

Brandon Grant stars in his 1st ABTA Championship at Keystone Lanes

Emrich shoots 300 and 823 on Sunday

Eide, Sargent, and Crowder Share \$935 Match Game

Match Series estimate of \$600 next week

Match Game estimate of \$1,300

ABTA Returns to Westminster this weekend

3-6-9 is \$2,100 at Westminster

We returned to Keystone Lanes this past weekend for a two day tournament and had a turnout of 154 entries this week. The shot was easier this week due to Keystone having multiple events this weekend, cut scores on Saturday +112 for the men and +94 for the Women. On Sunday in our 1 squad, the cut score was +138 for the men and +48 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (3 men and 1 female) were Rollie Ebilane (+111), Victor Paolucci and Joe Nolan (+110), and for the women it was BJ Jemison (+12). That would give us 40 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week.

For all qualifying squads, our top qualifier for the Men was David Emrich with a +283, and for the women it was LaSandra Chaney with a +114. David also started out Sunday Morning with a 300 game, and followed that up with 257 and then a 266 for an 823 scratch series. 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 \$270. The top seed drew a 631 and none bowled this score during qualifying squads. Next week at Westminster, we will estimate the Match Series at \$600. For the 3-6-9 qualifying this week, we had Anthony Jilek survive the roll-off to go for the pot, but he would miss on his 1st shot, getting \$50 consolation. We will add another \$100 at Westminster giving us a total of \$2,100.

This week our optional doubles finishing in first were David Emrich and Alex Castillo with a 1629 for \$130. Finishing second was David Emrich and Mike J. Moore with 1545 for \$110. We had a total of \$1,060 paid out in doubles with low to cash of 1433.

In the semis this week, we would see the Girls jump out and lead the pack during each round, and winding up with the lead after 3 games was Annaliza Agoncillo with a +199, but close behind was Alex Castillo with a +198. We would have a tie for the final spot at +91, Don Eide and Aaron Hodges had the 9th and 10th frame roll-off to see who would make it to the match play. Aaron would benefit from a missed shot by Don, and advanced.

This week, our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$935, and Annaliza drew a 192. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had 3 bowlers who shot that score, they were Don Eide, Jeffery Sargent, and 1 of our fine directors Marvin Crowder. Each would take home \$311. We will estimate the pot next week at \$1,200 at Westminster Lanes. This week we had three new bowlers joined

us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Steve Moreno Sr, Jic Opiana, Sirinya Boonyindee.

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now. In the first round the seven losers were Aaron Hodges, Renoir Land, Richard Lim, Kelly Wynn, Cleve Johnson, Talia St. Angelo, and Joe Torre, Jr, they received checks of \$100 each. In the second round, the losers were Alex Castillo, Butch Hobbs, George Parker, and Michael Villarreal received checks of \$107.50 each. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$48 (Jennifer Grant) to a high of \$410 (Jesse Lane, Jr) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Brandon Grant (3rd seed) bowling Jesse Lane (15th seed). In this match, Brandon would get the better of Jesse with a 241 to 181 finish. In the other match we saw Jennifer Grant (7th seed) bowling Venturito Tumacy (13th seed). In this match, Jennifer would get the better of Venturito with a 225 to 187 finish. Venturito and Jesse finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$115 each. Our semi-final match was all set on Lanes 45 and 46 this week and pit our 3rd seed against our 7th seed, plus it would be a little battle between husband and wife. In this match, Brandon would start giving his wife the lucky kiss to start the match. They would both start off with strikes, but in the 2nd frame Jennifer would leave the 6-7-10 and missed all on the 2nd shot. While Brandon would continue to strike in the first 4 frames. At this point Brandon was in the lead and would not look back, but continued to offer support and help to his wife. Brandon would finish with a 248/264 to 164/212. That would give Brandon the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had Brandon as a horse, he paid \$54. Jennifer finished 3rd and received \$200.

The title game is set and bowled on Lanes 43 and 44 this week. Annaliza being the top seed elected to have Brandon begin the match first. In the first frame Annaliza would open up with a missed 10 pin, and then have another open in the third frame to put her down by 5 pins after 3 frames and gave away her 18 pin handicap advantage. Both would get strikes in the 4th and 5th frames, but Annaliza would not get a strike in the 6th frame. After the 7th frame, Brandon had a 2 pin lead, and both bowlers would have strikes in the 8th frame and Brandon would get his 9th frame strike. That would bring Annaliza up to finish out the match first, she would get a strike in the 9th frame and the first one in the 10th frame but left the 9 pin on her second shot.. That would bring up Brandon and all he had to do was match her, and that he did to go on to finish with a 235/251 to 215/247 for his 1st ABTA Championship. Brandon would take home \$1,000 for the win, and an additional \$850 in Cash, total of \$1,850 for his win. Annaliza received \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion Brandon Grant is from Bellflower and used a Mission drilled at Keystone. And of course he is married to our 3rd place finisher Jennifer who used a Mission drilled by Al at Keystone. They have 3 children. Special thank you to the MAN above for all His blessings, each other of course for keeping them grounded and all their friends for the support and cheering during the title, semi-final matches and "Lucky", their dog.

Annaliza Agoncillo (2nd Place) is from Long Beach and used a Storm Rapid Fire drilled by Josh at Cal Bowl. She is Married to Arnold and have 2 children Aren and Anne.

She would like to thank her Cousin Alvin, another fine ABTA bowler and past Champion, and her family, especially her brother Arnold who just got back from San Francisco in time to see her match.

This week, the weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Jeffrey Sargent, he received the Long Shot bowling ball. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

This week we will be at Westminster, squads times are back to normal with 12 pm, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, and 6 pm final squad. Semi-finals will be at approx. 9 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.

Its history folks as Brandon Grant enters the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Westminster! 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!