

John Wei stars in his 2nd ABTA Championship at Friendly Hills

"BK" H. and Michael Kong Share Match Series for \$1,786

Match Series estimate of \$280 next week

Match Game estimate of \$2,800

ABTA Returns to Irvine Lanes this weekend

For a Beat the Board Semi-Finals with 1st Squad at 1 pm

3-6-9 is \$1,800 at Irvine Lanes

We returned to Friendly Hills this past weekend and had a turnout of 250 entries this week in a our one day event. We saw a tough shot again this week that kept the cut scores low, they were +33 for the men and +15 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (2 men and 1 female) were Roger Romero (+34) and Robert Rickets (+27), and for the women it was Wendy Soo Hoo (-46). That would give us 61 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week, but only 54 took the floor as we had 7 bowlers that failed to show for semi-finals.

For all qualifying squads, our top qualifier for the Men was Nghiem Tran with a +145, and for the women it was Dana Le Count with a +51. 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 \$1,786. The top seed drew a 522 and we had two bowlers that bowled this score during qualifying, they were BK Harnpatanakitpanich and Michael Kong getting \$893 each. Next week at Irvine Lanes, we will estimate the Match Series at \$280. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had David Godinez and Wayne Hohenstein, but both missed in the 2nd round so they will split the \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Irvine Lanes giving us a total of \$1,800.

This week our optional doubles finishing in first were Chris Romero and Julian Conwi with a 1437 for \$160. Finishing second was Nghiem Tran and Marvin Crowder with 1429 for \$140. We had a total of \$1,550 paid out in doubles with low to cash of 1333.

In the semis this week, Dominador La Guardia would bowl back to back 200's in the 2nd and 3rd game to capture the lead with a +102 to sit out and bowl for the title. In second place, Javier Avila finished with a +92 to sit out the first round and came in during the 2nd round. It took a +28 for the men and a -8 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 \$1,555, and Dominador drew a 100, by the way that is the lowest score that we have in the bag. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no one who bowled that score and estimated pot will be \$2,800 at Irvine Lanes. This week we had seven new bowlers joined us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Dan West, Alexis Gioya, Richard Sevaslian, Lloyd Fujitani, Louraine Vicente, Chang Kim, and Lori Silva.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Richard Lim, Jerry Chang, Annaliza Agoncillo, Greg Kokanour, Cecilia Lung, Roger Romero, and Marvin Crowder, they received checks of \$105 each. In the second round, the losers were Sonia Coronado, Wayne Hohenstein, Jason "I gotta go" Jones, and Javier Avila received checks of \$115 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 \$63 (John Wei) to a high of \$158 (Kenny Kwan) depending on who would win. In this round we saw John Wei (9th seed) bowling Jemerald "JJ" Soon (8th seed). In this match, John would get the better of JJ with a 214 to 168 finish. In the other match we saw Kenny Kwan (13th seed) bowling Donovan Chung (7th seed). In this match, Donovan would get the better of Kenny with a 199 to 152 finish. Kenny and JJ finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$125 each. Our semi-final match was all set now, and it would be bowled on Lanes 27 and 28 this week and pit our 7th seed against our 9th seed. In our horses this week we would see John paying \$63 and Donovan paying \$118 if they would win their match. In this match, Donovan struggled to find his shot, and John was able to continue his hot bowling. John would finish with a 199/248 to 149/191. That would give John the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had John as a horse, he paid \$63. Donovan finished 3rd and received \$205.

The title game is set and bowled on Lanes 25 and 26 this week. Dom being the top seed elected to have John begin the match first. In the first frame John would open up with a split and we would see Dom get spares in

the 1st and 2nd frames. But things would quickly change as John would find his shot and get a strikes in the 4th and 5th frames, and we would see Dom opened in the 6th and 7th frames. After the 7th frame John had a 37 pin advantage and would not look back as he would go on to finish with a 181/230 to 147/182 for his 2nd ABTA Championship. John would take home \$1,000 for the win, and an additional \$1,700 in Cash and Carry. This would give him a total of \$2,700 for his win. Dominador received \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion John Wei is from Los Angeles and used a Virtual Energy drilled Billy Chao. He is single and would like to say thank you to the Mou-Liu League and specially Patricia.

Dominador La Guardia (2nd Place) is from El Monte and used a Raw Profit drilled at South Point Pro Shop. He is married to Zenny and have 3 children, Jaye, Jayzel, and Justin. He would like to say thank you to his family specially his wife Zenny for their support.

Donovan Chung (3rd Place) is from Los Angeles and used a Brunswick Sling Shot drilled by Roy at Western Columbia Pro Shot. He is single with girlfriend Steph. He would like to say thank you to all his friends at the Mao-Liu league and his girlfriend Steph, along with the ABTA and Friendly Hills Lanes for hosting the tournament.

This week the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Javier Avilia, he received the Bountry Hunter Pearl 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 Manuel Soto, regular ABTA Entry was Laura Velasco and Robert Ricketts, a Vegas Entry was John Phan, and 2 nights in Las Vegas was Alejandro Vela. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week we will be at Irvine Lanes, squads times are changed this week, they are 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm and final squad at 7 pm on Saturday with the semi-finals at approx. 9 pm, also this this event is a beat-the-board semi-finals, meaning how you finish in semis is how you finish for the tournament. 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.

Its history folks as John Wei enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Irvine 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!