

## Hot Hand Giorgio Clinaz's Latest Win was a 'Butte'

### GIORGIO CLINAZ IS COMFORTABLY SETTLED

in Brigham City, Utah, where the spaces are wide and getting to a bowling tournament takes a whole lot of time. That's why his winning the Ringin' Ten Scratch Classic three states away in Butte, Montana, was significant. That and the fact that there were 266 entries at \$130 a pop, and his first-place check was for \$3,200.

If you find the name familiar, you should. Clinaz was the member of Webber International team that was forced to vacate its 2017 Intercollegiate Team Championship title because he had competed in a few PBA events before joining the Warriors.

While in Florida, he won some weekend events. He then moved to San Antonio, and traversing the length and breadth of Texas, won a few more, including a regional. Next came a job with Storm Products (working in R&D), and more titles, like the Idaho Open and the Treasure Valley Unlimited Swiss team tourney.

At Storm, boss Alex Hoskins designs balls, and, "I am the one who actually puts the pieces together, the weight block, the cover stock, and I'm part of the team that tries them on the lanes," Clinaz explains.

Of course, there's still the matter of locale, and Brigham City is certainly off the beaten path. "Going to Idaho can be a five-hour drive to any cities."

But then he remembers that "anything in Texas is eight hours away."

As for driving versus flying: "If it's 10 hours, I'll drive, but if it's a 12-hour drive, I'll fly there." On the other hand, "Flying can be complicated because equipment-wise, you cannot take as many bowling balls on the plane."

And even the Salt Lake City airport is more than an hour away.

Thus, "I haven't bowled a national stop in a while... It's more difficult to get off work and bowl national events," he says. "But I try to bowl as many regionals as I can in the area. And every other tournament they run around here."

Despite the challenges, Clinaz remains dead serious about bowling.

"One of my goals is to be player of the year in the region, the Northwest region or the West region. I would love to bowl regionals and be able to achieve that. It would be amazing."

For the former Team Venezuela member (he bowled with Amleto Monacelli), it would be more than amazing. It would be stupendous.

— Dennis Bergendorf



### Ramblin' Man

There are few stretches of the U.S. that Giorgio Clinaz hasn't traveled en route to a bowling tournament.