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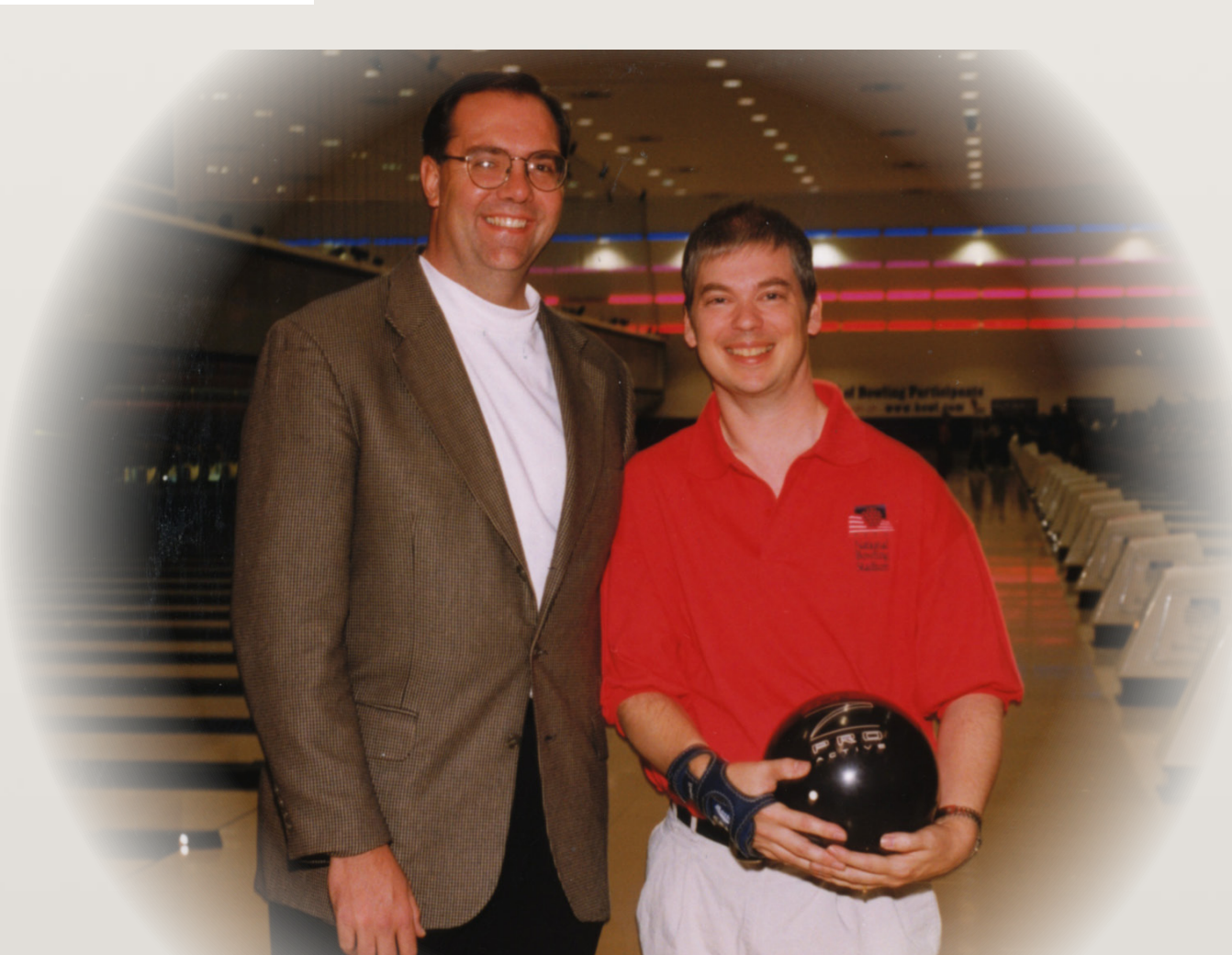
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### 2000

The PBA was purchased in April by former Microsoft executives Chris Peters, Mike Slade and Rob Glaser. PBA Headquarters were later relocated to Seattle after spending the first 42 years in Akron, Ohio.



### 2001

After earning PBA Senior Player of the Year honors, Mark Roth becomes the first player in PBA history to earn both PBA Senior and PBA Player of the Year honors. Roth was PBA Tour Player of the Year four times (1977-'79 and 1984).



### 2002

By winning a PBA Senior Regional event in Taylorville, Ill., Dick Weber became the first player in PBA history to win titles at any level in six consecutive decades. He won his first in the 1959 Paramus Eastern Open in Paramus, N.J.



### 2002

David Traber threw three strikes in the 10th to tie Norm Duke, 245-245, and forced a one-ball, sudden-death roll-off in the Cambridge Credit Classic in Syosset, N.Y. After both players got a 9-count followed by a strike, Traber left a 4 pin and Duke struck on his third shot for the win. It was the first time a one-ball roll-off had been used to decide a title since that tie-breaker became part of PBA rules in 1997.

### 2002

Jason Couch won his third consecutive Tournament of Champions title, making him the only player to win back-to-back-to-back TOC titles.



### 2004

Milwaukee's Miller Park hosted the USBC Miller High Life Masters, marking the first time a PBA Tour event was held in a major league baseball stadium. With more than 4,300 in attendance, Danny Wiseman defeated Patrick Allen, 268-183, on the unique four-lane set-up installed on the infield between first and second base.



### 2005

Liz Johnson became the first woman to advance to a PBA Tour TV finals during the PBA Banquet Open in Wyoming, Mich. Johnson defeated Wes Malott, 235-228, in the semifinals before losing to Tommy Jones, 219-192, in the championship match.

### 2008

Michael Haugen Jr. overcame a 53-pin deficit through six frames to win the 2008 H&R Block PBA Tournament of Champions, 215-214, over Chris Barnes at Red Rock Lanes in Las Vegas. Haugen's five-strike rally forced Barnes to get 20 pins in the 10th to force a tie, but after converting a spare, Barnes left the 4 pin to hand Haugen the title.



### 2006

The PBA Tour's 48th season started with a bang when Walter Ray Williams Jr. broke the Tour's all-time titles record, earning win No. 42 over Pete Weber, 289-236, in the Dydo Japan Cup.



### 2008

With his 259-189 win over Chris Barnes in the PBA World Championship in Wichita, Norm Duke became the first and only bowler to win three consecutive PBA major championships: 2007-08 Denny's World Championship (Indianapolis), 65th Denny's U.S. Open (North Brunswick, N.J.) and 2008-09 PBA World Championship (Wichita, Kan.).



### 2008

PBA partnered with NBA All-Star guard Chris Paul to create the Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational. The event, which has been held nine times since its inception, is a showcase for top athletes and entertainers who partner with PBA bowlers to raise money and awareness for the Chris Paul Family Foundation.



### 2009

After striking on his first shot in the 10th frame and needing a nine-spares to win, Rhino Page got a four-count on his next shot to hand Patrick Allen a 267-263 victory in the PBA Tournament of Champions at Red Rock in Las Vegas.

### 2009

PBA World Series of Bowling debuted at Taylor Lanes and Thunderbowl Lanes in the Detroit area. The 38-day bowling festival included six standard events (Motor City Open, Cheetah Championship, Viper Championship, Chameleon Championship, Scorpion Championship, Shark Championship) and three major championships (PBA World Championship qualifying rounds, PBA Women's World Championship and PBA Senior World Championship). Tournament fields were expanded to include international exemptions. Four of the five animal pattern events included PBA Women's Series events.



### 2009

The PBA celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala celebration at Red Rock Resort & Casino in Las Vegas. The event included a dinner featuring players selected by an all-star committee as the Top 50 players in PBA history. Earl Anthony was ranked No. 1 on that list followed by Walter Ray Williams Jr., Dick Weber, Pete Weber and Mark Roth.

### 2009

Jason Belmonte became the first bowler using the two-handed style of delivery to win a PBA Tour title when he defeated Mike Fagan, 215-201, in The Bowling Foundation Long Island Classic in West Babylon, N.Y. The win propelled Belmonte to 2008-09 PBA Rookie of the Year honors.



### 2009

After qualifying for the PBA World Championship finals during WSOB I at Thunderbowl Lanes in suburban Detroit in early September, Tom Smallwood won the PBA World Championship in December in Wichita, Kan., upsetting reigning PBA Player of the Year Wes Malott, 244-228. Smallwood's rags-to-riches story after being laid off from his job in the auto industry in Detroit became a national news story during the nation's economic downturn.



### 2009

In a special PBA Skills Challenge event held at WSOB I, Finland's Osku Palermaa received a perfect score for completing one of the most entertaining tricks shots in PBA history. Placing a four-foot tall bar stool beyond the arrows, the Finnish two-handed player launched his ball over the chair and threw a strike. Palermaa's shot continued a trick-shot tradition (including Chris Barnes' "Flying Eagle", and Norm Duke's "towel shot") extending back to the original trick shot artist Andy Varipapa, who joined the PBA in 1959.

