

2014 DIDDY WATTS YOUTH STATE SINGLES CHALLENGE

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Welcome to the 2014 Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Challenge (formerly State Scratch Tournament) and now referred to as the "DW Challenge". This event was renamed after Diddy Watts from San Fernando Valley, who lost her battle with cancer in 2012. Diddy was very dedicated to serving all youth bowlers and would stop at nothing to ensure that the youth received the knowledge, support and encouragement that proved to be valuable both on and off the lanes. This tournament will forever be held in her honor.



Diddy Watts
1946-2012



TOURNAMENT FORMAT

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The Diddy Watts Youth State Singles challenge has morphed into the pinnacle of youth bowling in California. Continuing the momentum from last year, bowlers were given automatic berths in the Semi-Finals based on their 1st place finish in the following tournaments:

- California Pepsi Youth Bowling Championships - District Finals
- California Youth State Championships - All-Events, Singles, Queens & Masters and Prince & Princess
- 2013 Diddy Watts Youth State Singles Challenge

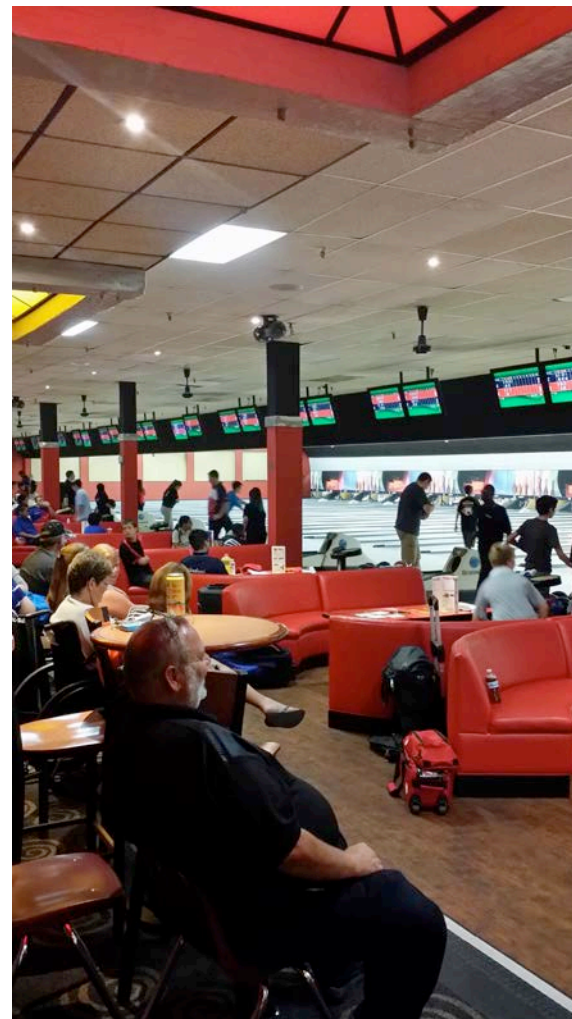
Bowlers that did not qualify through any of these events were given the opportunity to advance through regional qualifiers held at:

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| Strikes Unlimited - Rocklin | ● | 4 th Street Bowl - San Jose |
| Winnetka Bowl - Winnetka | ● | Keystone Lanes - Norwalk |
| Surf Bowl - Oceanside | ● | Westminster Lanes - Westminster |
| AMF Visalia Lanes - Visalia | | |

THREE DIVISIONS: BOYS SCRATCH, GIRLS SCRATCH & HANDICAP

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Semi-Finals



Saturday, August 16 at 1pm

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A total of 60 bowlers took to the lanes to earn a spot into Sunday's Double Elimination Finals. Both the Semis and Finals were bowled on the very challenging Kegel pattern, Highway to... well I won't say where the highway led to, but I will say that it was to a "not so pleasant" place. Semi-Finalists bowled 5 games to earn one of 8 spots in each of the three divisions for the finals. The pattern lived up to its name, as we only had 9 games (out of a possible 300) above the 200 game mark.

The Handicap division was led by Andrei Tacorda with a handicap score of 985. Only 67 pins behind was Colton Moorehead with a score of 918. The remaining qualifiers were Dylan Sager, Emily Cauble, Zach Greim, Noah Tervalon, Angeline Rojo and Jennifer Loreda.

In the Girls Scratch division, Ashley Dunn dominated the field with a score of 972. Not only did she lead her division, but she also had the highest scratch series of all the semi-finalists. A whopping 117 pins behind Ashley was Stephanie Zavala with a score of 855. Following Stephanie were Monique Trujillo, Rebekah Medina, Julia Frias, Christina Fisher, Amaree Durfee and Krysten Martinez.

Last, but not least, the Boys Scratch division was very tight, as only 53 pins separated 1st from 8th and many spots varying less than 10 pins. James Knapp edged out Terrence Robinson for the top spot by 11 pins with a score of 893. A mere 3 pins behind Terrence was Joshua Hawkins followed by Zack Long, Kyle Andrews, Ralph Ramirez, Kennison Andrews and Devon Valdez.

After the smoke cleared and emotions settled, a total of 24 bowlers were told they would have to get some rest and prepare to take on the lanes, and their opponents, bright and early in the morning. Spares and pin count proved to be the key to success, as the difference between 8th and 9th place was only 1 pin in Girls Scratch, 2 pins in Boys Scratch and 10 pins in Handicap. Let that be a reminder...if you don't strike, make sure you get the spare! With the finalists now determined, bowlers (and parents) were encouraged to enjoy the evening in Visalia and return to the bowling center at 8am Sunday...

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Finals



Sunday, August 17, 2014

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Handicap Mini Biography

<u>Name</u>	<u>High Game</u>	<u>High Series</u>	<u>Bowling Center</u>
Andrei Tacorda	267	668	Strikes Unlimited
Colton Moorehead	266	596	Morgan Hill Bowl
Dylan Sager	289	632	Homestead Bowl
Emily Cauble	240	600	Oak Tree Lanes
Zach Greim	211	526	Poway Fun Bowl
Noah Tervalon	224	500	Morgan Hill Bowl
Angeline Rojo	235	610	Surf Bowl
Jennifer Loreda	238	618	CSU Fresno State Lanes



Andrei Tacorda, Dylan Sager, Emily Cauble, Zach Greim, Jennifer Loreda, Angeline Rojo, Noah Tervalon, Colton Moorehead

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Girls Scratch Mini Biography

<u>Name</u>	<u>High Game</u>	<u>High Series</u>	<u>Bowling Center</u>
Ashley Dunn	300	796	Brunswick Vista Lanes
Stephanie Zavala	298	694	Keystone Lanes
Monique Trujillo	286	720	Action Lanes
Rebekah Medina	267	690	Surf Bowl
Julia Frias	279	750	Winnetka Bowl
Christina Fisher	267	721	Stars Recreation Center
Amaree Durfee	268	698	Fireside Lanes
Krysten Martinez	299	697	AMF Visalia Lanes



Krysten Martinez, Amaree Durfee, Christina Fisher, Julia Frias, Rebekah Medina, Monique Trujillo, Stephanie Zavala, Ashley Dunn

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Boys Scratch Mini Biography

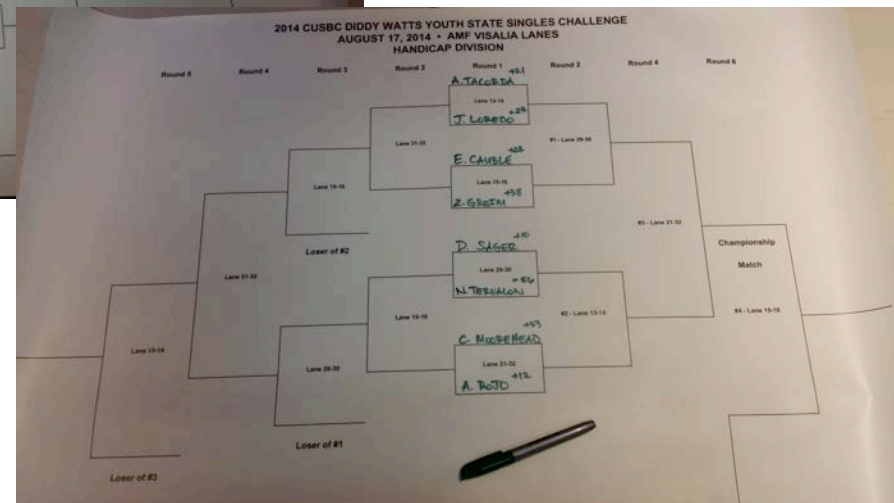
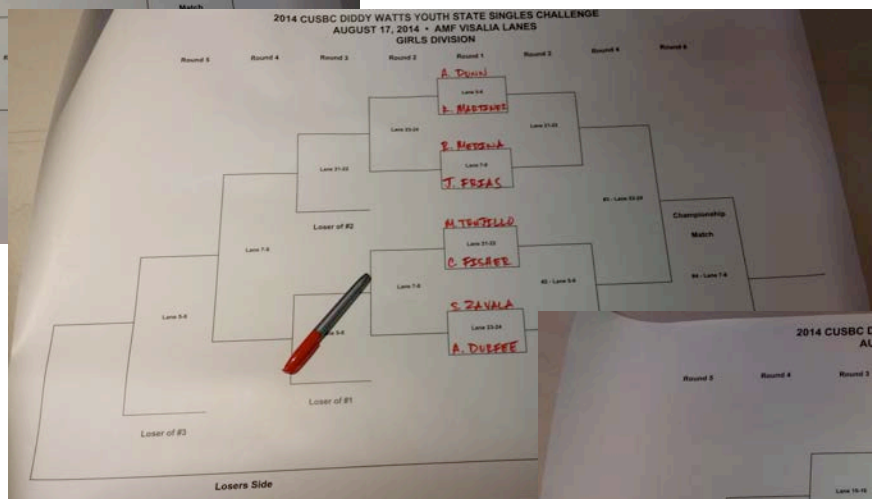
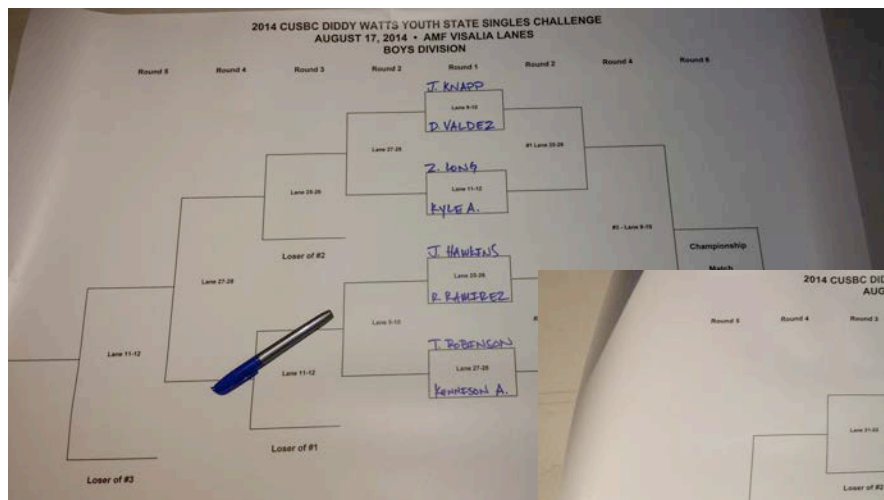
Name	High Game	High Series	Bowling Center
James Knapp	300	770	Mission Hills Bowl
Terrence Robinson	300	767	Brunswick Cal Oaks Bowl
Joshua Hawkins	290	751	Morgan Hill Bowl
Zack Long	300	728	Regency Lanes
Kyle Andrews	300	767	Surf Bowl
Ralph Ramirez	300	790	Oak Tree Lanes
Kennison Andrews	300	779	Surf Bowl
Devon Valdez	299	684	Corbin Bowl



Devon Valdez, Kennison Andrews, Ralph Ramirez, Kyle Andrews, Zack Long, Joshua Hawkins, Terrence Robinson, James Knapp

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Final Results



All Finalists will be earning Scholarships - Held with USBC SMART Acct #10717

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AUGUST 17, 2014 — DOUBLE ELIMINATION FINALS: The bowlers arrived early Sunday morning and enjoyed a treat (Donuts courtesy of Tom Leigh) before taking to the lanes for their elimination matches. We use a single game, double elimination bracket for the finals, which means each bowler had to lose 2 games to be eliminated from the tournament. Having "mastered" the pattern the day before, everyone appeared anxious to take on their opponents and remain on the Winners side of the bracket for as long as possible. This year's finals was quite exciting as all 3 of our undefeated finalists were challenged to a second match to determine the champions.

In the Handicap division, Emily Cauble breezed through the bracket, winning all three of her matches, which gave her mind and body time to rest up and see who she would meet in the championship match. Her opponent would be Jennifer Loreda. Jennifer had a much longer journey. After losing her first match, she won the next 4 in a row to meet Emily in the finals. With both bowlers receiving 24 pins of handicap, the final match was scratch. In the first game, Jennifer beat Emily 188-154 (including hdcp) which forced an additional game. After moving pairs, both Emily and Jennifer seemed to struggle. The tension was felt both in the crowd and in the match, as the winner would not be determined until the final frame. Jennifer was able to claim the title, defeating Emily 159-157.

The girls scratch division was no walk in the park either. Fourth place qualifier Rebekah Medina was our undefeated competitor. Her opponent in the final match would turn out to be Monique Trujillo, who she had sent to the loser's bracket in the prior round. Monique entered the match with a determined confidence which helped her win the first game 180-160. The bowlers moved a pair to the left and contested game 2. Much like in the handicap division, it was not clear who would win this match. There was no shortage of clutch spares, fortunate strikes and unfortunate open frames, however after a late open frame by Rebekah and a key mark for Monique, it became evident that Monique was going to win the tournament, and she did with a score of 167-146.

Lastly in the Boys Scratch division, James Knapp had no trouble avoiding elimination to remain undefeated. His opponent, Terrence Robinson, had to win 3 straight matches, after losing his second match, to make it to the finals. After game 1, it was beginning to look like being undefeated was a jinx as Terrence handily won 211-135. James would not take defeat laying down, bowling in one of his last tournaments as a youth bowler. He rebounded and defeated Terrence 197-165 to be the only person to remain undefeated all day!

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Handicap



* All Scores after round 1 include handicap



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Girls Scratch

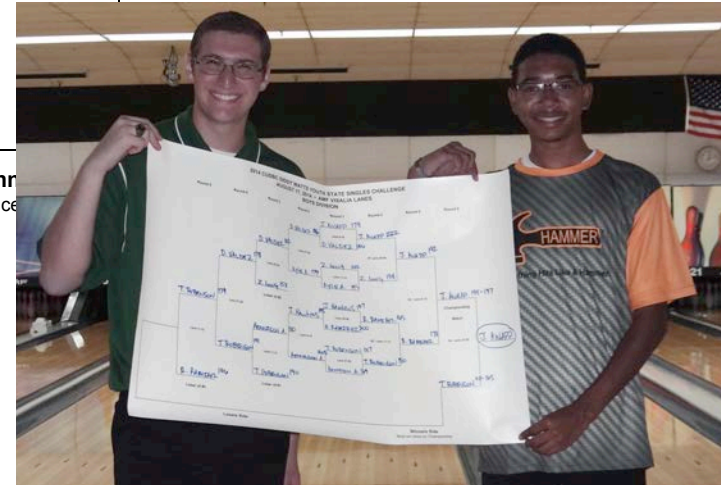


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Boys Scratch



- 1 James Knapp
- 2 Terrence Robinson
- 3 Ralph Ramirez
- 4 Devon Valdez
- 5-6 Zach Long
- 5-6 Kennison Andrews
- 7-8 Kyle Andrews
- 7-8 James Hawkins



Must win twice

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Thanks to a generous donation by the California Youth Committee and proceeds from bowling ball and opportunity raffles, we were able to award \$4,450 in scholarships this year. Thanks to Bob Scherzberg (Pro shop inside Winnetka Bowl) and Lynn Matsubara for donating bowling balls to our raffle. Below are the final scholarship payouts by division.

HANDICAP DIVISION

1	Jennifer Loreda	CSU Fresno	\$ 350.00
2	Emily Cauble	Oak Tree Lanes	\$ 300.00
3	Noah Tervalon	Morgan Hill Bowl	\$ 250.00
4	Dylan Sager	Homestead Bowl	\$ 200.00
5-6	Andrei Tacorda	Strikes Unlimited	\$ 150.00
5-6	Colton Moorehead	Morgan Hill Bowl	\$ 150.00
7-8	Zach Greim	Poway Fun Bowl	\$ 125.00
7-8	Angeline Rojo	Surf Bowl	\$ 125.00
			\$ 1,650.00

GIRLS SCRATCH DIVISION

1	Monique Trujillo	Action Lanes	\$ 300.00
2	Rebekah Medina	Surf Bowl	\$ 250.00
3	Stephanie Zavala	Keystone Lanes	\$ 200.00
4	Ashley Dunn	BRC Vista Lanes	\$ 150.00
5-6	Krysten Martinez	AMF Visalia Lanes	\$ 125.00
5-6	Christina Fisher	Stars Recreation	\$ 125.00
7-8	Julia Frias	Winnetka Bowl	\$ 100.00
7-8	Amaree Durfee	Fireside Lanes	\$ 100.00
			\$ 1,350.00

BOYS SCRATCH DIVISION

1	James Knapp	Mission Hills Bowl	\$ 325.00
2	Terrence Robinson	BRC Cal Oaks Bowl	\$ 275.00
3	Ralph Ramirez	Oak Tree Lanes	\$ 225.00
4	Devon Valdez	Corbin Bowl	\$ 175.00
5-6	Zach Long	Regency Lanes	\$ 125.00
5-6	Kennison Andrews	Surf Bowl	\$ 125.00
7-8	Kyle Andrews	Surf Bowl	\$ 100.00
7-8	Joshua Hawkins	Morgan Hill Bowl	\$ 100.00
			\$ 1,450.00

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I would like to thank the bowlers, parents and spectators for participating in this year's event. The camaraderie between the bowlers and the appreciation from the parents made all the hard work worthwhile. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting each one of you, as it reminds me of when I used to bowl this event (Many...Many...Many years ago). I would like to give another special thanks to the California Youth Committee for donating \$1,500 to this year's scholarship fund!

I would also like to thank the staff and management at:

- **Strikes Unlimited - Rocklin**
- **4th Street Bowl - San Jose**
- **Winnetka Bowl - Winnetka**
- **Surf Bowl - Oceanside**
- **Keystone Lanes - Norwalk**
- **AMF Visalia Lanes - Visalia**

Please be sure to thank them, and any other center you compete in, as if it were not for them, we would not have a place to bowl. Until next time...

Good Luck... Good Bowling... and most importantly HAVE FUN!!!

- *Andre Eubanks, Tournament Director*

Always Remember...

*"The best bowlers come
from California!"*

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!