



## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** discusses Belmonte threeppeating at the ESPY's. The **Kingpin Column** is a throwback because it has a Moment in History. The **Breakpoint** discusses an app for live scoring on mobile and cell phone devices. The **Spare Column** talks about the PBA50 South Shore presented by DV8. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about a bowling tournament where past champions are guaranteed a spot in the tournament. Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

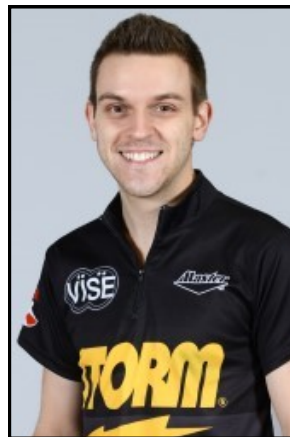
## Messenger

### Belmonte 3-Peats at the ESPYs

For the third time in a row, Jason Belmonte won the 2017 ESPY for Bowling. He ties Norm Duke for 3-peating an ESPY award. His titles at the 2017 Masters and the 2017 PBA Players Championship clinched the award over E.J. Tackett and Francois Lavoie. He also made the finals at the 2016 PBA World Championship, but lost to Smallwood. He also led the Detroit Open until Sean Rash beat him in the championship round. Jason has fourteen titles, eight of which are majors.



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Francois might have been the favorite because he won the 2016 US Open and was the first bowler to achieve a 300 game in the semi-finals round. He had a good showing in the Wolf Open at the 2016 Fall Swing with a 300 game during qualifying which placed him at the top. During the 2016 Shark Championship, he bowled against the great Walter Ray Williams Jr. and won. Overall, he made three championship round appearances and won two titles.

E.J. Tackett was the final nominee. He was a good candidate for the ESPY because he was the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. He won two majors - the 2016 PBA World Championship and the Tournament of Champions. He also won the Japan Cup and the inaugural Main Event against Jason Belmonte.



The was a hard decision for sports fans and bowling fans. Any of these three could have won the award.



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# Moment in History

## Becoming a PBA Hall of Fame Committee Member

It is a great honor to be a part of the PBA Hall of Fame Induction Committee. In writing the newsletter mainly about the PBA, the PBA recognized that I was qualified to be a part of the nominee committee in 2015. Before the newsletter, I created statistical analysis for my original website, probowlersuperfan.com which was started in



2005. This website turned into the newsletter I write every month. I cast votes for the superior performance and veteran's category. It is an honor to be a part of the committee.

In the 2017 Hall of Fame class, all of three of the bowlers I voted for were inducted into the 2017 PBA Hall of Fame class.

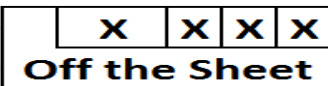


At left: Bryan Goebel, Steve Hoskins, Mike Scroggins.

# Breakpoint

## New PBA App

Four years ago the PBA announced they were going to have a new PBA app for Xtra Frame. Last month an updated PBA app for live scoring has been introduced through the Apple App Store. This will give bowling and PBA fans a chance to keep up with scoring for the PBA Tour, PBA50 Tour and all PBA Regional events. The new PBA app will provide users with quick access to live scoring when any of the PBA events are underway, plus access to the latest PBA news, schedules, bowler profiles and more – all at no cost.



This column is dedicated to the *Bowlers Journal International*. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde's *Bowling Newsletter*.

Last month in the *Bowlers Journal International* in the Almanac section, they talked about the ABC Senior Masters. When it started in 1993, they had 470 entries in Tulsa, OK, the site of the tournament. Phil Ware, never a winner on the tour, beat Frankie May for the title in the inaugural tournament 238-237.

There have been 7 two-time winners of this event. The first two-time winner defended his title in 1996. All of the multiple winners of this tournament have been PBA Hall of Famers and/or USBC Hall of Famers, not a bad group to

be a part of.

Exactly 10 years after winning the regular Masters, Walter Ray Williams Jr. won his first Senior Masters. He then repeated in 2017. *Bowlers Journal International* also made note that Pete Weber would need to win his "regular" Masters to complete the Superslam.

The regular ABC Masters trophy was known as the Frank K. Baker Masters trophy. The trophy had a bowling ball perched on top of a half moon with a rectangular wooden base. Frank K. Baker was one of the first Executive Directors of the ABC. If a bowling leader had an idea, he would ask them "is it good for the game"?

# Almanac

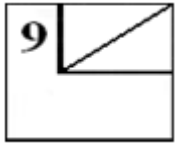
In turn, he expected an answer back.

ABC and USBC have always wanted to create a championship bowling tournament for all bowlers—amateur and professional alike. As far back as the early 20th century, the ABC/USBC did not agree with the notion of professional bowling.

Eddie Elias founded the PBA in 1958. Thirty-two years later, ABC sponsored a PBA tournament which recognized honor series scores. More specifically, the series had to be games 1-2-3 (4-5-6, etc.) to be considered an honor series.



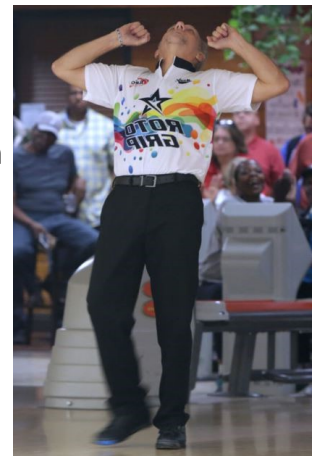
**Walter Ray Williams Jr. is the only player to win multiple USBC Masters and USBC Senior Masters titles (eagles).**



**Spare Column**

**2017 PBA50 South Shore Open**

Ron Mohr ended his five drought of not winning a title by defeating Bob Learn Jr 213 to 194. It was Mohr's ninth career PBA50 Tour Title. In the step ladder finals there were two hall of famers Norm Duke and Amelto Monacelli. Mohr was dominate early on the PBA50 Seniors Tour, but it took him awhile to finally break through over the swarm of PBA Hall of Famers like Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Amelto Monacelli, and Norm Duke. Duke had previously bowled 278 against Faulkner. Mohr thought that Duke was going to extend his championship round losing streak even more in the semifinal match. However Duke "left a pocket 7-10 split, handing Mohr a 210-200 victory" sending Mohr to championship round. In the championship round Mohr had five strikes out of the first six frames and had built a forty-one pin lead over Bob Learn. Which gave him a cushion to win his ninth career PBA50 Tour Title.



Ron Mohr winner of the 2017 PBA50 South Shore Open

At the 2017 PBA50 South Shore Open there were 7 300's shot. Three different bowlers had a couple of 300's, Pete Weber, Brian LeClair, and Gary Faulkner. Norm Duke had dominated the tournament early on by averaging 250 over sixteen games of qualifying. It took a score of +282 to make the top 32 and it took a score of +147 by Gary Kammes to make the cut as the top 8 of the super senior. That did not make the regular cut. By Ron Mohr winning this title it should give Ron his second PBA60 POTY award. The tournament was good for scoring of 300's with seven total and least one a day.

**2017 PBA50 South Shore Open**

		1. Bob Learn Jr - 194		Ron Mohr	
		Ron Mohr - 210		Ron Mohr - 213	
		Norm Duke - 200		Champion	
3. Norm Duke - 278					
Gary Faulkner - 247					
4. Amelto Monacelli - 225					
5. Gary Faulkner - 229					

Tournament Stats	
16 Game leader	807 Norm Duke
16 Game cut	62 Kenny Parks
16 SS Cut	147 Gary Kammes
6 Game leader	462 Bob Learn Jr
6 Game cut	361 Gary Faulkner

2017 PBA50 South Shore Open		
High Game	278	Norm Duke
Low Game	194	Bob Learn
High Match	278 - 247	Duke vs Faulkner
Low Match	213-194	Mohr vs Learn
Average Winning Game	232.5	

300 Games	
7	
LeClair(2) Faulkner(2)	
Graham, Weber(2)	

## Magnitude 035 and Vintage Inferno

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**Magnitude 035—Available August 15th, 2017**

PART NUMBER:60105941  
 CORE TYPE: Magnitude 035 Low Diff Symmetric  
 COVERSTOCK: Relativity Flip Solid  
 COLOR: Blue  
 FINISHING STEPS: 500; 2,000 Siaair  
 WEIGHTS: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG MAX: 2.556  
 RG MIN DIFFERENTIAL:0.035  
 RG DIFFERENTIAL:0.035  
 HOOK POTENTIAL: Low (10) 225 High (250)  
 LENGTH: Early (25) 135 Long (235)  
 BREAKPOINT SHAPE: Smooth Arc (10) 130 Angular (150)



**VINTAGE INFERNO— Available August 15, 2017.**

PART NUMBER: 60105935  
 CORE TYPE: Vintage Inferno Low RG Symmetric  
 COVERSTOCK: Activator 2.0 Pearl  
 COLOR: Orange & Smoke  
 FINISHING STEPS: 500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound  
 WEIGHTS: 12-16 Pounds  
 RG MAX: 2.529  
 RG MIN: 2.479  
 RG DIFFERENTIAL: 0.050  
 HOOK POTENTIAL: Low (10) 210 High (250)  
 LENGTH: Early (25) 135 Long (235)  
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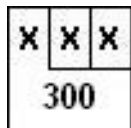
## Mike Aulby's Email

Mike Aulby was one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA. He was the first bowler to receive the Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Mike Aulby also has won all of the majors with a total of 8 major titles and 29 PBA career titles. Back in 1998, he became the first bowler to win the Masters three times. Two years prior he had completed the Super Slam at the Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship formerly known as the PBA Players Championship. In 1995, he became the fourth bowler in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown by winning the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. When he won the TOC, he had also become the first bowler to complete the Grand Slam.

Mike Aulby and I go back a number of years. I first met Mike Aulby when I was 5 years old. He was testing out the Brunswick Blue Rhino and I had spent a couple of hours that day with him. My Dad finished third in the AJBC Indiana State Masters when Mike Aulby had won the tournament.

In the summer of 2008 after seeing a couple of newsletters that I had done, Mike Aulby thought I could go national with my publication. Almost ten years later and with over 240 subscribers receiving my newsletter, I am thankful for Mike Aulby's encouragement. He says it is one of the few "newsletters that keeps me up to date" on the latest news in the sport of bowling, especially news about the "latest PBA tournaments" from an "insider's viewpoint". When I told him that I was part of the PBA Hall of Fame committee, he said that was a good job for me to be in. Mike also complimented the newsletter and website for being a "positive in the industry" and "keeping up with the times". Great bowling leaders and great bowlers make a positive impact on the sport of bowling. When I asked him about following in the footsteps of Chuck Pezzano he said I should make my own footsteps and become the "Josh Hyde of the bowling industry".





# Tenth Frame—Editorial

## Lifetime Exemption = Tournament Entries for Life

There was a time when the TOC was the premier professional bowling tournament. The tournament was only open to PBA Tour Titleist's and the past champions of the tournament. If the winners had not been active in the PBA, they would have an entry fee of the last cash spot of that year. However, they still got to bowl and win back what they paid. In the 2017 U.S Open they are trying to have a limited field to a hundred and forty-four bowlers. They want to bring back the prestige of winning the U.S Open. Back in 1991, Nelson Burton Jr. said that if a bowler won the U.S. Open they would have a lifetime exemption in the tournament as long as they were still bowling. They were not guaranteed a check like in the TOC, but they could still bowl in the tournaments.

The TOC was a tournament that if a pro-bowler was participating, they were one of the greatest bowlers in their time. The PBA needs a tournament where there is exemption and PBA titles are the only way to get into the tournament. The PBA can invite one or two regional players from invi-

tational tournament and allow the former PBA50 Senior U.S Open or PBA50 world championship. If they have the PBA50 World Championship, bowling fans do not want to see this kind of a tournament won by a regional player.

It would be great if that PBA promoted the TOC like it was the premier bowling event of the whole year. In recent years, the PBA has promoted the PBA World Series Of Bowling. The WSOB tournament is also where Xtra Frame played a big part in the tournament because bowling fans could see the qualifying and the match play during the course of the tournament. However, the PBA World Series of Bowling is open and not restricted to the elite bowlers of the PBA. This year will make the ninth PBA World Series of Bowling.

The PBA has recently dropped a couple thousand members bowlers are starting to realize that they can make more money at the Megabuck Tournament than the PBA Tour.

## Player Perspective on US Open Champion Ryan Ciminelli



Xtra Frame did a player perspective on the 2015 U.S Open Ryan Ciminelli, who was the tournament leader, had to face Dom Barrett, who was averaging 250 in his prior games up the step-ladder. At the beginning, Ryan was a little bit concerned since he had lower scoring games in the tournament. Ryan thought that he was going to have to throw a high game against Dom Barrett to have a chance at the title. However, Ryan felt that Dom Barrett's ball motion was coming off too strong after the first ball. Dom left a 4-9 split early in the game. He came back and threw a few strikes, but had problems by not carrying the 9 pin. Dom was reluctant to make a ball change away from what won earlier in the day.

Ryan stayed clean and was able to apply the pressure to Dom. In the tenth frame, Ryan needed a double and seven to shut out Barrett. He got the double in the tenth, but his fill ball could have easily left 5 pins.

Ciminelli made the comment that it was fortunate to get a 2-7 split instead of a 5 count. At that point Ryan was overjoyed at winning his first major and fourth career PBA Title. It had been a decade since the tournament leader had won the U.S. Open, one of the hardest events on the PBA Tour. They had three previous tournament leaders when the tournament in the middle of the last decade. It has the toughest lane conditions for the PBA membership and amateurs alike.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional and regional bowling tournaments.*

### VISION:

*To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.*