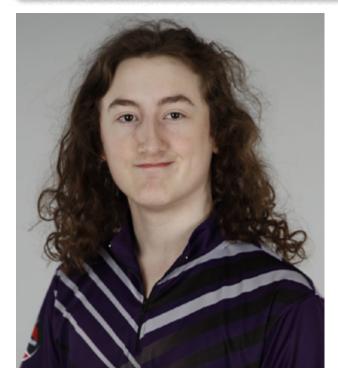
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16-Year-Old Deo Benard Becomes Youngest PBA Member to Win A Regional

by Gianmarc Manzione - Bowlers Journal

Deo Bernard may only have started bowling four years ago, but the résumé he has compiled on the lanes makes clear that the bowling world can plan on hearing about him for years to come.

Bernard, a 16-year-old two-hander from the left side, said he bowled using a traditional one-handed style for the first year, but started bowling two-handed "just for fun. I was just playing around. Then I kind of got into it and kind of liked it, and it was more fun throwing it two-handed."

A decision that started as "just playing around" has, just a few years later, helped pave Benard's way into the pro-bowling history books: At age 16 years and 213 days on July 24, Benard became the youngest PBA member to win a

regional title as he captured the South Point West Challenge trophy after downing Dan Peters in the title match, 223-190, at South Point Bowling Plaza in Las Vegas.

The feat eclipses previous record holder Trey Ford III's regional title at age 17 years, 226 days on April 8, 2018, when he won the PBA FireLake/Grand Casino Resort Southwest Open at FireLake Bowling Center in Shawnee, Okla. When four-time regional winner Wesley Low won his first at age 15, he did so at the 2013 edition of the same event. Unlike Benard, however, Low recorded that milestone as a non-

In an ironic twist, Benard defeated Low en route to victory this time around, continued on page 6

the varsity girls title in a runaway, while Bryce Oliver won the varsity boys title in the final frame Friday at the 2020 Teen Masters after both players finished second last year. Oliver, a hard-throwing

Caroline Thesier won

Oliver, a hard-throwing two-handed lefty, tossed three clutch strikes in the final frame to secure the win with a 42-game total of 9,279, a 212.36 average.

Needing all three strikes to lock it up, Oliver went high flush on his first shot, had a light mixer kick out the 10 pin on his second shot and then cut down the 10 pin on a high flush strike to post a 279 game and beat defending champion Julian Michael Salinas.

In an identical setup to last year, Oliver led by seven pins going into the position round game but lost to Salinas in the finale in 2019. This time, he reversed his fortunes.

Oliver and Salinas traded blows in the final game but Oliver escaped with a 279-267 victory. Salinas watched as Oliver finished the 10th frame first and didn't give him a chance to win back-to-back titles.

Oliver, Thesier Take Home 2020 Teen Masters Titles

by Lucas Wiseman



2020 Teen Masters Champs Bryce Oliver & Caroline Thesier

Salinas finished second with 9,230, while Nate Purches was third with 9,107.

Thesier, meanwhile, took the lead after the third round of qualifying and never looked back, winning with a total of 8,634, a 194.14 average.

At last year's Teen Masters, Thesier had a chance to win with a double and six pins in the final frame. She came up light and left a two pin on her first shot, settling for second place.

This year, it seemed she was determined not to let history repeat itself. Thesier dominated throughout

match play and posted a 16-2 record en route to the victory.

Thesier dominated the competition, out-averaging her next closest competitor by more than five pins per game. Jaelle Hamman

finished second with 8,275, while Kara Kay was third with 8,091.

The junior varsity titles were won by Kayla Starr and Trevor Anifer, pictured below along with the varsity champions.



Kayla Starr, Caroline Thesier, Bryce Oliver & Trevor Anifer

The Nelson Burton Jr. Tetralogy

by Dave William

Burton Jr. Tetralogy (four related works about the same person) involves Damon Cardwell, who was last known to have been working on set design and construction in Hollywood, utilizing his Film and Theatre degree from Humboldt State University in California. And if you believe in psychics, then you might understand the unusual relationship that Damon and I experienced while growing up in Northern California.

Damon is from the Sacramento area and recorded many top scores, both individually and in team competition, at Cardinal Lanes (Sacramento) and Cordova Lanes (Rancho Cordova). It was about this same time

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Our first meeting was in the early 1970's, when as amateurs we were watching the exploits of Don Johnson, Dick Weber, Billy Hardwick and Nelson Burton Jr., at the Mercury Cougar Open at Saratoga Lanes in San Jose. A mutual friend introduced us, and it was as though we had known one another from birth, sharing stories from our respective territories separated only by the Mayacamas Mountain Range.

I lost touch with Damon after that chance encounter

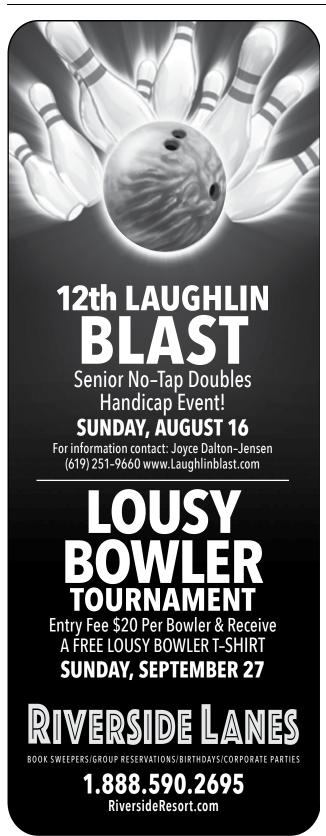


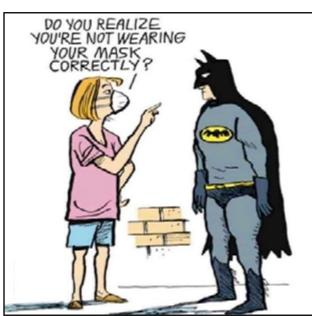
Nelson Burton Jr. at 2009 USBC Ceremonies PHOTO PBA, LLC

at the venerable Saratoga Lanes, owned and operated by American Recreation Centers (ARC). As fate would have it, we were reunited at another PBA event hosted by ARC at continued on page 6

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Bob Mejia, an Inspiration to Bowlers of All Ages

At first glance, Bob Mejia might seem like many of the bowlers with whom we bowl in our leagues. He currently bowls in two leagues each week at Canyon Lanes in Cabazon, CA, plays golf twice a week and leads an active life. A few weeks ago, he bowled a 209 to help his Wednesday morning team, the Ravens (of which he is team captain), win a 4-0 victory against its opponents.

Still nothing out of the ordinary, you might be thinking. But you'd be quite wrong. What sets this extraordinary individual apart from his fellow bowlers is the fact that he is a spry 92 years young and serves as an inspiration for many who are decades younger.

Two years ago, he and his beloved wife, Esther, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary and on January 21 of this year, they marked their 72nd year together.



Bob and Esther on their 70th anniversary

Bob and Esther were

married on January 21, 1948 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pomona, California. They are the proud parents of three daughters, eight grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Bob watches another strike

You might think that someone with Bob's passion for bowling had been bowling in leagues his entire life. But not so. He only joined his first league in 1996 at Moreno Valley Bowl after his retirement from California Steel, and over the years his teams have won several championships. Bob's personal record for a high game was a blazing 289

and his high average has been 165. He feels that bowling has played a major role in keeping him active and he offers the following advice to younger bowlers: "Keep bowling, do the best you can and above all else, have fun!"

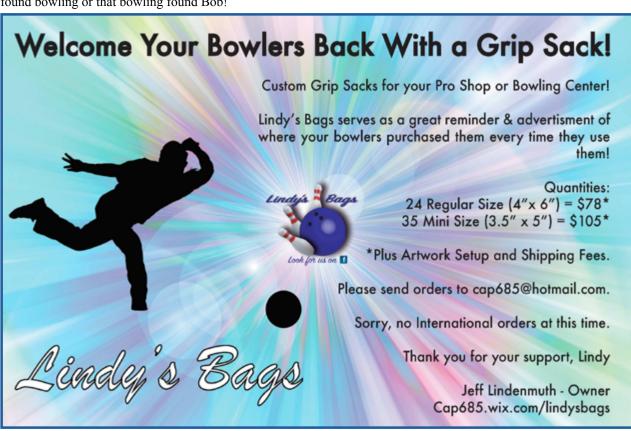


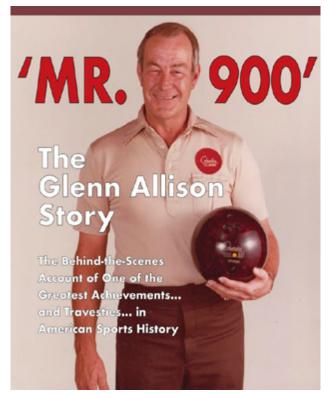
Ravens Team (L-R) Bob Mejia (Captain), Maureen Condon, Jim McGowan, Cliff Orent.

Born on September 14, 1927 in El Paso, Texas and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Bob's family moved to Pomona in Los Angeles County when he was in the sixth grade. He was the second to youngest of seven siblings (five brothers and two sisters). He spent a year in the Navy & was released at the end of World War II, following which he had a long and successful 38 ½ year career with Kaiser Steel, starting in an entry level position and working his way up to foreman. Bob retired in 1982 when Kaiser Steel closed its plant, but when California Steel opened at that same facility & Bob received a call asking him to return, he went back to work for another 11 ½ years, working a total of 50 years before finally retiring in 1991.

Following his retirement, Bob and Esther moved to Sun Lakes Country Club in Banning, where they have lived for 29 years. Bob's secrets to a long and happy marriage: "Do things together, talk to each other and help each other, both inside and outside the home."

Bob also shared some of his thoughts about living a good life: "Always try to do the right thing, be happy, save money regularly and help your neighbors." We could all benefit from Bob's sage advice and we're fortunate indeed that Bob found bowling or that bowling found Bob!





NOW AVAILABLE

by Bob Johnson

Former Editor of The Bowling News

The long-awaited book about bowling hall of famer Glenn Allison, his historic 900 series and its aftermath is now available. "Mr. 900: The Glenn Allison Story" may be purchased online at Mr900Book.com.

Subtitled, "The Behind-the-Scenes Account of One of the Greatest Achievements... and Travesties... in American Sports History," the book was written by Bob Johnson who, like Allison, is a member of both the Professional Bowlers Association and United States Bowling Congress Halls of Fame.

In addition to chronicling the night that Allison made bowling history by rolling sanctioned league bowling's first 900 series, its rejection for official recognition by the American Bowling Congress, the subsequent appeal and court action, the book includes chapters on a career record that led to Allison's election to two national bowling halls of fame, bowling's great team era, each of Allison's teammates on the fabled Falstaff Beer team, an analysis of Allison's physical game by long-time coach Bill Taylor, and much, much more.

All told, the book includes 36 chapters — one for each strike in the 900 series — three postscripts that update the story seven, 10 and 32 years after the fact; an additional postscript that makes a compelling case for overturning

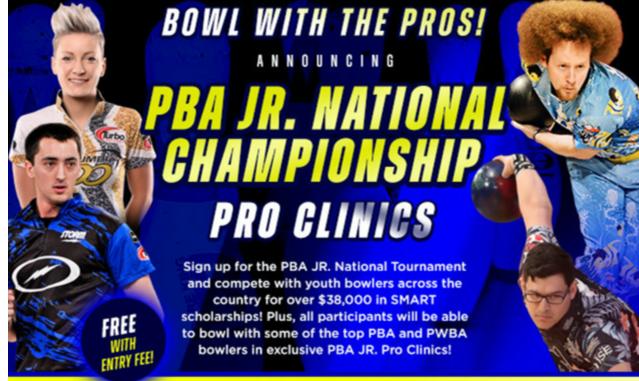
the ABC's original ruling and finally granting Allison his rightful place atop the all-time list of approved 900 series, and more.

"I knew Bob had been working on the book for years but that its publication had been stalled due to lack of funding for the printing," said Terry Johnson, Bob's brother, who himself once rolled two 300 games in a three-game set. "When he told me that it was 95 percent done and could be finished up in a few months I told him, 'Let's do it.""

That's how Read Between the Lanes Publishing, LLC came to be, and the company is offering three limited-edition bonuses to those who order early:

- •Coasters that read, "Glenn Allison's 900... Certify It Now!" for the first 300 orders (only a few left following the July pre-sale).
- •Bookmarks that depict the book's cover for the first 900 orders.
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by Bette Addington

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- 15-16 CBT Beat the Board Doubles, Sat. squads-10/12/2/4; Sun. squads-10/12/2, Sunset Lanes, St. George, UT, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
- 15-16 24th Brunswick Modesto Masters, Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, 209/524-9161
 - 16 12th Laughlin Blast/Sr. No-Tap Handicap Dbls., Riverside Lanes, Laughlin, 619/251-9660
 - 16 PBA Regional, AMF Firebird Lanes, Salem, OR, gary.mage@pba.com, 360/600-1229
- 18-19 Xtra Frame on FloBowling 2020 PBA Oklahoma Open Rebroadcast
- 21-23 CUSBC 2020 Sr. Singles Tourn., Kearney Mesa Bowl, San Diego-CANCELED
- 22-23 Elite Bowling Club #5 5 Gamer, Canyon Lanes, Cabazon, 909/450-9415
- 27-30 The Gauntlet Eliminator Singles Scratch Tourn., 27-29 10:30/12:30/3/5/7:30, Coconut Bowl, Sparks, NV, bobt@norcalbowling.com
- 29-30 CBT Beat the Board Doubles/Singles, Sat. @ 9/11/1/3; Sun. @ 10/12/2, Bowlero Mesa, Mesa, AZ, 661/418-8007, cbtbowling.com
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"Four Paws, Two Feet, One Team

To The Editor

The recent 37th 900 series by Wesley Low Jr; Probably the first both hander to do so. Notice that 19% of the group are listed as Left, about double the world (10%) population #. Where righthanders are better at performing tasks !/? (Wikipedia).

Wonder if he USBC someday will have perfect award for a Sport condition, 750? Just saying.

Vic Bulaich - Westchester

"Reflect and Respect" Attn: Dennis McNerny

I would like to mention Ken Brown, head technician at Sam's Town Las Vegas since they opened 40 years ago.

I have known Ken since we were both in high school and he was working as a Brunswick "B" mechanic at Mar Lin Do Lanes in Burbank CA.

He also worked at Encino Bowl for Harry Grant before relocating to Las Vegas. Ken is a qualified tech on both Brunswick and AMF machines, as Sam's Town switched to AMF 21 years ago.

Both He and Jerry Gresco (co head tech) and their great team have kept Sam's Town running virtually problem free all these years.

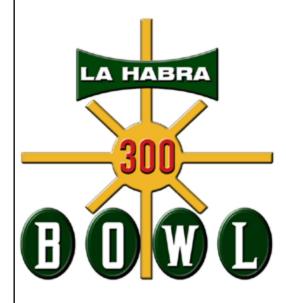
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AEDIA BEAT by Damon Cardwell

Excuse Me, Mister, Haven't We Met Before?

WELL, I finally met up with Nelson Burton Jr.

Those of you who've been reading this column will be surprised to hear that no punches were thrown, no lawyers were called, and no ambulance sirens wailed. As a matter of fact, it was damn near serene. As another matter of fact, me and old Nelson are almost amigos, almost dare I say it? - friends.

For those of you who haven't been reading this column, perhaps a little explanation is in order. Over the course of the last two years, I have done just about everything to Nelson Burton Jr. except get him pregnant. I have reviled his performance on the ABC telecast, I have mocked his instructional video, and I have even made fun of the way he talks. Naturally, I did this all with the same air of restraint practiced by the average rabid wolverine. In short, I have done what is normally called a "hatchet job" on ol' Bo.

Our meeting was bound to happen. I followed the Winter Pro Tour during its first three stops out here on the west coast. Naturally, that involves attending the TV show taping. Quite a few guys in the press box (Mike McGrath in particular) were vying for the opportunity to introduce me to Bo. Everybody was expecting sparks to fly when the time finally came.

It was in Pinole, I was standing behind the bleachers during match play talking with ARC marketing guru Dave Williams. Dave is an old friend and a great bowler, so we were treating each other to our mutual war stories. Suddenly I heard a voice and saw a hand extended to shake. "Dave Williams! How are ya, pal?" It was Bo.

Dave instantly recognized the opportunity that had presented itself and he wasted no time. "Why, hello Bo. This is Damon Cardwell. You know, the writer from Bowlers Journal."

Bo didn't miss a beat. "Oh, ho-ho, yes, Mr. Cardwell, I've read some of your incredibly critical articles." We shook hands. I did what I normally do in these situations. I stood still and watched out for right crosses. It was at this point that Dave Williams pretended to realize that maybe he had made an uncomfortable introduc-



Is there room for both Damon and Bo Burton in the same announcer's booth?

tion. Bo quickly put him at ease: "Ah, you know, Dave, these new journalists usually mellow out after they've made a name for themselves." Still no right crosses

Bo then went into the Bo Rap. He spoke to a lot of my criticisms in a very friendly and articulate way. It was almost like listening to a politician. He was as smooth as new boots. He has a "don't fix it if it ain't broke" attitude about the telecast. He thinks my opinion about directing the broadcast to more savvy bowlers is a mistake.

Lasked Bo if he was periodically put in an uncomfortable position of having to serve two masters-that is to say, does he have to keep people happy in both the ABC-TV and the PBA camps? "Oh no," said Burton. "The PBA has no say in what I do. That would be just as wrong as me telling you how to write your articles."

And I must admit, Nelson never tried to tell me about writing. He did, however, go to great lengths to impress me with his knowledge of the broadcast television business. Naturally, this strategy was punctuated with vague allusions to my ignorance of the same. I hope you readers will be pleased by the fact that I held my tongue and neglected to tell him about my past 15 years of work in various facets of the film business here in Hollywood. That's

right, I even resisted the urge to tell him about my Film/Theatre degree from Humboldt State University (okay, so it ain't Harvard— it sure was fun!). I just stood there and nodded my head like a good boy and listened to the Bo Master rap.

I managed to ask Bo if he would do the broadcast differently if he had his way. "Oh sure, there would be a few changes. I'd really like to produce my own videos. I'd be operating under a few less constraints, and I wouldn't have to use these union crews."

Just then, the PBA's tour press director Bobby Dinkins walked up and handed Bo an envelope. Dave and I watched closely as he opened it. Sure enough. It was an "Ask Bo" letter- something to do with Pro Bowlers and college education. "Well," said Bo, "at least this is a question. Most of the mail is more like 'Tell Bo' letters."

The next day's telecast was one of the lowest scoring shows in recent history. The tedium was interrupted by a segment promoting the Harlem Globetrotters. Naturally, the Globies were goofing around with a bowling ball. It was the same as it always is. It's as if we beg real athletes to come on the show and testify that bowling is sort of a real sport.

Why couldn't we have turned the tables on this one and had the bowlers on a court shooting hoops with the Globetrotters? I'm sure All-American Mark Baker and some of the other PBA jocks could have made a fine showing. It certainly would have been better than the segment that was shown.

During the break between the second and third matches, I got up from my press seat to get a non-alcoholic beer from the bar. I had to walk past the broadcast booth to get there. Bo looked up and said, "Damon, where are you going? You're going to miss my tip of the week and the ad for my

So the guy has a sense of humor. He was very professional in his handling of me. A real diplomat. Hey! That's it! Maybe Bo should run for office. Then I could snake his job! "Hello, Dennis? Dennis Swanson from ABC Sports? You probably don't know me but...'

Tetralogy continued from page 1

Pinole Valley Lanes in the East Bay Area near Oakland. By this time, I had become the Director of Marketing for ARC, while Damon was a bowling writer for Bowlers Journal, penning the monthly "Media Beat" column.

Damon and I were once again treating each other to our war stories since our last encounter at Saratoga Lanes, when Nelson Burton Jr. came along to shake my hand. "Dave Williams! How are ya, pal?" I shook Bo's hand and introduced him to Cardwell, the new "Media Beat" columnist at Bowlers Journal.

Now, contrary to the article that appeared in the Bowlers Journal (April 1991), I had no idea of the history between Damon and Bo. I don't know if it was because of my total devotion to the job at ARC, or if my Bowlers Journal subscription had run out, but I honestly had no idea what I had done.

Burton was quick to acknowledge Cardwell and mentioned that he had read some of Damon's critical articles about his instructional video and performance as analyst on the PBA Tour on ABC-TV. "Ah, you know, Dave, these new journalists usually mellow out after they've made a name for themselves," said Burton.

I have once again lost touch with Damon after that second chance encounter at Pinole Valley Lanes, although I've seen comments from him on Facebook and a few bowling blogs. It's interesting to note that when ABC did not renew the PBA contract in 1997, after 35 years on the network, ESPN picked up the winter broadcast (ESPN had been broadcasting summer events since 1985).

Burton stayed on for one season at ESPN but left in 1998 after 23 years in that position. Surprisingly, Randy Pedersen has been the analyst for almost as many years as Burton, counting his time as the lane level reporter at ABC Sports. Maybe it's time for Damon Cardwell to make another attempt and submit his resume to Fox Sports?

"Hello, Eric Shanks? You probably don't know me

(Portions of this article and Bowlers Journal page photo were adapted with permission from the April 1991 issue of **Bowlers Journal**)

Benard continued from page 1

prevailing in their Round of 8 face-off, 230-290, 240-223,

"At the time, I didn't know if I was the youngest or not; I was just freaking out that I won," said Bernard, who finished fourth in the U15 division at the Junior Gold Championships last year and 13th in that marquee national youth event in 2018. "It was really cool though."

Benard, the son of three-time PBA Regional winner Rick, caught the eye of former Team USA member Steve Kloempken last October when Benard finished runner-up to Kloempken in the 2019 edition of the tournament.

"Deo is a tremendous talent, and having competed

against him now in several tournaments, it's clear that this PBA Regional title at age 16 is going to be the first of many," said Kloempken. "His technique is powerful; seemingly anything that gets close to the 1-2 ends up striking. But what impresses me the most is his maturity and composure even under the pressure of PBA competition. Nothing seems to rattle him."

This past February, Benard again finished runner-up in a regional when Derek Acuff held him off in the title match of the preliminary singles event held as part of the PBA South Point Member/Non-Member Doubles tournament.

Benard counts fellow southpaws Jakob Butturff and Jesper Svensson has his favorite PBA Tour players. He has a very good reason for that: "They strike a lot," Benard says.

On the national stage, Benard finished 25th in January's 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic at the International Training and Research Center in Arlington, Texas.

He says his dream is to "make cuts and win" on the national tour. If the regional record he is compiling in his mid-teens is any indication, Benard's dream appears to be well

New Mexico Open Postponed Due To COVID-19

RIO RANCHO, NM - - - The 17th Annual New Mexico Open Tournament, originally slated for August 14th - 16th at Ten Pins and More, has been postponed, but not cancelled, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was necessary to hold off on the event because public bowling centers in New Mexico have been closed since mid-March with no clear indication as to when they will reopen," stated Tournament Director Steve Mackie.

"It would be unfair to expect New Mexico bowlers, who traditionally make up a third of the field, to compete with most having not thrown a ball in over 140 days. On top of this, the state still has a required 14-day quarantine for visitors - the remaining two-thirds of the entries."

A new major sponsor this year is the Pitre Buick GMC dealership in Albuquerque, that will be offering a new car for a 300 game during the top four stepladder finals, to be streamed live by Craig Elliott's BowlStreamTV.com.

Mackie says that many national bowling stars are among the record 226 entrants to date, including Chris Barnes, Kyle Troup, Jacob Butturff, Tommy Jones and Francois Lavoie. On the distaff side, early national star entrants include Danielle McEwan, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard and Maria Jose Rodriguez.

Last year's event paid \$10,500 for first place. Stay tuned for further updates!



SHARON PEARSON Expected Back Next Week After Rolling 300 In January's "LAUGHLIN Bl

LAUGHLIN, NV. - The "LAUGHLIN BLAST" Tournament is back. Competition kicks off next Sunday, August 16th at Riverside Lanes in Laughlin. I will be there for the fun and the competition. My wife Therese and I have competed in the last dozen of these Senior No-Tap doubles tourneys and have enjoyed every minute of our experiences. We are competing regardless of this year's pandemic. BOWLING CENTERS IN LAUGHLIN ARE

Last January while at the "BLAST" I witnessed SHA-RON PEARSON roll a No-Tap 300 game on were way to cashing with her doubles partner. It was fun watching her perform and see her experience the thrill of a lifetime on

Sharon is expected back at the "BLAST" next week according to General Manager BRIAN MARKOWITZ.

Sharon Pearson has been bowling since she was 10 years old. She started in a winter league on Saturday mornings and has been bowling every year since. Shortly after she started bowling her grandmother passed away. Sharon inherited grandma's bowling ball back then and used it for years. Today she still has that bowling ball, it's a clock in her trophy case.

Sharon has been hooked on bowling since the day she started. It's been a 45-year relationship. She told me that she loves our sport because of the people and friendships she has made through the years. Bowling is a people's sport. Bowlers love competition but even more bowlers love the friendships and social interactions the sport provides. Bowling teammates and opponents usually become friends for life. This aspect of our sport is seldom discussed but is one of the great reasons why people bowl. Why people bowl for lifetime.

Sharon's no tap series of 704 (199-300-205) and near 900 handicap series will probably win her a several hundred dollars in prize money and a high place in the standings. The official tournament results are not available at this moment. Best of all Sharon's score allowed her to experience the thrill of victory. The thrill of accomplishment. There are few occasions in life that allow us to experience that feeling. The feeling of being on top of the world. It's a feeling that BOWLING affords its players, when they excel.

Storm strikes again. Sharon used her Storm Phaze bowling ball to roll her big score. She likes the Phaze because of the ball's consistency. She said, "I like the Phaze



Sharon Pearson

because I know what it's going to do". Sharon's newest ball is the Storm Gravity Evolve. She says it's a stronger hooking ball and she still needs time to learn how to control it. I'm a Brunswick fan myself, but my hats off to Storm Nation.

Sharon is a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service and has been for about 25 years. She has a husband and two wonderful daughters. None of them bowl but all three support her bowling. Pearson bowls once a week, on Wednesday evenings, when back home in Syra-

Sharon, congratulations for bowling so well. I look forward to seeing you at next weeks "LAUGHLIN BLAST" at the Riverside Lanes in Laughlin.



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