

All About Juniors

Florida Bowler, 15, Is Youngest WIBC Member With 300 Game

In less than one month, 15-year-old Melanie O'Grady of Port Richey, Fla., set one national and one state of Florida record.

O'Grady became the youngest Women's International Bowling Congress member to roll a 300 game in August in the Florida Match Play Tournament at Sunshine Bowl in Pinellas Park, Fla. It was part of a 785 series that she beat just a few weeks later when she bowled 835, a Florida state women's individual series record. The previous standard was 826 by Debi Kidd, who was age 48 when she achieved the feat in St. Petersburg in 1999.

In August, O'Grady finished second in the Ladies Classic Tour event at Cassat's Batt Bowl of Jacksonville, Fla. She also carries the distinction of being the LCT's youngest member.

In other recent record-breaking news:

- Joel Ray became the first bowler with 800s in four consecutive series overall and tied with four others for the most consecutive in the same league with three, all at Northwest Lanes in Fairfield, Ohio. After rolling 823 and 814 in consecutive weeks of the Tuesday Night Social League, he added 812 in the Sam Coleman Memorial Classic, 810 in the Monday Tigers and 801 in the Tuesday Night Social Classic.
- Sue Schottke and Mike Firzak are the first mixed doubles team to combine for a 600 game when they achieved the feat in the AMF-Porters Pub Classic Doubles League at AMF Mil-Sher Lanes in Kenmore, N.Y. Their dual 300 games beat the previous best mixed doubles game of 599 by Allison Johnson and Rob Grimmit in Oklahoma City in 1994.
- David and Gary Bighman of Brainard, N.Y., now have the most combined career 800 series for brothers with 56. David had 36 and Gary has 20 to move past Mike and Mark Scroggins of Amarillo, Texas, who have 51.
- Linda Goodling's recent 300 game in Lancaster, Pa., gave she, husband Gerald, sons Keith and Kirk and Gerald Goodling's ex-wife Helen McElhenny career perfect games. The brothers started the family off with 300s in 1983. McElhenny added hers in 1992 while the senior Goodling rolled his in 2000.
- Kris Cashmore's 300 game in Kenosha, Wis., made her family the first with mother, daughter and two sons with career 300s. Mother Judith Martins had a perfect game in Racine, Wis., in the 1983-84 season while Steve and Eric Mertins followed in Racine in 1996 and 1999, respectively.
- Members of Yea Baby rolled the highest team game in Georgia with 1,300 in the Peachtree Invitational at Brunswick Peachtree Lanes in Norcross. Oren Anderson led with 290. He was followed by Jon Jordan with 278, Rick Carrick with 246, Kevin Kocher with 238 and Walter Biel with 215 to top the 1,270 of Gainesville Accounting No. 1 in Gainesville in 1997.
- Mullen's Construction of Lockport, N.Y., put together the highest series by a team of left-handers with 3,669 in the Niagara Pot-O-Gold League at

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YABA

YABA Introduces Earl, First In A Series Of Collectible Bears Honoring Earl Anthony

The Young American Bowling Alliance has introduced "Earl," the first in a series of custom-designed collectible bears, to celebrate the memory of the late bowling legend, Earl Anthony.

The unique bear series is being developed as a fund-raiser for the Earl Anthony Memorial Scholarship Fund. Additional bears in the Earl family will be issued every year. Future bears created exclusively to benefit the Earl Anthony Scholarship Fund will be named Earlene, Anthony, Susie and Roderick. Each year's new bear will expand the collection to perpetuate YABA's tribute to one of the greatest bowlers in history.

Earl stands nine inches tall. He is wearing a red-and-white bowling shirt with blue trim. The logo of his Bowling Rocks team is embroidered on the back of his shirt and he is wearing two-tone brown bowling shoes. His year of issue is embroidered on his left sleeve.

Earl is now on sale for \$10 plus shipping and handling. Individual and gift orders can be placed by visiting [bowl.com](http://www.bowl.com), clicking on the YABA tab at the top of the page, and then clicking on the Fundraising tab on the top of the YABA home page. Click on the photo of Earl or the highlighted hyperlink to get to the online order form. Those who prefer to order by telephone can call toll-free (866)-84-BEARS (2-3277).

YABA also has established a fund-raising program for local and state bowling associations wanting to raise money for their own scholarship or awards programs. Special prices are offered for associations that purchase 12 or more Earl bears for resale. Click on the group sales hyperlink or call the toll-free number to enroll in the fund-raising program.

Shipments of Earl bears will begin on or before Dec. 1.

"The Earl bear project provides youth bowling with a unique way to say thank you to a great humanitarian as well as hall of fame competitor," said YABA Executive Director Jim Zebehazy. "Every year, the introduction of a new bear will remind all of us of the contributions Earl made during his amazing career and all proceeds from our sales of the bears will perpetuate Earl's memories by providing scholarships for deserving young bowlers to years to come."

South Transit Bowling Center. Tom Denniston had 774, Butch Grage 762, Joe Jack 724, Dave Poole 720 and Tim Kirsch 689 as their 1,304, 1,237 and 1,128 games beat the 3,627 of DeLau Fire and Safety of Lansing, Mich., in 1990.

Herbert Hummel, 78, became the second-oldest bowler to roll an 800 series when he put together an 811 in the Northcross Lanes at the Lake Men's Handicap League in Huntersville, N.C. His 279, 233 and 299 games moved him behind 83-year-old Fran Lasee who had 834 in Green Bay, Wis., in January.

Members of Creative Commercial fell just one pin short of the record for three men, one woman team series with 3,082 in the Thursday Mixed Classic at AMF Comet Lanes in Grand Rapids, Mich. Kurt Fay had 846, Mike Fay added 787, Alex Nawrocki had 774 and Carole Morgan had 675 to just miss the 3,083 of Who's Bowling Tonight of Mesa, Ariz., in 2002.

West Lane Bowl Juniors

By: Correen Woodard

Oh, Oh, Oh, Merry Christmas to all of our junior bowlers. While the parents are hearing mom or dad I want this, take them into the pro shop and full fill their bowling needs for Christmas. While you are making the decisions on their gifts remember we have game booklets for sale, or you can purchase a gift certificate.

By looking at the scores our junior have posted this last month you can tell they didn't eat too much turkey and all of the trimmings this Thanksgiving.

Kiel Sonne started the juniors off with a real nice 259 in the 11 am Junior Majors. Robert Menor rolled his 246 611 in the same league. The Sunday Junior Adult League had Brian Chambers roll a real nice 237, Ray Saiz Jr. a 236 686, Robert Stevens 235, and Casey Jardim 234. Back to the 11am Junior Majors for Brandon Ramsey who rolled a real nice 232.

Two of our bumper bowlers rolled duplicate games. Miles Jones shot 90 duplicates in the 11 am Bumpers and Julissa Castellanos rolled her 68 duplicate in the Tuesday Bumpers.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we will see all of you back after the holiday break. Until next month may the pin fall be with you.

TUESDAY

TUESDAY BUMPERS: Samantha Adams 95, Mara Martell 89, Shelby Karsting 80

TUESDAY MIXED: Austin Parker 189, Melanie Garrard 184, Vince Olivarez 173

SATURDAY

9AM BUMPERS: Nicholas Hernandez 110, Ashlyn Britt 110, Cailin Moore 102, Marcelina Gomez 96, Christopher Allyn 94

9AM BANTAMS: Mikala Stearns 97, Anissa Massiah 91, Megan Earl 87, Matt Anderson 82

9AM PREPS: Joseph Klarer 202,203, Henry Stacher 170

9AM JR. MAJORS: Stephen Passey III 226, David Lothrop Jr. 216

11AM BUMPERS: Jr Cain 117, Haley Woodard 112, Jessica Covarruvas 108, Sebastain Thompson 105, Phillip Jacobs 102, Ashley Pina 102, Miles Jones 102, Deja Daniels 100

11AM BANTAMS: Austin Hibbard 105

11AM PREPS: Ashley Valtierra 142

11 AM JR. MAJORS: Robert Menor 224, AJ Acunia 223, Trevor Deane 216, Robert Menor 212, Katie Ramsey 210, Ryan Lucas 209, Dominik Cabaccang 203, Matthew Canevari 203, Nick Vernon 202

SUNDAY

SUNDAY JR. ADULT: Brian Chambers 221, James Ratto 220, Ray Saiz Jr. 218, Kiel Sonne 210, Albert Castello 206, Robert Stevens 203.