Tenpin Rap Bowling Column

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SPOTLIGHT ON…BRADY WEILAMANN

It’s time to give kudos to our youth bowlers once again!

Brady Weilamann, 17, has been bowling for nearly 13 years now. This Warren Hill Regional High School Senior not only posted a perfect game, but did this in the county’s 60th Annual Edith A Kinney youth tournament. This was good enough to put him in second place handicap singles at 685 but first in Division A All Events, which is always scratch scores only, his being 2087 for nine games, nearly a 233 average.

After graduation he plans on attending Penn State Berks, and after the first two years, transferring to its main campus with a concentration in Workforce Education and Development.

Going back to his early bowling, he started in junior leagues at Skylanes, East Stroudsburg, PA. Through the years he has been coached by Larry Seacrest at Steel City Bowl and Brews, Bethlehem, PA along with Greg Tack and Randy Case.

That must have worked, as he has posted a high sanctioned series of 807, this at Blue Valley Lanes in PA with the Junior Traveling League. This wasn’t even his first 800; that one was at Steel City the prior week. He credits Seacrest with working on ways to stay calm, part by imaging a shot before it was thrown. Brady needed two strikes to get to the 800, and finished with 805. He used a Motiv black venom for one 800 and a Motiv Venom Shock drilled by Lee Sandt at Lee’s BowlerX pro shopfor the other. “Lee drills all my equipment.” Brady is also, akin to EJ Tackett, attached to the Motiv brand. His spare ball is a plastic Motiv Laser Sniper.

His leagues encompass Steel City, the Lehigh Valley Traveling League and Oakwood Lanes, so don’t think he is “another house bowler.” His averages range from 219 to 224 to 228, his highest being 234.

Of his biggest bowling achievements, he cited finishing 6th in the singles tournament in high school. His senior year was his best…so far.

In summation, Brady thanked his parents, Kevin and Danielle for taking him to tournament and funding his equipment. He also praises the people at Skylanes and Oakwood Lanes who helped him start his bowling career, and more currently, “The people at Steel City and Bowler X. And finally, I thank Larry (Seacrest) for all he’s done for me in the past year or so. Without him I wouldn’t be doing this well in bowling.”

The best thing I found about Brady was his being humble and so very down-to-earth. Thank you.

**TOURNAMENT NOTICES**

The county has been hosting many Spring tournaments, each offering fun, fellowship, and of course prize money. Check the county website for all the details and entry forms. https://www.morriscountynjusbc.com/index.htm

**Eighth Annual Doubles Tournament:** Today completes the weekend of the Morris County Doubles Tournament. I need to give props to Dennis Smith, his family and staff, for the beautiful remodeling that has been done to this 12-lane center. It is a pleasure to bowl there. Further, whether you bowl well or not, in addition to the varietal menu in the snack bar, you can go across the street and enjoy comfort food at the ice cream stand.

**Queens/Princess Tournament:** Boonton Lanes, Sunday, June 2.

**67th Annual Champion of Champions Tournament, an invitational open to all first-place teams from Morris County sanctioned leagues for 2023-24 season and summer 2023 leagues.** Saturday and Sunday, June 22 and 23.

**NINTH ANNUAL MIXED CHARITY TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE BOWLERS TO VETERANS LINK (BVL)** Sunday, July 14 Sparta Lanes. Squad times 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Doubles and Singles. This is a most fun tournament, in addition to being the county’s fundraiser for the Bowlers to Veterans Link. Their spokesman, Johnny Petraglia, along with the Brunswick Corporation, has donated two new bowling balls for the event.

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