

On behalf of President Joan Romeo and the entire membership of the International Bowling Media Association we sincerely thank the BPAA for this opportunity to present our annual Writing Competition awards.

We all start out as bowlers. In time, some become professionals, international amateur stars, pro shop operators and proprietors. Some of us who love the sport elect to use our journalistic skills to write about bowling.

Long before there was an internet, bowling newspapers and magazines, as well as articles in major newspapers around the country and the world were a vital source of news and information about our sport, and great writers like Chuck Pezzano, Joe Lyou, John Jowdy, and Dick Evans and scores of others passionately wrote about our sport.

All of us as bowling writers sincerely appreciate proprietors who reserve a place in their centers for bowling publications.

Each year, bowling writers who are members of the IBMA are invited to enter the annual Writing Competition for a calendar year in five categories

PROFESSIONAL EDITORIAL

PROFESSIONAL FEATURE OR NEWS STORY

NON-PROFESSIONAL EDITORIAL

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NON-PROFESSIONAL NEWSLETTER

This year, we created a special recognition award for an individual who has a sincere passion for bowling and in particular the Professional Bowlers Association.

Although he is afflicted with cerebral palsy and has limited control of normal body functions, his mind is, as Dennis Bergendorf quoted in the April 2015 edition of the Bowlers Journal, "Sharp as a trap."

His love of the PBA has taken him to more than 100 PBA tournaments during a period spanning nearly 30 years. Although he is unable to bowl, he has been dubbed the PBA's official superfan, and was given an honorary PBA membership in 2001.

He has created a website in which he writes articles about the PBA, and there are very few individuals who know more about the PBA than our honoree.

Over the course of several months, he researched massive amounts of PBA tournament and player statistics, and compiled it all in a special PBA Media Guide which he published on his website.

This journalistic achievement is an amazing effort that could only be accomplished by someone who has had a genuine love of the PBA all of his life.

Because he is confined to a motorized wheelchair, travel for him is difficult and he cannot be with us today.

For his comprehensive and informative PBA Media Guide, the IBMA would like to present this Special Recognition Award to the PBA's number one fan Josh Hyde, Joshhydeb bowling.com

Accepting the award for Josh is PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby

PROFESSIONAL EDITORIAL

1st Place – *“Before the First Frame webcast shows stupidity of USBC Open Championships ball surface altering rule”* by Jeff Richgels, The 11th Frame.com

2nd Place – *“Time long past for USBC to certify Glenn Allison’s 900”* by Jeff Richgels. The 11th Frame.com

3rd Place tie – *“Why Limit Term of a Solid Leader?”* by Bob Johnson, Bowlers Journal International January, 2014

3rd Place tie – *“Proud to be a Bowler”* by Keith Hamilton, Bowlers Journal International February, 2014

PROFESSIONAL NEWS/FEATURE

1st Place – *“Sabatine on the mend after suffering a stroke”* – by Frances Piraino, The CNY Striker, December, 2014

2nd Place – *“Science shows why Jason Belmonte is becoming the Tiger Woods of bowling”* by Jeff Richgels, The 11th Frame.com

3rd Place tie – *“3 Perfect Bowling Days in Las Vegas”* by Bob Johnson, Bowlers Journal International, May, 2014

3rd Place tie – *“Biggest source of inequity in bowling is relatively unknown factor: lane topography”* by Jeff Richgels, The 11th Frame.com

NON-PROFESSIONAL EDITORIAL

1st Place – *“Regulating Bowling Equipment for Professionals”* by Josh Hyde, Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter, January 31, 2014

2nd Place – *“Is Bowling a Sport?”* by Josh Hyde, Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter, January 31, 2014

3rd Place – *“The USBC OC I will never forget”* by Brian Hirsch, Bowlers Journal International, May, 2014

NON-PROFESSIONAL NEWS/FEATURE

1st Place – *“Uncovering the Hidden Gems”* by Kevin Hong,
Seattle/Tacoma/Everett Bowling News, May, 2014

2nd Place – *“Bare Bones Bowling in Boston”* by Kevin Hong,
Seattle/Tacoma/Everett Bowling News, August, 2014

3rd Place – *“Lindon Memorial Youth Challenge Springs Forth from a Tragic Fire”* by
Pete Atkeson, KSBA Newsletter, November, 2014

NON-PROFESSIONAL NEWSLETTERS

1st Place – KSBA Newsletter, November, 2014, Pete Atkeson

2nd Place – Greater Lexington USBC Bowling Association News, February, 2014,
Pete Atkeson

3rd Place – Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter, March 31, 2014, Josh Hyde