

## **Mike Nakunz stars in latest ABTA Win at Chapparal Lanes**

4 Shared Match Game of \$2,430

Big Pots at Oak Tree Lanes

Oak Tree Lanes is our Host for this Weekend

Match Game estimated \$1,500 / Match Series estimated \$300 and 3-6-9 is \$1,300

In our return to Chapparal Lanes we had a turnout of 155 bowlers over the 2 days, this time back we had a tougher shot, so the scores were lower than in the past. On Saturday we had 91 bowlers with cut scores of +33 for the men and +23 for the women. And on Sunday we had 64 bowlers with the cut scores of +20 for the men and +14 for women. The three Super Seniors added to the board this week were Jack Trongale (+29), Pablo Castro (+27) for the men and Roberta Nakunz (-1) for the women. That would give us a total of 43 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

During our Qualifying squads, the top qualifier for the Men was Anthony Martinez with a +148, and for the women it was Kerry Lucka with a + 46. Each will get paid entries into a future regular ABTA event. Anthony, being the top seed would draw the Match Series worth \$272 this week and he drew a 588 that was bowled by Jaime Sulit worth \$272 for that series. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, everyone missed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the 3/6/9 roll-off, so we will carry over the pot again this week. As there were quite a few left, there was no consolation this week. We will go for \$1,300 at Oak Tree Lanes this coming weekend.

In the doubles this week, we had a small turnout compared to past weeks, only 51 groups got into the doubles, with 10 spots paid out. The top prize this week went to Bedell Vasquez and Marvin Crowder with a 1331 for \$110. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place were Danny Guevarra and Anthony Martinez at 1327 for \$90. The low to cash was 1288.

In the semis we saw Mike Nakunz lead the field with a + 113 to sit out and bowl for the title. Behind Mike was a Ferdie Lipana at +103 who would sit out the first round, it was a wild finish in the 3<sup>rd</sup> game to determine, who would be 2<sup>nd</sup> as Danny Guevarra bowled a 285 with hdcp to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> seed just 7 pins behind Ferdie. It took a + 20 for the men and a - 1 for the women to make the semi-finals this week.

This week, our top seed Mike Nakunz had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$2,430. He would draw a score of 169 and 4 lucky bowlers matched the score. They were Faye Josafat, Bryan Moore, Marvyn Galsim Sr and Greg Kokanour. They would each get \$607 dollars for that 169. Next week we will estimate our pot at \$1,500. This week we had 2 new bowlers join us, and 1 returning member. Let's welcome these new bowlers to the club, Ben Chan and Bill Plummer, with Pedro Benitez returning to the club.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now with 14 bowlers taking the floor in our top 16 finals this week. In the first round, the 7 losers were Danny Guevarra, Don Quitangon, Kerry Lucka, Jack Trongale, Marvyn Galsim, Pablo Castro, Dianna Miller and they would receive checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were Anna Bautista, Jhun Tan, Robert Ricketts, Ferdie Lipana and each would get checks of \$110, this would get us to down to the final 4 bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$33 (Marvin Crowder) to a high of \$134 (Jaime Sulit) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Rico Cayton (10<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Jaime Sulit (11<sup>th</sup> seed) on lanes 31 and 32. In this match, Jaime would get the better of Rico in an close match that went down to the 10<sup>th</sup> frame with a 201 to 193 finish. In the other match we saw Anthony Martinez (7<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Marvin Crowder (6<sup>th</sup> seed) on lanes 25 and 26. In this match, Anthony would get the better of Marvin with a 221 to 202 final score. Marvin and Jaime were 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> getting checks for \$120 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 27 and 28, we had our 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Anthony paying \$41 and Jaime paying \$134 if they win their match. In this match it started out close but Anthony would pull away and win the match 202 to 176. Jamie would finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place for \$200. This week the horse paid out \$41 for all of you that bet on Anthony making all the way to the title match.

The title game is set and would be bowled on lanes 23 and 24 this week. Mike being the top seed elected to start the match first. In this match, Mike would open with a strike and then spare in the 2<sup>nd</sup> frame. Anthony would do the opposite and spare then strike. But in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> frames Mike would strike to take the lead by 14 pins after the first 5 frames. In the 7<sup>th</sup> Anthony would leave the 1-2-4-5 fins and only get 3 of them opening the door for Mike. He would take advantage of this and finish off clean. Anthony could not recover as he opened in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> frames, so Mike would take home his 5th ABTA title, with a 218/247 to 156/181 score. Mike would get \$1,000 for first place, an additional \$850 in the cash and carry and and \$200 bonus for qualifying on Saturday, making his total \$2,050. While Anthony would take home \$500 for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish.

Champion Mike Nakunz is from Highland (also home for this writer) and used a Recon Motive drilled by Zach at Bowlers Junction. He is married to Jennifer (who also bowled this weekend) with 1 son, Bryce. He thanks his wife and family, specially his mom Roberta (who bowled and qualified as a Super Senior but was not able to make it on Sunday) for talking him into bowling. He would also like to thank Chapparral for hosting and the ABTA Staff. Mike dedicates this win to his late father Marty.

Anthony Martinez (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) is from Covina and used a Agent Orange drilled by Aarik Torres at Covina Bowl. He is single. He would like to thank his dad Mike, sister JoAnn and family. A special thank you to Aarik for drilling his equipment. He would also like to say thank you to his mom and say he loves and misses here very much. A special thank you to Debra Sanders and Greg Kokanour and the rest of ABTA Staff.

Jaime Sulit (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) is from Montclair and used a 900 Global ball drilled by John Stratton at Upland Bowl. He is married to Rebecca with 3 children Jannette, Wyndel and Jeremie. He would like to say thank you to his family, especially his wife and his best friend from way back, Rico.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was William Garrett and he won a 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 raffle prizes. Winning ABTA Shirt were Dianna Miller, 3 ball storm bag was Henry Hoang, Regular Entries were Bernie Navarro and Willie Ocampo. Winning a prepaid entry to Thanksgiving was Cezar Marcella. The rest of the results can be seen in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week at Oak Tree Lanes is our host for a 1 day event. Saturday squads are 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm and final squad at 6 pm. with semi-finals starting at 7:45 pm. Remember to check in early as it will be busy. See ad for address and directions, or check our website ([www.abta1.com](http://www.abta1.com)) to link to address via mapquest.

Its history folks as Mike Nakunz enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Oak Tree Lanes! Thanks for being an ABTA member until then!