

Hello PCBL Bowlers

So let me start off by saying thank you to all of you for this past week. Not being able to bowl is not a fun thing for me. To be there and just watch; yeah, I was going to be bored. But you let me play whatever hairbrained game I could come up with. Nick turned to me and said, "You're just a puppet master and we're all your puppets". Sure, I liked that. It may have cost me some money, but it sure kept me entertained. I hope you all had fun too. I hope I wasn't too annoying.

Can you believe, 6 weeks gone. No wonder I am getting older. These weeks are flying by. Pocket Pounders continue to be the team to beat, yet no one can seem to do it. Thank you, Niki for celebrating your birthday with us. Casey, that cake was great. Keep working on those score sheets. They are looking better but John is still having to get his calculator out and fill in totals. If you have any questions do not hesitate to ask someone. Do your best to write legibly.

Pickup Artists collected the drink frame in 1st game.

Our top bowlers for the week. This is based on PINS over average not on score. 1 – Tim Curtin found a line this week. He shot 181,200,192 to shoot 91 pins over average. 2 - Brad "The Sandbagger" Farrester covered for me well. He shot 201,173,204 for a 579 series. 63 pins over average. 3 - Todd Alderson helped his team with his plus 64 pins; rolling 167,169,205. 3 - Jocko Osborne shot very consistent this week. Rolling a 150,153,169 for a 479 to end plus 52. 4 - Nick Ellis rolled a 241,198,222 for a 661 series. Rachael Locke rolled a very nice 184 in game 2, 50 pins over her average. In addition, she also covered the 1-4-5. Technically not a split, but a great second shot. Even with that annoying guy on the microphone you all still managed some great bowling.

We had 33 people participate in the Mystery Score, putting the pot at \$66. 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, we split the pot. This one went quickly. Our leader, Jimmy Grundman walked away with the \$66 for his game two score of 199. This game is truly random. High score or low score, it doesn't matter, everyone has the same chance. I hope to see more people get involved in this.

We sold \$34 in Strike Shot jackpot tickets. We had no carry-over since Boogy collected it last week. 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. Remember to hold on to your tickets until someone wins the jackpot. Lori Saunders had the ticket this week. She didn't look overly thrilled. She made her release but came out late. She came into the nose and took a 7 count. This means don't throw away those tickets as we will have a carry-over pot. REMEMBER you can buy more than one ticket. We cap the carry over at \$250.

Boogy brought in some guests to sell tickets this week. Rose Empress LXV Candidate Devlin Lynn Phoenix and her posse were here. Special guests always get extra money. Four prizes were available. Melissa Farrester, Tim Eannarino, Nick Ellis, and John Hiromura all claimed a prize. Don't forget a portion of the ticket sales goes to the end of the year prize funds during our Monte Carlo. REMEMBER - Don't throw those tickets away, they are all valid at the end of the year for Monte Carol bowling.

We also have the 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 didn't get all the names on the list let me know and I can add your next time. After you are completed you either scratch off the game or

write down your hand and leave it visible. It is a fun distraction. 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. You do not discard, and jokers are wild. So, with 7 or 8 decks it not unlikely the winner will have 5 of a kind. It is \$1 dollar a game. Game 1 – Chuck Buckner claimed it with his 5 A's. Chuck grabbed game 2 as well, with his 5 9's. Game 3 – Casey Ipock knocked out Jimmy's 5 A's with his Royal Flush.

We had 32 Blind Doubles participants. With solid participation like this each week, we will pay out 5 places again. There are some great scores this past week. But remember it is all about the computer pairing. You are truly betting on yourself with hopes your teammate will do well too. Remember that One Pin can make a difference. Not only are you going for the weekly payouts, but also those all-important Blind Doubles Points. I am once again putting up \$100 for the Championship at the end of the Fall 2024 season. 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 goes towards the standings for the end of the year championship.

Handicap really helps in this game. A person with High Handicap has a much better chance. That person only needs a mark or two and they cover their average. Where a person that has a high average, but low handicap must bowl great numbers. Anyone can win. You never know who you will get paired with. It is all random.

This week's Bonus Shot was "Larry's Washout" (1-2-4-6-10). No one left the washout. Although John O'Flaherty did give me a fun idea for the next time. Maybe offer a bit more money if you can send the ball through the same opening without touching another PIN on your second shot. What should we do next week.

For my entertainment I made up some games. In Game 1 I offered up \$10 to the first person to cover a split. Good thing John was paying attention. He let me know Geline Alva covered the 3-10. Game 2 I offered the buy a drink to the first person with 3 strikes in a row. Eric Rowe made sure to get that one. Game 3 I wanted to make someone feel better, so \$20 was on the line for the first person that threw four 9 counts in a row. That was a 9 on the first ball. That can always be frustrating. Jim Roane, Nick Ellis, Boogy, and Bob Day all got three but then they ruined it (in the best way) with a strike on the 4th shot. Thanks again everyone for playing these little games with me.

PCBL Fall Season has just started. Keep watching this page for more information. Come out on a Sunday and hang out with us. The fun is real. This league is great for any skill level. There are still 9 weeks left in the Fall Season. Reach out to us here if you are interested. Also, there are times we need a sub on Sundays. If you are there let me know and I can try to find you a spot for the week. We just have a good time. It's a fun group.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Sunday.

Michael Bartholomew