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Tournament Schedule

April 23 - Diablo Lanes, Concord

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Hall Of Famer

Meyer, Keystone, Iowa, 1,168.

Singles: 1 (tie), Steve Jacoby, Gowen, Mich., and Ted Skrzynecki Jr., Ida, Mich., 679. 3, Darlene Baker, Mahomet, Ill., 675. 4, Rand Syverson, Onamia, Minn., 665. 5, Aaron Biagioni, Ottawa, Ill., 661. 6, Frederick Green, Waterford Township, Mich., 660. 7, Chris Case, Knoxville, Tenn., 657. 8, Tate Ziglar, Lexington, N.C., 654. 9, Don Boone, Foley, Ala., 647. 10, James Lutz, Tucson, Ariz., 642.

All-Events: 1, Jeffery Schrupp, Lester Prairie, Minn., 1,800. 2, Billy Haferkamp, Clifton, Texas, 1,788. 3, Michael Licko, Carol Stream, Ill., 1,787. 4, James McLendon, Charlotte, N.C., 1,781. 5, Jacob Scardina, Baton Rouge, La., 1,777. 6, Rand Syverson, Onamia, Minn., 1,774. 7, Ken Varner, Lexington, N.C., 1,766. 8, Tate Zigler, Lexington, N.C., 1,765. 9, Ron Hester, Lexington, N.C., 1,764. 10, Danny Noss, Las Vegas, 1,761.

Bel Mateo Bowl Winter Special Events
 Prices Effective 11/14/05

Mondays		
Monday After School Special 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm \$7 per person 2 Games & Shoes \$1.00 Pizza, \$1.00 Hot Dogs & \$.50 Sodas	Monday Family Value Night 9:00pm - 12:00am \$9 for 2 Games & \$1.00 for Shoes Extra Games are \$3.00 Sodas are \$.50	
Tuesdays		
"Party Time" 9:00pm - 12:00am \$10.00 for 2 Games & Shoes Extra Games are \$3.00, \$.50 Sodas, Plus: \$1 Beer (Pints - Only until 11:15 pm) Enjoy the Lights, Music, and The Get Down and Boogie Time! Plus, Contests with Prizes		
Wednesdays		
The "Practice Night" 10:00pm - 12:00am \$3. Games		
Thursdays		
Thirsty Thursday 9:00pm - 1:00am \$12 Gets you 3 games and \$1.00 for Shoes Extra Games are \$2.00, \$.50 Soda, Plus: \$1. Beer (Pints - Only until 12:15am) Plus, Contests with prizes.		
Fridays		
Frantic Fantastic Fridays 9:00pm - 1:00am \$16 Gets you 3 Games and Shoes during a 4 Hour period Extra Games are \$3.00 Contests, Prizes, Planet Bowl (11 pm to 12:30 am) & More		
Saturdays		
Planet Bowl I 8:30pm - 10:30pm Includes: Unlimited Bowling and Shoe Rental, Planet, Lights and Music, Weekly Prizes & Fun, Fun, Fun \$70.00 per lane (\$17.00 per person after 9 pm)	Planet Bowl II 10:30pm - 1:00am Includes: Unlimited Bowling and Shoe Rental and Planet, Lights and Music \$50.00 per lane or (\$16 per person)	
Sundays		
Sunday Morning Special 9:00am - 12:00pm Rent-a-Lane \$11.00 Hour	Family Fun Night 6:30pm - 8:30pm Includes: 2 Hours Bowling and Shoe Rental One Large Cheese Pizza (Toppings Extra) and One Pitcher of Soda per lane \$55.00 per lane or (\$40.00 no food or drink)	Planet Bowling 8:30pm - 11:00pm Includes: Unlimited Bowling and Shoe Rental and Lights, Music & Fun Special Drawings \$55.00 per lane (\$14 per person)

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Tenpin Slants

By: Joe Lyou

After Char Hammel won the recent Golden Ladies Classic-that's Jeanette Robinson's annual pinfest for femme flingers who don't mind admitting they've hit the big five-oh-I became intrigued when Hammel told the media that her main occupation was dealing poker at the posh Green Valley Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Hammel, readers will recall, performed brilliantly in capturing the 16th edition of the annual tenpin classic at the Orleans Bowling Center. It was the biggest triumph in 26 years of bowling for the popular 51-year-old right-hander who now makes her home in Las Vegas after having moved there from Whittier, Calif. a couple of years ago.

So, I asked Hammel, how did you happen to become a poker dealer? Especially since you had no previous experience? You don't just walk into a hotel/casino and apply for a job dealing poker, do you?

"No," Hammel said, "I learned by spending about three months in (a dealers) school at a cost of \$800 tuition.

"I work Thursday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., about 7-8 hours each day. Dealing poker is a little different from the other pit games, like blackjack. We spend 30 minutes at each table, dealing anywhere from two to four tables in a row, even five tables, if we're really busy.

"I enjoy dealing poker," said Hammel, who also likes playing the game as a hobby. "Sometimes, you feel bad when you put a bad beat (or cards) on someone. But that's poker.

"I also like dealing because they (the players) throw a lot of cash at you (in the form of tokens, or tips). The biggest tip I got was \$100 after I dealt a man a royal flush. He had it on the flop (in Texas Hold 'Em), so there was no way he could lose the pot. Plus, our (poker) room pays a bonus of \$1,000 for royals. He (the player) was down about \$600 that day, so he was happy to get his money back, and then some.

"Poker dealers keep their own tips, not like the blackjack dealers who usually share their tips."

Asked if she had come down from Cloud 9 yet since winning the Golden Ladies Classic, Hammel replied, "I'm not sure about Cloud 9, but I'm still bowling well. I've had so many people congratulate me. I even got a call from my friend, Jim Myers, from the San Diego area, who followed up by sending me a nice card a couple of days later."

When Hammel was asked how she was going to celebrate after her big victory, she said, at that time, she wasn't sure. It turns out that she and hubby Mark went out to their favorite Sushi bar and "had a great dinner."

Hammel says she'll keep her game sharp this summer by bowling in the Wild Dog Scratch Singles, "a tough-shot league," at the Gold Coast, a sister center to The Orleans. Hammel is currently bowling at The Orleans in Jeanette's Scratch Trios, in which she's averaging 214.

Southern Californian will remember Hammel because she used to compete regularly in the WWPB (Western Women Pro Bowlers) events when she lived in Whittier. She was known as Char Ford in those days, before she was married to Mark Hammel, who owned and operated a pro shop (at Canoga Park Bowl, I believe).

"I miss bowling the WWPB's," Hammel said, "because I work every weekend. I might try to bowl in November at Mission Hills Bowl (in Bill Mossontte's annual WWPB Mixed Doubles), if I can get the weekend off. It's always such a great tournament.

"The next MoRich Mixed Doubles at The Orleans is a possibility, depending on the days of the week it runs."

And, of course, Hammel definitely plans to defend her newly won title in next year's Golden Ladies Classic. "I haven't sent in my entry yet, but my reservation is in," she said.

How did you get started in bowling? I asked Hammel.

"I started when I was 25-ish, in a Vacation League at La Puente Lanes in La Puente (near Whittier)," Hammel replied. "The center is long gone, of course. At the end of the league, everyone went on a cruise to the Caribbean.

"I bowled three or four years on Sunday nights in that league, and every year we went to a new (vacation) destination. Then I started to get the bug to become a better bowler. I took a lot of lessons from several coaches. But my best coach became my husband and best friend-Mark. We were blessed that bowling brought us together.

"Mark has always been so supportive. He let me follow my dreams, to bowl on (the PWBA) tour, even though it was not profitable.

"Mark is always honest with me, no sugar coating. Sometimes, we (the bowlers) like to blame the lanes, the ball, or maybe a bird that just flew by. But if Mark thinks it was because of my execution, he lets me know.

"I'm not aggressive by nature, so I have to work at staying aggressive (on the lanes). It was really fun to bowl an entire tournament (the GLC) and have Mark there to share and enjoy how well I bowled, even with the many ups and downs of the tournament. What a great time it was! It was also great to have some friends

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