

Pengsean Chea stars in his 1st ABTA Championship at Foothill Lanes

Kimo Borja shoots 298 in 4 pm Squad

Match Series estimate of \$1,500 next week

Match Game maxed out at \$3,500

ABTA Returns to West Covina Lanes this weekend

Special Memorial Event starting on Thursday night

3-6-9 is \$1,400 at West Covina Lanes

We returned to Foothill Lanes this past weekend with a turnout of 228 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 +92 for the men and +63 for the women. The Super Seniors added to the board (4 men and 1 female) were Howard Smith (+88), Ed Shipley (+79), Don Eide (+79), Manny Loria (+79) and Mary Andruczyk (+47). 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 Kimo Borja string the first 11 strikes and come up for number 12 but leave the 3-10 baby split to finish with a nice 298 game.

For all qualifying squads, our top qualifier for the Men was Leo "Horesman" Tartamella with a +177, and for the women it was Mary Robles with a +137. 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 \$992. The top seed drew a 432. We had no bowlers that bowled this score during qualifying and at our next event we will estimate the Match Series at \$1,500. For the 3-6-9 qualifying, Val Wise was the last one to go for the \$1,300, but missed on his second shot and received \$50 for consolation. The 3/6/9 will be \$1,400 at West Covina Lanes.

In our optional doubles, finishing in first were Deborah Sanders and Leo Tartamella with a 1483 for \$150. Finishing second was Marvin Crowder and Leo Tartamella with 1478 for \$130. There was a total of \$1,500 paid out in doubles and 23 paid spots with low to cash of 1398.

In the semis we saw Pengsean Chea lead the field from the 1st game to finish with a +179 to sit out and bowl for the title this week. Coming in second was Steven Au with a +145 to sit out the first round. It took a +89 for the men and +30 for the women.

Our top seed in semi-finals had the honor of drawing the match game worth \$3,500, the pot is maxed out and we have a back-up pot started. Our top seed drew a 268. After a review of all the scores bowled, we had no bowlers who shot that score. We will have \$3,500 next week at West Covina Lanes, and continue to build on the back-up pot, which is \$1,435. This week we had nine new bowlers joined us. Let us welcome these new bowlers to the club, Derrick Willis II, Andrew Fredericks, Prentis Williams, Brysen Borja, Emily Daracan-Pielki, Andrew Mullins, Richard Becker, Cecilia Aquino, Christian Aquino Sr, David Cunningham.

This would bring us to our top 16 Match Play finals. In the first round, the seven losers were Sonia Coronado, Eric Bruno, Beth Borci, Sun Sundara, Gina Velarde, Kimo Borja and Jerry Chang, they received checks of \$102.50 each. In the second round, the losers were Bryan Moore, Korng Ngow, Cezar Marcella and Steven Au, they received checks of \$110 each. This would get us down to the final four bowlers. At this point, our horses would be paying anywhere from a low of \$36 (Gino Mansilungan and Bk) to a high of \$61 (Chris Kelly) depending on who would win. In this round we saw Mike Nakunz (6th seed) bowling Chris Kelly (12th seed). In this match, Mike being one of the house favorites would go on to take the match and knocked out Chris with a 248 to 206. In the other match we saw Gino Mansilungan (4th seed) bowling Jiradej Harnpanakitpanich (BK) (3rd seed). In this match, it was close all the way down to the 10th frame; And it would be BK who would take this match with a 207 to 202 finish. Chris and Gino finished in 4th and 5th getting checks for \$120 each.

Our semi-final match was all set now, and it would be bowled on Lanes 7 and 8 this week and pit our 6th seed against our 3rd seed. In the weekly "horses" we would see Mike paying \$45 and Bk paying \$36 if they would win their match. In a match that was close through the first 5 frames saw the tide change when Bk left the 1-2-4 and only picked up the 2-4. That would prove to be enough for Mike as he would get 4 strikes in a row from the 7th frame on to finish with a 247/271 to 181/226 to advance to our title match this week. That would give Mike the victory and for those lucky "investors" that had him as a horse, he paid \$45. Bk finished 3rd and received \$205.

The title game is set and bowled on Lanes 5 and 6 this week, and we would see two house favorites bowling each other this week. Pengsean being the top seed elected to lead off the match. Pengsean would open in the first frame while we would see Mike start off with a strike. This match would stay close and after six frames the difference was only 2 pins as neither bowler could find the strikes and they kept sparing early on. In the 7th frame, Mike came up on lane 5 and would leave the 6-7 split. This would allow Pengsean to take a small lead with marks in the 8th and 9th frames. Mike would come up in the 9th frame again on lane 5 and leave an pocket 8-10 split. He would punch out in the 10th frame to force Pengsean to get good count. Pengsean left the 4 pin on his first ball and that would be enough as he would finish with a 178/204 to 168/192 to take home his first title. Pengsean would take home \$1,000 for 1st place, \$425 for cash and carry, giving him a total of \$1,425 for the win. Mike received \$500 for 2nd place.

Champion Pengsean Chea is from Fontana and used a Hyroad. He is single and would like to thank his friends Carlos U., Emilio F., David A, Rome, Robert M, Eric, Janice, Ken Jr, Thomas, P.J. Buckner. And a special thanks to all his friends for their support and encouragement, ABTA and staff for all their support.

Mike Nakunz (2nd Place) is from Highland and used an Roto Grip Dark Star drilled by Zach at Bowlers Junction. He is married to Jennifer and they have 1 son Bryce. He would like to thank his wife and son, thanks to Jen for paying tonight and a special thanks to his mom Roberta who could not make it tonight.

Jiradej Harnapatanakitpanich (3rd Place) is from Buena Park and used a Columbia Full Swing drilled by Mike Wahl. He is single and would like to thank Mike Wahl, Jenny for all her support and her “taxi service”, ABTA and staff.

The weekly ball sponsor winner of a 900 Global Ball was Alejandro Vela, and he won the Favorite. 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 entry were Richard Aquino, David Emrich, and Bethany Mendoza. Winning Memorial Entry was Jack Trongale, and winning Las Vegas entry was Pedro Cintron. Winning 1 night in Las Vegas was Tony Leogrande and winner of an 3 ball Global 900 bag was Heidi Jaena. The rest of the results are in the payoff sheet in this paper.

Our next event will be at West Covina Lanes for our special 4 day Memorial event. Our first squad is Thursday night at 9:30 pm, with 2 more squads on Friday at 9:30 and 11 pm. Then Saturday we start at 12 pm and then again on Sunday starting at 12 pm. Our last regular squad on Sunday at 4 pm with a re-entry only squad at 6 pm. Check the full page ad or website for all squad times. 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 so we can send you one and get your corrected address in the system.

Its history folks as Pengsean Chea enter the archives as our latest champion. Hope to see you at West Covina 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!