

# Lava Lanes Elite Classic

New to the Valley, an Elite Scratch League, that will hopefully become the envy of the area. Our intent is to start small and expand as necessary. The first year of the league will be the 2009-2010 season. We will have 10 teams (of 4) for the first year. Entering teams will be the first 10 Captain and co-captain members. From there, we will take signups to be “drafted” 2 weeks prior to the league start date. Each team will have a starting average of the Captain’s and co-captains average added together. Lowest total will have the first pick in the first round. After all rounds have picked, the 3 player totals will be added to determine draft order for the final round. The league will have 3 blocks of 11 weeks each. Each block will feature a different oil pattern (voted on by majority vote of the league). Options will be “house pattern”, all 5 PBA patterns, or a “modified” house pattern. There will be no cap, as drafting will enable teams to be equal. The biggest difference between this league and others will be the “added money”. The bigger the prize funds the bigger draw. This league is patterned after the 2 most successful leagues in California. Cost will most likely be \$20/week. We will need officers for Vice President and Sergeant at Arms. The league will be Thursday nights starting at 6:45 pm. 15 minutes of practice.

Check out the following link to Steve Cook’s Classic League. This is where we are going with this league. <http://www.stevecookclassic.com/>. Joe Melton bowled in this league and he says without a doubt, the best league EVER.

For those of you on the fence, please make the effort to get this going. You can always opt out later.

Things to consider:

- Once this league is set you will not be able to join the league (unless a vote to expand is held).
- Team Captains “own” the rights to the team. Be sure that this will not cause an issue in future seasons.
- Drafting criteria should include; average, patterns to be bowled on, personalities, drafting position, responsible, etc.

Sincerely,  
Randy R. Cochran  
Joe Melton