

Manibusan, Aguilar claim maiden King & Prince Titles

The February edition of the Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes produced exciting matches from the onset of the championship as Ray Manibusan and Erwin Aguilar were crowned with the respective titles.

Manibusan rose from 4th seed to defeat both top seed Joey Miranda III and 2nd seed Duane Camacho in the final and semi-final round. Manibusan edged Miranda in an exciting finals match as lead changed hands in four occasions until Manibusan struck in the 10th frame for a double connecting on the foundation frame to seal the victory with a 206-198 set. In the semi-final round, Manibusan ousted 2nd seed Camacho in the same manner for a 194-176 victory while Miranda struck out in the last frame to edge out 5th seed Dante Godoy in a strike fest with a 243-233 win.

The quarter final round also provided suspense as Godoy was forced to strike out in the tenth frame to get past 7th seed JD Castro 232-225 while Manibusan was able to overcome a slow start to beat out his daughter and 9th seed Teliann San Nicolas 216 to 183+3 to advance to the semi-

final round.

In the first elimination round, San Nicolas used all three pins of her handicap to squeak by 3rd seed Jim Pinaula 166+3 pins to 167 while Manibusan ousted 8th seed Brian Manibusan 220-204. Godoy eliminated 10th seed Greg Borja 203-191 while JD Castro blasted through 6th seed Ray San Nicolas 201-136.

Joey Miranda III led all qualifiers with a 1238 total on the tight playing short oil pattern. Miranda bowled a 238 fifth game which allowed him to retake possession of pole position from Camacho who finished second with an 1199 six game set joining Miranda for the two round byes. Mid series leader Jim Pinaula was unable to sustain pole position falling to 3rd place with an 1161 total followed by Ray Manibusan 1112, Dante Godoy 1075, Ray San Nicolas 1044, JD Castro 1039, Brian Manibusan 992, Teliann San Nicolas 983 and Greg Borja's 969 rounded off the top ten who proceeded to the elimination rounds.

Erwin Aguilar was finally able to hoist a championship trophy as he picked two of the three remaining pins on the fill frame during the finals match to defeat 3rd seed Leody Ersando by a one pin margin

174+24 to 168+29.

Aguilar took early control of the game with a double. However, Ersando was able to come within striking distance all the way to the final frame as his consistent stroke fell short of a victory. Aguilar also won a doozie in the semi-final match edging out 7th seed Bou Kyung Jung 146+24 to 135+33 while Ersando dropped 2nd seed Von Cabral 175+29 to 122+26 to set up the finals match.

In the quarter final match Jung mowed down 10th seed Roy Duenas 162+33 to 145+12 while Ersando ousted 8th seed Arlene Taitague 188+29 to 174+25.

Early exits by high seeds were the menu for the first elimination round in the Prince Division as 10th seed Roy Duenas moved to round two with a 192+12 to 136+24 win over 5th seed Kennedy Robinson, 7th seed Bou Kyung Jung showed 6th seed Maddison Willis the exit sign winning her match 167+33 to 159+27, and 8th seed

Arlene Taitague wrapped up her match with a 181+25 to 160+24 set over 4th seed Shannon Bukikosa. The only higher seed bowler to advance was 3rd seed Leody Ersando who narrowly escaped by 9th seed Paul Kaneshiro 194+29 to 181+35.

Erwin Aguilar held on throughout the six game set for the top post edging out Von Cabral 1140 to 1132 in the qualifier. Leody Ersando finished in third place with a 1092 set followed by Shannon Bukikosa 1079, Kennedy Robinson 1072, Maddison Willis 1058, Bou Kyung Jun 1057, Arlene Taitague 1053, Paul Kaneshiro 1030 and Roy Duenas' 1005 rounding off the top ten.

The next Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at Central Lanes Bowling Center, Tamuning at 11:00 a.m.



Valencia Takes February Bowling Title



Last Sunday Nestor Valencia won the February Senior Bowler of the month over Ray Manibusan with a 205-193 with handicap. Ironically it was the second year in a row that February has been good to Valencia.

The 20 person field had problems with the fresh oil pattern with Rudy Palaganas leading the pack after the 6 game qualifier. In bracket one of the shootout rounds, 10th seed Ruben Torres got past former champions 8th seed Buddy Saludo and 9th seed Dave Fejeran. The second bracket was much closer as 5th seed Manibusan took a two-pin victory over 6th seed veteran Jhun Viray and 7th seed January champ Jim Pinaula.

In the quarterfinals 3rd seed Valencia was victorious over

Torres 196-182 with handicap. Meantime Manibusan upset 4th seed Zaldy Ponce 194-167. The semi-finals saw no nail biters as Manibusan upset lefty top seed Palaganas 218-154. Former champion and #2 seed Norison Catbagan was also knocked out by Valencia 180-166.

This set up the final match as both Valencia and Manibusan struggled to connect in the early frames. But an open frame by Manibusan coupled with a critical double by Valencia sealed the victory, the first place prize money, and a handsome hand made wooden trophy as a victory reminder.

The next monthly tournament will be held 11AM Sunday, March 18th at Central Lanes. This event is open to all bowlers aged 50 or will be 50 by December 31st of this year.

PERFECT GAMES & HIGH GAMES

Congratulations to the following bowlers for their High Scores during the months of February and January 2012:

Perfect Games:

Timothy Nauta

Bud Light Monday Night League 300

Albert Dela Cruz

Budweiser Tuesday Night League 300

Brian Manibusan

Budweiser Tuesday Night League 300

Rick Ada Sr.

Bud Light Friday Night League 300

High Series Men: **Jim Pinaula** 782

High Game Women: **Amber San Agustin** 289

High Series Women: **Amber San Agustin** 651

Bowling Calendar

All Events listed are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center:

03 Mar 2012

Guam Youth Bowler of the Month 2012

04 Mar 2012

Asian Senior Bowling Championship 2013 Qualifier

18 Mar 2012

Guam Senior Bowler of the Month

25 Mar 2012

Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes

01 Apr 2012

Guam Senior Bowler of the Month

07 Apr 2012

Guam Youth Bowler of the Month 2012

14 Apr 2012

2012 Guam High Schools Spring Tournament

15 Apr 2012

Asian Senior Bowling Championship 2013 Qualifier

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