

## **Kmel Cunanan stars in his 3rd ABTA Championship at West Covina**

**8 share Match Game of \$1,635**

**Match Series estimate of \$2,000 next week**

**Match Game estimate of \$3,000**

**ABTA Returns to South Point Hotel and Casino this Weekend for 4 Day January Event**

**3-6-9 is \$2,700 at South Point**

In our return to West Covina Lanes, we had a very nice turnout of 272 entries this week. Cut scores were a +49 for the men and +34 for the women. This week, our three Super Seniors added to the board for the men were Ely Cruz (+45) and Roger Romero (+42) and Mila Fermin (+9) for the women. That would give us 68 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Dino Cantoria with a +137, and for the women it was Jeannette Chang with a +85. 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 \$876. The top seed drew a 520 but we had no one that bowled that score. Next week at South Point Hotel and Casino we will estimate the Match Series at \$2,000. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had two people missed on the last shot so no one would go for the \$2,600, they would both share the \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at South Point Hotel and Casino for total of \$2,700.

In the doubles this week, we had 189 groups get into the doubles, with 20 spots paid out. The top prize this week went to Holden Au and Cheng Tse along with Holden Au and Billy Chao with 1416 for \$190. The low to cash was 1345, we paid out \$1890 in doubles.

In the semis this week we saw Alvin Francisco lead the semis from start to finish with a +146 to sit out and bowl for the title. Keith Nahan came in second at +142 and would sit out the first round. It took a +59 for the men and a +13 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 \$1,635 and he drew a 156. After a review of all the scores bowled, there was eight people that hit it during qualifying. They were George Parker, Minh Dang, Ben Hurtado, Dana LeCount, Daniel Cha, Fred Galvan, Freddie Catamisan, Roland Suase, they will each get \$204. We will estimate the pot to be \$3,000 at South Point Hotel and Casino. This week we had seven new bowlers join us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Michelle Lee, Mila Fermin, Ernestine Fermin, Gerardo Leyva, Les Lawless, Johnny Tsang, David M. Jones, Rose Jones.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Talia St. Angelo, Emilio Flores, Don Quitangon, Freddie Manansala, Mary Huynh, Alejandro Antazo, Allan Basto, they would receive checks of \$105 each. In the second round, the losers were Billy Chao, Sonia Coronado, Arnold Trias, Keith Nahan and each would get checks of \$115. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$52 (Kmel Cunanan) to a high of \$100 (Nghiem Tran) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Nghiem Tran (10<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Marvin Crowder (11<sup>th</sup> seed). In this match, Marvin would get the better of Nghiem with a 257 to 216 finish. In the other match we saw Kmel Cunanan (5<sup>th</sup> seed) bowling Jhun Tan (12<sup>th</sup> seed). In this match, Kmel would get the better of Jhun with a 241 to 213 finish. Jhun and Nghiem finished in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> getting checks for \$125 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 9 and 10; we had our 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> seeds into the top 16 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Marvin paying \$78 and Kmel paying \$52 if they win their match. In this match, Kmel would start off hot with three strikes out of the first four frames, and see Marvin stay clean, giving Kmel a 25 pin lead after 4 frames. Both bowlers would continue to stay clean through the 6<sup>th</sup> frame, but in the seventh frame Kmel would miss a 10 pin to cut the lead to 5 pins. Kmel would finish with a strike and spare in the 10<sup>th</sup> frame and bring Marvin up with a strike in the 9<sup>th</sup> and needing a strike to give him a chance. He would lose his balance on the shot and leave the 6-10 giving Kmel the victory with a 207/233 to 194/216. For those lucky "investors" that had Kmel as a horse, he paid \$52. Marvin finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and received \$210.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 7 and 8 this week. Alvin being the top seed elected to start the match first. Alvin would start out with a strike. Kmel would come up with strikes in the first and second frames. Alvin would get a strike in the 2<sup>nd</sup> frame but in the third frame he would leave the 3-6 and only get the 3 pin. Kmel would get a spare and strike in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> frames. After the 4<sup>th</sup> frame, Kmel would only lead by 7 pins. It continued this way to the 6<sup>th</sup> frame, where we see both bowlers get strikes in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> frames. But Kmel would get his turkey while Alvin would not, and that would allow Kmel to win his 3rd championship. He would finish with a 237/263 to 190/221. Kmel would take home \$1100 for the win and an additional \$1,700 in cash and carry giving him \$2,700. Alvin finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> for \$550.

Champion Kmel Cunanan is from Anaheim and used a Track drilled by Mike Wahl. He is married to Mia with two children Adrian and A.C.. He would like to thank Allan Basto, Tres Catalasan, Danny Eguielos, and Timbog team.

Alvin Francisco (2<sup>nd</sup> Place) is from Long Beach and used an Storm Invasion drilled by Josh. He is single. He would like to thank the Annaliza Agoncillo, Arnold Trias, and Leo Silva for their support.

Marvin Crowder (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) is from Whittier and used a Fury drilled by Mike Wahl. He is single with two children Tim and Marvin Jr. He would like to thank the ABTA Staff, West Covina staff, Miu Lou league bowlers, and a special thank you to the bartender at West Covina, Ben Foss.

This week the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Rodney Payne, he received the Profit. 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 and January Las Vegas entry was Andy Yu. Winning 1 night in Las Vegas for our January event was Tina Do and Mike Moore. Lucky Mike, second week in a row won another 900 Global (Favorite). Winning a 900 Global 3 Ball roller bag was Mike Hudson. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

Starting Thursday January 20 and continuing thru Sunday January 23, 2011, we will be at South Point Hotel and Casino Hotel and Casino for our Annual January Open event. See either ad in this paper or on our website for schedule of squads. The following week January 29, 2011, we will be on a bye and then return to action on February 5, 2011 at Cal Bowl for our Super Bowl tournament. 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 Kmel Cunanan enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at South Point Hotel and Casino ! 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!