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Zavala Wins Again!

WINS THIRD TITLE OF 2021 SEASON AT PWBA RENO CLASSIC

by Aaron Smith

RENO, Nev. - Stephanie Zavala of Downey, California, won her third title of the 2021 Professional Women's Bowling Association Tour season Tuesday at the PWBA Reno Classic.

The front-runner for PWBA Rookie of the Year defeated Bryanna Coté of Tucson, Arizona, for the title at the National Bowling Stadium, 207-194, to become the first athlete to record three victories this season.

She earned \$10,000 for the win, which was broadcast live on BowlTV.com.

The win also allowed the 25-year-old right-hander to become the first bowler since PWBA and United States Bowling Congress Hall of Famer Leanne Hulsberg to win three titles as a rookie on a professional women's bowling tour.

Hulsberg claimed three victories during her rookie campaign in 1987 and has won 27 career titles.

"This means the world to me," said Zavala, who also won the PWBA Greater Cleveland Open and PWBA BVL Open. "This is all I've dreamed about for so long. I'm out here proving myself day in and day out, and I deserve to be here as much as anybody."



PWBA Reno Classic Champion Stephanie Zavala

In the title match, Zavala capitalized on a pair of cross-over strikes in the third and seventh frames to put together five consecutive strikes to take the lead.

Zavala opened in the eighth frame after leaving a 2-4-8-10 split but bounced back with a strike in the ninth frame to maintain the opportunity to shut out Coté in the 10th.

"I had made a move (in the eighth), but it probably wasn't the right move," said Zavala, who defeated Coté in the title match to win the Greater Cleveland Open. "We were playing a little defense since I had tugged a few shots. In my mind, I was playing it safe and thinking I would get away with it if I tugged it again, but I ended up throwing it decent and the ball never recovered."

"I knew I needed to put some sort of pressure on her (in the ninth). All I could think about was to hit the pocket and pure the shot. Even if I got tapped, as long as I was in the pocket, she was going to be thinking about it."

Coté had recorded strikes in her seventh and eighth frames but was unable to keep the streak intact in the ninth, leaving a 2 pin. After converting the spare, Coté did not connect for a strike on her first delivery in the 10th, giving Zavala the chance to secure the win without a mark in her final frame.

Zavala toppled nine pins on her first shot in the 10th to
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Brunswick® INVITATIONAL Forever Hope Foundation Takes Round One Pattern Changes Next Week

by David Yamauchi

DOWNEY – The Brunswick Invitational wrapped up the high-scoring house-round in anti-climactic fashion as **Forever Hope Foundation** had locked up the round last week. Bowlers were still taking a good look at putting up their best scores for the \$1000 Added Doubles action.

In the "A" match, with nothing on the line, **Forever Hope Foundation** continued putting up their impressive numbers and ended the round 31-4. US Foods managed the last game in a 4-1 match. Ramsey Basurto led FHF with a 723 set while Kasey Uyesugi paced US Foods with a solid 704 set.

Next pair over, the "B" match featured **Threadworks** and **DV8** in a battle of 19-11 teams. Tonight, it was DV8 taking a 4-1 match with some great bowling by Scott Smith – 749 and Mike Cammarata – 720. Ryan Cunningham led Threadworks to their one with his 732 set.

Bowling Guys at 18-12 took on **Westminster Lanes** who has dropped to 17-13 in the third pair match. It was all Westminster as they struck to a solid 4-1 win. Jaime Ferry went big for Westminster with a 748 series while Ricardo Mendoza lit them up for Bowling Guys with a 793 set.
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DEO BENARD WINS 2ND PBA REGIONAL TITLE IN ODESSA SOUTHWEST OPEN

ODESSA, Texas – Seventeen year old Deo Benard, of Henderson, Nev., won his second PBA Regional Title at the third annual PBA Odessa Southwest Super Open at Diamond Lanes on Sunday.

Benard battled fellow teen, sixteen year old Eric Jones, from Edmond, Okla., for the lead throughout the qualifying rounds before overtaking him in the match play finals. Benard held an 84 pin lead going into the final game position round, and sealed the victory defeating Jones, 240-202, to claim the \$5,000 first-place prize.

Benard finished with a 21-game total of 4,872 pins, including match play bonus pins. Jones had 4,720 total pins to earn \$2,800 for second place. Michael Ruben, visiting from Selden, N.Y., finished third with 4,681 pinfall to win \$2,100, and Sean Lavery-Spahr, of Pasadena, Texas, collected \$1,700 for fourth place.

The PBA Southwest Region's fall schedule will continue with the PBA50 Beaumont Southwest Open, Nov. 27-29.

PBA ODESSA SOUTHWEST SUPER OPEN

Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas, Sunday

Final Standings (21 games):

- Deo Benard, Henderson, Nev., 6-2, 4,872, \$5,000.
 - (N-Y) Eric Jones, Edmond, Okla., 6-2, 4,720, \$2,800 to SMART.
 - Michael Ruben, Selden, N.Y., 6-2, 4,681, \$2,100.
 - Sean Lavery-Spahr, Pasadena, Texas, 2-5, 4,657, \$1,700.
 - Shawn Maldonado, Houston, Texas, 5-3, 4,569, \$1,300.
 - Ildemaro Ruiz, Jr., Venezuela, 4-4, 4,549, \$1,100.
 - Beau Peterson, McPherson, Kan., 4-4, 4,496, \$900.
 - Mike Bailey, Irving, Texas, 4-, 4,481, \$800.
 - Scott McCleery, Lubbock, Texas, 4-4, 4,392, \$750.
 - Maria Rodriguez, Austin, Texas, 3-5, 4,353, \$700.
 - Noah Gallegos, Denver, Colo., 2-6, 4,227, \$650.
 - (N) Sean Sadat, Wichita, Kan., 1-7, 4,193, \$600.
- N- denotes non PBA member
Y- Youth bowler
300 Game- Ildemaro Ruiz Jr.



Jesper Svensson, Thomas Larsen, Richard Teece, Stu Williams & Dom Barrett

Europe has reclaimed for Weber Cup for the first time since 2017 from 11-15 down in a nail-biting final day 18-17.

Leicester is the city of the underdogs, but nobody could quite predict what unfolded at the Morningside Arena, Leicester with Europe looking like they were down and out doing into the evening session. The evening started with the penultimate doubles contest where Anthony Simonsen and Chris Barnes edged the USA closer to the finish line at 15-11 but that's where the USA started to falter.

Thomas Larsen has grown into the week at his first Weber Cup with fans and squeezed past Tom Daugherty as the bowling gods looked down on him in a tight encounter. Larsen made a key spare in the sixth whilst Daugherty made an uncharacteristic shot in the seventh leaving Larsen on top. As it closed in, Larsen struck in the ninth to look like he would wrap up victory, late drama saw the Dane leave three standing after his first ball in the last frame, but Daugherty failed to take advantage giving Europe a vital point at 12-15.

Jesper Svensson and Richard Teece formed a formidable duo to beat Kyle Troup and Chris Via as the momentum swung from one side to the other.

Arguably the match of the tournament came when Williams clashed with good friend Barnes. In regulation, it finished in a tie forcing the first roll-off of the week. After two throws each, it was level at 60-60 going into the third frame where Williams made 19 meaning a strike would seal a win for Barnes and the USA. Barnes made nine too before missing what looked like a simple spare to give Williams a vital win 79-69 and reduce the gap to one frame.

Nine strikes from Via sealed a convincing win over Svensson at 278-246 to put the USA back on track at 16-14. With momentum in the USA's favour once again, Simonsen came up against a buoyed Teece who struggled early on allowing Simonsen in to put his side just one point away from retaining the Weber Cup.

Larsen replicated an earlier win over Daugherty by downing him for a second time in the session, this time 254-213 where it did seem like Larsen was struggling and Daugherty was ready to deliver the winning moment for the USA. At frame seven, Daugherty had the advantage and could bowl a maximum of 278 whilst Larsen could only make 265. It turned at this point with late mistakes opening the door for Larsen to claim another point and keep Europe in the hunt at 15-17.

Svensson bowled the MVP match against Simonsen with very little to separate the pair, so much so a roll-off was to settle matters after a draw in-game at 256 all. Simonsen bowled well all week but just couldn't see it over the line as Europe rallied in front of a packed home crowd.

Europe went into the decider knowing they'd won both baker matches so far and with that mental advantage, they took their first leg up towards victory in the sixth frame. Troup left one pin hanging and from then on, Europe seized on it. Captain Barrett delivered when it mattered most with two strikes. Barrett's opposite number Barnes faltered, and it meant Svensson deservedly bowled the winning strike picking up the MVP trophy in the process.

Barrett: "Just look at these guys, as a team, unbelievable. These guys, the whole weekend have been unbelievable. Stu really got us started. Jesper is our backbone. What a debut for Richie. I don't know how Thomas finds the heart and digs deep." "Hats off to the Americans they're a fantastic team with great bowlers. I said before, they're the hardest team we've ever played, and I think that stands true. To come all this way and to be a part of this atmosphere, isn't easy."

Barnes: "I couldn't be prouder of my team. They bowled great the whole time. Some fantastic moments and they gave us things to remember. We took advantage the last day and a half. It seemed every time we had the chance to put them away, we left a little slither of a crack in the door and the Europeans walked straight through it. They came up big in every situation in the last 10 or 12 matches and they stole this one away. It was unbelievable how good they were down the stretch."

EUROPE WIN THE 2021 WEBER CUP

Team Europe 18-17 Team USA

Stuart Williams/Dominic Barrett 224-243
Anthony Simonsen/Chris Barnes

Thomas Larsen 254-244 Tom Daugherty

Jesper Svensson/Richard Teece 254-199
Kyle Troup/Chris Via

Stuart Williams 254-254 Chris Barnes
(Roll-Off 79-69)

Jesper Svensson 246-278 Chris Via

Richard Teece 243-245 Anthony Simonsen

Thomas Larsen 254-213 Tom Daugherty

Jesper Svensson 256-256 Anthony Simonsen
(MVP Match) - (Roll-Off 60-49)

Europe 278-268 USA

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Donna Adamek, The Bionic Bowler

by Dave Williams

After completing an article about Donna Adamek last week, I continued searching for more information about the 5'2" bowling star affectionately known as "Mighty Mite," and located a few additional tidbits including Donna's induction to the WIBC Hall of Fame at Buffalo, N.Y., in 1996, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCd8yw1n1sw> (posted by sigalph03 and provided courtesy of Aleta Sill and Michelle Mullen).

As I reviewed the 47 minute video, I discovered that Donna had been touched by many of the same people as me during her early years - no surprise since we are both from California. Here's a brief recap of some individuals that are mentioned in the video, and my association with them:

- **Shirley Lewis:** When I first moved to Los Angeles, I could not afford to live anywhere on what AMF was paying me. I had mentioned to Gregg Lewis about how difficult it was to find a place and he suggested that I move in with him and his mom, since his older brother had just moved away to Fresno. Shirley let me rent the room for only \$100 per month!
- **Bobbe North:** I never met Bobbe, but she took many orders from me over the phone for Have-A-Ball leagues while she was working at Western Columbia. Her smile, disposition and charm were apparent, even over the phone. And their prices were hard to beat!
- **Joyce Deitch:** When AMF sent me to manage New College Park Bowl in Las Vegas, Joyce was one of the league secretaries. She always seemed so concerned about the bowling center and making suggestions for improvement. I mentioned it to some other employees and learned that Joyce was an officer with the national WIBC.



Donna Adamek was elected to the LPBT (now PWBA) Hall of Fame in 1995, and the WIBC (now USBC) Hall of Fame a year later.

Photo compliments of USBC Communications

- **Joan Feinbloom:** Although I never said more than a few words to Joan, I knew that she was also an officer with the national WIBC. She was a league bowler at Jim Decker's Holiday Bowl in Santa Rosa, Calif., where I also bowled and worked at an early age.

It's a small world! I also noticed in Donna's speech about how bowling in Melbourne, Australia invigorated her and got her back into bowling after a couple of lean years. Melbourne is a beautiful city that's often compared with San Francisco for its climate and European influences. There were 14 AMF Bowling Centers in the Melbourne area that I enjoyed visiting most during my travels to Australia.

I don't know if Steve Mackie was behind that invitation to bowl in Melbourne, but I wouldn't be surprised. Mackie was formerly a resident of Australia where he worked for many years with AMF as Director of Marketing Services, before moving to "The States" and marrying Dana Miller-Mackie from Albuquerque.

So, what about "The Bionic Bowler" label? Dean Lopez, editor of California Bowling News, said in an email after posting the article last week, "Donna was a local hero of mine. I first met her at Columbia Bowl in Duarte. They had a HUGE photo of her hanging in the bowling center. I gave her the nickname 'The Bionic Bowler' because of her arm gear."

Bowling Hall of Fame scribe Don Snyder of the Los Angeles Times also did not miss out on the Bionic Woman comparison, a popular show that aired for three seasons from 1976 to 1978. "At a distance, her bowling arm looks artificial. From the hand all the way up beyond the elbow, the arm is covered by supports, one a device that keeps the wrist straight, the other a brace that keeps the elbow bent."

"Without the brace, I wouldn't bowl," said Adamek in the 1991 interview by Snyder entitled "Adamek is Braced for Good Showing," providing for his usual effective use of homonyms in describing Donna's use of braces to combat physical pain in her back, wrist and elbow. In a career that lasted 19 years, Adamek won a total of 19 professional tournaments, including five majors. She left the tour in 1995 and was elected to the Hall of Fame the next year.

Adamek's speech can be found at 30:30 on the video, while Sill's speech is at 42:35 (both are approximately 5 minutes in length). It is only fitting that Donna Adamek and Aleta Sill were inducted into the Hall of Fame at the same time.

They are two of the most intense competitors (male or female) on the lanes, rarely acknowledging their opponent or the fans until their victory was secure.



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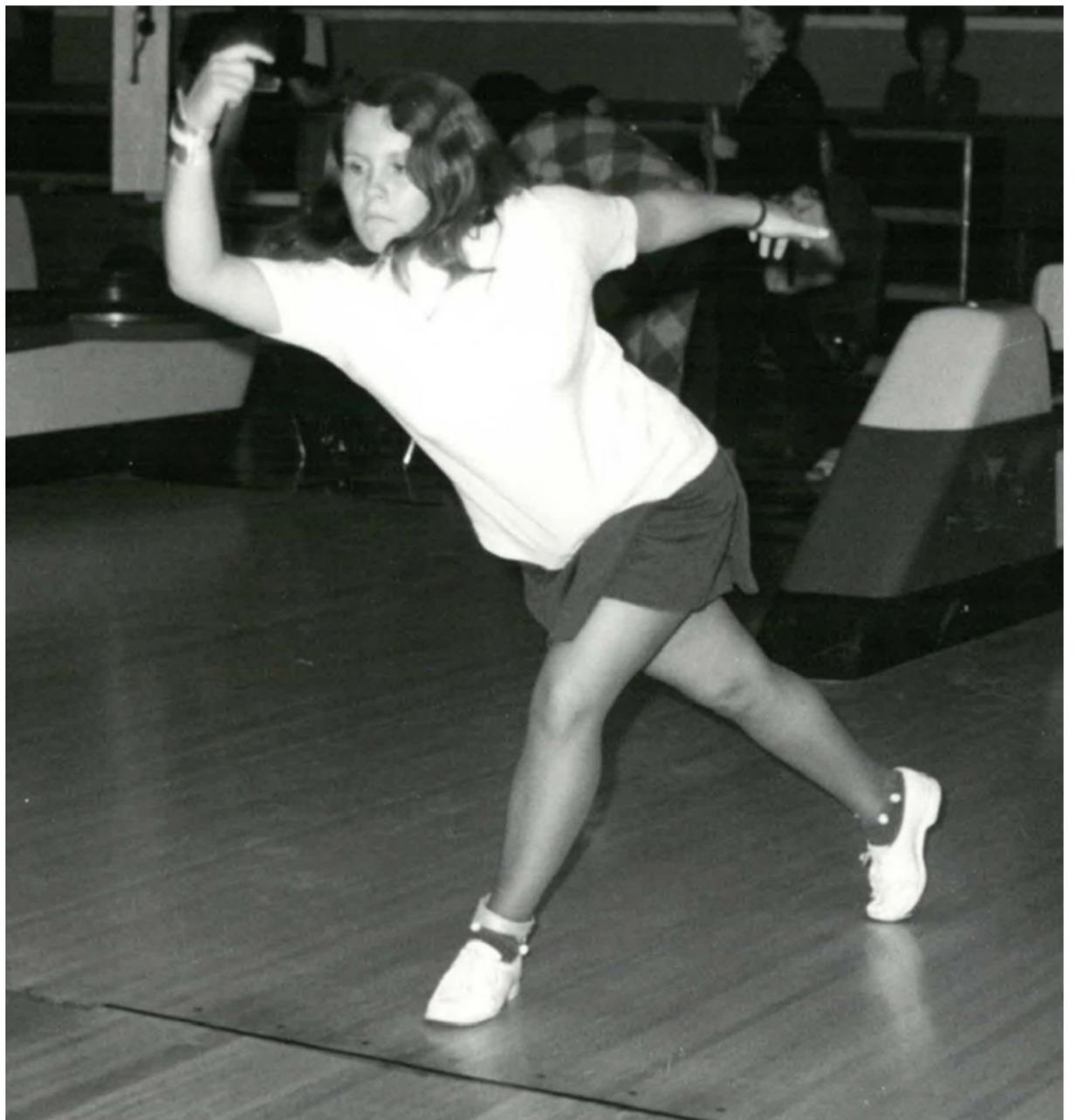
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Donna Adamek showed star quality during her junior bowling career in Southern California. Photo compliments of PWBA.

Looking Back 2014

January thru June

For a few weeks we get to look back to “normal” times. We could bowl, go to the movies, bowl games and enjoy family times. What stories to tell the grandkids. Ready? Set? Read and remember.

by Carol Mancini

- The year started with Steve Cook and Doug Kent entering the USBC Hall of Fame.
- 39 centers were listed on the directory plus 6 associations.
- Connie Marchione, famous deaf writer, sharpened his pencil for his weekly columns – plus checked out his “airline credit miles”.
- The I.G.B. (since 1980) ran their first ad for a gay league at Cal Bowl. They are a great bunch, snappy dressers, good cooks and always on time!
- Coach – Instructor Mark Baker had a waiting list. Where is he in 2021?
- Read Jim Goodwin - January 16, 2014! It will get your fingers working.
- The Ebonite League at Del Rio Lanes drew a standing crowd every Monday night to watch Southern California’s best and enjoy the pizza.
- The Glenn Allison “900” story in the February 6 issue was still pushing for his “900” to be declared the FIRST to be sanctioned.
- Check out page 11, February 27, 2014. 13 guys, 13 smiles, 13 awards. I like seeing the “masking units” in the background! Can you identify the center?
- Bowling News announced, “view issues online” Yay!! We even had email and a website. Excuse the bragging, but The Bowling News is the oldest Bowling Paper in the USA.
- Look back further! May 1, 2014, page 3. Read a review of 2004.
- May 8, 2014, page 4 – another story behind the flight to make Glenn Allison’s 900 official. His 1982 900 scratch series will be cursed and discussed for years to come.
- Fact – a Chihuahua and Dachshund mix is a Chiweenie! Front page May 13, 2014.
- A fun new idea for a league came from Forest Lanes. 12 weeks only, Bowl 6 times, play six rounds of golf at Lake Forest Golf.
- Local Junior, Stephanie Zavala won the state Pepsi tourney – (we can follow her career year after year!)
- 2014 Clash of the two California Senior Ladies – Who? What? When? Where? Check front page July 10, 2014.
- Canoga Park Bowl held a “Win a Honda” contest. Did it go? Who won?
- Chad Murphy was named USBC Executive Director. How did he do?

Too many questions? OK Signing off – – – watch for 2014 part two in the coming weeks. Thanks for reading The Bowling News - Oldest Bowling Paper in the USA.



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PROFESSIONAL BOWLERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES 2022 GUARANTEED RATE PBA TOUR SCHEDULE

Guaranteed Rate Returns as Title Sponsor

by Jill Laufer

New York, NY – The 2022 Guaranteed Rate PBA Tour schedule was announced today, and an action-packed season awaits the world’s greatest bowlers.

The 64th Professional Bowlers Association Tour’s road to the PBA Playoffs begins in January with the first of 13 official events. Players will battle for titles and positioning until April when the top 16 players on the points list earn a trip to the Playoffs. Every match of the PBA Playoffs elimination bracket will be televised, with the ultimate finals match on FOX Broadcast Channel, Sunday, May 15.

Kyle Troup of Taylorsville, N.C. is the defending champion of the PBA Playoffs. Troup won a record \$496,900 in 2021, propelled by his victory at the PBA Players Championship to start the season.

Among the 13 regular season Tour events are five major championships, each awarding \$100,000 first-place prizes, with the Playoffs winner also collecting \$100,000, for a record six events paying six-figure first prizes. In total, players will be vying for a season purse of approximately \$4 million.

All of the majors feature distinct characteristics and traditions that have defined the history of bowling:

On January 15 the PBA Players Championship once again starts things off with five regional qualifying locations for PBA members and the finals in Euless, Texas;

In early February, the prestigious U.S. Open returns to famed Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis;

At the end of February, the PBA’s signature event, the PBA Tournament of Champions, is back at historic AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio;

In March, the PBA World Championship is the main event of World Series of Bowling XIII which is being held for the first time in Wauwatosa, Wis.;

April starts with the conclusion of the always exciting double-elimination match play of the USBC Masters in Las Vegas, where the final Playoffs field and seedings will be decided.

Guaranteed Rate, one of the top 5 retail mortgage lenders in the United States, continues as title sponsor of the PBA Tour and will also serve as the PBA World Series of Bowling XIII’s presenting sponsor. Read more about their sponsorship at [Rate.com](#).

Fox Sports is the primary television home of PBA Tour season coverage for the fourth consecutive year, with more than 50 hours upcoming on FS1, and eight hours on FOX Broadcast Channel.

CBS Sports Network will again present the PBA Tour Finals, featuring the top eight players from a two-year rolling points system, live in June.

FloSports continues in 2022 as the live streaming partner of the PBA for early-round coverage of all events, and exclusive start-to-finish coverage of the PBA Storm Cup – four Tour events critical to deciding the Playoffs field, emanating from Jackson, Mich.; Kokomo, Ind.; Lubbock, Texas; and Colorado Springs, Colo.

As part of the 2022 TV season, unofficial PBA special events on FOX Sports were announced that feature top youth and collegiate players:

The PBA Jr. National Championship Finals, featuring the top youth boys’ and girls’ players in the country, returns at the site of the Players Championship in Texas;

The inaugural PBA Collegiate Invitational team event will happen at the WSOB in Wauwatosa and showcase the excitement and rising stars of the college ranks.

The PBA League will also make its return to raucous Bayside Bowl in Portland, Maine, in July, for the elite team competition’s ninth season after one year off due to the pandemic, with 10 teams of PBA Tour stars hoping to hoist the Elias Cup. The Portland Lumberjacks are the two-time defending champions of the PBA League, which will also include fan-favorite individual TV events, the PBA Strike Derby and PBA League All Star Clash.

Fans will be part of the drama by attending events in nearly 20 different markets and taking in more than 70 hours of national TV coverage, plus hundreds more competition live-streamed. Ticket sales will be announced at a later date.

The PBA welcomes back returning Product Registered Companies – Brunswick (Columbia 300, Ebonite, DV8, Hammer, Radical, Track, Ultimate Bowling and Powerhouse), Storm (Roto Grip, 900 Global, 3G, Master Accessories), MOTIV, MOTIV Footwear, BIG Bowling, Turbo, VISE, Dexter, Genesis, JOPO, Creating the Difference, KR Strikeforce Accessories and Footwear, California Bowling (SWAG and Lane Masters Accessories).



Television Schedule

Date	Time	Tournament	Channel
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 2022	4:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship East Region Finals LIVE	FS1
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22 2022	6:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship South Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 2022	4:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship Midwest Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 2022	6:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship Southwest Region Finals LIVE.....	FS1
MONDAY, JANUARY 24 2022	7:00PM EST	PBA Players Championship West Region Finals LIVE	FS1
SATURDAY, JANUARY 29 2022	8:30PM EST	PBA Players Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 2022	2:30PM EST	PBA Jr. National Championship Finals and PBA/PBA Jr. Doubles.....	FS1
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 2022	5:00PM EST	U.S. Open LIVE BROADCAST.....	FS1
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 2022	6:30PM EST	THE PBA STORM CUP: David Small's Best of the Best Championship LIVE... FloBowling	
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 2022	6:30PM EST	THE PBA STORM CUP: David Small's Kokomo Open LIVE	FloBowling
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27 2022	1:00PM EST	PBA Tournament of Champions Finals LIVE	FOX
SUNDAY, MARCH 6 2022	12:00PM EST	WSOB PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 13 2022	1:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA World Championship Finals LIVE.....	FOX
MONDAY, MARCH 14 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Cheetah Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
TUESDAY, MARCH 15 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Scorpion Championship Finals LIVE	FS1
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16 2022	8:00PM EDT	WSOB PBA Shark Championship Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 20 2022	2:30PM EDT	WSOB PBA Collegiate Invitational.....	FS1
SUNDAY, MARCH 20 2022	4:30PM EDT	THE PBA STORM CUP: Lubbock Sports Open LIVE.....	FloBowling
THURSDAY, MARCH 24 2022	8:30PM EDT	THE PBA STORM CUP: Colorado Springs Open	FloBowling
SUNDAY, APRIL 3 2022	1:00PM EDT	USBC Masters LIVE.....	FOX
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 10 2022	2:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SATURDAY, APRIL 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 2022	6:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Round of 16	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 24 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals.....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 1 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Quarterfinals.....	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 8 2022	12:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Semifinals	FS1
SUNDAY, MAY 15 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA Playoffs Finals LIVE.....	FOX
WEDNESDAY, JULY 6 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Anthony Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
THURSDAY, JULY 7 2022	8:00PM EDT	PBA League Carter Division Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 10 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Elias Cup Finals LIVE.....	FS1
SATURDAY, JULY 16 2022	1:00PM EDT	PBA League Strike Derby LIVE	FS1
SUNDAY, JULY 17 2022	1:30PM EDT	PBA League All Star Clash	FS1



RYAN CIMINELLI WINS 18TH ANNUAL PBA FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. – Ryan Ciminelli of Monroe, N.C. defeated Colin Champion of Spring Hill, Fla., 279-268, to win the 18th annual PBA Fayetteville South Open presented at Lafayette Lanes.

Ciminelli qualified in the number one position for the four-man stepladder finals with a 16-game total of 3,933 pins, 28 pins ahead of Gary Faulkner Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., with 3,905. In third was Kenneth Ryan of Farmingdale, N.J. 3,859 and Colin Champion fourth with 3,795.

In the opening match Champion defeated Ryan with a double in the tenth 206-204. Champion then disposed of Faulkner 236-224 to advance to the Championship match.

In the title match, Champion started with a spare then struck through the ninth. Ciminelli went double strike nine spare, then off the sheet to force Champion to double in the tenth to win. Champion did not answer the call, leaving a four pin in the tenth frame losing 268-279 to Ciminelli.

Ciminelli earned \$2,700 for his 15th PBA Regional title. Champion pocketed \$1,400 for second, Faulkner Jr. took home \$1,100 for third place and Ryan earned \$1000 for fourth.

The PBA South Region's next event will be the PBA50 PLYGEMS Rocky Mt. Open on Oct. 22 at Rocky Mt. Bowling Center in Rocky Mt., Va.

PBA FAYETTEVILLE SOUTH OPEN

Lafayette Lanes, Fayetteville, N.C., Sunday

Final Standings:

Ryan Ciminelli, Monroe, N.C., \$2,700.
Colin Champion, Spring Hill, Fla., \$1,400.
Gary Faulkner Jr., Memphis, Tenn., \$1,200.
Kenneth Ryan, Farmingdale, N.J., \$1,000.

Stepladder Results:

Match One – Champion def. Ryan, 206-204.
Semifinal – Champion def. Faulkner Jr., 236-224.
Championship – Ciminelli def. Champion, 279-268.

Final Qualifying Standings

(after 16 games, top 4 advanced to stepladder finals):

Ciminelli, 3,933.
Faulkner Jr., 3,905.
Ryan, 3,859.
Champion, 3,795.
Bryan Hahlen, Greenwood, S.C., 3,693, \$1,000.
Matt Taylor, Zebulon, N.C., 3,673, \$900.
Sean Connolly, Apopka, Fla., 3,612, \$825.
Shawn Jones, Faber, Va., 3,608, \$775.
Chris Collins, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 3,605, \$750.
Mark Tarkington, Elizabeth City, N.C., 3,569, \$725.
Josh Lewis, Asheville, N.C., 3,554, \$700.
Gregory Tack, Port Murray, N.J., 3,518, \$675.
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TEAM USA SWEEPS TEAM, ALL-EVENTS GOLD MEDALS AT 2021 PANAM BOWLING ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Matt Cannizzaro

CALI, Colombia - Team USA may have been slow out of the gates this week at the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships, but the tournament ended perfectly, with the men and women sweeping the team and all-events gold medals.

Both teams entered the second half of the team event at the top of the standings, and both faltered early in Friday's three-game block, before regaining their composure and momentum to earn their spots atop the podium.

The Team USA men were the first to strike gold Friday at the 20-lane Bolera Departamental. They outlasted Canada to secure the title for the third consecutive time, this time averaging more than 207 as a team over the six games.



After Thursday's three games, Team USA held a 27-pin advantage over the Canadians but lost the lead

after the opening game Friday, shooting 969 to Canada's 1,088.

Led by left-hander Matt Russo, who posted a 1,335 total for his six team games, Team USA bounced

back with 1,082 and 1,028 for a 6,212 total. Canada finished with 6,052 to take the silver medal, and Costa Rica earned the bronze with 5,845. The event fea-

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TEAM USA, PUERTO RICO WIN TRIOS GOLD MEDALS AT 2021 PANAM BOWLING ELITE CHAMPIONSHIPS

by Matt Cannizzaro

CALI, Colombia - The momentum and progress continued for Team USA at the 2021 PANAM Bowling Elite Championships on Wednesday as the team picked up four more medals - one gold, one silver and two bronze - this time in trios competition.

The Team USA women entered the day first and second in the standings, and Julia Bond, Bryanna Coté and Sydney Brummett were able to bounce back from a slow start Wednesday morning to take the title by a 70-pin margin.



Sydney Brummett, Julia Bond and Bryanna Coté

The men's title came down to the final bowler, and singles winner, Cristian Azcona, was able to fill his 10th frame to give Puerto Rico a three-pin victory over the United States. Team USA's Nick Pate, Kristopher Prather and Kyle Sherman had a five-pin advantage heading into the last game, and Mexico was 14 pins back.

Trios included six games over two days at the 20-lane Bolera Departamental, and teams were paired up Wednesday based on their performances during the first three games Tuesday.

Bond (1,263), Coté (1,236) and Brummett (1,071) averaged 198.33 on the way to a 3,570 total, which included a 546 start to Wednesday's set on the week's 38-foot Los Angeles oil pattern. They rebounded with games of 629 and 623.

Mexico's Lili Robles, Aseret Zetter and Paola Limon were able to hang on for the silver medal with a 3,500 total, outlasting a determined Team USA team led by doubles gold medalist, Breanna Clemmer.

Clemmer (1,277) ended the day with a 244 game, but it wasn't quite enough. She teamed with doubles partner Lauren Pate (1,118) and Gazmine Mason (1,099) for a 3,494 total and the bronze medal.

"It was great to come in today as the leaders and stay there, which we weren't able to do in doubles," said Coté, a 35-year-old right-hander and six-time Team USA member. "The lanes have been a little different every day, and we had a game plan to hit the 1-3 pocket and make our spares. Sometimes, those got away from us, but we also stepped up and made some really good shots when we needed them. We did everything we could to win gold, and it's a great feeling to win."

The victory Wednesday meant the first gold medal for each as a member of the adult version of Team USA.

Coté won a silver (team) and two bronze (singles, trios) medals in Cali in 2016, and Brummett took home three silver medals (doubles, trios, team) from the 2018 PANAM Bowling Women's Championships in the Dominican Republic. This week marked Bond's international debut with the adult team.

"I think we have good momentum going into the team event and a good picture of what's going on, depending on what the lanes are giving us," Coté said. "We have six great minds and two amazing coaches, and we'll get it done."

The last team title for the Team USA women in PANAM Bowling competition came in Cali in 2014, and Colombia enters this year's tournament as the two-time defending champion (2016 and 2018).

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The final game of trios on the men's side featured a four-team scramble for the three medals, with Canada quietly making a run from well down the standings to nearly claim the bronze medal.

Team USA's Pate (1,286), Prather (1,241) and Sherman (1,145) lost some important count late in the game, and Puerto Rico was able to keep the pressure on to give Azcona a chance to deliver.

Puerto Rico finished with a 3,675 total, led by singles silver medalist Israel Hernandez, who posted a 1,284 total. He was followed by Azcona (1,199) and Jorge Rodriguez (1,192). It was the first trios win for Puerto Rico, and third medal overall, since trios was added to the PANAM Championships landscape in 1981.

Pate, Prather and Sherman finished with a 3,672 total.

Because Team USA's two men's teams were third and fourth after Tuesday's three games, they got to bowl together all day for the second half of trios.

The other group - Matt Russo (1,317), Cameron Crowe (1,217) and Andrew Anderson (1,117) - rallied in the final game on the strength of a 246 game from Russo. Their 628 finish erased a 42-pin deficit and allowed them to surge past Mexico. They locked up the bronze medal with a 3,651 total. It was the first medal in international competition for Crowe.

Canada's Francois Lavoie, Darren Alexander and Mitch Hupé closed with 685 and catapulted into fourth place, nearly denying Russo and Crowe medals for the second consecutive event. They finished trios with 3,649. Lavoie and Hupé got the job done in doubles, however, taking the bronze by seven pins.

"I feel like I finally settled in, even though I can't seem to get my spare ball going," said Russo, a 24-year-old left-hander and four-time Team USA member. "I figured out something physically and was able to find some good ball reaction. The lanes are hard, but we're working well together. One thing I also realized is that I was feeling some pressure and thinking I had to medal, rather than just bowling. I'm glad we were able to get it done now, and we'll be ready to go for the team event."

Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe was satisfied with the trios outcome, even if it wasn't gold and silver medals in both classifications.

Both groups showed progress, chemistry and grit and got to experience many emotions together, from excitement to nerves to pressure to disappointment. They gave themselves opportunities to be successful, and if it didn't work out, it was a chance to learn something. The tournament includes the best bowlers from North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean, and will continue Thursday with team competition throughout the day.

All teams will bowl three games Thursday and return to Bolera Departamental for three more Friday. Total pinfall for the six games will determine the team and all-events medalists.

Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top individuals based on their 24-game pinfall totals from singles, doubles, trios and team.

Due to restrictions from COVID-19, each country will get its own pair of lanes each game during team competition, and all six players will bowl together, with five designated scores counting toward the team total. It is the ideal environment for communication and strategy, and it's something Team USA got to experience by coincidence Wednesday, based on the trios standings after the first day.

O'Keefe had similar thoughts about the men and women after seeing them work together for the second half of trios, though their on-lane strategies likely will be different Thursday simply based on their strengths, physical games and things that worked well, or didn't, throughout the week.

"With us having both teams on the same pair because of our finishes yesterday, it almost was like a dress rehearsal for the team event, and it gave us a chance to see how the lanes would transition with all of us trying to do the same thing," O'Keefe said. "We do still have some things to work on, and that includes our ability to finish games. We're turning good games into mediocre ones too many times. There are a lot of great bowlers on both sides, so we're not going to be able to be on our C-game and still win. We'll have to bring everything we have."

In addition to this week's PANAM Elite Championships, two men and two women from each country are having their scores used toward the 2021 edition of the Champion of Champions event, traditionally a standalone tournament.

The top four countries, based on the combined 24-game pinfall totals in each gender classification, plus the United States, will qualify for the 2022 World Games. Because that event is being held in Birmingham, Alabama, the United States gets an automatic spot as the host nation.

The Team USA representatives for the Champion of Champions event are Anderson, Russo, Bond and Coté.

Additionally, total pinfall for all six bowlers in Elite Championships competition, in their respective gender classifications, will determine the four men's countries and four women's countries that will head to the 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup. The World Cup previously featured one man and one woman from each country, but a change to the format will allow more competitors to become part of a tradition that spans more than five decades.

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hoist the Reno Classic trophy.

She entered the season-ending Fall Classic Series, which features the Reno Classic, PWBA Pepsi Classic and PWBA Tour Championship, with a 15,050-point lead in the race for PWBA Rookie of the Year over Breanna Clemmer of Clover, South Carolina.

With her victory Tuesday, Zavala now has expanded her lead to more than 26,300 points with two events remaining in the 2021 season. Clemmer finished the Reno Classic tied for 19th place.

"I'm going to take a minute tonight and enjoy it, but once my alarm clock goes off tomorrow it's right back to business," Zavala said. "What I did yesterday and today might not happen tomorrow. There's a different game plan and mindset, and I'm going to be right back at it."

Coté had earned the top seed for Tuesday's stepladder finals on the strength of an 8-3-1 record in match play earlier in the day at the NBS. She finished match play with a 5,645 total, including bonus pins.

She was in search of her second title of the season and third career PWBA Tour title.

Zavala advanced to the title match by defeating three-time titlist Stefanie Johnson of McKinney, Texas, in the semifinals, 233-194. Zavala started the game with strikes on six of her first seven deliveries to build the early advantage and advance.

Johnson kicked off the stepladder with a win over seven-time champion Kelly Kulick of Union, New Jersey, 205-189. Johnson stayed clean and held off a late rally from Kulick, who opened in two of her first four frames.

The Reno Classic featured 12 games of qualifying on a 37-foot oil pattern Monday to determine the top 12 players for round-robin match play Tuesday. Total pinfall, including bonus pins, for 24 games determined the four finalists for the stepladder.

Competition at the NBS will resume Wednesday at 11 a.m. Eastern for the Pepsi Classic. The Pepsi Classic will feature the same format, with the finals taking place on BowlTV on Thursday at 8 p.m. Eastern.

The combined qualifying totals for the Reno Classic and Pepsi Classic (24 games) will determine the 24 athletes advancing to the season-ending Tour Championship, the third major of the 2021 season.

Pinfall will drop at the beginning of the Tour Championship, with all advancers bowling three eight-game blocks of round-robin match play Friday and Saturday. The top five competitors, based on total pinfall and bonus pins, will advance to Sunday's stepladder finals.

The finals of the Tour Championship will be broadcast Sunday at 5 p.m. Eastern on CBS Sports Network, with the winner earning a \$50,000 top prize.

The 2021 PWBA Player of the Year also will be determined during the Fall Classic Series this week.

England's Verity Crawley has taken over the top spot on the season-long points list, which determines the award winner. Crawley finished fifth at the Reno Classic and now has accumulated 113,100 points on the season.

Two-time reigning PWBA Player of the Year Shannon O'Keefe of Shiloh, Illinois, is second with 112,070 points, and Ukraine's Dasha Kovalova is third with 111,800.

Coté's runner-up finish moves her into fourth with 105,695 points, and three-time PWBA Player of the Year Liz Johnson of Niagara Falls, New York, is fifth with 103,810.



CORKY DEMAIO Scores 300/809 With BARRY ASHER & MARK BAKER Coaching
by Frank Weiler

REDLANDS – Corky De Maio is one of the best bowlers in the annals of the Citrus Belt Bowling Association. He probably has rolled as many honors scores as anyone in Association history and has probably won more Association tournament titles and anyone. He was a unanimous choice for Hall of Fame honors more than two decades ago.

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tured 13 men's teams.

Russo was joined in the victory by Kristopher Prather (1,255), Kyle Sherman (1,241), Nick Pate (1,227) and Andrew Anderson (1,154). Cameron Crowe also joined Team USA on the lanes, but his 1,210 total did not count toward the team score.

"I knew it all wouldn't really hit us until we got up there on the podium and heard the start of the national anthem," Russo said. "This whole trip has been a lot of fun. I truly enjoy bowling with these guys. We're great friends, too, and I think that really helped with the communication. We also know each other's games well, and that definitely made it easier. It has been a dream of mine since I can remember to be out here winning medals, and there's nothing like it."

The Team USA women had a clearer path to the gold medal.

They led the eight-team field by 241 pins after Thursday's three games and extended that to 362 after six games. They topped the standings with a 6,093 total. They won the team title in Cali in 2014 and finished second to Colombia in 2016 and 2018.

Bryanna Coté had the hot hand for the United States, leading the way with a 1,286 total. She was followed by Breanna Clemmer (1,259), Lauren Pate (1,224), Julia Bond (1,168) and Gazmine Mason (1,156). Sydney Brummett also was on the lanes for Team USA, but her 1,028 total did not count toward the team score.

Mexico closed with a 1,025 game to surge into second place, earning the silver medal with a 5,731 effort. Puerto Rico took the bronze with 5,683.

The end of the team event also determined this year's all-events medalists, as well as which countries qualified for the 2022 World Games and 2022 International Bowling Federation World Cup.

Russo, who is engaged to Lauren Pate, averaged nearly 212 across the four events (singles, doubles, trios, team) and 24 games to claim the top spot in the all-events standings with a 5,078 total.

The silver medal went to Russo's future brother-in-law Nick Pate (4,996), and Canada's Mitch Hupé took home the bronze medal (4,928).

Team USA's Sherman finished fifth (4,865), Prather was sixth (4,862), Crowe was 12th (4,735) and Anderson was 24th (4,616).



Clemmer set the pace on the women's side, averaging 207.96. She claimed the all-events gold medal with a 4,991 total. She also won doubles this week with Lauren Pate and grabbed a bronze medal in trios with Pate and Mason.

Mexico's Iliana Lomeli shot 280 in her final game to catapult herself to the silver medal with a 4,910 total. The bronze medal went to Coté with 4,856.

Team USA's Pate finished fifth (4,784), Bond was sixth (4,764), Mason was 21st (4,441) and Brummett was 33rd (4,231).

"This was my first tournament with adult Team USA, and I was pretty nervous, but I just tried to stick to my process and be with the girls as much as possible," said Clemmer, who also enjoyed a decorated career with Junior Team USA. "In a sense, I was a veteran in the group, but

I tried to learn from each and every one of my teammates along the way. I had trust in them and believed in them, and I know they felt the same way about me. It truly was a team effort all week."

Additionally, the week included the 2021 edition of the PANAM Bowling Champion of Champions event, traditionally a standalone event that last was held in 2018. Due to the pandemic and uncertainty of the competitive schedule, it was held simultaneously with the PANAM Elite Championships and utilized some of the same scores.

Two men and two women from each country were designated by the coaches to have their scores used toward the 2021 edition of the Champion of Champions.

The top four countries, based on the combined 24-game pinfall totals in each gender classification, plus the United States, qualified for the 2022 World Games. Because that event is being held in Birmingham, Alabama, the United States automatically gets a spot as the host nation.

The Team USA representatives for the Champion of Champions event were Anderson, Russo, Bond and Coté.

The countries that qualified for the World Games from the men's field were Puerto Rico, Colombia, Costa Rica and Canada. For the women, Colombia, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Aruba advanced.

Competitors initially thought a spot in the World Games was all that was on the line for this year's Champion of Champions, but the top performers also were awarded gold medals based on their 24-game totals.



Russo claimed the prize on the men's side, marking his fifth Champion of Champions gold medal. He won four in four opportunities during his Team USA debut in 2018. He now has seven gold medals in 10 opportunities.

The Champion of Champions gold medal for the women went to Lomeli.

The qualifiers for the 2022 World Cup were determined by total pinfall for all six bowlers in Elite Championships competition, in their respective gender classifications.

Qualifiers on the men's side were the United States, Canada, Colombia and Puerto Rico. For the women, it was

Team USA, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Colombia.

The World Cup previously featured one man and one woman from each country, but a change to the format will allow more competitors to become part of a tradition that spans more than five decades.

The tournaments this week at Bolera Departamental included the best bowlers from North, Central and South America, as well as the Caribbean.

There were 30 medals up for grabs at the Elite Championships and two available for the Champion of Champions.

Team USA picked up 13 medals and was followed by Mexico (7), Puerto Rico (4), Canada (4), Colombia (2), Aruba (1) and Costa Rica (1).

"It was my first official event as the head coach for Team USA, and it was a roller coaster, for sure, but we had a great time and were able to take home some medals, which always is the goal," Team USA head coach Bryan O'Keefe said. "We learned a lot, everyone did their best, they gave it their all, they worked together and they're happy. That makes me happy, too. It definitely was a memorable week."

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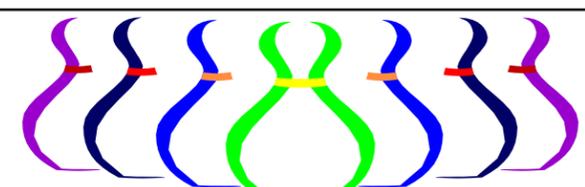
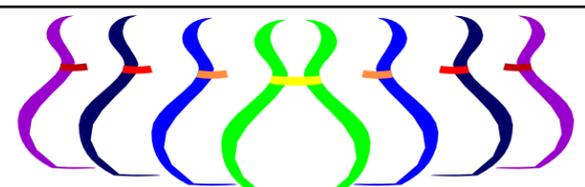
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Forest Lanes took on Junior Amateur Tour who was looking to bounce back after a killing from US Foods the week before. Once again it was JAT on the tough side of the match as Forest rolled their way to a solid 4-1 win. JT



Diso struck a lot to put up a 758 series for Forest Lanes while Anthony Santos led JAT with a 689 set.

Two .500 15-15 teams paired up as **Team Hu\$tle** met **California Timberline**. Team Hu\$tle ran to a 4-1 win paced by Jello Gray's 666 set while California Timberline was paced by sub Brian Main's 632 series.

Bowlium matched up with a short-handed three-sub **Family Ties** team and the subs ignited them to a 4-1 win. Dean Reyes went huge just one hit away from eight with a 792 set while Billy Myers Jr. managed 665 for Bowlium.

Cal Bowl and **Professional Approach** battled, and **Team 5** faced off with **TDI Refrigeration**. Cal Bowl cruised to 5 wins as did Team 5. Leonard Ruiz Jr. lit up the final week with a 729 set, Eileen Biformia paced Pro Approach with a 605 series, Neema Khazaie led Team 5 with a 632 set and sub David Allhands led TDI with a 597 set.

The Financial Advisors pot was a tie at 279 between Jaime Ferry and Ricardo Mendoza - \$115 each. Sidepots went to Matt Murtishaw \$46 (287) and JT Diso \$23 (279), Ricardo Mendoza \$43 (279) and Ray Minter \$23 (257). Third game SuperPot went to Ricardo Mendoza posting back-to-back 279 games for \$137 with 2nd to Bobby Campagnale \$70 (269).

Come on out and watch the bowlers take on the short pattern as the second round starts next week at Del Rio Lanes!

TOP 10 TEAMS ROUND 1

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TOP 10 THIS WEEK

Ricardo Mendoza 793	Leonard Ruiz Jr. 729
JT Diso..... 758	Ramsey Basurto 723
Scott Smith 749	Mike Cammarata 720
Jaime Ferry 748	Joe Smith 709
Ryan Cunningham ... 732	.Matt Murtishaw 707

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