

Samson Kong stars in his 3rd ABTA Championship at Bowling Square

All Pots Carry Over

Match Series estimate of \$1,300 next week

Match Game estimate of \$3,300

ABTA Returns to Chaparral Lanes this weekend

Special 2 weekend Handicap Events

3-6-9 is \$1,600 at Chaparral Lanes

We returned to Bowling Square this past weekend and had a turnout of 196 entries this week. Cut scores were a +41 for the men and +33 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (2 men and 1 woman) were Vic Paolucci (+38), Javier Avila(+32) and Wendy Soo Hoo (-50) for the women. That would give us 48 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Nate Sabado with a +119, and for the women it was Talia St. Angelo with a +114. Each will get paid entry into a future regular ABTA event. Each week our top seed overall draws the Match Series, and this week it was worth \$922. The top seed drew a 434 and we had no bowlers this week matched that score, so it would be carried over to next week. Next week at Chaparral Lanes, we will estimate the Match Series at \$1,300. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had James Abilar and Kelly Wynn both missed in the 5th round so they will split the \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Chaparral Lanes giving us a total of \$1,600.

This week our optional doubles had William Garrett and Jiradej Harnpatanakipanich finishing first with a 1414 for \$160. Finishing second was William Garrett and Minh Dang with 1409 for \$140. We had a total of \$1,350 paid out in doubles with low to cash of 1319.

In the semis this week we saw Samson Kong bowl a big second game to capture the lead with a +192 to sit out and bowl for the title. In second place we saw Kerry Lucka finish with a +83 to sit out the first round and come in during the 2nd round. It took a +36 for the men and women to make the top 16.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$2,150, and Samson drew a 260. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no winners this week. We will estimate the pot to be \$3,300 at Chaparral Lanes. This week we had twelve new bowlers joined us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Cathy Lam, Sandra McChaney, Samuel Kennard, Rick Donovan, Steven Munoz, Edward Rodriguez, Ivan Jison, Robert Martinez, Mark Hulsey, Aileen Cheung, Miles Yokota, and Nate Sabado.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Jeff Taino, Vic Paolucci, Rogelio Esquivel, Vicki Holliwel, Talia St. Angelo, Wilson Cheung, and Chris Romero, they would receive checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were Bryan Moore, Tom Dahl, Billy Chao, and Kerry Lucka and each would get checks of \$105. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$47 (Nate Sabado) to a high of \$151 (Jerry Fagan) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Jerry Fagan (10th seed) bowling Joseph Kaiser (8th seed). In this match, Joseph would get the better of Jerry with a 190 to 188 finish, in a very exciting close match. In the other match, which was equally exciting and close, we saw Robert Lim (6th seed) bowling Nate Sabado (7th seed). In this match, Nate would get the better of Robert with a 224 to 222 finish. Robert and Jerry finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$110 each. Our semi-final match was all set now, and it would be bowled on 19 and 20 this week and pit our 8th seed against our 7th seed. In our horses this week we would see Nate paying \$47 and Joseph paying \$56 if they would win the match. In this match, both bowlers would struggle early as neither one could find a mark in the first two frames. Joseph got the first two marks in the 3rd and 4th frames, but opened again in the 5th. Nate would get his first two marks of the match in the 4th and 5th and have him only in front by 10 at this point. That would prove to not be enough, as he could not mark after the 6th frame and Joseph would run away with it in the end to finish with a 191/221 to 109/163. That would give Joseph the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had Joseph as a horse, he paid \$56. Nate finished 3rd and received \$200.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 17 and 18 this week. Samson being the top seed elected to begin the match first. This would prove to be a very exciting and close match as the handicap difference was only 3 pins. This match would be back and forth and go all the way to the 10th frame. As Samson came up in the 10th frame all he needed to win was a mark and he would leave the 3-10 baby split after his first shot. He picked up the baby split and got a loud roar from the crowd, as he was the home town favorite. Samson would finish with a 173/206 to 168/198 for his 3rd ABTA Championship. Samson would take home \$1,000 for the win, and an additional \$1700 in Cash and Carry, plus an additional \$100 for wearing his ABTA shirt. This would give him a total of \$2,800 for his win. Joseph received \$300 for 2nd place as he was bowling on a reduced entry.

Champion Samson Kong is from Temple City and used a Storm Regin drilled by Ed Williamson. He is single and would like to say thank you to the Mao-Liu bowlers, his girlfriend Susan and of course Bowling Square for hosting the event.

Joseph Kaiser (2nd Place) is from Hacienda Heights and used a Columbia Freeze drilled by Scott Kraye. He is engaged to Kelley Bendt. He would like to say thank you to Kelly, his parents, Marcus Battiest and the Man upstairs along with the ABTA and Staff.

Nate Sabado (3rd Place) is from West Covina and used a Azo Strike drilled by Norris Turner. He would like to thank his cousins, brother Chris and friends for all their support and encouragement.

This week the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Mike Moore, he received the Long Shot bowling ball. Each time you bowl, you get a free ticket for this prize given away by our Sponsor, 900 Global. This week the raffle winners of ABTA shirts were Richard Brajkovic, Henry Hoang, and Carlos Castillo, regular ABTA Entry was John Feitz and Faye Josafat, 900 Global/Bank ball was Emilio Flores. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week we will be at Chaparal Lanes, squads at 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm, 7pm on Saturday and the board will be frozen at that point. Sunday there will be 1 squad at 10:30 am, then semi-finals at approx. 11:45 am. Please be on time to avoid the long line. See our ad for address and directions, or check our website (www.abta1.com) to link to address for directions. If you bowl both Chaparal Lanes and Friendly Hills you will receive 2 additional pins of Handicap, if you only bowl Friendly Hills, you will receive 1 pin.

Its history folks as Samson Kong enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Chaparal 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!