

Arlington Dental Bowling Team

Week 21 Newsletter

Baby Steps....

The Headline

Are we finally breaking out of the ridiculous funk we are in? If we are, then we are taking baby steps to get there. After the first two games it really seemed like there was no end in sight. We lost the first one by 31 pins and the second by 21. The only silver lining was we didn't get our asses kicked. Not that the losing was any less painful.

There was discussion as to whether or not we were going to break the futility record of going 2 and 40 over the span of six weeks. Fortunately, that disaster was before my time! But, some how we found a way to get it together in the third game and win by 45. We actually almost took total pins! So, let's hope the baby steps turn into man steps. And that those man steps turn into a full run, getting us back on a winning run!

Out of curiosity I checked the last few weeks and our recent losing numbers are 2 and 19 over the past three weeks. I think what's made this more painful is the fact that we won our league last year (not there this is any comparison between the two leagues), but we are really struggling now. Since position week of the first part of the season we have lost seven points on 4 different occasions. And we went from 46 – 31 in the first part 26 – 44 in the second part record. That's pretty much a 180 degree turn. I guess it was the law of averages....winning last year, a good first part of the season this year.... And then oops. Hopefully, that means we are bound to turn it back around! Right?

Just for shits and giggles I checked the past few years for periods of futility. Last year we were pretty unbelievable. The worst stretch we went through was only 7 – 14 over three weeks. We did that twice. The year before that, we went 3- 25, over the span of four weeks, twice. So, I'd say based on our team history, we are bound to get this thing turned around in a hurry.

Now that we have new cards, and a solid replacement for Brad, all we need is Rold Gold Pretzel Twists, and we should be good to go. So, like we have been saying all year...."Shut Up And Bowl!"

The Business of Bowling

As I said last week, until we get back to our winning ways I am not going to get too much into individual games. However, if someone does perform well, I will give credit. This week our hats go off (hey maybe that's a new section of the newsletter...sort of like Tim Taylor on Tool Time...you know the Tool Time Salute) to Bill and Art. They both bowled 27 pins over their average. Not only that, they did not bowl one game under their average. Like Lee said, if you come with 5 pins of your average, that's good enough. So, Bill and Art both did a great job.

Based on averages and handicaps, they carried the team! How's that!?

Okay....it just came to me. I know what I'm going to call this section. Ready for this...

"The Bowlspace High Five!" LOL!! I LIKE IT!!

So, the winners of our first EVER **Bowlspace High Five**: Bill and Art!

Speaking of bowlspace... I actually did pull up the web site. And either there is something drastically wrong with my internet connection (I have DSL so I doubt it), or the web site is so weak & poorly maintained that I can't even pull up the entire Home Page. In other words, all of the graphics and pictures never come up. I tried it a bunch of times on several different days, and nothing.

There is a section where you can do a search for members. I pulled up females between the age of 20 and 45...but again, the damned thing won't work! Well, all I can tell is there are 7,272 female

members in that age category!! And supposedly, they all have photos, but the freakin photos won't pull up! Man, and think of the fun we could have with that!

I guess that means we will have to rely on Chris and Brad to bring the chicks to Mark's Super Bowl party! Chris, if you don't come through, you could be "on the bubble". See Fun Stuff for an explanation.

Anyway...getting back to bowling.

Here are the final standings for the third part of the season

1.	Maxim	48	
2.	L&O	43	
3.	Trojans	42	
4.	Done In the Third	40	
5.	SAFX	40	
6.	Pin Chasers	37	
7.	Jokers Wild	37	
8.	WTFC	35	
9.	Lucky Strikes	33	
10.	Unique Carpet	29	
11.	Mixed Nuts	29	
12.	Team 11	27	
13.	Arlington Dental	26	OUCH!!
14.	Legion	24	

To the best of my knowledge here are the Total Points Standings going into the third and final part the season

1.	Pin Chasers	94	Clinched Playoffs
2.	Maxim Mortgage	83	Clinched Playoffs
3.	SAFX	86	
4.	L&O	81	
5.	Jokers Wild	76	
6.	Trojans	75	
7.	Done In The Third	74	
8.	Arlington Dental	72	
9.	Mixed Nuts	71	
10.	Team 11	69	
11.	WTFC	66	
12.	Unique Carpet	63	
13.	Legion	62	
14.	Lucky Strikes	57	

The way I see it, if we do not win the third part of the season, we should be rooting for SAFX. Let's take care of our business and let everyone else worry about the rest.

The question came up of what everyone's average was per game. Bill thought for sure his worst game was his third. Let's see if he pulled a "Chris" and is incorrect. **I highlighted the LOW GAME.**

	<u>Game1</u>	<u>Game2</u>	<u>Game3</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Bill	152.47	154.00	145.40	150.62	HE IS CORRECT!
Chris	158.72	171.33	161.78	163.94	
Art	180.17	169.92	177.92	176.00	
Mark	160.00	173.71	184.59	172.76	
Pete	194.41	187.76	204.00	195.39	
Lee	211.06	208.67	206.89	208.87	

The FUN Stuff

Artism

Art: You know what they used to tell me in Naval Flight school?

Lee: What?

Art: Keep your center ball down and keep your hook straight!

Wrong Bathroom

Art and Mark came back from what seemed like the wrong bathroom

Pete: Did you two just come out of the ladies room?

Art: Now the truth is out.

Pete: That's okay. I thought you were in there trying to get chicks to come to the Super Bowl party.

Super Bowl Party

Pete: Mark's having a Super Bowl party.

Art: Who?

Pete: Mark

Mark: Yeah, but you have to bring your own chicks

Art: You mean bring your own supply?

On the bubble

After Bill came back from a spare.

Art: You know you were on the bubble.

Bill: I was?

Art: Yeah, but being you got that spare, you're off the bubble now.

More Bubble Talk

Art: Bill, we had a little team meeting about you.

Bill: Uh oh! What about?

Art: You're being too nice to the other team.

Bill: Really?

Art: You know being nice is okay, but you can't get over board. There's no fraternizing with the enemy. For that, you're back on the bubble!

"Bill's Line of the week"

If you remember last week's newsletter, I mentioned the fact the we bowled Stan Musial's relative. Well, not really. I just said that because it sounded good. .

Art: Hey, did you see that guy's name?

Mark: Who?

Art: His last name is Musial, like Stan Musial

Mark: Pete pointed that out last week

Art: He did?

Pete: Yeah, that's his distant cousin?

Art: ***OH IT IS??***

And that's Bill's Line of the week!

Lineups:

February 1st: vs. SAFX – Lanes 1 & 2

Mark, Lee, Pete, Brian, Chris

February 8th: vs L&O – Lanes 9 & 10

Mark, Pete, Art, Bill, Chris

This is NOT etched in stone yet. Lee might want to bowl. So stay tuned.

February 15th: vs. WTFC – Lanes 5 & 6

Mark, Lee, Brian, Bill, Chris