



**August 14-15** Serra Bowl **Daly City** 

Win-A-Spot At the hosting house on the Friday before each tournament at 3:00 PM

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## Pro-AM

of the information for you. No hassle, no stamps, no writing of checks!

There will be three pro-am packages available; Package 1, which is only \$79, gets you the pro-am entry and a chance at the \$1,000 guaranteed top prize. Package 2 gets you TWO BRUNSWICK BALLS: the topof-the-line Zone Classic and a special glow-in-the-dark Target Zone. The retail value of these two balls is over \$275! But if you bowl in the pro-am you pay only \$169—a savings of over \$100! There is also a 3rd pro-am package that will save you even more money! How would like to add to your two ball package a triple roller bag. The total for the 2 balls and bag package is an amazing \$249.

There are two pro-am squads scheduled on Saturday, July 31st; 1pm and 4pm. Each pro-am squad will feature a 9-pin no tap format with 90% handicap. There is a \$1,000 guaranteed top prize and a 1 in 10 cashing ratio. The scores from both squads will be combined to determine all cashers

The Gold Coast is offering all pro-am bowlers a discounted room rate for pro-am weekend. Weekend rates are only \$89 and weekday rates are \$39. Call room reservations at 1.800.675.3267 and request the LCT Championship pro-am room block LAD0730.

See you in Las Vegas for the pro-am at The Gold Coast. What a great way to get ready for you new league season. Two of the best balls Brunswick now makes and for only \$169. If you need more entry forms call the pro-am hotline at 1.877.900.6464.

## **Nable Wins Johnstown** Classic

Australia's Maxine Nable averaged 240.5 for twenty games to win the Johnstown Ladies Classic Tour Northeast Classic June 20 at Johnstown's Richland

Nable, Fairfield Hts, Australia held off 2002 Player of the Year Michelle Feldman, Skaneateles, NY to take home the \$1200 top prize. Both players posted a 5-3 matchplay record, with Feldman earning \$900.

Jodi Woessner, Oregon, OH finished third, followed by Marilyn Lebon, Cleveland, OH in fourth. In the three LCT events held thus far, two have been won by Australians. Carol Gianotti won the Lompoc, California LCT event in April.

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Richland Lanes conducted a very successful pro-am event with over 1708 participants. The next Ladies Classic Tour event will be held in Raleigh, NC July 2-

For more information about LCT and the complete results of this event, visit the LCT website www.ladiesclassictour.

The LCT National Championship will be held July 30-August 2 in Las Vegas Nevada.

## JOHNSTOWN LCT NORTHEAST **CLASSIC** Richland Lanes, Johnstown, PA

June 18 - 20, 2004

1.	*Maxine Nable	\$1,200
2.	Michelle Feldman	900
3.	Jodi Woessner	700
4.	Marilyn Lebon	550
5.	Teri Haefke	450
3.	Jackie Mitskavich	350
7.	Liz Johnson	300
3.	Terri Bollinger	250
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## **Dick Evans**

Syndicated Columnist

Clint Zavakos' Life -- An Orphan With a Broken Arm Is Rescued by Two "Angels" Who Open Door to Bowling World and 50 Consecutive ABC National **Championship Tournaments** 

Clint Zavakos, who has owned Daytona Bowl since 1992, realizes that the luckiest thing to happen to him in his life occurred when he accidently rode his bicycle into a mailbox and broke his arm.

No, he wasn't lucky enough to have a lawyer on the spot who sued Uncle Sam and made him a rich 10-year-old orphan.

Better yet, Clint had two "angels" rush out of the adjacent bowling center in Muncie, Ind., to comfort him and give him a loving life beyond his wildest dreams.

"I was an orphan, riding a bicycle in front of a bowling center when I swerved to miss a person, hit a mail box and broke my arm," Zavakos said with a discernable hint of nostalgia still in his voice 57 years later.

"That's the first time I ever met my future mother and father" -- Tom and Alice Zavakos who just happened to own the 12-lane bowling center.

"They took me to the hospital and came to see me all the time. They were fond of me and I loved them and after about four months they asked me if I would like to come live with them.

"Running into that mailbox was the luckiest thing that ever happened to me in my life. I guess you could say I went from rags to riches back then when my new parents taught me about the game of bowling.'

Zavakos has enjoyed a lifetime love affair with bowling and on April 28th became one of the few bowlers in history to ever bowl in 50 consecutive ABC National Championship Tournaments.

The 2004 ABC National Tournament is being contested at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, which can accommodate 78 five- player teams on each squad.

"It was a fabulous night," Zavakos said. "All the bowlers (389 of them) already had marched down the center aisle to their starting lanes. Then the ABC announcer said my name and announced that I was bowling in my 50th straight national tournament.

"The lights in the arena were dimmed and then the spotlight fell on me and I walked down the center aisle with score keepers and officials on both sides shaking my hands.

"When I got to the foul line they gave me a diamond pinlet, a 50-year ABC ring and some of my closest friends gave me a bowling painting by Mort Luby (former owner of Bowlers Journal).

"I have to say I was awed a little bit and surprised a lot because I didn't expect all that...especially the beautiful 50-year plague" that probably will wind up hanging on the wall in his office at Daytona Bowl, a 40-lane center that backs up against the Intracoastal Waterway on South Ridgewood.

It must be said here that many bowlers, men and women, make it to 50 national ABC or WIBC tournaments, but very, very few don't miss one in a half century. And very few can brag that their teams finished 6th, 8th, 11th and 14th in the giant national tournaments.

Clint Zavakos has overcome some major obstacles to keep the streak alive -bowling not long after open heart surgery, competing after a car accident and in 1961 as a Marine private just out of boot camp hitchhiking on military planes from Germany to the ABC Nationals in Detroit.

Despite all the 50th tournament fanfare at the National Bowling Stadium, Zavakos — whose business ventures have prevented him from being a serious bowler since the early 1970s — did himself proud a few minutes later as he carded a 591 series while bowling with regular team members Keith Spear (582), Steve Stripling (573) and Lenny Biondi (493) plus Larry Combo from California and Scott Dzierba from Indiana

The next day, Zavakos turned in a 601 in doubles with Dzierba, who shot 739 to give the duo a 1,340 score, which was good enough for 17th place at the time in the ABC National Tournament that will draw more than 75,000 bowlers before its conclusion early this summer.

Zavakos finished with a 516 in singles, which gave him 1,708 for the nine games. Even more impressive, he has been able to maintain a 190.24 average for 50 years and is credited with knocking down 83,327 pins.

Flying out to Reno, he was entertaining the idea that this would be his final ABC Tournament. But his teammates convinced him otherwise."

He says if the creek doesn't rise too high, he will be in Baton Rouge, La., next spring for his 51st consecutive ABC.

You would think that his father was instrumental in his own bowling game, but Clint said no.

"He taught me many good points and helped a little, but it was the boss of my family -- my mother -- who really taught me to bowl. She was about a 185 averager at the time, really good for a woman bowler back then. She once finished fourth in all-events at a National WIBC Tournament.

"She would scold me when I got mad...I had a lot to learn since I started late." Clint Zavakos knows better than anyone that "Bowling has been very good to me,

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