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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.

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

Even Bowling Writers Make Mistakes

by Fred Eisenhammer

TARZANA – OK, I was wrong. Really, really wrong. But I’ve repented. I’m admitting my mistake and moving on.

My error? Three years ago, I wrote a story for the examiner.com website with the headline: “No-tap bowling is no help for serious bowlers.”

I was seriously wrong.

What I wrote is that nine-pin, no-tap – or eight-pin, no-tap for that matter – was just a gimmick and had no place in the world of serious bowlers.

My point was that bowlers who are trying to improve are denied the opportunity to do just that by not being allowed to shoot for that often-exying 10 pin. Or that 7 pin. Or any one pin wherever it should fall.

In no-tap, bowlers are awarded strikes if they knock down nine pins (if the game is nine-pin, no-tap) or eight pins (if the game is eight-pin, no-tap).

I basically said no-tap should not have a place in the bowling universe. Who could take seriously any score that a bowler receives?

Why bowlers can shoot a 300 by knocking down merely 9 pins on 12 shots? Who can be proud of that?

Funny thing is that no one challenged me on my thesis. But I’m sure that’s because either no one read the story, no one cared or everyone thought I was so far off base that I didn’t understand.

And what I didn’t understand is this:

Bowling, first and foremost, is a game of chance, and any one can win it. Which is to say: anyone can win it.

This is true even though it isn’t quite what everyone thinks it is.

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Does lane oil evaporate?
How long should the oil pattern sit before bowling?

by Brandy Padilla, Chemical Engineer and Safety Director at Kegel

When it comes to lane conditions, every person has their own ideas as to what they think works best. Mechanics, proprietors, and bowlers all have a difference of opinion when it comes to dressing the lanes.

Ask 100 different people and you’re likely to get 100 different answers. In bowling, it’s one of those topics that just seems to create a lot of controversy and a lot of differences in opinions.

Because of all these different opinions, we get many questions regarding what the best methods are for ensuring lanes are the same from day to day. Some of these questions stem from curiosity while others, like the one I got last month, stem from bowler controversy.

I was forwarded a message that came in from our website www.kegel.net. The proprietor was quite frustrated at his bowlers because his bowlers felt like the lanes were getting conditioned too early and the conditioner was “drying up” before they ever started bowling.

The proprietor tried to show the bowlers statistical data in their score trends that suggested otherwise. But, the bowlers just didn’t agree. So, he asked “the experts”: how long can an oil pattern sit on a lane before it starts to deteriorate?

Modern lane conditioners; every lane conditioner available in today’s market; are all mineral oil based. Kegel uses pharmaceutical grade mineral oil in our lane conditioners so it is of the highest purity available. Mineral oil itself doesn’t evaporate. You could fill a cup with mineral oil and leave it sitting and it wouldn’t evaporate.

There are some chemicals in lane conditioners that will evaporate but these ingredients are minor compared to the percentage of mineral oil. For example, solvents such as isopropyl alcohol (IPA) are often used as an inexpensive way to lower the surface tension. Lowering the surface tension will allow the lane conditioner to wet across the lane surface more quickly.

Once the lane conditioner is applied, the IPA would evaporate over time. Since lane conditioners are applied in such a thin film with a low volume over a larger area, we would estimate this to be in the 30 minute range at most. It does not take a lot of IPA to lower the surface tension so it is used in amounts of 1% or less. This evaporation does not affect the lane play characteristics that come from the mineral oil and the other ingredients that are used to give the conditioner its characteristics.

While we’ve never tested the theory of how long a lane conditioner could sit before deterioration begins, a lane pattern could sit, well, forever without deteriorating. That is, of course, in theory since we don’t have a time machine! There are other things; environmental and atmospheric conditions; that will affect lane conditions. But, the conditioner itself couldn’t sit for days on the lane and it would still be there; it isn’t going to evaporate away.

While we haven’t tested the ‘forever’ theory, we have allowed a freshly conditioned lane to sit for 24 hours. We took tapes from the freshly applied pattern and took tapes on the same pattern 24 hours later. The results: the tapes were exactly the same for both sit times. The conditioner sitting on the lane didn’t change as a result of evaporation.

Other things can affect the conditioners performance. Dust from the air or from AC vents can be deposited on the lane. These particles can greatly affect the playing characteristics of the pattern. This is one reason that a good cleaning routine is so important. Applying lane conditioner to a dirty lane will also affect the playing characteristics of the lane.

Atmospheric conditions like temperature and humidity will also greatly affect lane play and these are more likely the cause of changing lane conditions.

Bowling centers see this a lot as the weather changes, especially when there are sharp changes from cold to hot or hot to cold. Bowlers will complain that the lanes are tighter or drier or something else but they don’t always consider the weather changes and that can affect lane conditions significantly.

How long a conditioner should be allowed to sit on a lane prior to bowling is a very common question. And, it’s one that we’ve gotten many times. While consistency is key, we like to support our arguments with science. So, here’s a little science behind conditioner application.

When a lane conditioner is applied to a bowling lane, several things must happen before the lane conditioner stabilizes enough to provide consistent playing characteristics. One is allowing the lane conditioner to adhere to the lane surface.

This takes about 15-30 minutes depending on the amount of conditioner applied, the type of conditioner, the type of cleaning or degreasing being used, and the surface energy of a particular lane material.

The surface tension of the conditioner is also important since the surface tension directly affects how the conditioner “wets” across the lane. The conditioner needs to “like” the lane in order for it to wet across.

If the surface energies between the two don’t agree, the conditioner will “sit up” on the lane surface (think of this effect as little beads of water sitting on the surface of your car versus the water sheeting off the surface of the car).

Another bonding takes place within the lane conditioner molecules themselves. These bonding forces, known as van der Waals forces, are basically weak attractions between atoms, molecules, and surfaces. The time for this to take place after conditioning a bowling lane is also anywhere from 15-30 minutes. The below video shows these weak bonding forces at work.

With the amount of lane conditioner being used in today’s lane patterns, it takes about 15-30 minutes for the lane conditioner to “settle down” and stabilize on the lane.

If time is not allowed for this process to take place, things like excessive carrydown can occur. The lanes may also play “tighter” simply because the oil is sitting up on top of the lane more and there is less resistance to the bowling ball as it rolls through the oil pattern.

This is one reason; during tournaments where we provide lane maintenance; we always try to get the tournament organizers to allow a minimum of 15 minutes of lane conditioner “sit time” before the first ball is thrown down the lane.

The biggest key is consistency. It’s one of the things that we preach. Create a routine and stick with that routine every day. If you do the lanes an hour before league, do them an hour before league every time and you’ll eliminate that variable (and that complaint from your bowlers)

We hope this information helps you. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us. We will be happy to assist in any way we can. Until next time, happy bowling!
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The Perfect Game
The Perfect Coach: Part 6

Over the last couple weeks, we’ve taught you a stance and a push-away that puts your ball on a target-line and keeps it there. So far, so good. This week we address everyone’s nemesis; the arm-swing.

Ideally, we want this skill to imitate the motion of a simple pendulum; success being achieved when the forward motion of the ball traces the same path as the backward motion. But getting the swing to behave like that can be tough. Why? Because it’s so complicated.

The arm-swing consists of four separate parts; the down-swing, back-swing, forward-swing and follow-through. These movements involve the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hand, and everything in between; that’s a lot of moving parts. Furthermore, it’s a sneaky little devil; causing mischief while out of sight and behind your back! If your arm-swing is a problem, you may not even know it, or what to do about it.

Don’t despair. Since bowling is a game of accuracy and consistency, concentrate on developing the consistency of this skill. Let the accuracy of your arm-swing come from proper performances of the stance and push-away. If you do, the arm-swing can be become a non-issue. Let’s give it a try.

As we’ve stated before, keeping things simple is the secret to success. Developing a consistent and effective arm-swing requires only that you pay attention to three crucial elements:

• 1. The wrist position. Keep it positioned so your hand is behind the ball through out the swing.
• 2. Elbow position. After executing your push-away, keep the elbow locked so the arm remains rigidly straight throughout the swing. Proper wrist position, coupled with a locked elbow, keeps the arm-swing consistent and aligned with the target.
• 3. The height of the back-swing. A back-swing which goes too high* will twist your upper torso out of alignment with your target. It can also wreak havoc with your timing.

That’s all there is to it. As you can see, the arm-swing may be complex, but mastering it doesn’t need to be. Since visualization is a powerful tool in self-coaching, your best friend will again be a full-length mirror in your home. There, you can practice these elements whenever time and circumstances permit. The greatest obstacle you now face is acquiring the discipline to perform them with each shot you deliver onto a lane. By the way, practicing in front of a mirror is not egomaniacal; it’s a necessity.

To recap, you can achieve a consistent and effective arm-swing by keeping your hand behind the ball, your elbow locked, and not going crazy with your back-swing. That isn’t so hard? Is it?

Join us next week when we will address the toughest skill to master: the release.

* How high is too high? To answer this question, stand upright with both arms hanging by your sides, fingers outstretched and palms facing each other. Now slowly lift your arms until you feel a little resistance. This is how high the back-swing should be.}

And the show goes on
By Judy Howlett

After the championship dust settled, we moved on to the awards banquet for the 53rd QubicaAMF Bowling World Cup. Here we recognized our newest champions who then awarded the Sportsman and Sportswoman award, as well as the top country.

The top country this year, winning the Bent Petersen award, was Colombia with Rocío Restrepo and Oscar Rodriguez. It was very close and went to Colombia over Malaysia on pinfall.

And then came the awards for sportsman and sportswoman of the tournament, chosen by the players themselves. The awards went to Lluis Montfort of Catalonia and Aumi Restrepo and Oscar Rodriguez. It was very close and went to Colombia over Malaysia.

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CALIFORNIA BOWLING NEWS

Xframe Bowling Tournament Club

Difficulty:

Benjamin Chavez Wins First Xframe Title at Bowlium

John Klasman is 2nd $750 • Jaimee Pamintuan 3rd $375

Match Game Carries Over Estimated at $2,500 at Cal Bowl

CAL BOWL HOSTS OUR THANKSGIVING EVENT THIS WEEKEND

$2,000 Bonus 11/22 • $1,000 Bonus 11/23 • $500 Bonus 11/24 Winning the Event

MONTCLAIR — Benjamin Chavez rose up and won his first Xframe title at Bowlium as he downed John Klasman to win the title taking home $2,000 for his fine effort. The turnout was decent, 129 entrants / 3 squads with a nice $3,458 prize fund, plus $875 in bonuses.

Cut scores to the Semi-finals were on the high side with Men +106, our Ladies +99 & Seniors +72 at -72.

31 bowlers took to the lanes for the finals hoping to make the top 8 finals with the top qualifier to sit out and bowl for the title.

Hi qualifier was Benjamin Chavez with a super +189/789. He would sit out and bowl for the title with the bowlers from 6th to 8th place. Bowl one game to advance to the top four. Being eliminated finishing 6th to 8th were Parker Tran 208, Allen Espino 191, and Stephen Alford 190. They cashed accordingly. Round Two saw John Klasman 284/tops, advance to the title game vs Chavez. Jaimee Pamintuan 221 3rd $375, Oscar Bardoalza 208 and Darren Tiongco 188 rounded off the top 5 with Klasman.

The title game was on and two nice young men will bowl for the title. In this game Klasman struggled a bit and ended with at 193 and Chavez rolled to his first title and a nice $2,000 trophy prize. Great bowling Benjamin!!! Mr. Klasman bowed well as did all in the top 8 that evening.

John Klasman took home $750 in 2nd place with great bowling and Jaimee Pamintuan in 3rd place and $375! 31 Bowlers cashed at Bowlium. No one hit the Match Game and the $650 pot will carry over to our Big Thanksgiving event Nov. 22-23-24-25 at Cal Bowl. Pot is estimated at $2,500 plus.

It was all well and good at Bowlium. We will return soon. Thanks for the hospitality!!

Benjamin Chavez hails from Alta Loma and he used an Estonite Cyclone drilled by the famous Marv Sargent at FootBall Lanes!! Benjamin is single ladies! His proud father Tomas was on hand for the win! I’ve been bowling this fine family several years and they come no better!! His uncle Galdino is an Xframe member also and a fine bowler, great people here!!

John Klasman is from Rancho Cucamonga, and he used an IQ Tour Drilled by Memo at Chaparral Lanes. He’s single also!! Jaimee Pamintuan is from Cerritos and a great bowler. She is an Xframe Champion and also single!! She used a Roto Grip Spinister drilled by Ben Mach at Westminster Lanes. Her father Bert is an old friend and also a good bowler! He is also an Xframe Champion, and you will always find their #1 supporter on hand, Berts wife Jaimee’s Mom!! Super family and people also.

Make plans for the Big Thanksgiving Event Nov. 22 thru 25 at Cal Bowl $7,000 1st Guarantee with Bonus. CAL BOWL is located at 2500 E. Carson easily accessed from 605.

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1 in 6 Men, 1 in 5 Ladies to the Semifinals. Saturday at 6:00PM is the Re-Entry Squad. Semi-Finals to follow 8:15PM. Please see our ad below and related story on front page and also on Face book, Xframe Bowling Tour.

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Semi-finals/Bowl 3 games cut to top 12. Top qualifier altas out title match. Top 12 bowlers will bowl 1 game eliminator format down to 4 bowlers. Top 4 will bowl 1 game eliminator format down to last bowler for the championship match. Guaranteed In the Top 16 (2 Women, 2 Seniors)

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Optionals: Side Pot $7, Bracket $5, Match Game 3; $5

Total Xframe Bonus: $30 FULL $15 HALF

QUALIFYING RATIO: MIN 1/8 WOMEN 1/16 AS SENIORS MIN 258 & WOMEN MIN 258

FINANCIAL REPORT:

CUT SCORES:

Saturday: Men +106 Women +105
SENIORS: Saturday: Men +99 Women +72
HIGH QUALIFIER (FREE ENTRY) Men: Alan Libao $245
Women: Jessica Garcia +158
MATCH GAME: 125 - $500 - NO WINNERS

Prize Fund $3,458.00

Sidelots $795.00

XFrame Bonus $875.00

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RE-ENTRY SQUAD ONLY (YOU MUST HAVE BOWLED ONE SQUAD TO RE-ENTER), SEPARATE CUT FOR THE RE-ENTRY SQUAD. SEMI-FINALS TO FOLLOW @ 5PM

2 Chavez, Benjamin 789 1000 1000
2 Klasman, John Jr 750 500 250
3 Pamintuan, Jaimee 694 250 125
4 Bardoalza, Oscar 776 150
5 Tiongco, Darrow 575 63
6 Tran, Parker 775 100
7 Espino, Allen 738 90
8 Alford, Steven 748 85
9 Quiatangon, Don 734 80
10 Barraca, Jonathan 732 75
11 Phan, John 708 60
12 Pascual, Darren 704 65
13 Libao, Alan S 693 60
14 Solomon, Chris 581 27
15 Marquez, Beatriz 581 53
16 Lee, Nick 680 50
17 Mercado, Jeremy 680 50
18 Garza, Gabriel 679 50
19 Toro, Floyd 675 50
20 Alkonga, Renny 670 50
21 Pamintuan, Bort 661 50
22 Averia, Tito 658 50
23 Mendoza, Ricardo 656 50
24 Zamora, Freddy 655 50
25 Cunanan, Knel 652 50
26 Garcia, Jessica 647 50
27 Sundara, Sun 646 50
28 Barcelona, Jojo 640 50
29 Kopp, Michelle 619 50
30 Furiscal, Marge 608 50
31 Arsenaulat, Isaac 604 50

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RENO, Nev. – Tobias Börding, a third-year Professional Bowlers Association member from Puchheim, Germany, has been named winner of the inaugural PBA Don Carano WSOB Award in recognition of his performance in the GEICO PBA World Series of Bowling IX, presented by Eldorado Reno Resorts Properties.

The new award, created by the PBA, honors the memory of the late Don Carano and his entire family for their long-time support of the PBA. The award is a tribute to Don Carano’s life-long pursuit of personal improvement, and specifically applies to Börding as the player who showed the most improvement in PBA World Championship qualifying from 2016 to 2017.

In 2016, Börding finished World Championship qualifying in 121st place. In 2017, he finished qualifying in 28th place, moving up 93 positions in the standings.

As the winner of the inaugural award, Börding will receive a premium bottle of wine from the Carano family winery, dinner for two at Carano’s La Strada Ristorante and complimentary lodging at one of the Carano family’s Eldorado Resort Casinos – Eldorado Resort Casino, Silver Legacy Resort Casino or Circus Circus Reno Hotel & Casino – for the 2018 PBA World Series of Bowling X.

The PBA Don Carano WSOB Award will be presented in future World Series of Bowling held in Reno to the player who shows the most improvement year over year in PBA World Championship qualifying.

Don Carano, patriarch of the Carano family that was integral in the building of the National Bowling Stadium and the development of Reno’s Tri-Properties, died on Oct. 3 at age 85.
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most, should be fun, even for a serious-minded bowler – unless you’re a pro and living off your earnings.

And sometimes competitive bowlers deserve a break from the anguish they sometimes experience while bowling in their leagues or tournaments. Now when they leave that waggling 7 pin or stone-cold 9 pin, they are awarded the strike they feel they deserve in no-tap.

Of course, if they leave the 7-10 railroad after a pocket hit, well, those are the breaks of the game.

And no-tap can help competitive bowlers because it can help them to focus on pocket hits, which should deliver a strike in most cases.

There’s a reason that no-tap tournaments, especially doubles no-tap events, draw big crowds. Bowlers like them. They like the camaraderie. They also like the high scores (unless one is really off their game and I know that feeling!).

So if you happen to wander over to the fifth annual After-Thanksgiving Doubles No-Tap Tournament on Friday night at Corbin Bowl in Tarzana, you’ll see a ton of bowlers hitting crowds. Bowlers like them. They like the camaraderie. They also like the high scores (unless one is really off their game and I know that feeling!).

While working for AMF, I was privileged to visit other countries in a program called “cross training.” It was a wonderful opportunity to view other cultures and the adaptations of bowling that went through as a result.

One of those countries was Japan, where bowling exploded in the 1970’s. There were bowling lanes everywhere. I remember entering a building and traveling in an elevator to the 6th floor, only to find a complete bowling center. There was no signage on the outside or inside of the building, just a bowling pin on the rooftop.

Once I learned about the rooftop bowling indicator, it was easy to seek out notable bowling locations like the Tokyo World Bowl (512 lanes), Nagoya Grand Bowl (260 lanes), and the Hata Sports Center (200 lanes).

Although the Tokyo World Bowl (54 lanes) and Nagoya Grand Bowl (156 lanes) were shadows of their former selves when I visited, the Hata Sports Center still thrived with the 6th floor, only to find a complete bowling center. There was no signage on the outside or inside of the building, just a bowling pin on the rooftop.

What those Japanese proprietors must have learned from the extreme overbuilding of the ten pin market, is that diversity is perhaps more important than visibility. Just like bowling proprietors today that are diversifying with mini bowling lanes, upscale restaurants, laser tag and karaoke, the Japanese owners, while failing to encourage league bowling, did recognize the need for a variety of activities.

Can bowling survive without visibility in the USA? Some historians say yes, because it’s real estate still influencing the location of bowling centers? Many would say yes. Just look at the list of trendy boutique centers and locations mentioned in the International Bowling Industry article: Round 1, Mentor, OH; Casa Amigos, Scottsdale, AZ; Ka-Ko Jo’s, Grecely, CO; Hydro Adventure, Popolitan Bluff, MO; Main Event, West Knoxville, TN; Pinstripes, North Bethesda, MD; and Rollhouse Entertainment in Solon, OH.

Granted, many of these locations could represent suburbs of major cities, like Rancho Cucamonga, but the exclusion of large cities like Los Angeles, San Jose or New York is painfully obvious.

History repeats itself. In addition to being a song by The Ravyns, it is also a famous quote by philosopher George Santayana, when he opined that “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”

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Why I Stopped Watching Football - Part 5

by Dave Williams

While researching for the “Why I Stopped Watching Football – Part 3” column, I stumbled upon an article by David Pollack in the San Jose Mercury News, entitled “Developers Finding Other Uses for Land Under Bowling Centers.”

According to Pollack, no less than 7 of 9 bowling centers in San Jose had closed in the last 25 years, prior to the construction of Round 1 - Eastridge, a Japanese chain that combines karaoke with more traditional games inside bowling facilities.

Perhaps no other community in the United States knows more about the closing of bowling centers than the greater Los Angeles-San Fernando Valley area. San Jose and the greater New York-Long Island area come close… San Jose on a percentage basis, and New York on a numerical ground.

Sure, there are the occasional boutique bowling centers like Round 1 - Eastridge popping up from time to time. Lucky Strike - Los Angeles or the Spare Room in Hollywood come to mind, but the number of new or retrofitted centers has not kept up with all of the closings of traditional centers with more land beds.

A recent article in the International Bowling Industry Magazine (October 2017, page 9) bears this out. With the exception of Splitsville, a 20 lane facility opening at Downtown Disney in Anaheim, and Punch Bowl Social in Rancho Cucamonga, all of the other openings (and thankfully there are many) are in rather obscure places… not Los Angeles, San Jose or New York.

Is real estate still influencing the location of bowling centers? Many would say yes. Just look at the list of trendy boutique centers and locations mentioned in the International Bowling Industry article: Round 1, Mentor, OH; Casa Amigos, Scottsdale, AZ; Ka-Ko Jo’s, Grecely, CO; Hydro Adventure, Popolitan Bluff, MO; Main Event, West Knoxville, TN; Pinstripes, North Bethesda, MD; and Rollhouse Entertainment in Solon, OH.

Granted, many of these locations could represent suburbs of major cities, like Rancho Cucamonga, but the exclusion of large cities like Los Angeles, San Jose or New York is painfully obvious.

History repeats itself. In addition to being a song by The Ravyns, it is also a famous quote by philosopher George Santayana, when he opined that “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
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LAKEWOOD — HAPPY THANKSGIVING to all the bowlers and friends here at Cal Bowl. Hope you are having a great day and take some time to remember all the things we have to be thankful for. Our Monthly No-Tap Singles Tournament will be starting on Monday, November 20th at 6:00 p.m. and concluding at 6:30 p.m., $20.00 entry fee (3 games). You must be a current league member to be eligible for this tournament (Cal Bowl, Keystone Lanes, Forest Lanes, Del Rio Lanes or Saddleback Lanes). Guaranteed Place for 2nd Place. $200.00 for 1st Place and $100.00 for 2nd Place. It’s a new day. Keep an eye on the high scores from our league sheets which are always interesting to read. V.A.: The league is still looking for ideas for the team name yet. Any suggestions for them?

Big Bear:

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WINNETKA – All of us at Winnetka Bowl wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! Have a safe and special holiday. We are going to open for business that day so you can spend the holiday with their families. We will be open Friday morning at 9:00 A.M. We are going to close at 10:00 A.M. to hit the lanes for some practice instead of the mall.

Congratulations to “Siena’s Team” winner of our Fab 5 Baker Tournament on November 4th. Team members are Siena and Craig Cawelti, Shawn Tamjidi, Tyler Baker and Justin Puchino. This team will be moving on to the Southern California Finals in Lake Forest next month. Best of luck to all!

Here are the top league scores for the past month:

**Kings & Queens (Youth Sport 4-games):** Solomom Salama 235-783, Devin Velazquez 234-780, Kyler Orosco 256-794, Anthony Schanen 248-796, Tifani Shiotani 209-552, Monique Hunt 210-568.


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