

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 11 Newsletter

NOT Happy! This one Hurt....

The Headline

You can't say we didn't have a shot at it. I thought we had Pin Chasers right where we wanted them. We trailed by five points on Position Night with the first portion of the season at stake. I am not an arrogant or cocky person at all. But, I have to be honest. I really thought we were going to kick their asses!

So, what transpired? Well, let's just say it wasn't what we expected. We haven't lost seven points all season long. We couldn't have picked a worse night to do that. I guess it was inevitable and the odds were against us. But against this team? With a portion of the season on the line? UGHGHGHGHGHGHGHG!!!! DAMNIT This one hurt! Just the thought of the Miserable Prick, Mr. Happy getting a win like this over us is enough to make me vomit!! As Art so eloquently put it before the match started. "I really want to beat these guys. All because of that Mr. Happy over there!"

Just to prove that it's NOT anyone overreacting with this guy, and that he does continuously live up to his reputation as a Miserable Prick, Son of a Bitch.... at the end of the first game (which we lost by 4 pins), we started shaking hands with the entire Pin Chasers team congratulating them on their win. I even went up to Ted, figuring why not, be the better person and give him a shot. That asshole would not even look at me. He kept his head down, put out his hand and gave me a limp dick handshake! He is beyond pathetic. What goes around comes around asshole. You have NOT seen the last of us. That I can guarandamntee!!!

I will say that everyone else on their team that was there acted gracious in victory. Well, all except for Rich who stayed home. You all remember Rich don't you? He is our number one fan! He admires how slowly we bowl!! Something tells me him and Ted drew straws to see who would have to show up and bowl against us. Ted lost so Rich got to stay home.

Anyway, we did not bowl badly the first game. We were giving up 136 pins in handicap. I guess now we know how those other teams feel every time we are getting lots of pins. We actually beat them scratch every game, just not by enough.

In the end we wound up tied for second. SAFX (I think that's Andy the Chinaman's team) caught us with a big win over Glueckert. Here are the final standings for the first part of the season:

Pin Chasers:	57
Arlington Dental:	46
SAFX:	46
Team 11	42
Mixed Nuts	42
Jokers Wild	39
Legion	38
L&O	38
Maxim	35
Unique Carpet	34
Done In the third	34
Trojans	33
WTFC	31
Lucky Strikes	24

Remember, total points for the entire season ARE very important. Besides the fact that the more points you have the more money you get, the wildcard team is based on total points and so are the play-off rankings. As a reminder, the winners of the three parts of the season plus one wildcard team make the play-offs. If a team repeats as a winner then another wildcard team gets in. So, it is very important for us to get back on track quickly. There are only 10 weeks to each of the next two parts of the season. There's a total of 70 points to get. I think it's going to take 50 points to win.

The Business of Bowling

In the lead off spot, Chris once again came through with a real good night, this time under pressure. Well done young man. Yes, I paid you a compliment. Just don't get used to it! In the first game he rolled a 191. He game back in game two with an even bigger 197. He did come back down to earth in game three with a 142, but with average 176 for the night, I'd say he did his job.

Rolling out of the two position, Mark stayed HOT, shooting his first 600 series of the year. In a big first game Mark shot a 212! He followed that with a 188 and 207 for a 607. That's a big NIGHT under lots of pressure! Way to go my friend!

Balancing things out in the middle was our patriarch, Art. He kept things nice and steady in the middle with incredibly consistent games of 167, 179 and 177. He took care of business, just as he always does in times of need.

Yours truly found a groove, lost it, and then found it again. I was definitely as good in the first game as I have been in a long, long time. The alleys were perfect for me as I busted out a 252. I even made the web site with this one because of bowling 66 pins over my average! Game two was a bit of a disaster, but I can tell you right now I was pretty distraught over the first game loss. No excuses, but I couldn't get my head straight as I dropped like bad habit to 166. Then I woke up again and rolled a 215. That was my first 600 series of the year as well, a 633.

Our anchor man Lee, who is holding steady with the third best average in the league at 210, pretty much did his job the first two games with a 207 and 202. Then I think the pretzels got to him as he rolled a human 156,

I loved game one because I love pressure games. It's those games that separate the men from the boys. This is what I call, "a money game". I truly believed that if we took game one, we would take all seven.

WE ALL rose to the occasion and did our job. Games of: 191, 212, 167, 252 & 207, totaled 1029 scratch. With handicap it came to 1175. The problem was we were giving 136 pins! Pin Chasers bowled well enough to get with that handicap number. The final was 1179 to 1175.

Game two was close again. We came storming back after being down by about 90 pins in the 8th frame. We wound up losing by thirty pins, 1108 to 1078. Again we beat them scratch, 932 to 826. I have to say my ridiculous 166 did NOT help. Although, even if I did bowl my average we still would have lost.

Game three was a repeat of game two, but with worse results unfortunately. We dug ourselves a HUGE hole that we just could not get out of. We lost this one 1083 to 1043.

And so the first BIG week of the year is behind us. There's still LOTS of bowling left with two more parts of the season remaining plus a wildcard birth. Or as Lee would say, "there are two more halves left." Mind you, this is the only place in the world where three halves make a whole!

Anyway, it's time to shake off the bad week, refocus, and pull ourselves together. Quite simply.....**Shut up and bowl!!**

Other Stuff

Lee and I have another conversation with Andy. Yes.....that would be the Chinaman. Well, it seems that we both completely misunderstood the "oil pattern" discussion we had a few weeks back. I asked him if they had changed the oil pattern being this was the eleventh week. He said no, it's the same old pattern. Lee and I both looked at each other totally confused and went "HUH?"

The short of it is this. What Andy was describing to us was the Monday Night League. ONLY that league went to PBA oil patterns and changes it every five to six weeks. Our league is the same old house pattern every week. I was so confused I cannot begin to tell you. So, we changed the question to, "Then why has it been so much more oily than last year?" The reason is they changed it slightly from last year putting more oil in the middle. However, there is no pattern name to it, it's not even what is called the "The Sportsman's Pattern", which is very tough as well.

All I have to say is, he must have been speaking Chinese a few weeks ago, because Lee and I both came away with the same understanding; that our league went to professional oil patterns. So, we stand corrected. We will go with they changed it a bit from last year making it more oily in the middle and dry to the outside. If we really want to find out I guess the best thing to do is ask at the front desk. I guess one of us can do that at some point, if we care to. Sorry about that guys. The next time I will bring my Chinese to American translation book.

The FUN Stuff

Grandpa Lallas

A quote from Art's dad.

"Men spend nine months trying to get out. And then they ruin the rest of their lives trying to get back in!"

If you don't know what he's referring to, I sure can't help you.

Wild Cards

Once again we had the pleasure of the HOT NAKED playing cards. What's her name again? What am I talking about? What difference does it make what her name is? Those cards are AWESOME!

Art: What cards are wild?

Pete: They're all wild!

Excuse me.....

I had just picked up one of those AWESOME naked cards, when Art started telling a joke about some Colonel or something. I saw he was watching me to see if I was paying attention. I just couldn't resist as I held up the card to the light and continued to examine it. While he was in mid-sentence is said.....

Pete: "Excuse me a minute, I'm concentrating!"

So, Tony Tomatoes comes along

Out of no where, Tony Tomatoes comes along and starts examining every single playing card that was out. I swear one by one he looked at all of mine, all of Mark's and all of Chris's. While he was doing that I said,

Pete: A hell of a way for us to pass the time, huh?

I got no response, as he proceeded to pick up the first two cards on the deck and examine those. I just took a step back and let him do his thing, not really wanting to get too close. Then out of no where he said,

Tony: She's got a smokin' Body!

Then he just turned around and went back from where he came from.

Jager shots

Mark was nice enough to buy us Jager shots. He even brought his dad one. This had to be the first time where they didn't really help us bowl. They did help ease the pain and add some comedy though

Pete: Why don't you buy a bottle for your wife and get her hammered.

Art: That would be a switch as she usually hammers me

Bill's Line of the Week

Unfortunately, only Art, Lee and myself were left when this happened. Leave it to Art to come up with the Line of the Night as a closing shot.

Art was telling us about his hip surgery and then his knee surgery.

Art: You know that arthroscopy thing they do now a days.

Pete: Yep, I've had three of those.

Art: Oh so, you know then?

Pete: Sure.

Art: Yeah they just poke a few holes and go in over here, and over there. Then they just clean it out, and you're done.

Pete: So, when they went in there did they find a lot of dirt?

Art: He's a real smart ass this guy. *Everybody likes a little ass, but no one likes a smart ass.*

And THAT'S Bill's Line of the Week.....

The End.....

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE!!!

Enjoy and Be Safe!!

Lineups

Don't forget, there will only be four of you this week. Lee will be bowling ahead on Wednesday. Make sure when you check in you ask for his scores.

11/23: Mark, Art, Bill, Chris

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

12/7: Lee, Pete, Art, Bill, Chris or Brad

12/14: Mark, Lee, Bill, Brad, Art

Both Chris and I need off this week. If Brad still cannot bowl, someone will have to bowl ahead. We'll talk about his as it gets closer.