

Alvin Francisco uses Raw Profit in his first ABTA Championship at South Point Hotel & Casino
6 Shared Match Game of \$3,295
Match Series estimate of \$850 next week
Match Game estimate of \$2,400
ABTA Returns to Cal Bowl this Weekend for Super Bowl Event
3-6-9 is \$1,300 at Cal Bowl

In our return to South Point Hotel and Casino for our Annual January Open, we would see a record turnout for January with 600 entries, with 312 different bowlers. Cut scores for the weekend were fair with Thursday night being a + 78 for the men and a + 77 for the women. On Friday, the scores came down with the men finishing at a + 66 and the women at +45. On Saturday, the men's cut was +58 and the women's cut +39. Sunday morning, we had 1 regular squad and that cut was +57 for the men and +15 for the women. The Re-entry squad on Sunday were +57 for the men and a+40 for the women. This week, our five Super Seniors added to the board were Ely Cruz (+71) and Norris Montague (+66), Gerry Caguin (+56) for the (3) men added and (2) women were Anita Smith and Sherly Agustin (tied +4) . That would give us 118 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week. During the tournament this week our Sponsor Global 900 provided the bowlers an option to purchase the Raw Profit for an additional \$80. In addition, for using the ball purchased at the tournament during the title match and win the event you could earn an additional \$250 dollar bonus. We had seventy plus people take advantage of this offer.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Tony Knuth with a +150, and for the women it was Esther Tambio with a +122. 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 \$1858. The top seed drew a 460 but we had no one that bowled that score. Next week at Cal Bowl we will estimate the Match Series at \$2,400. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we would see Victor Hilvano bowl for the \$2,700. He would get the five nine or strikes needed and took home \$2,700, way to go Victor. Next week the pot will start at \$1,300.

In the doubles this week, we had 244 groups got into the doubles, with 31 spots paid out. The top prize this week went to Dominador La Guardia and Alvin Francisco with a 1416 for \$200. In 2nd place, it was Edmond Del Mundo and Dominador La Guardia with a 1413 for \$180. The low to cash was 1326, we paid out \$2440 in doubles.

In the semis this week we would see Alvin Francisco lead the event with a 735, and he would sit out and bowl for the title. This was his 2nd week in a row leading semis. Coming in 2nd during semis was Resty Sanchez with a 719, he would sit out the first round. For the top 32 this week it would take a +45 for the women and a +55 for the men.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$3,295 and he drew a 133. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had six different people hit it. They were Maryln Bisnar, Myung Kim, Angie Nillo, Sherly Agustin, Bella Ordon, and Faye Josafat, they will each get \$549. We will estimate the pot to be \$1,300 at Cal Bowl.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the fifteen losers were Emma Soliman, Francisco Trejo, Nancy Tran, Annaliza Agoncillio, Jim Smith, Tod Edwards, Danny Alcayde, Darrin Remiticado, Edmond Del Mundo, Chonthida Athiprayoon, Renan Cruz, Heidi Spencer, Deborah Sanders, David Pruet, and Melvin De Mesa, they would receive checks of \$215 each. In the second round, the losers were Gerry Caguin, Andrew Navarro, Jamescart Alarcio, Faye Josafat, Bart Sanchez, Darrow Tiongco, Mikko Miller, and Matt Garcia and each would get checks of \$240. In the third round, the losers were Jemerald "JJ" Soon, Jeff Taino, Resty Sanchez, and Ric Bisnar, they would receive checks of \$325 each. This would get us to down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$163 (Sal Galluzzo) to a high of \$277 (Jack Lindquist) depending on who would win. In this round we saw the battle of Las Vegas bowlers Alfredo Basiga (16th seed) bowling Jack Lindquist (22nd seed). In this match, Jack would get the better of Alfredo with a 224 to 192 finish. In the other match we saw Sal Galluzzo (7th seed) bowling Bernie Navarro (26th seed). In this match, Sal would get the better of Bernie with a 223 to 214 finish. Bernie and Alfredo finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$600 each. Our semi-final match was set to be bowled on 55 and 56; we had our 7th and 22nd into the top 32 bowling each other. In our horses this week we would see Sal paying \$163 and Jack paying \$277 if they win their match. In this match, Sal would start out with 2 opens and put him in the hole by a quick 43 pins after the 2nd frame. He would try and come back by getting a double, while Jack would get opens in the 4th and 5th frames. But Jack continued to lead after the 6th frame by 31 pins. This would be enough as Jack would go on to finish with a 192/230 to Sals 181/207. Sal would finish in third place for \$1,375 and send Jack onto the title match. For those lucky "investors" that had Jack as a horse, he paid \$277.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 53 and 54 this week. Alvin being the top seed elected to have Jack start the match first. In this match we would see Alvin using his new ball the Raw Profit. He would start out with strikes in the 1st and 2nd frames, while Jack would get a strike and a spare. In the 3rd frame for Jack he would open and Alvin would continue with spares in the 3rd and 4th frames. Jack would come back with a solid strike in the 4th frame, but again he would miss the head pin in the 5th frame and get another open. Alvin would bury the ball in the 5th for another strike, but leave the 4-6 split in the 6th frame. Alvin at this point was out in front by 27 pins. Jack would get a spare and strike in his next two frames, while Alvin would get a strike spare in his 7th and 8th frames. That would bring Jack up in the 8th frame and he would leave the 4-6-7 split and then get a strike in the 9th frame. Alvin came up in the 9th frame and got a strike. Thus he would come up in the 10th frame, finishing first, needing to get a mark to lock up his first ABTA win. He would leave the 6 pin on his first ball and picked it up, with a nine count on his fill ball. Jack would finish out the 10th frame with 3 strikes giving him a final of 195/226 for Alvin to 181/219 for Jack. Jack would finish 2nd for \$2,750 and Alvin would finish first or \$5,500 first place, \$3,850 in the cash and carry, \$200 for wearing his ABTA shirt, and \$500 for having 29 or more squads in the last year. He would also get an \$250 bonus from Global 900 for using the Raw Profit he got at the tournament, extra \$100 for using 900 Global equipment, total prize fund of \$10,400.

Champion Alvin Francisco is from Long Beach and used the Raw Profit drilled at South Point Pro Shop. He is single. Alvin would like to thank his cousins and family, a special thank you to Greg Velarde for his words of encouragement.

Jack Lindquist (2nd Place) is from Las Vegas and used a Storm Tropical Heat drilled by Jack at Texas Station. He is married with three children. He would like to thank Bob Smith and the ABTA Staff.

Sal Galluzzo (3rd Place) is from Montebello and used a Rotogrip Theory drilled by Roger at Pinpoint Bowling Concept at Beverly Lanes. He is married to another fine ABTA bowler Miriam. Sal would like to thank Roger, Rick Steelsmith, Fabian family, Ocampo Family, Abutan family and especially his wife Miriam.

Bernie Navarro (4th Place) is from Norwalk and used a Storm Fast drilled by Ben Mach. He is married with 2 children Joshua and Andrew who both bowl in the ABTA. He would like to thank his family for their support and especially his wife Lorna.

Alfredo Basiga (5th Place) is from Las Vegas and used a Bruniswick Mission drilled at the South Point Pro shop. He is married with 2 children. He would like to say thank you to the ABTA, his wife Annabelle and his two children Annasa and Aldred.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Vincent Cervantes, 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 was William Ele and Alejandro Vela. Winning an entry in our July Las Vegas event was Faye Josafat and Greg Kokanour. Winning 2 nights in Las Vegas for our July event was Tao Yang. Winning ABTA Entry for our Memorial Event were William Garrett and Rey Josafat. Winning a 900 Global Bank Pearl donated by 900 Global was Gina Velarde. Winning a 3 Ball 900 Tote donated by 900 Global was Scott Johnson. Winning 3 days and 2 nights to the South Point Hotel and Casino donated by South Point was Jerry Fagan. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This Saturday, February 5th, Cal Bowl is our host for a 1 day event. Saturday squads are 12:30 pm, 2 pm, 3:30 pm, 5:30 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) to link to address for directions.

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