

ORLANDO – Roy Van Otten comes to International Bowl Expo to get a rest. The San Francisco proprietor said he spends seven days a week in his 16 lane Brentwood Bowl so a trip to Florida is a welcome respite.

Roy, who manages to do almost every job in his center despite an artificial leg, is proudest of his company party program.

“We do at least 50 a year,” he said. “Most will take at least eight lanes and include bowling plus food and beverage. We have at least 10 groups that will take the entire center.”

The nice thing about the parties, Roy explains, is that they don’t interfere with his league base.

“I always tell me leagues that they have their lanes and we won’t move them for any reason. We work the parties around the league schedule. Our leagues all bowl 32 to 34 weeks during the winter. The only short leagues we have is during the summer.”

Roy attended eight seminars in addition to the two day trade show which features more than 200 exhibitors.

Headquartered in Arlington, Texas, the 76-year-old Bowling Proprietors Association of America represents the business interests of bowling centers worldwide.

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