

**Alan Libao stars in the first ABTA Championship of 2011 at Oak Tree**  
**4 share Match Game of \$1,505**  
**Match Series estimate of \$850 next week**  
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**ABTA Returns to West Covina Lanes this Weekend for HDCP Frozen Event**  
**3-6-9 is \$2,600 at West Covina Lanes**

After our holiday break, we return to action with our first tournament of 2011 at Oak Tree. We had 228 entries this week. Cut scores were a +33 for the men and +10 for the women. This week, our three Super Seniors added to the board were Vic Paolucci (+27) and Ely Cruz(+31) for the men and Bobbie Nakunz (+5) for the women. That would give us 52 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Andrew Toro with a +152, and for the women it was Sandy Rosenblum with a +51. 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 \$400. The top seed drew a 414 but we had no one that bowled that score. Next week at West Covina Lanes we will estimate the Match Series at \$850. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had 4 people miss on the last shot so no one would go for the \$2,500, they would all share the \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at West Covina Lanes for total of \$2,600.

In the doubles this week, we had 127 groups get into the doubles, with 16 spots paid out. The top prize this week went to Jerry Chang and Don Chung with a 1354 for \$160. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place, it was Don Chung and Giang Huynh with a 1324 for \$140. The low to cash was 1275, we paid out \$1270 in doubles.

In the semis this week we saw David Quon lead the semis from start to finish with a +138 to sit out and bowl for the title. Tony Tang came in second at +126 and would sit out the first round. It took a +26 for the men and a +6 for the women to make the top 16.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$1,505 and he drew a 174. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had 3 people hit it during qualifying and 1 hit it during semis for a total of 4 people. They were Jonathan Barraca, Shaun Suase, Jhun Tan, and Greg Franke, they will each get 376. We will estimate the pot to be \$1,500 at West Covina. This week we had 7 new bowlers join us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, John Delacruz, Melvin Leforbes, Dave Snow, Matt Franke, James Walker, David Mar, and Wes Tiongco.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Beth Borci (failed to stay for match play), Ed Abarca, Talia St Angelo, Howard Smith, Bedell Vasquez, Donovan Chung, Alex Castillo, they would receive checks of \$103 each. In the second round, the losers were Roberta Nakunz, Bryan Moore, Robert Ricketts, and Antonio Chui and each would get checks of \$112.50. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$33 (Alan Libao) to a high of \$86 (Dino Cantoria) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Dino Cantoria (10<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Alan Libao (4<sup>th</sup> seed). In this match, Alan would get the better of Dino with a 237 to 213 finish. In the other match we saw George Parker (14<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Tony Tang (2<sup>nd</sup> seed). In this match, Tony would get the better of George with a 220 to 179 finish. George and Dino finished in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> getting checks for \$122.50 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 31 and 32; we had our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Alan paying \$33 and Tony paying \$36 if they win their match. In this match, Alan start of hot with 3 strikes out of the first 4 frames, and see Tony struggle with 3 opens in the first 4 frames. Tony would try to get close with a 3 bagger in the 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> frames, with Alan continuing to mark it would only be a 14 pin deficit for Tony going into the 8<sup>th</sup> frame. But with opens in the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> frames by Tony, it would see Alan finish with a 203/230 to Tonys 155/198 giving Alan Libao the win and advance him onto the title match. For those lucky "investors" that had Alan as a horse, he paid \$33. Tony finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and received \$200.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 29 and 30 this week. David being the top seed elected to start the match first. David would spare in the first frame. Alan would come up with strikes in the first and second frames. David would get spares in his second and third frames, giving him a total of 37 going into the fourth. Alan would leave splits in third and fourth frames, giving him 65 after 4 frames. David would continue his marking and so would Alan. After the 7<sup>th</sup> frame the score would be 135 with a spare in the 8<sup>th</sup> for David and 125 with strike in the 8 for Alan, still Alan would trail by 27 pins with HDCP. In the 9<sup>th</sup> frame, David would get a spare. Alan would come up and get a strike in the 9<sup>th</sup> frame and bring him up in the 10<sup>th</sup>, with a strike on the first ball forcing David to mark. David came up in the 10<sup>th</sup> and left the 4-7-10 split on his first ball and failed to pick it up. Alan would finish the match with a 201/228 to 180/224, winning his second ABTA championship. Alan would take home \$1000 for the win and an additional \$850 in cash and carry. David finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$500.

Champion Alan Libao is from Chino Hills and used a Ebonite Gamebreaker drilled by Chris at Deer Creek. He is single. He would like to thank his mom, dad, sister, ABTA, The boys, team Libaoski.

David Quon (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) is from Alhambra and used a Roto Grip Road Cell drilled by Billy Chao. He is married with 2 children. He would like to thank the ABTA, Staff, wife Clara, Patricia Lin, Angel Chau for giving him pointers, Mou-Liu bowlers.

Tony Tang (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) is from Riverside and used a Bruinswick Ultra Zone drilled at King Pin pro Shop. He is single. He would like to say thank you to all his friends at West Covina, Jhun Tan, Jun Contreras, Bobby Concepcion, and Jeannete Chang.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Andy Yu. 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 Ngheim Tran and Adam Drozd. Winning an entry in our January Las Vegas event was Andy Yu. Winning 2 nights in Las Vegas for our January event was Esther Tambio. Winning ABTA Shirts were George Parker and Ed Abarca. Winning an 900 Global Ball, the Bank, was Mike Moore. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, West Covina Lanes is our host for a 1 day special Handicap Frozen event. Saturday squads are 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:00 pm, and 6 pm is the final squad. Please plan on showing up early for squad times. The semi-finals will start at approximately 7:45 pm. Remember to check in early as it will be busy. 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](http://www.abta1.com)) to link to address for directions.

Its history folks as Alan Libao enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at West Covina Lanes! If you have any comments or suggestions, use the contact page on our Website to send comments to us. Thank you for being an ABTA member until then!