

George Covarrubias stars his second ABTA Win at Covina Bowl

Carry-Over of all Pots

Match Series estimate of \$1220 next week

Match Game estimate of \$2600

ABTA Returns to Upland Bowl this Weekend

Saturday is Beat the board Semi-Finals last squad at 5 pm

3-6-9 is \$2,000 at Upland Bowl

In our long awaited return to Covina Bowl, bowlers came out for a semi tough shot this week. We had a total of 190 entries this week. Cut scores were a +39 for the men and +23 for the women. This week, our three Super Seniors added to the board were Phil Magno (+19) and Vic Paolucci (+17) for the men and Anita Smith (-29) for the women. That would give us a total of 46 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week, we added 1 bowler to the semi-finals this week that was a high qualifier in one of the earlier squads but was below the +39 for the men. Remember if you are a high qualifier in a squad, you are guaranteed into the semi-finals no matter what the cut score ends up being for the overall. So it is sometimes wise to come out and bowl those earlier squads.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was David Emrich with a +153, and for the women it was Bobbie McCollum with a +77. Each will get paid entries into a future regular ABTA event. Each week our top seed overall draws the Match Series, and this week it was worth \$822. The top seed drew a 378 but we had no one that bowled that score. Next week at Upland Bowl we will estimate the Match Series at \$1220. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, there were not a lot that qualified for the roll-off, but those that did saw Dana LeCount, yes a female, was the final person standing to be the final person to go for the \$1900 pot. Being it was a female she would only have to get any combination of 4 nine counts or strikes. She missed on her second shot and received a \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Upland Bowl for total of \$2000.

In the doubles this week, we had 153 groups get into the doubles, with 22 spots being paid out. The top prize this week went to Jhun Tan and Minh Dang with a 1415 for \$160. In 2nd place it was Deborah Sanders and David Emrich with a 1372 for \$140. The low to cash was 1289, we paid out \$1530 in doubles.

In the semis this week we saw Angela Lung lead the field with a +114 to sit out and bowl for the title. Ryan Nam came in second at +113 and would sit out the first round. It took a +20 for the men and women combined with 4 women making the finals this week. At the +20 we had a tie between Romy Cajucom and Jeremy Paulsen and they would bowl a 9th and 10th frame pro-rated handicap roll-off to determine who would make it into the semi-finals and who would finish in 17th place. Jeremy would beat out Romy and advance into the semi-finals.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$1135 and drew a 288. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no one that shot that score, so it will carry-over to next week and we will estimate the pot at \$2600 at Upland Bowl. This week we had 6 new bowlers join us, and no returning member. Let's welcome these new bowlers to the club, Emily Yeung, Brian Caadoy, Brian Aflaque, Denise Olinger, Mike Wilson and Robert Lim, and we would see 1 of the new bowlers make the semi-finals in their first time bowling.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the 1st round the 7 losers were Henry Hoang, Brian Aflaque, LeStar Walker, Bryan Moore, Roger Amparo, Dominador La Guardia and Steve Brode. They would receive checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were Tom Dahl, Sonia Coronado, Dana Le Count, Cecilia Lung and each would get checks of \$110. This would get us down to the final 4 bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$38 (Ryan Nam) to a high of \$84 (Bobbie McCollum) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Jeremy Paulsen (16th seed) bowling Bobbie McCollum (4th seed). In this match, Jeremy would get the better of Bobbie with a 223 to 210 finish. In the other match we saw George Covarrubias (12th seed) bowling Ryan Nam (2nd seed). In this match, George would get the better of Ryan in this match with a 228 to 158 final score, Ryan was fighting an injury to his finger during the Match Play and it would get the better of him during this round as he was not able to get his fingers into the ball. Ryan and Bobbie finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$120 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 47 and 48; we had our 12th and 16th seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see George paying \$71 and Jeremy paying \$54 if they win their match. In this match we would see both bowlers stay clean the entire match. But it was George who was staked to a 12 pin advantage based on handicap difference that would take a commanding lead with strikes in the 5th thru 7th frames putting him up by 32 pins and he would never look back, finishing with a 215/260 to 195/228 final score. For those lucky "investors" that had George as a horse, he paid \$71. Jeremy finished 3rd and received \$200.

The title game is set and would be bowled on lanes 45 and 46 this week. Angela being the top seed elected to have George begin the match first. George would strike on his first ball and that would bring up Angela. She would get a strike and her large following would let out a big roar for her. She would leave the 2-4-5 in the 2nd and only get 1 pin on her pick up. As the match continued, George would start off with a "ham bone" (4 strikes) and put him up by 54 pins after the 4th frame was complete, as Angela would open in 2 out of the first 4 frames. George continued to lead in this match all the way to the tenth frame. With Angela finishing first she would punch out in the 10th frame with 3 strikes to finish with a 180/226 score. That would bring George up in the 10th frame, and he was working on a spare, so all he would need was a total of 9 pins on the 2 balls to win his first match. He would leave a 7-9 split on his first ball but that was enough and he finished with a 189/234 to win by 8 pins. This would be George's 1st ABTA win, he would take home \$1000 for first place and another \$1700 in cash and carry, plus he was wearing an ABTA shirt for another \$100, giving him a total of \$2,800. Angela would finish in 2nd for \$500. Angela finished strong, but a little since George kept had enough pins to stay ahead for his win. Champion George Covarrubias is from Covina and used an "old" urethane Columbia 300 drilled by Roy at Western Columbia. He is married to wife Jessica. He would like to thank his wife, Jessica and ICU Bowling where he is currently taking lessons from Ray Gaunt and those lessons have paid off for him now.

Angela Lung (2nd Place) is from Monterey Park and used a Storm drilled by Ed Williamson at Bowling Square. She is married to another ABTA bowler Henry Hoang. She would like to thank Henry and all her siblings and of course the Mou Liu bowlers and friends.

Jeremy Paulsen (3rd Place) is from Canoga Park and used a Virtual Gravity drilled by Rusty Bryant. He is married to another ABTA bowler Tiffany. He would like to thank Tiffany for all her support.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Minh Dang 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 a Regular Entry was Tao Yang, winning an ABTA Shirt was Angela Lung. Winner of 2 nights in Las Vegas at our January event was Howard Smith, winner of 900 Global Ball (the Bank) was LeStar Walker and winner of Storm 3 was Travis Weathers. The rest of the results can be seen in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This Saturday, November 13th, Upland Bowl is our host for a 1 day "Beat the board Semi-Finals" event. Saturday squads are 12 pm, 1:30 pm, 3:00 pm, 5 pm is the final squad. Please plan on showing up early for squad times. The semi-finals will start at approximately 7 pm. Remember to check in early as it will be busy. And remember if you bring in a new member you get a \$15 credit on your entry and bowl for regular entry. See our ad for address and directions, or check our website (www.abta1.com) to link to address for directions.

Its history folks as George Covarrubias enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Upland Bowl! If you have a new address please make sure to let us know either at the tournament or via the contact form on our website. If you have any comments or suggestions, use the contact page on our Website to send comments to us. New Schedules have been mailed, so if you did not get one then please let us know so we can get your address corrected. Thank you for being an ABTA member until then!