



60th ANNIVERSARY

1958 - 2018



1990

1999

1991

Del Ballard Jr., needing just seven pins, threw a gutter ball on his final shot to lose the 1991 Fair Lanes Open to Pete Weber, 213-207.



1991

The PBA Tournament of Champions was delayed 40 minutes due to a bomb threat at Riviera Lanes. The scare, which turned out to be a hoax, didn't affect David Ozio as he went on to defeat Amleto Monacelli, 236-203, for the title en route to 1991 PBA Player of the Year honors.

1991

Pete Weber won his third BPAA U.S. Open title at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. After defeating Mark Thayer, 289-184, Weber famously hoisted the trophy only to have the ceramic eagle topple to the ground and shatter.



1993

In the last Firestone-sponsored PBA Tournament of Champions, George Branham III became the first African-American to win a PBA Tour major championship, defeating Parker Bohn III, 227-214, at Riviera Lanes.



1994

Bryan Goebel shot 296 to Norm Duke's 280 in the title match of the True Value Open in Peoria, Ill. Goebel left the 3-6-9-10 on his final shot to lose a \$200,000 perfect-game bonus offered by True Value in its own tournament. Duke's 280 game remains the highest losing score in a televised title match.

1994

The PBA National Championship at Ducat's Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio, became one of the most memorable shows in PBA history. In the second match, Johnny Petraglia rolled the seventh televised 300 game in PBA history, earning a \$100,000 bonus. After defeating Petraglia in the semifinal match, Dale Traber advanced to the title match against younger brother David Traber – the first time two brothers have ever bowled each other for a PBA title. David defeated Dale, 196-187, to win his first (and only) major championship.

1995

The largest crowd in PBA history (7,212) attended the finals of the U.S. Open in historic Joe Louis Arena in Detroit where, despite a nagging back injury, Dave Husted bested Paul Koehler, 266-245, for the title.

1995

Randy Pedersen lost the Touring Players Championship to veteran Ernie Schlegel when, needing a strike on the first ball of the 10th frame to win, Pedersen left an 8 pin on what appeared to be a perfect pocket shot.



1995

John Handegard, at age 57, defeated Mark Williams, 278-247, to win the PBA Northwest Classic in Kennewick, Wash., becoming the oldest player ever to win a PBA Tour title.

1996

Mike Aulby won the Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship to become the first (and thus far only) player to win bowling's "Super Slam" consisting of all five majors (U.S. Open, PBA National/World Championship, PBA Tournament of Champions, USBC Masters & PBA Touring Players Championship). Aulby also won Showboat Invitational and Brunswick Memorial World Open titles, becoming the only player to win every 56-game format tournament the PBA has offered.



1996

Bob Learn Jr. smashed the four-game TV scoring record when he posted a 1,129 total (games of 300, 270, 280, 279) in front of a sold-out arena crowd in his hometown of Erie, Pa., to win the PBA Flagship Open. In addition to the record, his third PBA title and PBA's 10th televised perfect game, Learn collected a \$100,000 perfect game bonus.



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1997

Venezuelan native Amleto Monacelli became the first foreign-born player inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame.



1997

The St. Clair Classic was the last Pro Bowlers Tour event televised by ABC Sports. The title match between Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Pete Weber was won by Williams Jr., 206-195, and included an emotional farewell video tribute to ABC announcers Nelson "Bo" Burton Jr. and Chris Schenkel who broke down in tears at the end of the telecast.

1999

The PBA held its first outdoor event. The New York City PBA Experience, contested on a special two-lane installation in Manhattan's Bryant Park, was won by Eric Forkel.



1998

PBA Senior Tour player John Handegard's win at the 1998 Showboat Villages Senior Tournament of Champions gave him a record 14 career PBA Senior Tour titles (including one major), which is still the PBA50 Tour record.

