

Shaun Suase stars in his 1st ABTA Championship at Chaparral

Mike Benavides hits Match Game for \$3,500

Match Series estimate of \$1,850 next week

Match Game estimate of \$2,700

ABTA Returns to Friendly Hills Lanes this weekend

Special Handicap Event

3-6-9 is \$1,700 at Friendly Hills Lanes

We returned to Chaparral this past weekend and had a turnout of 245 entries this week in a two day event. We saw a tough shot this week that kept the cut scores low, they were a +32 for the men and +11 for the women on Saturday and +40 for the men and +10 for the women on Sunday. The Super Seniors added to the board (2 men) were Pablo Castro (+31) and Frank Menchaca (+23). That would give us 58 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

For all qualifying squads our top qualifier for the Men was Frank Frias with a +146, and for the women it was Ada Wong with a +39. 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 \$1,350. The top seed drew a 636 and we had no bowlers this week matched that score, so it would be a carried over to next week. Next week at Friendly Hills Lanes, we will estimate the Match Series at \$1,300. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had Je Je Gabriel and Alvin Francisco both missed in the 2nd round so they will split the \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Friendly Hills Lanes giving us a total of \$1,600.

This week our optional doubles had a father son duo finish in first, Danny Reece Sr and Danny Reece Jr finishing first with a 1399 for \$150. Finishing second was Minh Dang and Victor Paolucci with 1343 for \$130. We had a total of \$1,180 paid out in doubles with low to cash of 1286.

In the semis this week, Shaun Suase bowled a big second game to capture the lead with a +156 to sit out and bowl for the title. In second place, William Garrett finished with a +120 to sit out the first round and come in during the 2nd round. It took a +27 for the men and a -9 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 \$3,500, and Shaun drew a 211. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had only 1 person who bowled that score and that was Michael Benavides, he bowled that in his final game during semis. We did start a back up pot, so we will estimate the pot to be \$2,700 at Friendly Hills Lanes. This week we had four new bowlers joined us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, David Wickey, Phil Nash, Matthew Herrera, and Thomas Arguelles.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Temira Lindsley, Cecilia Lung, Donovan Chung, Michael Benavides, Ruben Gonzales, Clemente Guajardo, and Patricia Lin, they would receive checks of \$105 each. In the second round, the losers were Richard Aquino, Steve Benavente, Chris Kelly, and Paul Bunya 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 \$50 (George Covarrubias) to a high of \$75 (Nghiem Tran) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Ken Morris (9th seed) bowling Nghiem Tran (4th seed). In this match, Ken would get the better of Nghiem with a 232 to 200 finish. In the other match we saw George Covarrubias (6th seed) bowling William Garrett (2nd seed). In this match, William would get the better of Nghiem with a 203 to 160 finish. George and Nghiem finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$120 each. Our semi-final match was all set now, and it would be bowled on 39 and 40 this week and pit our 2nd seed against our 9th seed. In our horses this week we would see William paying \$53 and Ken paying \$60 if they would win their match. In this match, Ken struggled to find his shot, and William made an early ball change to find his. William would carry strikes in the 6th and 8th frames that would seal the victory for him. William would finish with a 188/211 to 149/179. That would give William the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had William as a horse, he paid \$53. Ken finished 3rd and received \$200.

The title game is set and bowled on lanes 45 and 46 this week. Shaun being the top seed elected to begin the match first. In the first frame both bowlers struggled with opens, and we saw William start with a gutter ball. Shaun would get his nerves under control from that point, stringing strikes from 3rd thru 6th frames. Shaun would finish with a 191/245 to 167/190 for his 1st ABTA Championship. Shaun would take home \$1,000 for the win, and an additional \$425 in Cash and Carry, plus an additional \$100 for wearing his ABTA shirt. This would give him a total of \$1,525 for his win. William received \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion Shaun Suase is from Los Angeles and used a Hammer drilled at Roy's Pro Shop. He is single and would like to say thank you to his dad, Roland, for all his support, encouragement and coaching. Special thanks to the ABTA and staff.

William Garrett (2nd Place) is from Tarzana and used a Favorite drilled at Pickwick. He is married to Glenda and would like to say thank you to his wife for her love and support, along with the ABTA and staff.

Ken Morris (3rd Place) is from Mission Viejo and used a Mission 2.0 drilled by Andy Nieman. He is recently engaged to LeAnn. He would like to say thank you to Andy, the ABTA and staff and of course to his friend William Garrett for showing him how a left hander should bowl.

This week the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Carlos Umana, he received the Double Clutch 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 Lord Ferguson, regular ABTA Entry was Andy Mak and Danny Eguilos, 900 Global 3 Ball roller bag was Richard Brajkovic, Memorial Entry was Bret Rose and a Vegas Entry was Jack Trongale. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week we will be at Friendly Hills Lanes, squads at 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm on Saturday with the semi-finals at approx. 8 pm. 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 bowled Chaparral Lanes and Friendly Hills, you will receive 2 additional pins of Handicap, if you only bowl Friendly Hills, you will receive 1 pin, plus this week only the TOP 5 will loose handicap.

Its history folks as Shaun Suase enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Friendly Hills 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!