

Minh Dang stars in his Fourth ABTA Win at West Covina Lanes
4 Shared Match Game of \$3,500
2010 Labor Day Special EVENT // Big Pots at Cal Bowl
Cal Bowl is our Host for Labor Day Weekend
Match Game estimated \$3,500 / Match Series estimated \$900 and 3-6-9 is \$1,000
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In our return to West Covina Lanes we had a big turnout of 266 bowlers, with cut scores of +47 for the men and +42 for the women. The three Super Seniors added to the board this week were Paul Passarino (+36), Ely Cruz (+34) and for the women it was Roberta Nakunz (+35). It was nice to see Roberta and Mike this week, their 1st tournament after the passing of Marty back on July 4th. This week we would see 61 bowlers take the floor in the semifinals.

During our Qualifying squads, the top qualifier for the Men was Freddie Catamisan with a +121, and for the women it was Deborah Sanders (one of our fine Directors) with a +70. Each will get paid entries into a future regular ABTA event. Freddie, being the top seed would draw the Match Series worth \$1428 this week and he drew a 484 that was bowled by Bennet Lai, he would take home the \$1428 dollars, which is almost \$3 for each pin knocked down during his qualifying squad, all for \$2 dollar entry. So at our Labor Day event we will estimate the pot to be at \$900 for that 3 game series. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, the ones that made it saw the last 2 people fail to get 9 or strike in the roll-off, so they will split the \$50 consolation; they were Danny Guevarra and William Garrett. We will go for \$1000 at Cal Bowl in our Labor Day Event.

In the doubles this week, we had a 200 groups get into the doubles, with 24 spots paid out. The top prize this week went to Michael Benavides and Jun Contreras with a 1369 for \$170. In 2nd place were Giang Huynh and Henry Hoang at 1368 for \$150. The low to cash was 1307.

In the semis we saw Minh Dang lead the field with a +148 to sit out and bowl for the title. Behind Minh was Jiradej "BK Boat" Harnpatanakitpanich with a +100, he would sit out the first round of match play. It took a +15 for the women and a +60 for the men. There were actually 4 men that tied at a +60 and they would have to have a 9th and 10th frame roll-off to determine which one of them would advance into the match play. In this roll-off, we would see Gino Mansilungan advance with Gerald Sanchez, Jun Contreras and Kenny Kwan tying for 17th through 19th spots.

This week, our top seed Minh Dang had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$3500. Minh drew 172, and it was matched by 4 fine individuals. The winners were Rey Cruz, Arnold Trias, Mamerto Jablan and one of our fine directors Rey Josafat. They would each get \$875 dollars for that 172. Next week we should have another \$3,500 in our Match Game as the reserve pot is at \$1255. This week we had 4 new bowlers join us, and 3 returning members. Let's welcome these new bowlers to the club, Clem Beltran, Marian Parish, Randy Luce and Ryan Hinchcliffe, with Dan Barrett, Milena Zelaya and Nick Beneanti returning to the club.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now with 14 bowlers taking the floor. In the first round, the 7 losers were Jhun Tan, Ngheim Tran, Binh Ly, Michael Benavides, Gino Mansilungan, Angela Lung and Mike Nakunz (who was using his plastic ball all during semis as he was one of the unlucky bowlers at the start of semis that saw a lane break down and damage several of their bowling balls), and they would receive checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were Youna Yun, Eugene Haynes, Don Quitangon, Noel Sicut and each would get checks of \$110. In round 3 we saw Donovan Chung bowling Kmel Cunanan on lanes 15 and 16. In this match, Donovan would get the better of Kmel in this match with a 231 to 172. In the other match we saw Ruben Gonzales bowling our number 2 seed Jiradej "BK Boat" Harnpatanakitpanich on lanes 9 and 10. In this match, Ruben would get the better of BK with a 245 to 214 final score. BK and Kmel were 4th and 5th getting checks for \$120 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 13 and 14, we had our 9th and 12th seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Donovan paying \$88 and Ruben paying \$103 if they win their match. In this match

Donovan and Ruben kept it close through the early parts of the match, but in the end it would be Donovan that would hold on to win with a 222 to 199 score. Ruben would finish in 3rd place for \$225. This week the horses paid \$88 for all of you that bet on Donovan making all the way to the title match.

The title game is set and would be bowled on lanes 11 and 12 this week. Minh being the top seed elected to start the match. In this match, both bowlers would lead off the 1st and 2nd frames with spares. In the 3rd frame Donovan would get a 3 count on the first ball but still picked up the spare. This was following an open by Minh in his half of the 3rd, so after the 4th frame both bowlers would be on marks and all tied. But we would see Minh get a turkey in the 5th thru 7th frames to jump out to a 10 pin lead. In Minh's 9th frame he would open to open up the door for Donovan. Donovan would come up in his half of the 9th frame and chop the 6th pin off the 6-10 and Minh kept his 10 pin lead. Donovan would get a strike and spare in his 10th frame to finish out with a 182/224. Minh, needing a mark on the 10th frame, used all his power and "weight" to throw two strikes finishing with a 200/241 for his 4th ABTA title. Minh would take home \$1,100 for first place, an additional \$1275 in the cash and carry. He was not wearing an ABTA shirt nor did he use a 900 Global ball, so his total would be \$2,375 dollars this week. Donovan would take home a nice \$550 check for his 2nd place finish.

Champion Minh Dang is from Garden Grove and used a Natural (storm) drilled by Ben Mach at Westminster Lanes. He is single and a barber, word has it that there will be discounted haircuts this week. He wants to say thank you to Jonathan Barraca and his wife, Ben for taking care of his equipment and to the Sanchez Family and friends (too many to mention).

Donovan Chung is from Los Angeles and used a Storm 2nd Dimension drilled by Ed Williamson at Bowling Square. He is single, girlfriend Steph, and would like to say thank you to the ABTA and Staff, Mao-Liu League and all his friends for their support.

Ruben Gonzales is from Palmdale and used Columbia Cool Noise drilled by Rusty at Mission Hills. He is married to a fine wife Olivia and they have 4 children David, Brittney, Jonathan and Samantha. He would like to thanks his family for all their support.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was John Wei and he got the Missing Link. Each time you bowl you get a free ticket for this prize given away by our Sponsor 900 Global. This week we were again selling the raffle tickets for a chance at a Vegas Room in January and other prizes. Winning ABTA Shirts were Ferdie Fojas and Bryan Moore. Winning a 900 Ball was Henry Hoang. Winning a paid entry to Labor Day event was Mikko Miller. Winning a Regular Entry was Mayla Soon. The 2 nights in Las Vegas would be won by Anthony Borci. The rest of the results can be seen in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week at Cal Bowl is our Big Labor Day Event at Cal Bowl. Remember to check in early as it will be VERY busy. Also remember that the last day to pre-pay for the Labor Day Event for an added bonus of \$350 is August 28. Please contact Bob via his cell or mail your payment in. See ad for address and directions, or check our website (www.abta1.com) to link to address via mapquest.

Its history folks as Minh Dang enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Cal Bowl!

Make Plans for the Big Labor Weekend Special at CAL Bowl it starts on Thursday and continues thru Sunday Eve, with each day being a separate qualifying board. Thursday is One Big Squad with and added \$650 Bonus if you win the tournament, squad is at 9:30 PM See the ad and schedule and related article. Thanks for being an ABTA member until then!