. This week’s tip of the week was a visual one. Different colored house balls help us to see the pocket more clearly. Three of the four different oil patterns upon which the league will be bowling: 2017 World Bowling Los Angeles 38’, 2016 WTBA Stockholm 34’, 2017 World Bowling Beijing 39’, and 2017 World Bowling Mexico City 43’. When placed on the lane in this manner, the balls formed a line to the pocket.

This line allowed the bowlers to actually see the real purpose of the “Rule”, to achieve the optimum angle of entry into the pocket in order to maximize pocket carry percentage. The additional benefit was a physical manifestation of how wide each bowler’s comfort zone is in order to achieve success on sport oil patterns of various lengths.

As expected, week two of the Beijing oil pattern saw the bowlers posting higher scores than week one. The best pins over average games of the week were: Didier Pulpsiher +32, Christopher Haines +32 and +37, Tyrone Morgan +36, Michael Gary Sauer +33 and +45, and Kirby Sanders +42 and +43. The bowler of the week was, without a doubt, James Pulpsiher with games of +38 and +87 resulting in a massive pins over average series of +124! AWESOME BOWLING James!!!

For readers of the California Bowling News who are interested in joining this great sports league shot, the next 13-week session will begin on January 6 at Pins ‘N Pockets in Lake Elsinore, CA. The meeting will be at 9am with league play to follow. Weekly league fees are $7 (lunch package, $6 prize fund $1). League member benefits include 4 free drinks daily (weekdays before 6pm weekends before 8pm), free pizza and beverage on week 13 and free coaching during and after league from USBC Bronze coaches Ken Clay or Cheryl Robinson. You can find us at facebook.com/groups/PinsSaturdaySport.

Kirk Keith 255/691, Rick Scialla 244/659, Mike Harmon 229/616, Howard Lavoot 221/618, Marcia Buettner 208/553, Tua Sula 206/538, Paul Morrison Jr. 202/518, Adela Santos 537, Jojo Jasain 207/614, Jim Burke 204/543, Ron Leidholdt 207/539, Earl Hullett 204/566, Andra Gibson 566, Johnny Carl Steel 234/613, Anthony Leavell 266/586, Fale Sula 268/660. We like the team name of Young at Heart: Patterson 224/572, Michael Savolski 216/576, John Wells 215 Jon Stein, 155 Gaby Zuniga, 130 Jody Greenwell. There were sever-

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Two Teams Sit At 14-1 After Week Three Play

by David Yamasuchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational is getting more comfortable on the 26-strike pattern as they took the lanes for the third week on the challenging shot. Scores crept up a little as the bowlers made adjustments to the challenging condition.

Two 5-1 teams matched up in the “A” match as Herzog Insurance and Tito’s Handmade Vodka looked to distance themselves from the tightly matched field. Herzog limped into a first game win, then put up a huge 820 second game to start the momentum for the sweep. Ralphie Ramirez paced Herzog with a 597 set while Lee Liu led Tito’s at 570. Herzog will be in the “A” match next week facing J.A.T.

J.A.T. was working to keep their momentum going facing up Forest Lanes in the “B” match. J.A.T. took game one; held on to win game 2 by three sticks, and put up a nice 814 for the sweep over Forest Lanes. Kevin Valmonte went 663 for his best 2nd round set in nearly a decade while DeeRonn Booker once again led Forest on the dirty with a 622 effort. J.A.T. will move up to the “A” match to face Herzog Insurance.

Los Altos Trophy swept their way up to the 5-6 match to meet up with Keystone Lanes. Keystone took game one with a 41-pin win in a low-scoring affair, then picked up the pace as they swept past Los Altos by over 400 sticks. Eddie Vaidhanker paced Keystone with a solid 631 set while Matt Mosley was the lone Trophy teammate to crack 500. Calfa Bowl took game one in an ugly 668-574 match, then dropped game two by nearly 100 than built on for totals and a 4-1 win. Buddy Lucas led Buddy’s with a 602 set while Billy Myers Jr. paced Bowlwam with a 587 set.

Century 21 – My Real Estate was that last of the .500 teams as they battled Linder’s Insurance. Linder’s came out strong with a 114 pin game-one win then dropped a null-biter in game two 687-675. Linder’s game back strong to take game three and totals for the 4-1 win. Vernon Adams led Linder’s with a 599 series while Century 21 was paced by Joe Jimenez’ 559 set.

Threadworks matched up with 1st-round winner Syuso who was looking to get their round back on track. Syuso took game one; lost a null-biter in game two, and stormed back to take game three by over a hundred to knock up totals and a 4-1 win. Gabriel Martinez was solid for Syuso with a 610 set and Ron Cuningham led Threadworks with a 512 effort.

Professional Approach, Three Olives Vodka, Don Julio Tequila and Bowling Guys rounded out Monday’s matches. Professional Approach steepled past Three Olives Vodka and Bowling Guys took four from Don Julio Tequila to get back on the winning track.

Sidepots went to Arnold Cheesman (267) and Sam Hitchcock (266) for $5 each with the SuperPot going to Sol Cericos (248) for $189. Financial Advisor’s pot went to Sam Hitchcock (266) for $190 and second to DeeRonn Booker (256) for $100.

Come down Monday night and see the best scratch league in So. Cal. take the lanes at Del Rio on this challenging 26-strike oil pattern!