

# Arlington Dental Bowling Team

## Week 9 Newsletter

### F\_ck'em

#### The Headline

Leave it to Art to come up with a headline at the end of the night, completely out of nowhere. After reading last week's newsletter by Lee, we all agree the whole *bowling slow thing* is not only old, it's no longer funny. However, when we get the chance to stick it up one of our adversaries asses, we jump at the opportunity.

When we were all finished, and everyone was packing up ready to leave. I think Chris came up to me and said that Pin Chasers (formerly Gangi) one of the biggest complainers about us bowling slow, were still not done yet. I in turn mentioned it to Mark, and added this typical east coast slur, "Those fxcking assholes!"

Art was near by and said, "who is a fxcking asshole?" So, we told him what was up. His replay, "Fuck em!"

It just doesn't get any better than that!!

Now I wish we could bowl against them with the first part of the season on the line, because I guarantee that if they see they are up against us in a situation like that, they will be totally screwed psychologically. They not only know we can't stand them they know damned well there is NOTHING they can do or say about it anymore. As a matter of fact, I think we all agree we'd purposely bowl slow just to piss them off!!

Anyway, we tried to take another step towards that last night, bowling against WTFC, and their three guys with over 200 average and one guy at 199. We did manage to take five again. But unfortunately, it did not help, as Pin Chasers also took five. At this point we sit in second place eight points behind them. We need to pull within 7 points next week in order to have a shot at beating them for the first part winners. Undoubtedly we will bowl them, but if we are more than seven points behind, we cannot catch them.

The two teams behind us Team 11 (Glueckert) and Mixed Nuts both lost ground on us. Glueckert on took two points in their match, and from what we heard Mixed Nuts lost all 7. So, the top of the standings look like this.

Pin Chasers	50
Arlington Dental	42
Glueckert	37
Mixed Nuts	35

Maxim Mortgage had 29 points going into last night. Even if they took all seven they'd still be behind us.

With that said, next week we bowl Toyoda, now known as Unique Carpet. Rest assured, as nice as Tom is, they would like nothing better than to gain some redemption from last year's championship match defeat, by beating us next week and knocking us out of a shot a the first place finish.

## The Business of Bowling

Lee continued his absolutely torrid pace with an incredible 758 series. He literally carried us on his back the first two games with scores of 259 and 276. He finished with a 223. Incredible man... absolutely incredible!

Chris did his job with a steady pace of 147, 169 and 149. He even managed to win the mystery pot with the 147! He proceeded to buy a round of drinks with that money. If that's the result of bowling a 147, you can do that every week!

Mark had a very nice night, but unfortunately, he pulled a 'Pete" in the third game. His scores were 166, 194 and 199. I unfortunately have more 199 games than I care to count! I don't feel so lonely anymore! Thanks buddy!

Our patriarch Art chipped in games of 181, 149 and 173. Did any of you realize that Art's average is 181? That's pretty damned good for a guy in his 70's!

Yours truly managed to stay at my average for the first two games, still struggling with the lane conditions with games of 188 and 182. Then the lanes changed just enough to allow me to actually throw "my shot", for the first time all year!! The result, 226! The research and discussion of updating my ball is still in progress. My bowling guru gave me some sound advice, but I will ponder it for a while. More on his words of wisdom in a minute.

We actually lost game one despite Lee's 259 by a score of 1204 to 1091. I have to be honest I really thought we were in trouble. But, three of their guys took a nose-dive in game two and Lee came up with his 276, good enough to lead us to a 1120 to 1032 win. In game three, everyone on their team dropped bowling well under their average except for on 210. My 226, Lee's 223 and Mark's 199 paved the way for an 1120 to 980 win.

Nice team effort again. All we can do is keep on rolling like this. If we keep taking 5 points every week something good is bound to come of it.

Getting back to my bowling guru, he basically told me that all bowling houses are being forced to go to PBA style oil patterns. They are being told if they want their leagues sanctioned they must follow this direction. The main reason is a very interesting statistic he shared with me.

In 1963 there were 4.5 million sanctioned bowlers in the United States. That year there were 636 – 300 games bowled. In 2007 there are 2.0 million sanctioned bowlers. And there have already been 50,000 – 300 games!!! To the USBC, that's way too many. The reason is not because as he so eloquently put it, "all of the world's best bowlers were born in the last thirty years." The reason is technology and equipment. Today's technology beats the alleys. So, they want that changed, hence, the order to upgrade the oil patterns.

One final thing. The league requires the last three weeks of the season to be paid way ahead of time. Lee and I spoke to Andy about this a few weeks ago, and he gave the impression that as long as we keep putting in extra money everything will be fine. However, the "Rules Document" got sent around last night with this rule highlighted in red, basically because lots of teams have not done it. I think we did enough last night to show good faith. We still have some money to pay. Here is the bottom line. We need \$300 extra in the pot SOON! Mark, Lee and myself all put in \$60 extra. I do believe Art, Chris and Bill threw in \$20 extra each. That puts us at \$240, \$60

short of the mark. Let's try go get this done next week if we can. If whoever pays does not bowl all of those last three weeks we'll get the money back to you.

## The FUN Stuff

### Sound Advice

*Art:*

Before I left to go in the Navy, my dad told me to watch where I put two things. He said, "watch where you put your signature, and watch where you put your thing!"

### The right hole

*Art made some crack about Mark always having a smart-ass remark.*

**Pete:** Hey he learned from the best

**Art:** You know what they say about the apple

**Pete:** Yep

**Art:** But you know, he wouldn't be here if I didn't find the right hole when I was with his mother.

### Yahoo

*Art:*

One of the first times I was ever with my wife, she let out this loud "Yahoo, Yahoo, Yahoo!"

I said, "What's that some new language letting me know how good it is?"

She said, "**no you asshole, that's the wrong hole!**"

### Bill's Line of the Week

*I'm going to give myself this reward for the first time all year.*

**Art:** Have you ever heard of the Sichalees Islands?

**Mark:** The what?

**Art:** The Sichalees Islands.

**Mark:** I don't know them.

**Art:** You've never heard of the Sichalees Islands?

**Mark:** I have no idea what you're talking about.

**Pete:** I'm pretty sick of these islands too!!

***And that's Bill's Line of the Week!***

***The END!!***

### Lineups

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

11/9: Mark, Lee, Pete, Bill, Chris

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