

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 10 Newsletter

Bring Your Slow Game

The Headline

Going into Friday's match with Unique Carpet, formerly known as Toyoda, we were eight points behind the league leader Pin Chasers, formerly Gangi and Caldwell. We needed to do one point better in order to have a shot at winning the first part of the season. It seemed almost a no-brainer that we'd bowl against them in next week's position roll-off, but there would have been a huge difference if we didn't have a chance at catching them. In the end, we did just enough to give us the chance we were looking for.

As they say, "game on". We took four points and Pin Chasers lost all seven. How the heck do you take four points? Well let me tell you how. We tied the first game, so that's one point. We won the second game, so that's two more. We lost the third game. But, we took total pins giving us another point, bringing our total to four. That's got to be one of the strangest final combinations I have ever seen. In actuality, their new guy Ross Lillie, screwed them by bowling so well. If he would have bowled just a few pins lower the last game, they would have taken the first game too. Thanks Ross!!

So, going into next week's position week / roll-off, the top of the league standings look like this:

Pin Chasers	50
Arlington Dental	46
Team 11 (Glueckert)	42

Note that all three top teams are from the old league. The original teams must be pulling their hair out right now! What a kick in the ass this has to be for them.

Anyway, we need to take 6 points in order to win the first part of the season. What that means is we have only one point to give. We can make things easy by taking all seven, or we can tie one game and take the rest of the points. That will give us a one point advantage and the win.

I would say we definitely have the psychological advantage. What do you think? Besides the whole "Ted" factor, they threw down the gauntlet when Rich stood up in the meeting and said what he said about us bowling too slow and he was speaking for the whole league. "Them's fight'in words buddy!!" How ironic that it all comes down to this. Now, they don't have a leg to stand on. This league does not give a shit about anyone bowling too slow. So, who are they going to complain to now? On top of that, they have finished after us the last two weeks. So, to really drive them nuts, "Bring your slow game!"!!! I promise you, they are going to live to regret this whole bowling slow thing.

The table has been set boys. It's time to put the women and children to bed and have some dinner!! In other words, "SHUT UP AND BOWL!!!!"

The Business of Bowling

In the lead off spot, Chris had a solid night, bowling over his average the first two games, topping off with a 190 in the second. His games were: 169, 190 & 143.

Bottom line is he did his job and then some. He chose the right game to slip a bit. It's time to see what you're really made of young man. The pressure is on this week. Make the most of it!

For the second week in a row, Mark had a big night. With scores of 181, 188 and 215, he fell 16 pins short of a 600 series. He bowled all three games over his average and played a huge role in picking up whatever points we won. They don't call him Top Gum for nothing!!

Wild Bill, who always adds character and fun to our nights, did his job as well, with games of 135, 126 and 171. I don't think he realized how HUGE that 171 was. That went a long way to helping us take total pins.

Yours truly was totally invisible the first game. I had NO idea what the hell I was doing. I think it just took me one whole game to figure out how incredibly dry the lanes were and make all of the proper adjustments. Once I figured it out, I was fine rolling six in a row in the second game and no opens in the third. My scores were: 147, 222, and 190. I will undoubtedly take the hit for losing the first game outright. There is no way we can afford anyone to bowl 40 pins below their average. Anyway, amazingly enough I did hit my average for all three games. So, I guess there's some solace in that.

Lee went into the night leading the league with a 213 average. That's just awesome. I think he just wanted to show us that he can be human some times. His average dipped a little bit with games of 198, 199 and 175. Yes, he did pull a "Pete" with a 199. I love it when I'm not the only one who does that!!

For him, I think it still comes down to that "competition" thing. Unique Carpet had four guys, missing their top two bowlers. For all intents and purposes we should have crushed them! I guess Lee needed more competition. Maybe we all did. Well, we will have it next week that's for sure.

The first game was an amazing tie at 1014. It all came down to what Ross's average for the night would be. I thought for sure we were going to lose, but when he rolled a 202 his last game, to go along with his 143 and 232, I realized we had a shot. When our official accountant (that would be Lee) figured out the average and added it all up, we had a tie. Andy came by to check it and he agreed. Let's just hope someone doesn't change it. I just checked the league web site, but they haven't updated it yet. I can't see how it could be wrong. Well, the only way it could be wrong is if they round down instead of up. His actual handicap is 17.67 pins. If they make it 18, then it's a tie. If they make it 17, then we could win by one. I am almost positive they take the whole number. His average is 192.33, so they go with 192. We'll see I guess.

We took the second game handily 1110 to 1080. I led the way on this one with my 222, followed by Lee's 199, Chris' very big 190 and Mark's 188.

Mark led us in game three with his 215, and Bill had a very big 171. Unfortunately, no one else really helped as we fell 1104 to 1079. But, the 215 and 171 were both HUGE in getting total pins.

The final count on total pins was 3203 to 3198.

We are now completely paid up for the last three weeks of bowling. Again, if you paid, and you do not bowl all three nights, we will get you your money back, or give you some extra in the winnings. We appreciate everyone stepping up and paying.

Finally, the executive decision has been made regarding bowling ahead for Thanksgiving Friday. Either Lee or I will take care of it. We'll either do it after bowling

next week or Lee will come in the Tuesday before. It will all depend on how we feel, how well we are bowling and what the alley conditions are like.

The FUN Stuff

Who is that guy?

There was a guy bowling with a tie on at lanes 3 and 4. I have never seen him before. He did look familiar though

Pete: Look, there's a guy bowling with a tie on!

Bill: Which one?

Pete: The guy with the white hair over there.

Bill: Oh, that's Colonel Sanders. You didn't know he was in our league.

That was my beer

Nice little joke on Lee's part while eating too many salty pretzels he ran out of his own beer. I came back from bowling to see him sneakily putting my beer back.

Pete: What the?

Bill: He ran out of his beer, so he helped himself to yours.

Lee: I was really thirsty after those pretzels

Art: That's just rude. And I do believe it's the 12th commandment. Thou shalt not drink another man's beer.

Somewhere along the way, someone bought another round, but I was left out.

Pete: Very nice. You drink some of my beer, the least you could do is buy me another one!

Boobs

Chris told us he is taking a trip to New Orleans with a few buddies.

Lee: From what I hear, as long as you have your friends with you, you'll always be surrounded by boobs.

Mark: Well, he's going to New Orleans, there's boobs everywhere.

Lee: I know, but that's not the kind of boob I meant.

Mark: Well, yeah, I know that.

Lee: Are you sure?

Mark: I know what you meant.

Pete: The bottom line is, when he comes home from New Orleans he will at least have some kind of Boob reference.

Bill's Line of the Week:

Near the end of the night Chris was trying to tell me that Glueckert (Team 11) was only three points behind us in the standings. If they took five and we only took two, we'd be tied. In the end, he was wrong. Glueckert was 5 points behind us. All he had to do was look at the stat sheet.

Pete: Glueckert is five points behind us, not three.

Chris: Oh, they are?

Pete: Yes. Just look at the stat sheet.

Chris: Oh, yeah.

Pete: You're an idiot.

Lee: You are the idiot of the week. We always need one of those.

Chris: I'm that.
Pete: To say the least.
Chris: I'll even take it into next week.
Pete: **We'll decide for how long you'll be the idiot of the week!**
And that's Bill's Line of the Week!

The END!!

Lineups

See the "lineup email" that I sent earlier. Here's the next three weeks:

11/16: Mark, Lee, Pete, Art, Chris

11/23: Mark, Art, Bill, Chris, Lee or Pete will bowl ahead

11/30: Mark, Lee, Pete, Bill, Chris