

Val Wise stars in his 3rd ABTA Championship at Valley View
Eddie Katz shoots 299 in Record turnout for 1 day event
Match Series estimate of \$1,000 next week
Match Game estimate of \$3,500
ABTA Returns to Foothill Lanes this weekend
For a Special Handicap Frozen Event
3-6-9 is \$1,300 at Foothill Lanes

We returned to Valley View Lanes this past weekend and had a huge ABTA record turnout of 338 entries in our one day event. We thank all the members of the ABTA for their support each week. We had decent shot for the tournament making the cut scores of +58 for the men and +39 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (2 men and 1 female) were Pablo Castro (+45), John Camisa (+41) and Linda Galsim (+32). Super Seniors are men 63 and over, and for the women you just need to be a young 55. That would give us 78 bowlers making it to the semi-finals this week. During our 4 pm squad we would see Eddie Katz string the first 11 strikes and come up for number 12 but let up on the shot a little and left the 10 pin, to finish with a very nice 299 game.

For all qualifying squads, our top qualifier for the Men was Danny Guevarra with a +178, and for the women it was Chontida Athiprayoon with a +92. Each of them will get paid entry into a future regular ABTA event. Each week our top seed overall draws the Match Series, and this time it was worth \$592. The top seed drew a 612. We had no bowlers that bowled this score during qualifying and at our next event we will estimate the Match Series at \$1,000. For the 3-6-9 qualifying, Anthony Dancel and Danny Guevarra each received \$25 for consolation. The 3/6/9 will be \$1,300 at Foothill Lanes.

In our optional doubles finishing in first were Gerald Sanchez and Jemerald Soon with a 1528 for \$200. Finishing second was Danny Guevarra and Vuong Do with 1484 for \$180. There was a total of \$2,010 paid out in doubles and 25 paid spots with low to cash of 1359.

In the semis, which began at approximately 11 pm this week due to the huge turnout, we saw Som Seng, lead the field with a +144 to sit out and bowl for the title this week. Coming in second was Val Wise with a +125 to sit out the first round. It took a +51 for the men and +42 for the women.

Our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$3,500, the pot maxed out and we have a back-up pot started. Our top seed drew a 236. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no bowlers who shot that score. We will have \$3,500 next week at Foothill Lanes, and continue to build on the back-up pot. This week we had ten new bowlers joined us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Alberto Albis, Ronald Roberto, Steve Sensabaugh, Ely Reyes, Kent Maruyama, Donovan Hudson, Michele Hudson, Douglas Pemberton, Janisha Johnson, and Yin Zhang. We had 3 returning members in Bill De Moore, Fonda De Moore, and Marilyn Yamasaki..

This would bring us to our Match Play finals now, and yes it was late as the finals started around 1 am in the morning. In the first round the seven losers were Jenny Blake, Art Lindsey, Thomas Licauco, Julian Conwi, Mark Andrews, Andy Yu, Arnold Trias, they received checks of \$120 each. In the second round, the losers were Kmel Cunanan, Chonthida Athiprayoon, Josh Koch, Danny Guevarra received checks of \$130 each. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$40 (Val Wise) to a high of \$59 (Jessica Ting) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Val Wise (2nd seed) bowling Jessica Ting (5th seed). In this match, Jessica with her big cheering section would not be able to get it going as she started out with 3 opens. This would be enough for Val to catch up and was able to go on and win this match 218 to 181. In the other match we saw Alan Libao (10th seed) bowling Jason Jones (8th seed). In this match, Jason would also struggle to find his shot, that would prove to be enough as Alan would go on to finish with a 222 to 160 and take home the win. Jessica and Jason finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$140 each.

Our semi-final match was all set now, and it would be bowled on Lanes 13 and 14 this week and pit our 10th seed against our 2nd seed. In the horses we would see Val paying \$40 and Alan paying \$43 if they would win their match. In a match that was close through the first 4 frames saw the tide change when Alan left back to back splits in the 5th and 6th frames. That would prove to be enough for Val as he would go on to finish with a 196/211

to 166/189 finish to advance. That would give Val the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had him as a horse, he paid \$40. Alan finished 3rd and received \$235.

The title game is set and bowled on Lanes 11 and 12 this week. Som being the top seed elected to lead off the match. Som would open up in the first frame while we would see Val started with a spare and four strikes to jump out to a lead after the sixth frame. Val opened in the sixth frame but Som continued to struggle and Val finished with a 210/225 to 153/183. This would be Vals third ABTA championship in over 20 plus years of bowling the ABTA. Val would take home \$1,000 for 1st place, \$1,700 for cash and carry, giving him a total of \$2,700 for the win. Som received \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion Val Wise is from Riverside and used a White Dot drilled by Gip Lentine. Val is married to Connie and they have 1 son Parker, an ABTA member. He would like to thank Justin Ziegler and Bobby Campagnale for sticking around all night to watch and his wife Connie, John Davis Jr, and Gip Lentine for their support.

Som Seng (2nd Place) is from Bellflower and used an Anarchy Storm drilled by Charles Weeks, another fine ABTA bowler. He is married to Kunthea, and they have 4 children. He would like to thank his family a for all their support specially Kunthea, along with the ABTA, staff, and friends.

Alan Libao (3rd Place) is Chino Hills and used a Game Breaker from Ebonite drilled by Chris at Deer Creek. Alan is single and would like thank his family and friends for their support and encouragement, the ABTA and staff.

The weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Demetrius Cash. Each time you bowl, you get a free ticket for this prize given away by our Sponsor, 900 Global. In our weekly raffle, the winners for an ABTA shirt were Kelly Wynn, Johnny Tran, and Adam Drodz. Winners of an Regular Entry were Cecilia Lung and Steven Au. Winning Las Vegas Entries were Wilson Cheung and Allan Calabio. Winning the Profit from 900 Global was Chris Marquez, and winner of 1 night in Las Vegas was Mario Banuelos. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

Our next event will be at Foothill Lanes, squads times will be 12 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm and final squad at 6:00 pm with the semi-finals at approx. 7:45 pm. This event at Foothill Lanes on May 21st is a special Frozen Handicap event. 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. Did you receive a schedule in the Mail? If you did not, please send us an email via contact page with your Name and Address and we will send you one and get your corrected address in the system.

Its history folks as Val Wise enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at Foothill 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!