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Hello, Bowling Fans!  
 Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** discusses 2018 Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes as well as the 60th Anniversary. The **Strike Column** looks at #51-55 of the Greatest Players in PBA History. The **Kingpin Column** is split between **Breakpoint** and **Off the Sheet**. **Breakpoint** discusses the 2018 Masters and the PBA50 Dick Weber Award. **Off the Sheet** is a summary of the 2017 Bowler's Journal International All-American Team. In the **Tenth Frame**, is an editorial that describes the Top Moments in PBA History.

Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

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## Messenger

### Riviera Lanes to Host 2018 Tournament of Champions

Last month, the PBA announced the return of the Tournament of Champions will be brought back to Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio. Norm Duke won the last Tournament of Champions at Riviera Lanes in 1994. He defeated Eric Forkel by a score of 217-184. Riviera was the home of the Tournament of Champions for 29 years.

The PBA will also be celebrating their 60th anniversary. A number of things have happened at the historic Riviera Lanes. In 1984, Mike Durbin would become the first player to win three Tournament of Champions titles. In 1973, Jim Godman would become the first two-time Tournament of Champions bowler in PBA history. In 1976, Marshall Holman would become the youngest player to win the Tournament of Champions. Ten years later, Holman would become the third PBA millionaire in career earnings by winning the TOC. In 1967, Jack Biondolillo became the first PBA bowler in history to bowl a 300 on national television. In 1970, Don Johnson won his only Tournament of Champions by defeating Dick Ritger 299 to 268. In 1981, Steve Cook would throw the first ten strikes to capture his Tournament of Champions title. In 1975, Dave Davis would join Jim Goodman as the only two players to win multiple TOC titles. Three years later, Earl Anthony would join Godman and Davis as the third multiple TOC titlist at Riviera Lanes. Mark Williams would become (1988) the fourth player to win multiple TOC titles at Riviera Lanes. In 1993, George Branham III would become the first African-American to win a major title at the Tournament of Champions.

For the PBA, it is a historic event to go back to the AMF Riviera Lanes for the TOC. The event will feature a limited field with regional titlists being able to bowl in the tournament. E.J. Tackett will be the defending champion of the tournament. Further details of the 2018 Tournament of Champions will be announced at a later date. The Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter will keep bowling fans informed about this upcoming tournament.



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# Messenger Column

## 60th Anniversary Celebration at Woodland Bowl

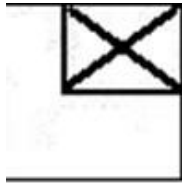
Last month the PBA announced that they will hold the 60th Anniversary Championship and PBA Hall of Fame induction ceremony at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis. Woodland Bowl has hosted all the Major Championships starting in 1990 with the BPAA U.S. Open where Ron Palombi Jr. won his first Major by shooting a 269 in the championship game against reigning PBA Player of the Year Amleto Monacelli. In 2006, Woodland hosted the PBA World Championship where Walter Ray Williams Jr. tied Earl Anthony with 41 PBA Tour title. At the 2008 PBA World Championship, Norm Duke started his run of three consecutive Major titles. Woodland hosted its fourth U.S. Open in 2010 where Bill O'Neil captured his first and only Major. In 2013, Pete Weber won his second Tournament of Champions title and became the first bowler to win the Triple crown twice. In 2015 at the 50th Tournament of Champions, Sean Rash became the first bowler to bowl two perfect games on television and Jason Belmonte became the bowler to successfully defend his ToC title. Anthony Simonsen became the youngest bowler to win a Major title at the 2016 USBC Masters. This year at the PBA50 Player Championship, Bryan Geobel won his very first PBA50 tour title against PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III.



Along with the tournament and Hall of Fame induction, the PBA will unveil their “60 Most Memorial Events in PBA History.” It will start as a list of 100 and narrowed down to the top 60 by a group of experienced bowler and also regular PBA fans. Some of the events on their starting list include:

- The inaugural meeting when the PBA was born;
- PBA’s first national telecast;
- Don Johnson’s historic 299 in the Tournament of Champions...and Jack Biondolillo’s first nationally-televised 300 game;
- Mark Roth’s unmatched season when he won eight PBA Tour titles;
- Venezuela’s Amleto Monacelli becoming PBA’s first international hall of famer;
- Earl Anthony breaking the million-dollar barrier in career earnings;
- Walter Ray Williams Jr. breaking Earl Anthony’s career titles record;
- Kelly Kulick becoming the first-and-only woman to win a PBA Tour title;
- Pete Weber winning the U.S. Open for the fifth time...

The PBA had its 50th Anniversary celebration at the Lake County Indiana Golden Anniversary Championship. Walter Ray Williams Jr. captured his 45th PBA Tour Title by defeating Bill O’Neil 246-202. There was also a display case with historical PBA memorabilia like the ball that Del Ballard Jr. used 1991 Fairlanes Open when he threw the gutter and lost against Pete Weber.



# Strike Column

## 51-55 Greatest Players in the History of the PBA-Part I

**51. Mark Williams**— Mark Williams become the fourth player to win multiple TOC titles in 1988. Some bowling fans might have thought that he was going to become the next Earl Anthony. Unfortunately, he won seven PBA titles - three of seven were majors. He had a beautiful release. Williams earned a little more than one million dollars in career earnings. He made it into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1998. In addition, Williams made four appearances in the Tournament of Champions top five.

**52. Jason Belmonte**— Jason Belmonte has won eight PBA majors out of 14 total PBA Titles. He joins Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, and Walter Ray Jr. as the only four players to consecutively earn three Player of the Year awards. In 2015, he became the first player to three-peat the USBC Masters. He would also join Mike Aulby in winning three USBC Masters titles. A week later at the 2015 Tournament of Champions, Jason Couch and Jason Belmonte became the only two players in PBA history to successfully defend the TOC title. Belmonte has become the fastest player to win eight majors.

**53. Ron Palombi, Jr.** - Ron was not a dominant player; however, he did win two majors at the 1990 U.S. Open and the 1993 PBA National Championship (now known as the PBA World Championship). He won a total of five national titles. Ron did not slide in his approach to the line. He bowled a 260 game to win his first major at the 1990 BPAA U.S. Open. In both of his majors, he was the top seed.

**54. Wes Malott**— In the 2008–2009 season, he earned his first PBA Player of the Year award. He won back to back titles with Norm Duke at the Marshall Holman/Mark Roth PBA Doubles Tournament. In 2013, he captured his first major at the U.S. Open. En route to accomplishing this feat, he would throw eleven strikes against the defending champion - Pete Weber - to shoot a 279 game. He would defeat Jason Belmonte in the next match for his first career major. He has 10 PBA titles to his credit.

**55. Steve Hoskins**— In 1989, Steve Hoskins would earn the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year honor. It would take him four years to win his first title at the 1993 Quaker State Open. The following year, he successfully defended his title at the Quaker State Open. In 1997, he become the eleventh bowler in PBA history to bowl a 300 on national television. In 1997 and 1999, he won his only two majors at the Bayer Brunswick Touring Championship. He won a total of ten national PBA Tour titles.

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Majors</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
Mark Williams	7 titles	3 Majors	1998 PBA Hall of Fame	\$1,419,422
Jason Belmonte	14 titles	8 Majors	2008/2009 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year/2013-2015 PBA Player of the Year.	\$1,064,205
Ron Palombi, Jr	5 Titles	Two Majors	0 Awards	\$700,000 +
Wes Malott	10 Titles	One Major	2008-2009 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year.	\$1,299,126
Steve Hoskins	10 Titles	Two Majors	1989 Rookie of the Year	\$1,034,772

# Breakpoint

## 2018 USBC Master

Last month the PBA announced that the 2018 USBC Masters will be contested in Syracuse, New York. It will be held at the same time as the USBC Open Championship. PBA players will have a chance to compete both events. Walter Ray Williams Jr. won the last Master Title when both USBC Open Championship and Masters were held together. Walter rolled a 290 game to keep Chris Barnes from earning his first USBC Masters title.

Bowlers must have a +190 average to participate in the Mas-



ters Tournament. It will have retro style for qualifying and match play where the players will enter down the center lanes from the players locker room.

Jason Belmonte will be defending his fourth Masters Title.

### PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsman Award Winner

Last month the PBA announced the winner of the PBA50 Dick Weber sportsmanship award winner. This

year it went to Ted Stakioff. He is the ninth recipient of this award. His highest finish was fourth place on the PBA50 Tour which he has done twice. When Ted received the phone call about winning the award. He told John Weber (PBA50 Tour Director) "are you kidding?". Staikoff stated "It's quite an honor to receive an honor to receive an award with that name on it".

At right-2017 PBA50 Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award Winner Ted Staikoff



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<b>Off the Sheet</b>			

*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, Bowler's Journal International had it's 79th Annual All-American Team. The two captains of the men's and women's team were E.J. Tackett and Liz Johnson.

E.J. Tackett earned the 2016 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. He joins Mike Aulby and Jason Belmonte, Tommy Jones and Chris Barnes as the only players in PBA history to earn the Rookie of the Year Award and the Player of the Year Award. In the 2016 PBA World Championship, Tackett won his very

## BJI All-American Team

first major. A couple of month's later, he earned his second major at the 2017 Tournament of Champions.

Jesper Svensson was the second Bowler to receive the honor to be part of the BJI All-Star Team. During the 2016 Tournament of Champions, he would become the youngest player to win the TOC.

The third pick for the BJI All-American Team was Francois Lavoie. He was the 2016 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year recipient. He would become the first player to bowl a 300 in a championship round at the U.S. Open. He earned his second title by defeating Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and keeping Walter from winning his 48th Career PBA Tour

Title and 100th overall PBA Competitions Title.

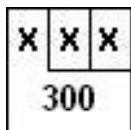
Jacob Butturff was the fourth pick of the BJI All-American Team. Jacob won a record nine regional titles in a single season along with two national titles.

Jason Belmonte was the last pick for the first team. He won his fourth unprecedented USBC Masters Title and the 2017 PBA Players Championship Title. This would give him a total of eight career majors titles. He has total of fourteen PBA Tour titles. He has definitely revolutionized the sport of bowling with the two-handed style of bowling.



There have been five players who have both Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year Honors—Mike Aulby, Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes, Jason Belmonte, E.J. Tackett.





# Tenth Frame—Editorial

## 60 Years of PBA History

During the past 60 years, bowling has embraced the best organization in the PBA—from Jack Biondolillo’s first 300 on national television during the Tournament of Champions to Jason Belmonte’s fourth USBC Masters title. There have been some great moments in PBA history: among them, Mark Roth’s eight titles during the 1978 season; Earl Anthony becoming the PBA’s first millionaire at the 1982 World Championships; in 2010, Kelli Kulick becoming the first women to win a PBA title at the Tournament of Champions by defeating Chris Barnes 265 to 195. Back in 2002, Jason Couch would join Mike Durbin as the only two bowlers to earn back-to-back-to-back TOC titles. Winning his third TOC title made him eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame. During the 1995 Tournament of Champions, Mike Aulby would become the Fourth Player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown. Aulby would also become the first player to win the Grand Slam in bowling with his ABC Masters (USBC Masters). In 2013, Pete Weber would become the First Player to complete the Triple Crown twice in his career. A year earlier, he became the first player to win five U.S. Open titles beating his Don Carter and his legendary father Dick Weber. In the

2006 PBA World Championship, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. would join Earl Anthony with forty-one PBA Tour titles. At the first tournament of the next season, Walter Ray would surpass Earl at the Japan Cup. In 1996, Mike Aulby would be the first player to complete the Super Slam at the Bayer Brunswick Touring Players Championship. In 2008, Norm Duke would become the fifth player in PBA History to complete the Triple Crown by winning the U.S. Open, and he would join Mike Aulby as the second bowler to complete the Grand Slam. In recent years, Tom Smallwood went from unemployment to a PBA World Championship titlist. Francois Lavoie would become the first player in PBA history to roll a perfect game during the stepladder finals of the U.S. Open.

All these events in the PBA bring bowling fans to their feet as they watch the greatest bowlers in the world compete. These historic moments on the PBA Tour are breathtaking to bowlers and bowling fans alike. Eddie Elias wanted a place for the greatest bowlers in the world to bowl 59 years ago. Now, we can say that his dream has come true!

## Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter-Opportunities

I have always dreamt of having a bowling career. From being a bowling fan to becoming a bowling writer, I can definitely say that I have realized my dream. The first year of doing my bowling newsletter, going to my first PBA Tournament as a bowling writer, I was starting to write the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter. I had met Lyle Zykes, a Senior writer for *Bowler’s Journal International*, I had shown him my monthly bowling newsletter that I had been doing for a couple of months. He made suggestion of charging a subscription fee. He signed up for my newsletter, my first subscriber. I had also done some advertising for pro shops and bowling centers. During the second year, I was fortunate enough to meet Harry Wolfe, who had a bowling newspaper, *American Bowler*. He asked me to do a story right on the spot. It was at that point that I knew I had turned my passion into a career!



Three years later, Harry Wolfe said that if I would write four stories for him, he would help me publish my book. My 106-page book became “Bowling from Another View”, finished in 2012. There have been many opportunities in writing my bowling newsletter: for instance, receiving a PBA media credential is like having a season ticket to all of the PBA national tournaments. In 2012, I had written a newsletter column titled “A Bucket List for Bowling”. In that editorial, I had mentioned that I would like to write a column for the *Bowler’s Journal International*. Subscriber Parker Bohn III saw this article. When he was interviewed by Dennis Bergendorf, he mentioned my interest in writing for *BJI*. Dennis then called me and asked me to do a 300 word story on any bowling topic of my choosing. I chose to write about the 2013 Hall of Fame inductee Doug Kent. Dennis also did an article about me and my bowling journey. Two years later, when I did the Tournament of Champions media kit, I showed it to the *Bowler’s Journal* Editor who suggested to Dennis that I be contacted to write a story about the greatest PBA bowling fan—me. In 2014, I had decided to do a Tournament of Champions media kit for the 50th anniversary of the tournament. In doing the Bowlology column, I have earned my USBC Coaching Bronze certification.

Doing a simple newsletter has brought many rewards my way. I am thankful for these opportunities. I am grateful for the love and support of my Dad and Mom—Roger Hyde and Bambi Hyde. I am also humbled by how the bowling community has embraced me. Thank you!