

National Team members prepare for World Men's Championship

SEVERAL of Guam's top bowlers will be competing in the upcoming World Men's Championship, which will be held in Busan, Korea from August 29 through September 9, 2006.

Guam will be represented by a mixture of veterans and newcomers. Making their return to the Guam National team are 40-year-old veteran Manny Tagle, the current Guam International Open champion and multi-medalist in the Far East and Asian Intercity Championship, and 34-year-old Frank Russo, who is also a multi-medalist in the Far East and Asian Intercity Championships.

Tagle's last stint with the Guam National Team was in 1996 where he competed in the Asian Championships in Taipei, Taiwan. During that time, Russo represented the island in the 2003 East Asian Championship on Guam. Included in the veteran roster are the current mainstays of the National Team, including 2001 East Asian Games bronze medalist Joey Miranda III and 2000 East Asian Championship bronze medalist Jay Leon Guerrero. The team will be supported by new members JD Castro and debutant Charlie Catbagan. Castro will be competing in his second World Championship while Catbagan replaces Keith Guerrero who bowed out of the championship.

The team is headed by the former Philippine National Team Coach Johnson Cheng alongside his sister, Nena Yap, who will be the manager of the team. Cheng has been instrumental in ensuring the participation of the team in the championship. He has been assisting the Guam Bowling Congress programs since 1996.

Cheng, Yap and Russo arrived Busan on Sunday, August 27, 2006 while the rest of the team will be leaving Guam on Tuesday, August 29 via Korean Airlines. Updates will be posted on this website.



TEAM GUAM at the opening ceremony



Castro wins Bud King bowlfest

JD CASTRO had two hard-fought victories on his way to winning his first Budweiser King of the Lanes monthly championship of the year. In the finals, Castro out struck Jay Leon Guerrero by connecting on nine of twelve strikes. Leon Guerrero, on the other hand, was only able to muster eight in a row en route to a 266-258 win. In Castro's semi-final match, he toppled Charlie Catbagan 209-207. In the other semi-final round, Top seed Leon Guerrero easily defeated fifth seed Ricky Duenas (245-178) which set up the finals match.

Both National Team members showed their agility on the 41' simulation lane pattern for the upcoming Men's World Championship with Leon Guerrero outscoring the qualifying field on a 236 average and bowling games of 224, 183, 234, 267, 255 and 258 for a total of 1421. Castro finished second with a 1,336 total (222 average) while Catbagan's 1,301 total placed him in third. Buddy Saludo finished with a 1,270 total, followed by Duenas (1,240), Melvin Javier (1,203), Eric Roberto (1,195), Zaldy Ponce (1,186), Kevin Christianson (1,185) with Joe Cruz rounding off the top ten with a 1,158 total.

With the win, Castro joins defending champion Joey Miranda III, three time-monthly winner Manny Tagle, Keith Guerrero, John Bouwens, RJ Santos and Jesse Eyoel as automatic entries for the year end finals. Having completed eight months in the year-long event, Keith Guerrero continues to lead the points standings with 119 while Tagle holds on to second with 109. Castro jumps from 8th to 3rd with 81 points followed by Bouwens (60), Eric Roberto (47), Jesse Eyoel (43), Brent Tibbatts (39), Duane Camacho (37), Zaldy Ponce (36), Ricky Duenas (34), Brian Manibusan (33), Bill Parkinson (31), Virgil Toledo (31), John John Ada (30), Joey Laguana (25) with Jay Leon Guerrero's 25 points rounding off the top 16.

The next Budweiser King of the Lanes will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.



JD Castro

Calip, Prince of the Lanes

IT WAS A DAY for second seeds emerging as the monthly champion for the Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes.

Luke Calip completed the second seed sweep with a Prince of the Lanes finals victory of 171+49 to 170+22 over top seed Albert Sagun in the semi-finals round. Sagun outpinned Timothy Nauta 163+22 to 154+29 while Calip defeated 2005 Champion Eddie Esteban 171+49 to 165+34.

Sagun led all bowlers in the qualifying stage with a 1,346 total including 132 pins of handicap with Calip in second on a total of 1,330 (294 handicap). Esteban placed third on 1322 pins (204 handicap) followed by Noel Ponseca 1,273 (96), John Reyes 1,263 (114), Nauta 1,253 (174), Romy Dela Paz 1,233 (162), Mike Baleto 1,232 (96), Arlene Taitague 1,222 (216) with Art Acosta capping of the top ten with a 1,207 total (120 handicap).

Calip's win qualifies him for the year-end finals along with defending champion Eddie Esteban, Art Acosta, Timothy Nauta, Noel Ponseca, Art Beltran, Arlene Taitague and twotime monthly winner Albert Sagun.

Sagun leads the year long points stats with 1,35 followed by Acosta (80), Nauta (79), Ponseca (69), Beltran (56), Ryan Batac (56), Calip (52), Esteban (50), Chris Santos (48), Rick Torres (48), Rosen Miguel (38), Alex Uy (37), Arlene Taitague (35), Conrado Bascos (34), Shellee Jayler (29) with Tony Quiugua's 23 points rounding off the top 16.

The next Budweiser Prince of the Lanes will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Lujan rides top seed to Senior Victory

TOP SEED Doris Lujan used a 47-8 point handicap advantage to claim her maiden championship in the monthly hosting of the Central Lanes Senior Bowler of the month. She edged out 2nd seed Roland Ponce 194-181.

Lujan struggled through most of the game but a split in the final stanza by Ponce gave her new hope as she struck and spared in the tenth frame to seal the victory. With the win, Lujan earns an automatic berth to the year-end finals along with Rudy Palaganas, Art Beltran, Joe Bamba and Ernie Villarin.

Lujan earned the top post with a 1,370 six game total including 276 pins of handicap with Ponce earning the second seed on a 1,356 total with 48 pin handicap. Romy Dela Paz qualified in third position with a 1,304 total followed by Jun Director 1,277, Joe Murphy 1,239, Edgar Caper 1,226, Hemes Maravilla 1,213, Cindy Reyes 1,208, Amado Guzman 1,194 and Henry Terfaje's 1,174 rounding off the top ten.

The next Senior Bowler of the Lanes will be held on September 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

Hawaiian Rock Products Inc. wins Bud Light Monday Night Bowling League title

HAWAIIAN Rock Products Inc. defeated Chagi Este 2-1 during the final position round of the Bud Light Monday Night League on August 28, 2006 at the Central Lanes Bowling Center to win the 2005-2006 league championship. Hawaiian Rock Products Inc. team is composed of Roland Ponce, Romy Acda, Jun Director, Albert Dela Cruz, Melvin Javier, Alan Vitug and Art Salazar while the Chagi Este team consist of Brian Manibusan, Joey Laguana, Manny Tagle, John John Ada, JD Castro and Timothy Nauta. For their efforts, Hawaiian Rock Products Inc will be rewarded the first place prize of \$1,000 while Chagi Este received the second place prize of \$600.

Unity Development Corporation (UDC) beat out Kul Ka Lang 3-1 to finish in third place while allowing Killer Bs to move up a spot in fourth, dropping Kul Ka Lang to fifth place. UDC bowlers include Keith Guerrero, Joey Miranda III, Shellee Javier, Bryan Chang, Arlan Aquino and Jay Leon Guerrero. Killer Bs roster includes Brent Tibbatts, Aaron Elliott, Charles Baker, Rosen Miguel, Joel Santos, Roland Santos and Mike Baleto while Kul Ka Lang is represented by Ernie Villarin, Roger Abarca, Ferdie Cubacub, Albert Sagun, Jun Barba and Art Gatmen. UDC receives \$400 for third place while Killer Bs takes home \$300 and Kul Ka Lang \$200.

Jay Leon Guerrero out bowled Brian Manibusan on the last day of the 32-week schedule to win the Men's A Division with a high average on an aggregate score of 216.11. John Reyes claimed the B division title with a 196.64 average. Tim Nauta's 188.89 was the highest C division average while Pan Perry and Marie Baker won the Women's A and B divisions respectively with averages of 191.79 and 158.88.

The next league season will begin on September 11, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.



Hawaiian Rock Products wins the Bud Light Monday Night League champions team members.



Luke Calip



Doris Lujan



UNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION members finish third place.

Asian Intercity Bowling Championship qualifying rounds news

Catbagan bowls perfect game in AIBC Guam qualifier



CHARLIE Catbagan

EIGHTEEN-year-old Charlie Catbagan bowled the first perfect game of the Asian Intercity Bowling Championship Guam qualifying rounds last August 6, 2006 on lanes 27 and 28 at the Central Lanes Bowling Center. Catbagan completed the 12 consecutive strike 300 game during the second game of the third qualifying week using the Storm Trifecta bowling ball. With his perfect game, Catbagan finished the eight game qualifier in 101 pins over par for a 1701 total, 212.9 average and a fourth place outing.

Guerrero tops QR week five

KEITH GUERRERO topped all qualifiers during the fifth week of qualifying rounds for the right to represent Guam in the 20th Asian Intercity Bowling Championship. Guerrero's eight game line includes a score of 234, 237, 289, 181, 199, 201 and 202 for a 1,781 total (222.6 average) - four pins better than Jay Leon Guerrero whose eight game set of 24, 205, 214, 247, 224, 185 and 234 totaled 1,777 pins (222.1 average).

JD Castro finished third with a 1,690 total followed by Brian Manibusan and John Bouwens (1,673) with Manny Tagle and Charlie Catbagan's 1,651 totals placing a tie for sixth and seventh amongst the thirteen qualifier. Dante Godoy followed in eighth place on a total of 1,571 with Eric Roberto following suit on 1,540 pins while Buddy Saludo (1,537), John Reyes (1,509), Rey Zialcita (1,508) and Virgil Toledo (1,504) complete the list of qualifiers.

In the women's division, Marie Velasco beat all her opponents with a 1,439 total followed by Arlene Taitague (1,386), Shannon Bukikosa (1,288) and Colleen Dela Cruz (1,164). The next qualifying round will be held on September 10, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.



KEITH Guerrero

Leon Guerrero takes over top spot



JAY Leon Guerrero

DESPITE finishing second during the week five qualifier, Jay Leon Guerrero assumed the top qualifying position. His 1,777 total was enough to bolster his average past idle Joey Miranda III and week five top qualifier Keith Guerrero. After five weeks of competition, Leon Guerrero's 211 average leads the pack with Guerrero edging Miranda 209.3 to 209. John Bouwens stays in fourth place with a 205.4 average followed by Charlie Catbagan 204.7, Manny Tagle 197.8, Brian Manibusan 197, JD Castro 191, Buddy Saludo 189.9, Eric Roberto 186.9, Virgil Toledo 178.6, and John Reyes 176.6, rounds off the top 12.

Marie Velasco continues to increase her lead in the women's division, with a 170.5 average followed by Shannon Bukikosa (164.5), Arlene Taitague (162.8), and Colleen Dela Cruz (144).

Senior Bowlers Golden Club elects new leaders

THE GUAM SENIOR Bowlers Golden Club elected their new officials for a two-year term effective August 20, 2006. Alan Damian takes the helm of the organization succeeding Joe Mafnas as the duly elected president. Felice Meeks shall serve as the first vice president with Buddy Saludo serving as the second vice president and tournament director. Cindy Reyes was voted as secretary with Frances Meno re-elected as treasurer and Helen Charfauros as the auditor. Board of directors include Joe Pangelinan, Toni Sablan, Bill Meeks, Tony Cruz, Rick Muna, Henry Terfaje and Joe Tudela.

Upcoming Events:

- Qualifying Rounds** for the 20th Asian Intercity Bowling Championship will continue on September 10 and 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.
- Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association Bowling League** (GHRA) will begin a new season on September 10, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center. Interested members of the GHRA may contact Joey Miranda III at 646-7950.
- Bud Light Monday Night Mixed League** will begin a new season on September 11, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center. This is a five-person team format and the first place purse is \$1,000. Call Joey Miranda III at 646-7950 for inquiries.
- Budweiser King and Prince of the Lanes** will be held on September 17, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.
- Budweiser Tuesday Night Mixed League** will begin a new season on September 18, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center. This is a five-person team format with a first place purse of \$1,000.00. Call Bert Ramirez at 472-8993 for inquiries.
- Senior Bowler of the Lanes** will be held on September 24, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.
- 5th Guam International Open** will be held from October 21-November 4, 2006. Information pamphlets are available at the Central Lanes Bowling Center.