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# The Fountain pin

December 2006

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## 2007 PBA Dick Weber Open Tournament Week — Bowl with the Professionals!

Yes, many of the world's best bowlers will be in town in January competing in the 2007 Dick Weber Open, and you have four opportunities to bowl with several of them! The Pro-Am (Professional-



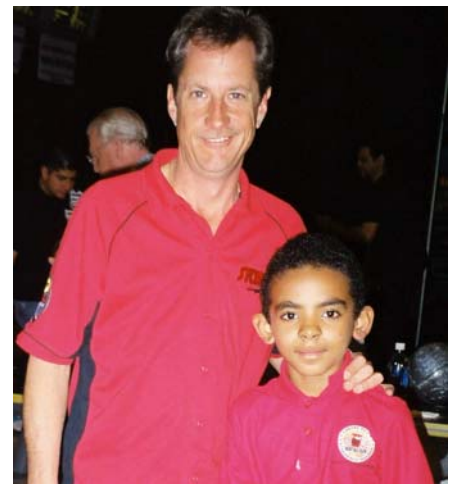
*Last year's Fab 5 Pro-Am winners (left to right): Vince and Kimber Rodriguez, Dino Castillo (Pro Bowler), Stacy and Donny Osborn with baby daughter, Kaylin*

Amateur) events take place on Tuesday, January 16 at 6:00 PM, and on Saturday, January 20, with three squad starting times. Get all the details and sign up at the Front Desk to join the fun! Packages are available for juniors, adults and seniors. Some events are limited, so sign up early!

### FAB 5 PRO-AM AT FOUNTAIN BOWL, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2007, 6PM

Check-in starts at 5:30 PM. The "Baker" format is played: each team consists of four amateurs and one pro, each bowling two designated frames per game for ten games. The pro bowler for each team is determined randomly.

The first place team receives \$1,000, and all amateurs partici-



*Pete Weber and Eric Williams, Jr. at last year's Pro-Am*

pating receive a bowling ball and a ticket to the PBA finals televised on ESPN on Sunday, January 21.

Again, for complete information

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## Dave's Corner

### Fountain Bowl Once Again Opens Our Doors to the PBA



This January one of the biggest events in competition bowling is again coming to Fountain Bowl. As the host of the eleventh stop on the Denny's PBA (Professional Bowlers Association) tour, it is again our distinct honor and pleasure to welcome many of the

finest bowlers anywhere to the week-long Dick Weber Open and Columbia 300 Pro-Am.

Come take part in the fun and enjoy world-class bowling competition from Tuesday, January 16 through Saturday, January 20, 2007. (See above article.) The televised finals will be held right here at Fountain Bowl on Sunday,

January 21, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

People ask me all the time, "Why do you host the PBA events? It's a lot of work. It's not economically advantageous for Fountain Bowl." My response is that we strongly feel that it's important to the future of bowling that we support it as a competitive sport. Also, we do it for our all of our

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and the details, options, other perks, and especially how you and/or your team can get in on this action, contact the center. *The competition is limited to fifty teams only, so sign up early!*

### PRO-AM FOUNTAIN BOWL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

Fancy the idea of bowling with the best AGAIN? Then here are three additional opportunities for you: Starting at 9:00 AM, 1:00 PM, and 5:00 PM on Saturday, January 20, 2007, the “no-tap” format will be played. That means a nine count or strike both register as a strike in that frame.

Imagine! Your score will soar; no ten-pin leaves...you'll love it!

Each competitor bowls three games with six PBA tour pros, with the prize fund based on the number of entries. Gotta do it? Then talk to the nice folks here at Fountain Bowl to get the information you'll need or want to know.

Once you're signed up, just check in an hour before your starting time for lane assignment. *The rest is up to you! Good luck!*

All the special bowling events here at Fountain Bowl are for family, friends, and fun, and the Pro-Am events are always especially exciting for the old and



*Isaiah Scott looks on as Dale Traber autographs his PBA program book at last year's Pro-Am*

young alike. So, even if you can't bowl, come over as a spectator and cheer on your family, friends or favorite pro. It's all fun, so come and enjoy! ■

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league and regular bowlers and Ambassadors. We know how much the folks here at Fountain Bowl love the sport of bowling and seeing the professional bowlers up close and personal. We also think it does something positive for the bowling center, for our image, for our community, and for the city of Fountain Valley. It has a lot of pluses. The PBA loves our house; the players and spectators love it too. If we don't do it right, who else is going to do it better?

The big debate in bowling for the last few years now has been: “Is bowling really a sport, or is it a recreational game?” Some bowling centers across the nation don't even address the aspect of bowling as a sport. They view bowling strictly as a recreational or entertainment activity. In my opinion, if we stop believing that bowling is a sport, that would be the worst thing to ever happen to bowling. We need the competitive part of it. Kids have to have stars and the professionals to look up to. They have to have something to strive for. Our high schools and colleges understand the value of competitiveness. I've had this discussion

with bowling proprietors all around the country. There is a big difference of opinion on this topic. My philosophy is that we, as an industry, really need to continue to do whatever we can to enhance the competitive aspect of bowling. That's why we, here at Fountain Bowl, have a PBA Sport Condition league, and that's one of the main reasons we host the PBA tournament event each year.

That's why it's so great, too, that here at Fountain Bowl we have professional instructors such as Barry Asher, and Tenelle and Jason Milligan (from our very own Champion's Pro-Shop), and Mark Baker always coaching and teaching.

The good news is that high school bowling is booming all across the country. Bowling is, by its nature, a sport that can be enjoyed for a lifetime.

Check it out: many of our seniors still enjoy that competitive spirit in their leagues and get-togethers here at Fountain. Although bowling is recreational, and for fun, the glint of competition still flashes in their eyes whenever they pick up their bowl-

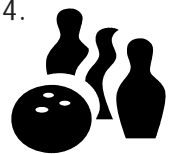
ing balls and face the pins. Just ask any of them! They all love the experience of winning or of scoring their own personal best. ■

## Bowling Pop Quiz

Yes, it's that time again. Try out these questions. Don't worry, though; a poor score will NOT lower your book average...this time, anyway! Answers and scores are located on page 4.

### Questions:

1. What is the name of the newly-formed organization responsible for sanctioned bowling in the United States? (1 point)
  2. What is meant by the term “chop”? (1 point)
  3. What is the most number of times a bowler can roll the ball in a single game? (1 point)
  4. What does the expression “take it off the sheet” mean? (2 points)
  5. What is “sandbagging”? (2 points)
- (Answers on page 4)*



# Senior Moments



## George Peter Clarke

### Super-Senior: Bowler Extraordinaire

George was born in the mining town of Park City, Utah, in the spring of 1908. “Back in my hometown they called me ‘Doof’ as a nickname because a friend of mine gave me his football helmet when he graduated. His nickname had been ‘Doof’, so once I inherited the helmet, that’s what my nickname became, too.”

“The house I was born in was owned by a family with the last name of Coffee. In those days, they called a house after the family that lived in it. I always refer to having been born in the ‘Coffee house.’ My grandchildren always want to see the ‘coffee house’ I was born in!”

“Southern California is my home now. I’ve been here about 68 years, since 1938. When I came here on vacation, I fell in love with the weather! I had been working back in Utah with the Utah Power and Light Company; I was always outside in the cold. So I love the warm weather here—no snow, rain or cold wind.”

“I worked with Glendale Power and Light and then with North American Aviation in Los Angeles County until I retired at age 65. I was an electrical engineer. I didn’t come down to Orange County until I turned 68 in 1976. I live in Huntington Beach now.”

“My wife and I have three sons and three daughters.” They all have advanced academic degrees. George lives with his youngest daughter, Margaret, a nurse. “I always tell everyone that I got the

best deal! When you get older, you often need a nurse!”

George has fourteen grandchildren. His humor is infectious, as he adds with his characteristic and hearty laugh, “I’m not old enough to even have great-grandchildren!...I got married when I was only in my thirties.”

George’s wife, Venita, passed away twelve years ago. “For fifteen years she was a supervisor at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood. When she retired, we started to travel all over the United States and the Orient. We traveled all the way from Greece through Denmark, all throughout Europe, and even spent one summer in Alaska from May until the end of August. Believe it or not, it wasn’t that cold in Alaska, not as cold as it was when I working back in Utah.” “We were married for 52 years.” With good natured spirit he adds, “I haven’t found anyone who would have me since!” Again, he chuckles whole-heartedly.

*FP: So, what’s your daily regimen like?*

GC: “I attend Mass every morning with my daughter, Margaret, at St. Vincent de Paul. After church, I bowl.”

“I bowl three times a week when I can get my women friends to bring me. I bowl for practice with my friends on Mondays, on the Happy Timers Seniors League on Tuesdays, and again in the Club 55 Senior League on

Wednesdays.”

*FP: Are you the oldest bowler at Fountain Bowl?*

GC: “Well, I don’t know... probably. I have a neighbor, Paul, that I’ve known for thirty years. He started bowling at age 87! He is two months younger than I. We used to bowl together all the time up here at Fountain, until he stopped a while back. I guess I *am* the oldest bowler up here. I’ll be 99 years old on March 15.”

*FP: What is your average?*

GC: “Right now my average is not very good.” His friend and teammate, Lena Palermo, says his average has been at 156 for years. “Right now he’s bowling around 145,” she comments. George quickly adds, “I had eye trouble not too long ago, but my bowling is going to get better if these ladies keep bringing me here.”

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George gives his highest score as 256! About sixteen years ago, before he came to Fountain, he bowled at Kona Lanes (now a parking lot) and at Huntington Lanes. His friends joined him here when he came over to Fountain.

*FP: How did you get interested in bowling?*

GC: “I had some friends who would say after work, ‘Let’s go bowling!’ But, also before I mar-



ried my wife, she bowled. We'd go places and she'd bowl something like a 200, and I'd bowl in the 150s or in the 170s. She was a good bowler. She introduced me to bowling originally."

*FP: What is your highest series?*

GC: "I think my highest series was 556. I always try to get a 200 game and a 500 series. I've only been bowling in a league since I turned 65.

*FP: Why do you bowl at Fountain Bowl?*

GC: "It's close to where I live and I really like the people here."

*FP: What's the best thing you look forward to when you bowl?*

GC: "It would be the people I bowl with...my friends. I think I know the names of all the women and men in my leagues. I like to be able to go up to any of them and call them by name."

*FP: What do you think you owe your longevity to? You are a 'senior' senior. You don't get there by accident; you must have a philosophy. What is it?*

GC: "I answered that question for Father Jerome from the parish recently. Somebody had asked him that about me. I told them that it's going to Mass every morning and bowling. I don't have a special diet. I drink half a cup of coffee. I don't drink or smoke. I do yard work. I sleep about 8 hours at night and never nap in the daytime. I do a lot of reading...true stuff."



*George and daughter, Margaret.*

"It wasn't easy getting to this age! I've had seven operations. I've had nine broken bones. When I was thirteen years old, a friend of mine and I took our horses

down to a friend's house about eight miles away. It started raining very hard, so we took cover under an iron structure. When it became an electrical storm, I didn't feel comfortable with all that metal around us. So we got off our horses and went across the street to wait out the storm. When the storm calmed down, we went back to our horses. But to our horror, my horse had died right there, electrocuted!"

*FP: What advice would you give a senior interested in beginning to bowl?*

GC: "I'd tell them what I told my friend, Paul, who started bowling at 87...I'd say 'I've got an extra ball. Come on down and bowl with us.'"

*FP: What are your plans for the future?*

GC: "I live with my youngest daughter. She's 53. Because we always help each other out, I just want to live longer."

*FP: Is there anything else you'd like readers of "The Fountain Pin" to know about you?*

GC: "I would still like to learn more about computers, mostly so I can keep in touch with my family. For example, I get an e-mail letter each week from my nephew in Portland, Oregon. But I've only learned to use the computer to play cribbage and poker. I'd really like to learn how to use it better."

"Also, I just can't understand why countries can't get along. We now have nine countries with atomic bombs. I'd like to live to see a world where we need no soldiers."

As the interview with George was ending, his teammate said, "One time I said to George, 'Gosh, George, I hope when I'm 95 I can bowl as well you bowl.' He told me, 'Well, I wish that when you're 95, I'm still around to see you bowl!'"

*Editor's Note: George promised us another interview when he turns 100 years old in 16 months. ■*

**Bowling Pop Quiz** FROM PAGE 2

**Answers:**

1. USBC (United States Bowling Congress)
2. No, it has nothing to do with pork. It's when a bowler opens by knocking down the more forward pin(s) of a spare, leaving rear pin(s) standing.
3. 21 (Count 'em up!)
4. This old expression, begun when scoring was done by hand on a score sheet, means bowling only strikes from whatever frame the bowler is in through to the end of the game.
5. This is when a bowler deliberately bowls lower than he's capable of in order to lower his average, which increases his handicap. With the extra handicap pins this bowler has a better

chance to cash higher for himself and / or his team. This tactic has always been against the rules and subjects the "sandbagger" to punitive sanctions. ■

Total Points	Evaluation
7	Perfect score. You know your stuff.
5-6	Tapped out, but still very good!
3-4	Not bad. Try sticking around the center more; you'll learn.
0-2	Not good. You really MUST practice bowl more than once a year!

# Halloween 2006

by Marian Anderson, Contributing Editor

Trick or Treat! It was definitely a treat when I visited the playroom Thursday night, a few days before Halloween. No ghouls and goblins; just kids in their favorite costumes having a great time.

The evening starts when parents (bowling the His N Hers league) drop them off at the center's playroom. Here is where Director Amie Kale takes over. When asked what the best part of her job is, she replied, "It's the kids. I've taken care of them since they



*Ally, Brooke, and Kendra are ready for Halloween.*

were just babies. Entire families have grown up in front of my eyes." Not surprising since she's been with Fountain Bowl for 15 years. Tonight she's in charge of 19 tricksters including 4 month-old Brooklyn dressed adorably as a sheep.

Later in the evening they are brought out into the concourse area in a mini parade led by Amie

and her assistants, Samantha Camarillo and Emma Butteling. Bowlers pause to either applaud, take pictures, or even hand out some candy.

As the evening ends, the kids are given their goody bags as parents come by to take them home. Playroom services are complimentary to house bowlers. Fountain Bowl is definitely a place for family fun. ■



*Amie Kale leads the costume parade.*

Cast of Characters	
(pictured front to back)	
Kaylin	Ladybug
Skyler	Woody
Desi	Ladybug
Amber	Princess
Devon	Elmo
Alex	Dash
Chandler	Buzz Lightyear
Kaitlyn	Candy Corn
Ally	Minnie Mouse
Sara	Witch
Brooke	Mermaid
Rylee	Princess
Brady	Darth Vader
Trevor	Blue Power Ranger
Kendra	Cheerleader
Derek	Wrestler
Jake	Gold Power Ranger
Ryan	Red Power Ranger
Samantha	Assistant
Brooklyn	Sheep
Amie	Director
Emma	Assistant

## The Youth Corner : News of and for the Youth Bowlers of Fountain Bowl

from the desk of Shirley Troiano



The youth bowlers have been pretty busy this November. We hosted a Grand Prix Singles Qualifying Tournament the weekend of November 18 and 19. We had at least 10 or 12 youths from Fountain Bowl participate. Just a reminder: the Grand Prix Program is a scholarship program that we are involved

in. We had a few kids qualify to advance to the State Finals to be held in August. Congratulations to them!

We also just finished our two week window of taking league scores for the junior bowlers to see who will advance to the District Finals of the Pepsi National Scholarship Tournament. Congratulations to all who qualified, and "Good Luck" in March!

On Thanksgiving weekend, we hosted an Adult/Junior Scrambler Tournament. Everyone had a good time and it was a lot of fun.

Junior leagues are starting to wind down. They sweep out the middle of December, and we will start up the new season in early January. Look for our league flyers at the display stand when you come in or leave the center.

Happy Holidays to everyone! ■



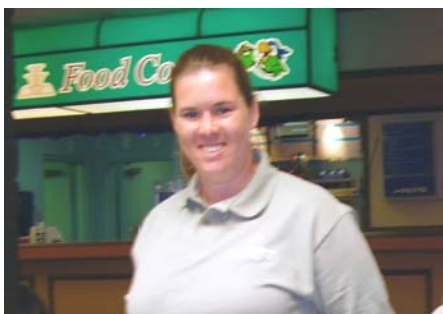
## The Special Olympics Tournaments Volunteers Make It Happen Again

**Held at Fountain Bowl  
Friday and Saturday,  
October 13 & 14,  
and Saturday, October 28**

“Let me win. But, if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.” Led by one of the special athletes, Mia Valenti, 175 youth bowlers joined hearts and spirits to recite the Athlete Oath during Opening Ceremonies for the 2006 Orange County Special Olympics. Then all the gathered students, parents, teachers, coaches and friends recited the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a beautiful recording of the National Anthem.

Friday morning started with Sean Haskins rolling the official first ball. Students from special education programs from seven schools in Orange County eagerly bowled two games. Each roll brought smiles and cheers from their supporters, the many volunteers...and from the bowlers themselves.

Beckie White, Sports Director for the Special Olympics, oversees all of the programming in Orange



*Beckie White, Sports Director for the Orange County Special Olympics*

County, which currently serves over 2,000 athletes and hosts 15 sports events during the year.

During the Friday squads, teachers and staff from the various area schools were all invited to show their support of their stu-

dents' endeavors. Barbara Cunningham and Pat Haberfield, teachers from Saddleback Valley Unified School District (SVUSD), formed a cheering section with Parent Volunteer, Anita Bosemer, and Instructional Assistant, Alice Shoemaker. Pat commented that the SVUSD “has been participating in the event since bowling became a Special Olympic sport many years ago.” Pat proudly went on to say, “Our coach is Christine Shelgosh, teacher of Adapted Physical Education. Christine was recently named Teacher of the Year at our school and was one of the three finalists for the District Teacher of the Year.” This is an honor for Christine, who will be representing teachers everywhere when she joins other Orange County Teachers of the Year at a Disneyland-sponsored recognition and celebration. Before coming to Friday's Special Olympic event to compete, all student athletes had just finished a specially-designed multi-lesson unit on bowling that Christine had presented in the classrooms she visited.

Many volunteers were on hand to assist the young bowlers with the general routines of the event. Although parents and coaches were not allowed near the bowlers during competition, these athletes knew what they were supposed to do: knock down those pins!

Volunteer Chris Ferguson, representing Wells Fargo's South Coast Region at Ladera Ranch, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the bowlers on the pair of lanes he supervised. Chris said that his previous rewarding experience with volunteering and his interest in general in the Special Olympics attracted him to help at this event. Wells Fargo encourages its employees to volunteer in such activities. The company had sent

out a general e-mail inviting employees to volunteer at this year's bowling Special Olympics. Chris was immediately “hooked!” Before the third frame of the first game, he was calling his new friends by their names and giving them “high fives.”



*Special Olympians from the Jordan Secondary Learning Center*

Ebony Ward, Instructional Assistant from Jordan Secondary Learning Center for the Garden Grove School District, did not sit down once during the two game event. She would only occasionally have to help each bowler know when he or she was up to bowl. Mostly, each athlete was waiting and ready to have another turn at the ball. Teachers and Instructional Assistants from Jordan brought 14 athletes this year, ranging from ages 10-21.

Robin Faxas, also from Jordan, became involved in Special Olympics because of Gayle Santiago, now retired from the school. Robin has been involved in Special Olympics for 4 years. She has been helping with bowling for the last three years, one year as a certified coach. Robin enjoyed the fact that there were many volunteers to help if needed. Also she commented that the event was very organized.

Some of Jordan's bowlers have been competing up to 6 years. Robin said, “They get so excited,

## SENIOR CASINO

Senior Casino Bowling meets every Monday at noon for a special get-together. 40-50 senior bowlers pay \$8.00 to roll three games, but there is some money to be won!

Several different colored pins are randomly interspersed into the pin racks. Whenever these colored pins appear in certain combinations or locations, the seniors win some money if they strike, spare, or knock them down. Also, tickets are available for a chance to roll a single ball and win \$1.00 for each pin knocked down.

Many seniors bowling Casino like the easy format and the flexibility of this non-sanctioned league. *Come check out this Casino bowling! All seniors (55 years and over) are welcome!*

Recent winners: Chuck Grossman picked up the 4-6 split for a \$20 payoff! Roy Miyamoto, Max Essery, and Joel Quisenberry all made a colored 1-7-10 pins strike for a \$10 payoff each. Ilene Little, Rosalie Brown, and Bill Parker all made the 4-7-10 pickup for a \$5 payoff. Ilene also made the 1-2-3 colored pins strike for \$5.00. John Colvin and Chuck Grossman made the 6-7-10 spare for a \$5 payoff.

October winners: Don Robbins converted the 4-7-10 for a \$5 payoff. Don also made a colored 7-10 pins strike for a \$10 payoff. Gene Conley made a strike on the colored 1-2-3 setup and won \$5.00. Joan Faircloth made a colored 1-2-3 pins strike for a \$5 payoff.

Congratulations to these fantastic (and lucky) senior bowlers! Also, a big “thank you” to Dick

Keenan for handling the payouts, keeping the records, and submitting this report.

## HIS N HERS

Our own Barry Asher from Champions Bowling & Embroidery Pro Shop shot an impressive 844 series on October 26th. His scores were 267, 278, and finished with a 299. Wow!

Barry is a former professional bowler with 10 PBA titles to his credit. His staff at the Pro Shop have achieved impressive bowling accomplishments as well.

## O.C. TRAVEL BRUNCH

And just recently on December 3rd, Robert Van Loon bowled an 868 series...a new house record. His scores were 300, 299 and finished with a 269. And to top it off, it was during league sweeps. ■

## OLYMPICS FROM PAGE 6

especially if they get one pin down. They are so proud to wear their medals for the next few days, showing them off to everyone. Cheering is the most fun for me. It does not matter if one pin goes down or all ten. It is fun to see the bowlers get excited. All in all, this is a wonderful event for our athletes.”

Ebony concludes, “This event is great for our athletes. Even though this event is like an individual sport, our students always come together as a team! I really enjoyed coaching this sport and would do it again in a heartbeat.”

Vivian Taggart, retired teacher from Jordan Secondary Learning Center, recalled that bowling was one of the first sports in which Special Education students par-

ticipated. “Our school has participated in bowling ever since the opening of the school—about 40 years ago. Our students like the challenge and successes of being able to participate in the sport.

They love the camaraderie of their teammates and they like the educational aspect of learning the sport. The teachers and Instructional Assistants at

Jordan serve as the coaches for bowling.” Vivian adds, “Fountain Bowl is a great bowling center. It affords opportunities for our athletes by providing reasonably priced outings. It is fun to bowl here because the balls and the lanes always work! Also, the staff

is extremely accommodating.”

Mary Albert, President of our Fountain Bowl Ambassadors group, was beaming when she shared, “The reason I enjoy working this particular tournament

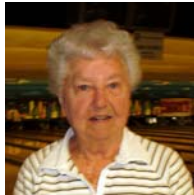
**The Special Olympics Oath: “ Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt. ”**

each year is that it puts my life into perspective.” Mary chose to work the lanes with the most physically challenged students, those in wheelchairs and needing to use ramps to send the ball down the lanes toward the pins.

As mentioned earlier, Christine

# Young at Heart

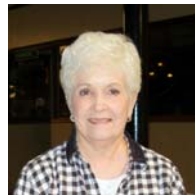
## Happy Birthday, Seniors!!



*Gert Marsh  
December 2*



*Weston Dick  
December 7*



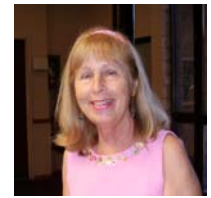
*Mernie Hollobaugh  
December 9*



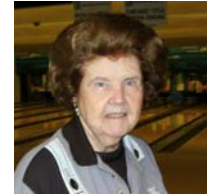
*Leo Dube  
December 10*



*Rick Wenzel  
December 12*



*Mary Peront  
December 14*



*Helen Kendrick  
December 17*

## OLYMPICS FROM PAGE 7

Shelgosh is the Adapted Physical Education Specialist and Special Olympics Coach at Esperanza Special Education School in Mission Viejo which provides Special

amounted to 33 athletes ranging from ages 14-21. Participation in Special Olympics is very rewarding for all involved. Personally I take great satisfaction in the athletes' chatty and

sometimes nervous anticipation of the event, their enthusiasm when it is time to participate, the

sparkle in their eyes when they are called up to awards, and the excitement in the days to follow as they proudly display their medals and ribbons and talk of the fun they had. Special Olympics is a great organization that builds skill, confidence and friendships. We are grateful to the community members and businesses that support Special Olympics and make opportunities like this available to so many special athletes."

Barbara Cunningham is currently a High School Special Day Class teacher at Esperanza Special Education School. Barbara first became acquainted with the

Special Olympics experience in 1981, when she became the music teacher at Esperanza. "I inherited the position of 'Band Director' and for years the Esperanza band marched in the parade at the Opening Ceremonies of Special Olympics events."

Barbara enthusiastically adds, "I have accompanied students on many Special Olympics events since 1981, and I have always found the volunteers and coaches at these events to be welcoming, encouraging, and friendly as they undertake the task at hand. It is a time for us teachers to step back and allow other adults to interact with our students, and the students love their attention!"

"My students benefit from these events in so many ways—they are able to experience competition, feel the support and love of family members, and meet new friends in a setting outside of school."

Barbara ponders, "It would be difficult for me to separate my school experience at Esperanza

**"The reason I enjoy working this particular tournament each year is that it puts my life into perspective."**

Education services to approximately 53 individuals with disabilities. Christine's involvement in Special Olympics began in 2001 when, as she says, she "so very fortunately joined the warm, dedicated, professional teaching staff of Esperanza." Christine adds, "Special Olympics and Physical Education go hand in hand here at Esperanza. Our daily physical education programming lends itself well to preparing for upcoming Special Olympics events year round."

"This year's bowling event was well attended! We were able to bring our entire team which



from the Special Olympics experience—they are bound together in memory. My students know that when given the opportunity, I have been known to dramatically quote the Special Olympics Oath: ‘Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.’”

Pat Haberfield, also a teacher at Esperanza Special Education School, has enjoyed Special Olympic events with her students for over twenty years. Regarding this year’s event at Fountain Bowl, Pat says, “I had never attended a bowling event, and it had also been several years since my last visit to Special Olympics. It was great to see all the students involved and excited, and it was also nice to see so many helpful volunteers. It made me appreciate how hard our wonderful Adapted Physical Education teacher works to help make our students successful here at Esperanza School. My students love Special Olympics and bowling is one that many of them can participate in. Receiving a medal or ribbon is such an achievement for them. It’s an award they can enjoy and show off to their families after working hard and knowing they did their best.”

On Saturday, October 28 the Southern California Special Olympics event was also held here at the center. Special Olympians (350 of them!) bowled for awards in several different divisions and categories. The Olympians, as always, were inspirational to watch! All sixty lanes were filled with eager participants. After each squad the athletes, their families and supporters attended awards ceremonies in a tented area outside our center.

Tom Nakagiri, Web Services Manager at Xerox Federal Credit Union in El Segundo, California, assisted three wheelchair athletes this year. This was the first year that Tom has assisted the wheel-

chair participants, but not his first time being involved with Special Olympics. Tom says, “I got involved with Special Olympics because my company, Xerox Federal Credit Union, actively promotes community service. I always entertained the thought of



*Xerox Federal Credit Union volunteers: (pictured left to right) Stephanie Goodson, Saleena Thachet, Nina Vallelunga, Andrew Wilson, and Wendy Ludd.*

volunteering for the Special Olympics, but never did. This ‘push’ from my company to actively participate in community service was just what I needed. When the bowling event first started, I really wanted to volunteer for this event because I’m a bowler myself in a couple of leagues and occasionally bowl tournaments.”

What Tom enjoys most about the event is the purely positive environment. “Because I bowl competitively, I forget sometimes just to bowl for fun, not worry about the score, and just encourage others to have fun. I like the atmosphere in the Special Olympics because people are helping and encouraging others, and I just like to see the athletes participating and having fun.”

Tom’s company encourages participation in community service events, and every year they

award a couple of people for their efforts. He received such an award last year. Tom reflects the giving attitude of many of the volunteers who work to make the Special Olympic events a huge success for the athletes and families, when he adds, “I don’t volunteer for any award. I volunteer for the rewarding experience and I would volunteer regardless if my company supports volunteerism or not. My company is great in that it places community service as a priority and has even been recognized by many credit union organizations for its participation in various community service events.”

Companies and businesses are not the only ones to foster involvement in volunteerism. Whole families sometimes become involved with the Special Olympics events. Local residents, Pam and Thomas Borcich and their two teenagers, were on hand to assist athletes at the Orange County competition. Pam may have been the catalyst for the family’s involvement, but all were eager to share her enthusiasm for the Special Olympics. Pam and Thomas wanted their middle school son, Alex, and high school daughter,

**“ Receiving a medal or ribbon is such an achievement for them. It’s an award they can enjoy and show off to their families after working hard and knowing they did their best. ”**

Lauren, to experience and understand the joy in volunteering to help others. Observing their participation at the event, anyone could clearly see that the entire family was indeed totally absorbed in the experience of helping the athletes!

Kim Fields and her son, Cameron, were on hand to help out with this year’s bowling event.

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Cameron's mom says, "Cameron's dad was involved in Special Olympics over twenty years ago in North California."

Kim explained, "Now that Cameron is an Honor student in high school, he felt that it was time to contribute some of his time toward impacting the lives of others in his community. He started looking at different organizations where he thought he could help. What led him to coach Special Olympics was the courage of the individuals with special needs. They captured his heart." Cameron said that his two primary objectives for coaching Special Olympics were to help the athletes have fun and to help them develop physically by improving their physical conditioning and psychologically, and by developing their self-worth.

Kim adds, "If you knew Cameron better, you would understand why when he asked me to participate I said 'yes!' Cam has such a tender heart. Between his four AP classes and part-time job,

he still makes the time to serve others."

In the car on the way home from the event at Fountain Bowl, Cameron told his mom, "We gave our time, but they gave us an entrance into their lives, and it is so RIGHT that fun and happiness abides there!"

Cameron intends to continue volunteering in some capacity for the rest of his life. "Believe me when I say, we receive more, far more, than we give these athletes," concludes Cameron's mom.

All the volunteers who help make the Orange County and Southern California Bowling Special Olympics the fun, exciting and successful event it is each year would take joy in hearing the delighted comments of the special athletes. One such participant, Stephen Girard, who bowls here on Fountain Bowl's Road Runners League on Saturday mornings, says it all. As he joyously received a Silver Medal, he beamed, "I'm a good bowler. I love bowling!" Stephen's dad, Larry Girard, and

his sister, Kathy Spickard, were on hand to cheer his victory again this year, as they have been each year Stephen has participated. Kathy and Larry both expressed gratitude to the hosts and the volunteers serving the event again this year at Fountain Bowl, as did many, many of the families, friends and supporters of the special athletes.

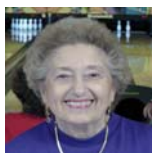


*Exuberant Stephen Girard, Silver Medalist, third from the left.*

As one spectator summed it up, "Special Olympics could not accomplish what it does without the solid base of its volunteers." ■

## Bowlers are Great People

by Guest Writer Joy Poppeck



It is wonderful when people show their compassion and generosity. This happens so often here at Fountain Bowl. What a wonderful group of people we have!

The most recent and heart-warming of these incidents I learned of recently. I was walking by Fred Lutjohann, our very efficient and friendly maintenance man, when I heard him say to a co-worker "Boy, do I have a great story!" I couldn't pass that by so I asked if I could hear it too. Fred told us that when some of his bowling equipment had been sto-

len, several women bowlers on Thursday mornings leagues (The Saints, Gutterbuster, H.B. Ladies and H.B. Neighbors) took up a collection and gave Fred \$500.00. He went on to tell us how he bought a bunch of bowling equipment to replace what was stolen.

There are also many tournaments for worthy causes held here at Fountain Bowl. The most prominent is the Kelly Osborn Memorial Tournament. For eleven years it has been held each year to celebrate the life of the daughter of Dave Osborn. The proceeds go to fund a lot of scholarships.

At Christmas and other special times during the year, there are many opportunities to open our hearts to needy children. The bowlers are very generous and many in our community work very hard to make these occasions successful and see the help goes where it is most needed.

Fred and I are so happy to be members of the Fountain Bowl family. ■



**Did you know that there are 90,857 USBC-certified leagues?**

Source: US Bowler, Winter 2006

## Santa's Patriotic Night Before Christmas

As the holidays rapidly approach this year, the thoughts of Americans are pulled in divergent paths: our spirits of this time of year and our acknowledgment of the terrible darker side of Man's nature acting out around the world.

The following anonymously written poem demonstrates that its writer knew well about the conflicts we suffer. We at *The Fountain Pin* believe that Clement Clarke Moore, the author of the original "Twas the Night Before Christmas", would have been touched by this rendition of his famous poem.

*T*was the night before Christmas; he lived all alone,  
In a one bedroom house made of plaster and stone.  
I had come down the chimney with presents to give,  
And to see just who in this home did live.  
I looked all about, a strange sight I did see,  
No tinsel, no presents, not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle, just boots filled with sand,  
On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.  
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,  
A sober thought came through my mind.  
For this house was different; it was dark and dreary.  
I'd found the home of a soldier, once I could see clearly.

The soldier lay sleeping, silent, alone,  
Curled up on the floor in this one bedroom home.  
The face was so gentle, the room in disorder,  
Not how I pictured a United States soldier.  
Was this the hero of whom I'd just read?  
Curled up on a poncho, the floor as his bed?

I realized the families that I saw this night,  
Owed their lives to these soldiers who were willing to fight.  
Soon round the world, the children would play,  
And grownups would celebrate a bright Christmas day.  
They all enjoyed freedom each month of the year,  
Because of soldiers, like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder how many lay alone,  
On a cold Christmas Eve in a land far from home.  
The very thought brought a tear to my eye,  
I dropped to my knees and started to cry.  
The soldier awakened and I heard a rough voice,  
"Santa, don't cry, this life is my choice;  
I fight for freedom, I don't ask for more,  
My life is my God, my Country, my Corps."

The soldier rolled over and drifted to sleep,  
I couldn't control it; I continued to weep.  
I kept watch for hours, so silent and still  
And we both shivered from the cold night's chill.  
I didn't want to leave on that cold, dark, night  
This guardian of honor so willing to fight.  
Then the soldier rolled over, with a voice soft and pure,  
Whispered, "Carry on, Santa. It's Christmas Day. All is secure."  
One look at my watch, and I knew he was right.  
"Merry Christmas, my friend, and to all a Good Night." ■

## Upcoming Events

- ▶ 2007 PBA Dick Weber Open  
January 16 - 21, 2007 / Various Times



The PBA Dick Weber Open will be contested at Fountain Bowl January 16-21, 2007. More details will be available in the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please see the front counter staff for a volunteer application.

▶ Cal Elwyn Bowl-A-Thon  
March 10, 2007 / 4:00pm to 9:00pm

- ▶ The Bruce Randall Foundation Celebrity Bowling  
March 24, 2007 / 12:00pm to 5:00pm

▶ Angels West  
April 7, 2007 / Various Times

- ▶ Boeing Travel Club  
April 15, 2007 / 12:00pm to 5:00pm

▶ Funlovers  
April 27 - 29, 2007 / Various Times

*LEAGUE OFFICERS: Please contact the Front Desk to submit your league's notable achievements or human interest stories for the League News column in the next edition of The Fountain Pin.*

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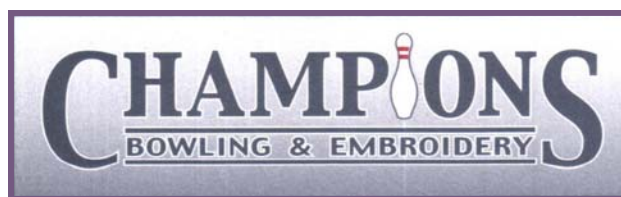
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# Winter Specials

## Get Your Own Gear!

Basic Package \$134.95 + TAX

- ◆ Any **POWER GROOVE**, **TORNADO**, or **SCOUT** series reactive resin bowling ball
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- ◆ Any **STORM SOLO** series bowling bag

## Update Your Arsenal!

Deluxe Package 15% off

- ◆ **Any** bowling ball on our wall from **any** manufacturer
- ◆ **Any** pair of bowling shoes from **any** manufacturer
- ◆ **Any** bowling bag from **any** manufacturer



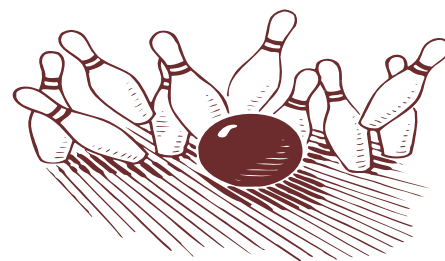
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# Make Plans for Fun!

...at Fountain Bowl



Fountain Bowl entertains all ages. We provide for:

- **Birthday parties** (for all ages!)
- **Banquets** (business and pleasure)
- **Meetings, Tournaments, and Leagues**
- **Special Events** (such as the Kelly Osborn Fundraiser, Special Olympics, etc.)

*Facilities also available:*

- **Ozzie's**, a full service bar
- **Snack bar**, including an adjoining pizza parlor
- **Nursery** for the kids of league bowlers
- **Game room** full of video machines and other games
- **Champions Bowling and Embroidery**, a full service pro shop.

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## Why Visit Our Pro Shop?

### ➔ Our Professional Staff

**Barry Asher:** 10 times PBA Champion, USBC Hall of Fame, PBA Hall of Fame, So Cal Hall of Fame, OC Hall of Fame, So Cal Jewish Hall of Fame, Jewish Sports Hall of Fame.

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**Jason Milligan:** Winner of the 2003 Fantasy Springs PBA Regional, Indio, Cal, 2004 Las Vegas PBA.

### ➔ Discounts (See ad on page 12)

All Fountain Bowl league bowlers will receive discounts on all purchases of merchandise excluding closeouts.

### ➔ Bowling Instructions

- 12:00pm class to be held on Saturdays
- \$10.00 per attendee
- Each session will be 1 1/2 hours long
- Please call Pro Shop for reservations and verification of dates



### Pro Shop Business Hours

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Tue 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Wed 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
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