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NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

Welcome! This first GEUSBC newsletter of 2024 is full of hope that each of our GEUSBC bowlers and families will find health and prosperity in the coming year. We also hope that this newsletter will become a useful and informative way of communicating and sharing throughout our community. League scores, upcoming events, photos, or accomplishments can all be shared at GEUSBC.newsletter@gmail.com or text to Jenee Morris at (661) 304-6215.

We have much to share since the beginning of 2024.

Kern Bell's Greg Hernandez jumped into this new year on January 3, 2024 by shooting the first 300 game of the year! Congratulations, here is to the first of many!

Congratulations and welcome back goes to **Rick Bowman!** On December 29, he rolled a 686 after being out for nine months!

Stephanie Garcia is well on her way to her New Years' goal of 220 average on the books shooting three 700 series in the week of January 7, 2024. With **Kern Bell** she flirted with 300, shooting the front 10, landing short in her last throw for a 287. She bowled back to back 700's. In **Visalia** she again hit the front eight, ending with a 700 series for the night. 2138 pins for a 237 average seems like a great start!



Four of our local youth bowlers spent their last days of 2023 bowling at the South Point Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada at the annual Main Event by Junior Bowler's Tour (JBT). More than 400 youth bowlers, aged 8 to 22, converged on Las Vegas for five days of singles and doubles, scratch and handicap events. **Tristan Perham U18, Jeremy Morris U18, Colby Grimsley U15** and **Troyace Powers U15**, bowled multiple events trying to qualify for top seeds to move onto the semi-finals. **Tristan Perham, U18**, bowled a 280-268 to qualify in the top 40 scratch and went onto the semi-finals. **Jeremy Morris, U18**, worked hard, but couldn't seem to get the pins to fall his way. Better luck next year!



Troyace Powers and Colby Grimsley placed 11th in handicap doubles and earned **scholarship money** for their effort! Despite the challenging pattern at Main Event, amongst some of the best bowlers in the country, this tournament is always a great time and a way to gain valuable experience! Way to go bowlers!

Our GEUSBC youth have jumped into the New Year like gangbusters!

On January 8, three GEUSBC youth, **Jeremy Morris, Tristan Perham** and **Tarin Espinoza** traveled to Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley for a regular JAT tournament event. Jeremy placed 3rd in the U18 Open Division. First-time JAT bowler Tarin Espinoza had a great day and made the cut, making his way through one game in match play. A great start to his JAT season. Congratulations to everyone!

Two of our Bakersfield boys dominated in the Southland recently, winning back to back titles. On January 13-14, local Youth bowlers **Tristan Perham, U18**, and **Jeremy Morris, U18**, were participants in the Southern California Junior Grand Championships held at Cal Bowl in Lakewood, CA with big scholarship money on the line. The Summer Shootout Series Grand Championship hosted 129 bowlers across 4 divisions, based on average. The event consisted of three 5 game blocks, on 3 different patterns across two days, followed by Top 5 Step Ladder rolloff Sunday afternoon on yet a 4th pattern. **Tristan Perham** and **Jeremy Morris**, encamped in the A Division (185 and up), found the opening 35' pattern to be challenging as did many of the bowlers. The 47' long pattern in the afternoon would prove to be more cooperative. Jeremy started the afternoon squad with a bang shooting 267-269-233 for a 769 his first 3 games, finishing at +210 (242 avg). Tristan was not far behind finishing with 256-212-278 his last 3 games with a solid +161 (232 avg). Sunday morning found both boys Top 10 with Jeremy in 5th place and Tristan in 7th. Sunday dawned with a tricky little 40-footer. Tristan found a look early, posting a solid set. A 250 in the last game for +130 insured 3rd place for the rolloff. Jeremy, working hard, stayed in the hunt but had trouble getting the pins to fall. He scraped together a 221 the last game to secure 10th place, winning scholarship money for his effort.

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Southern California Junior Grand Championships Wrap Up \$173,300 In Scholarship Awards
Tristan Perham, Christopher Koehler, Aidan Starr and Travis Ward Take Titles

Left: Tristan Perham, Christopher Koehler, Aidan Starr, and Travis Ward. Right: Tristan Perham, Christopher Koehler, Aidan Starr, and Travis Ward.

All of the finalists display their trophies. Congratulations all!

Weekly Scratch 5-Gamer Every Tuesday
 \$55 Entry Fee with Optional Pots and Brackets
 Check-in at 6pm • Bowl at 7pm • 1 in 5 Payout
 Jan 16: Lucky Lanes Masters / Jan 23: Carman Salvo / Jan 30: De Rio 90' & 30'

Saturday NCP Ho-Top Tournament
 \$30 Entry Fee with Optional Pots and Brackets
 Check-in at 11am • Bowl at Noon • 1 in 5 Payout
 4 Games on Some Pair of Lanes on House Shot
 22771 Centre Dr., Lake Forest, CA 92650 (949) 770-0055

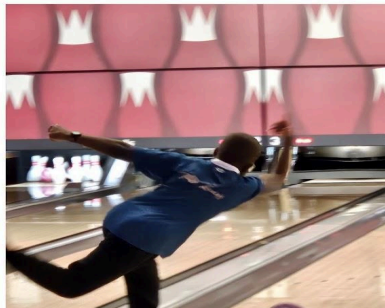


The lanes were re-oiled with yet another tricky 40' pattern for the rolloff. Tristan won his first rolloff match against Game 1 winner Bryce Nakunz 185/152 then managed to get by #2 seed Brandon Rother 225/176, setting up the championship match with Daniel Hong. Strikes would

prove to be difficult in the championship match. Close through the first 6 frames, Daniel gave Tristan an opening and Tristan was able to take that opening to secure the victory (188-186) and \$3250 in scholarship winnings! Congratulations, Tristan!



On January 20, the top California youth bowlers in the U8 and U10 divisions participated in their Pepsi State Finals held at Bowlero Fresno. **Kaine Brust (4th tie handicap), Maverick Brust (8th handicap), Trinity Richardson (5th U10 handicap), Braxton Smotherman (6th handicap), Keegan Washington (4th handicap) and Nickolai Washington (5th handicap)** Congratulations on our up and coming bowlers!





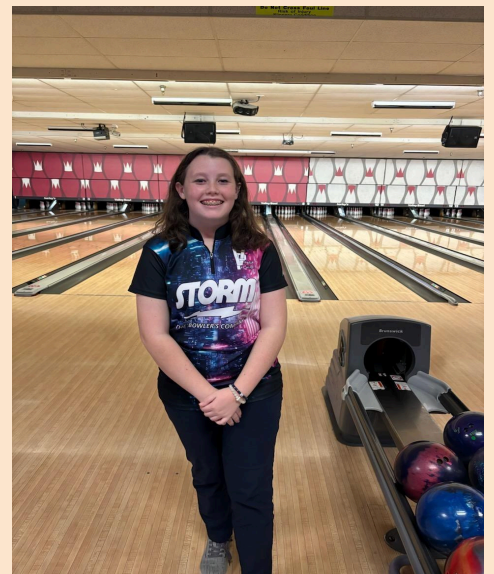
**Jeremy
Morris
Bakersfield
300 game
834 series**

Two weeks later, January 27-28, the U15 - U18 Cal USBC Pepsi State finals were held at Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley. Youth bowlers qualified this year in their home bowling leagues in the fall and the best youth players from all over the state then came together for one 5 game block, Beat the Board tournament. Squads were held Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning. Bowling the first squad on Saturday morning, **Jeremy Morris** was on fire, coming out of the gates with 279, 255, and 300 (834) for his first sanctioned 800 series. Adding games of 202 and 236, Jeremy posted +272 (254 avg) standing firmly in 1st place. Now all he had to do was wait. It was an excruciating afternoon and following morning while the two remaining groups bowled. But the wait was worth it. Jeremy's 1272 held up by 62 pins over the eventual second place finisher earning him his first major first place victory. Despite a zero handicap, he also placed third in the U18 Boys Handicap. Jeremy thanked Diz Francisco for his assistance in adjusting his footing and form. His New Year's resolution was to improve his mindset. Looking good, Jeremy, congratulations!

Also putting her name on the board in the Pepsi State Finals was **Kadence Richardson** who pulled in a big 3rd place finish in the U15 handicap division. Kadence, more familiarly known as Kady, competed on the Sunday 8:30 squad of the CA State Pepsi Finals hosted by Harley's Valley Bowl in Simi Valley. This was her second appearance at Pepsi, her first being last year after only bowling for a month. Kady made sure to attend a practice session Friday evening to check out her shot on the oil pattern, 2020 SYC Little River, that would be laid out over the weekend competition. She felt pretty good coming off practice as the 46ft pattern gave a little bit of area to her two-handed throwing style.

In her first year as a U15 division competitor, Kady entered the competition with a 131 average. She threw her Tropical Surge all 5 games. Her first game of the tough competition made her fine-tune some pattern adjustments on her spare shooting, but still pulled out a respectable 146 game (15 pins over average).

Her second game saw an improvement in spare shooting to pull out a 165 game. The transition in the third game was a little tough; luckily Kady adjusted her release, coming in from the left side, and managed to pull out at 146 game after a few tough opening frames. Staying with the left-sided shot



Kady managed a 170 game and a 169 game to finish the set. Her five-game scratch total of 796 averaged her a 159 for the day! Her handicap total of 1191 was just 6 pins shy of second place. Overall, an outstanding 3rd place finish from a field of 40 U15 competitors. About her performance Kady had this to say, "I think I did good for my level of expertise. I felt like I was challenged. I liked it."

In all, 7 GEUSBC bowlers qualified and bowled in the Pepsi State Finals:

U15 Girls Kadence Richardson
U12 Boys Isaiah Franklin
U15 Boys Colby Grimsley
U15 Boys Gabriel Regpala Jr
U15 Boys Jonah McKinney
U18 Boys Tristan Perham
U18 Boys Jeremy Morris



We congratulate everyone for a job well done!

Upcoming Events:

Adults:

- February 3-4, Ventura County USBS will hoste their Masters Tournament at Harley's Valley Bowl, Simi Valley, CA
- February 10, Modesto is hosting the 6th annual Princess Tournament at Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, CA. \$60, begins at 10 am
- February 10, Modesto is also hosting their 6th annual Queens Tournament at Yosemite Lanes, Modesto, CA 10 am \$140. Reserve your spot with a \$70 deposit.
- March 16-17, 2024. Porterville USBC & Porterville Lanes present their Annual City Bowling Tournament. Singles, couples and four-person team event.

Youth:

- February 3, 2024. Junior Amateur Tour is hosting their annual round-robin Junior Gold Qualifier at Cal Bowl, in Long Beach, CA See Junior Amateur Tour on Facebook for info.
- February 24-25, 2024. Junior Bowler's Tour is hosting two events, one at Suncoast and one at Strike Zone in Las Vegas, Nevada. See bowljbt.com for info.
- Fresno Youth Bowling is hosting the California Junior Elite Youth Bowling Tournament series. The event is 3 tournaments, March 9, April 13th, May 11.

BY THE PINS

Week of:	1/22/24-1/28/24		
MEN:	LEAGUE:	Hi game	Hi series
David Taylor	Flaming 7's	237	
Ronnie Nichols	Central Valley Masters	233	
Mark Conro	Central Valley Masters	247	
Zack Newman	Central Valley Masters	252	
Greg Barraza	Central Valley Masters	279	688
Chris Gregory	Central Valley Masters	235	
Tony Slabach	Central Valley Masters	289	704
Rod Stratton	Central Valley Masters	246	
Jeremiah Franklin	Central Valley Masters	278	
Alex Garcia	Central Valley Masters	231	
PD Richardson	Central Valley Masters	258	
Kenny Branch	Central Valley Masters	243	
Scott Eidenshink	Central Valley Masters	242	
Justin Dean	Central Valley Masters	242	
Carlie Medina III	Central Valley Masters	246	
Charles Grove	Central Valley Masters	267	758
Sonny Pollard	Central Valley Masters	248	
Mario Ortez	Central Valley Masters	244	
Eric Brust	Central Valley Masters	254	
Richard Brust	Central Valley Masters	235	
Ryan Dovell	Central Valley Masters	256	
Richard Thomas	Mexican American Mixed	246	713
Ray Giancola	Mexican American Mixed	240	
Charles Breeding	Mexican American Mixed	269	721
Ted Bischoff	Mexican American Mixed	257	
Rod Stratton	Kern Bell	238	
Josh Dickerson	Kern Bell	230	
Alexis Depuy	Gamblers Anonymous	226	
Brian Block	Gamblers Anonymous	267	
Andrew Svoren	Gamblers Anonymous	235	690
Jeremiah Franklin	Gamblers Anonymous	238	669
Antonio Avery	Lowenders	275	

Chris Garcia	Lowenders	240	
Andre Svoren	Lowenders	236	
Benjamin Valdez	UPS STORE	245	
Mike Hardwick	UPS STORE	240	
Mike Helfey	UPS STORE	269	
Zack Newman	UPS STORE	263	726
Robert Tweedy	BOB Las Vegas	252	
Andrew Svoren	Dixie	259	
Joe Smith	Dixie	238	
Kenneth Eggleston	Friday Practice	247	
Tony Slabach	Friday Practice	231	
Charles Breeding	Friday Practice	244	
Jeremiah Franklin	Friday Practice	241	
Tom Beckett	Friday Practice	278	
Andrew Svoren	Friday Practice	233	
WOMEN:			
Jamie Colbert	Flaming 7's	203	
Donna Dial	Monday Ladies	217	
Nancy Weber	Monday Ladies	192	
Donna Fujihara	Monday Ladies	192	
Lauren Davin	Monday Ladies	211	
Camryn Long	Monday Ladies	203	
Danielle Looney	Central Valley Masters	225	638
Ashley Rickey	Central Valley Masters	222	
Laura White	Central Valley Masters	222	
Jana Eastin	Central Valley Masters	206	
Lorri Howell	Central Valley Masters	206	
Stephanie Garcia	Central Valley Masters	245	685
Sue Wiggins	Central Valley Masters	224	758
Keri Bost	Mexican American Mixed	202	
Tracye Hicks	Mexican American Mixed	257	
Jana Richardson	Kern Bell	254	
Stephanie Garcia	Kern Bell	244	673
Kira Sanders	Kern Bell	213	615
Netta Yaeck	Kern Bell	254	618
Tracye Hicks	Kern Bell	266	662
Sue Wiggins	Gamblers Anonymous	213	
Danielle Looney	Lowenders	210	606
SENIOR MEN			
Jerome Ennis	Oldies But Goodies	235	
Sonny Pollard	Oldies But Goodies	238	678

Warren Green	Oldies But Goodies	190	
Bill Bumacod	Oldies But Goodies	247	
Ray Giancola	Oldies But Goodies	205	
Raymond Neubig	Oldies But Goodies	255	
Herman Phillips	Oldies But Goodies	220	
Aris Anadilla	Oldies But Goodies	210	619
Hobbes Ellis	Oldies But Goodies	222	
Michael Wafford	Oldies But Goodies	212	
Ted Cosby	Oldies But Goodies	192	
Tony Slabach	Oldies But Goodies	196	
Charles Breeding	Oldies But Goodies	258	693
Bill Johnson	Oldies But Goodies	193	
Scott Riggle	Oldies But Goodies	244	
Roy Jones	Oldies But Goodies	191	
Mike Malloy	Oldies But Goodies	203	
Phil Cook	Oldies But Goodies	205	
Tom Beckett	Oldies But Goodies	235	
Rick Bowman	Oldies But Goodies	214	607
John Williams	Oldies But Goodies	222	
Russ Tweedy	Silver Streakers	206	
Glenn Stark	Silver Streakers	202	
Raymond Neubig	Silver Streakers	220	
Scott Riggle	Silver Streakers	200	
SENIOR WOMEN			
Connie Walls	Oldies But Goodies	202	
Lora Garrett	Oldies But Goodies	189	
Cynthia Carr	Oldies But Goodies	183	
Lorri Howell	Oldies But Goodies	181	
YOUTH BOWLING	BYE WEEK	PEPSI	FINALS