

## Hello PCBL Bowlers

We made it. IT'S PLAYOFF TIME.

What can I say, there were some position changes this past week. It was a fun week to watch. I know not all of you care that much but I was keeping track. However, we had a lot of ties for positions and so we went to "Totals Pins" to break those ties. I am not going to list every team in this write up. Only our 4 teams in the Semi Finals. These are the teams that will battle it out for PCBL Winter 2026 Championship. Tucking Fen Pin having the chance to Repeat.

### Cascade Division

Legends on the Lanes

Tucking Fen Pin

### Pacific Division

Strike A Pose

The Bowl Dogs

Lots of us struggled in game 1 and then really turned it on after that. Some of you had the best games ever. Which is what put your teams in contention. Remember, no subs and only alternates can bowl the next two weeks. It should be fun. Although we are still bowling for points because that is how the league pays out, The semi-finals and the finals are decided by total pins.

Any team that did not fill out the form to let us know if you are returning, please make sure we have it this week. It is important. I have a few people that really want to join our league. Don't forget the Rose Bowl Classic sign up is open; [Rose Bowl Classic 41](#). Also, if you want to stay in practice over the summer, I would love to have you join us for Mike Friday Night Happy Hour and/or Sunday Singles.

There was some great bowling this past week. Our top bowlers: This is based on Pins over average. Rachael Lockie was really rolling a good ball. Rachael shot 190,175,157 for a 522 series. Rachael was 108 pins over average. Jocko Osborne was on target this week. He rolled 173,158,202 for a nice 533 series and 84 pins over average. Michael Williams had a great series. He shot 148,136 and his highest game ever; a clean 248 in game 3. Michael had a 532 series and was 82 pins over average. David Hester helped his team with his 588 series. Rolling 153,220,215 and putting him 81 pins over average. Chuck Buckner had a fantastic game 3. Rolling a clean 204. Combining that with his 147,117 he had a 468 series and was 69 pins over average. Ben Zinke shot consistently with a 160,159,171 and a 490 series. He was 58 pins over average. Erik Riesenbergh had a good day. Erik shot 11,161,157 for a 489 series and 60 pins over average. Tim Curtin trying to hold the team for the absentees shot 176,183,214 for a 573 series. He was 54 pins over average. Honorable Mention – David Roth rolled a great 215 in game 3. Andy Ballnik shot a nice 207 in game 3. Great bowling everyone.

Drag'N Balls snatched up the drink frame in game one.

We had 25 people participate in the Mystery Score, putting the pot at \$50. This is only \$2 to enter, and every score has a shot. After game 2 is completed, we randomly draw scores until we hit a number that a participant has. Every score has a chance. If there are two people with the same score, we split the pot. It turned out to be a back-to-back win for Roger Castillo. This time it was his second game score of 159 that gave him the pot. Roger claimed the \$50. This game is truly random. High score or low score, it doesn't matter, everyone has the same chance.

We sold \$62 in Strike Shot jackpot tickets. We hit our \$250 cap. Each ticket is \$1, or you get 7 tickets for \$5. Even if you do not roll a strike, you get a dollar for every pin you knock over. First ticket called was right in front of me, Landis Jurd got the call again. He had a good shot last week, can he take care of it this week. He let the ball go and there was no doubt. Landis wanted his money back. All ten in the pit. Landis took home \$250 for his effort. But don't throw away those tickets. We have a carry-over from the purchases this past week. We could still be over \$100 this next week. REMEMBER you can buy more than one ticket. We cap the carry over at \$250. Any money over that will roll into the next pot.

The Stiff Competition sold tickets this past week. They dig a great job. Thank you. Remember that a portion of that money goes to prizes at the end of the year during our Monte Carlo week. We gave out three big prizes. Austin Kennel, Mary Egbert, and Chuck Buckner all claimed a share of the pot. REMEMBER - Don't throw those tickets away, they are all valid at the end of the year for Monte Carol bowling.

We also have a league card game. Look for the signup sheet behind my lane. It's kind of self-serve. Put your money in and sign the sheet as paid next to your name. If I don't have all the names on the list let me know and I can add you next time. After you are completed, you either scratch off the game or write down your hand next to your name and leave it visible. **Always make sure you leave your high card in case there is a tie.** It is a fun distraction. There has been a suggestion that we look into changing some rules to make this more enticing to our lower average bowlers. I am open to some thoughts on the topic. The rules are made so that everyone has a chance and can make a hand. You get 1 card for a spare and 2 cards for a strike. You get a sympathy card for 3 opens in a row and anyone that scores less than 100 automatically gets 5 cards for a hand. Jokers are wild and you can hold up to 10 cards in your hand. So, with 7 or 8 decks it is not unlikely the winner will have 5 of a kind. It is \$1 dollar a game. Game 1 – Jenuwine with 5-9's. Game 2 – Michael Bartholomew and his 5-A's. Game 3 – Chuck Buckner and his 5-A's.

We had 20 Blind Doubles participants this week. Great to see this participation go up as well. You can play individual weeks, or you can plan to play all season for the Blind Doubles Championship at the end of the season. Austin Kennel has teamed up with me again. This increases the total prize money for Blind Doubles to \$200. Each week points are awarded to everyone that participates. 5 – for first, 4 – for second, 3 – for third, 2 – for fourth, and 1 - just for participation. These go towards the standings for the end of the year championship. The last week of the league, when everyone is having fun with Monte Carlo, those top ten Blind Doubles Finishers, will be competing for the Championship. This will be a singles event. You will not be teamed up with anyone. It will be your score plus handicap. The winner will walk away with Austin and Mike's \$100. Plus, a Trophy and your name embossed on our plaque. And of course, bragging rights.

The Bonus Shot is of no cost to anyone (just me for the gift cards). Each week I will place a sheet on every table with that week's bonus shot. If you are the first one to LEAVE these pins on your strike ball, just holler out and you win the \$10 gift card. On some of the shots you will have a chance to Show you have Guts and go for the glory. If you choose you can forego the \$10 and try to convert the Bonus Shot. If you do, you collect a \$25 gift card. The Bonus Shot was the Big Four (4-6-7-10). Monte Simard left it. He said "Give me the money" and took the \$10 gift card. Everyone has done a good job this year taking my money. I may have to start making to tougher. What will next week bring.

Keep watching this page for more information. Come out on a Sunday and hang out with us. The fun is real. Don't forget in 3 weeks is Monte Carlo, everyone is invited to join us. It is \$20, but we give away prizes and cash. This league is great for any skill level. We are starting to fill up for the Fall season. Let us know if you are interested and we can see if we can find a spot.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday.  
Michael Bartholomew