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Hello, Bowling Fans!
 Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** reports on the 2017 U.S. Open in Liverpool, New York. The **Strike Column** looks at #56-60 of the Greatest Players in PBA History. The **Kingpin Column** is split between **Breakpoint** and **Off the Sheet**. **Breakpoint** discusses the 2018 PBA Hall of Fame class. **Off the Sheet** is a summary of the 2017 PWBA season. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the Tournament of Champions.

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

Messenger

2017 U.S. Open

At the 2017 U.S. Open, there were a number of changes that took place. Bowlers had to be invited to bowl in the U.S. Open. This has not happened since the late 1990s/early 2000s. It was by far the premier tournament in bowling. Rhino Page won the tournament with a score of 256 over Jakob Butturff's 222. After Jakob "lapped the field" to become the tournament leader going into the Stepladder Finals. He was also the only one that had a perfect game. The scores were low. Early on, 2-time U.S. Open champ Norm Duke led the tournament. He was looking for his U.S. Open and his eighth career Major title. He had a hard time as his opponent through a number of strikes at him. Duke made the 2-10 split in the second frame; however, Graham Fach shoot a 259 against him. In the second match, 2013 Champion Wes Malott started off strong with a turkey. Wes ended up struggling in the middle and at the end of the game. Wes only needed to mark to win the game. Instead, he left a 2-10 split and made it to shut out Graham Fach. In the Semifinals, Rhino Page had a great line to the pocket. He was not striking early, but by the end of the game, he caught fire and was able to defeat Malott. It was by far Page's greatest win of his career. He bowled 20 clean frames to claim the championship.

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2017 US Open		
High Game	259	Graham Fach
Low Game	155	Wes Malott
High Match	259-222	Graham Fach / Norm Duke
Low Match	186-179	Wes Malott / Graham Fach
Average Winning Game	231.75	

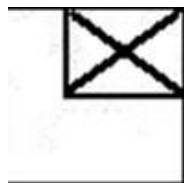


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Tournament Stats		
24 Game Leader	+539	Norm Duke
24 Game Cut	+115	Tom Daugherty
32 Game Leader	+642	Norm Duke
32 Game Cut	+243	Osku Palermaa
56 Game Leader	+1901	Jakob Butturff
56 Game Cut	+1197	Norm Duke
300 Games		
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Jakob Butturff		

2017 US Open

1.	Jakob Butturff	-	222	Rhino Page Champion
2.	Rhino Page	-	226	
3.	Wes Malott	-	186	
	Graham Fach	-	179	
4.	Graham Fach	-	259	
5.	Norm Duke	-	222	



Strike Column

#56-60 Greatest Players in the History of the PBA-Part 2

56. Mike Scroggins— has the most consecutive 200+ games in PBA competition. He won his first title at the 1992 Sacramento Open. He and his brother, Mark Scroggins, led the 1992 PBA Doubles Tournament. They lost to Parker Bohn III and Hugh Miller. In the 1990s, Mike did not do that well on the PBA Tour, but with the new PBA leadership and change of tournament formats, he lit up the lanes and won tournaments at a time when bowling fans thought that Mike would never see the winner's circle again. He ended up winning the 2006 USBC Masters defeating Norm Duke. Three years later, he would win his second Major at the U.S. Open. Mike was inducted into the 2017 PBA Hall of Fame. He has 30 plus regional titles.

57. Bryan Goebel— He was bowling against Norm Duke in the final match of the 1994 Peoria Open with strikes in the front nine. Norm had a strike, a spare, and then struck out for a total score of 280. Bryan needed a strike to defeat Norm and accomplished that with a 296. His first title was at Tucson, Arizona, in 1990. In 1994 and '95, he successfully defended his title at the Tucson Open. His lone Major came at the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. He has a total of ten national tour titles. Goebel was smooth going to the foul line. Goebel also won a doubles title with a Aleta Sill. He finally broke through on the PBA50 circuit at the 2017 PBA50 Players Championship. Goebel was self sponsored through-out his PBA Career.

58. E.J. Tackett— is one of the five players with a Rookie of the Year honor and Player of the Year honor. In the 2016 season, he finally broke through as he won three PBA Tour titles with one of them being the 2016 PBA World Championship. A couple months later, he would follow it up with a Tournament of Champions title winning over Tommy Jones. In both of his Majors, he qualified as the top seed. E.J got off to a quick start in the 2017 season by winning the 2017 Xtra Frame Storm Cup Series. In his short career, he has already won a total of eight titles.

59. Tom Crites— Tom Crites won the 1985 PBA National Championship by defeating Mike Aulby for his first title in his rookie season. He had a total of five career PBA Tour titles of which two were Majors, the other being the Touring Players Championship. In 1989, he would make the stepladder finals at the U.S Open. Tom had a short but great professional bowling career.

60. Marc McDowell— was the 1986 Rookie of the Year. Six years later, the Bowling Writer's Association of America would award him the Bowler of the Year honor. He is the only player to win the Tournament of Champions while holding the PBA President position in 1992. McDowell was a top competitor back in his day. Toward the end of his career, he would make a couple of stepladder finals on television. Marc was a great player in his tenure as a PBA member.

<u>Bowler</u>	<u>Titles</u>	<u>Majors</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Earnings</u>
Mike Scroggins	8	2	Hall of Fame, PBA50 Rookie of the Year, PBA50 Player of the Year	\$1,563,326
Bryon Geobel	10	1	Hall of Fame	\$1,058,252
E.J. Tackett	8	2	Rookie of the Year, Player of the Year	\$561,577
Tom Crites	5	2	Rookie of the Year, High Average	\$638,413
Marc McDowell	5	1	Rookie of the Year, Bowler of the Year	\$532,072

Breakpoint

2018 PBA Hall of Fame Class

Last month, the PBA announced the Class of 2018 for the PBA Hall of Fame for superior performance. The nominees were: Chris Barnes, for the veteran’s senior category; Ron Mohr, eleven time champion on the PBA50 Tour; and Don Mitchell, who has hosted PBA Tournaments at Woodland Bowl. He was a well-respected name in bowling in the Indianapolis area.

Chris Barnes is the sixth player to complete the Triple Crown. He completed the Triple Crown at the PBA World Championship. He is one of five players who has won the Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year honors. Chris has also bowled a 300 on national television. He has been on multiple Team USAs for bowling. He

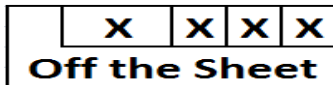


has a total of 18 national tour titles. He has earned 2.3 million in career earnings. Chris joins Mike Aulby and Dick Weber as PBA Hall of Famers who were inducted the first time they appeared on the ballot. In his earlier days, Barnes was an All-American at Wichita State University capturing a USBC Eagle title in the early 90s.

Once joining the PBA50 Tour, Ron Mohr got off to a fast start by winning virtually everything on the Tour. In 2009, Mohr would be in every championship round on the PBA50 Tour. He

would capture a quick eight PBA50 tour titles.

The PBA Hall of Fame committee voted Don Mitchell in to the PBA Hall of Fame based on his meritorious service. He has hosted several PBA Tour events at the Woodland Bowl in the Carmel, Indiana. Don Mitchell Pro-Shops could be found in the Indianapolis area as well as several Royal Pin Centers. In addition to owning the pro-shops and bowling centers, he would sponsor the great Mike Aulby. In a press release, Mike Aulby stated “Don was one of the great bowling people.... He loved the industry and the people in it. Don knew the importance of the Tour and its promotional value for the sport as a whole—he was very innovative.” He owned more than 300 lanes. The 2018 Hall of Fame Ceremony will take place on February 17th at the North Marriott Hotel in conjunction with the the 60th Anniversary PBA Championship.

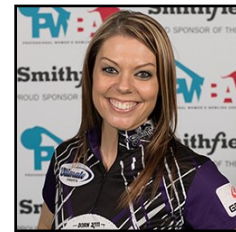


*This column is dedicated to the **Bowlers Journal International**. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter.*

Last month, Bob Johnson reviewed the 2017 PWBA season. Liz Johnson has dominated the PWBA Tour since it re-launched in 2015 after a 12 year hiatus. Johnson was the only three-time champion which easily made her the Player of the Year. Bowling fans could say she was the Pete Weber of the PWBA Tour; or, like Ron Mohr back in 2009, who made every championship round final of the PBA Senior Tour. Even though she won the U.S. Open and the Players Championship, she did not win the USBC Queens Tournament or the Smithfield PWBA Tour Championship. She is the dominant force in the pro-women’s circuit. The article featured all

the winners of every event of the 2017 PWBA Tour Season. Bowling fans might have thought that Kelly Kulick might have given Johnson a run for her money since in 2010 she absolutely dominated the majors in women’s professional bowling. Kulick only won one tournament throughout the whole season. Shannon O’ Keefe might be Liz’s biggest threat on the PWBA Tour. Johnson and Kulick tied with the most cashes with a total of 12 each. Shannon O’ Keefe is the only other bowler who won multiple tournaments. There were a couple of first time major titlists. The cover of last month’s **Bowler’s Journal International** showed O’ Keefe’s her embracing the trophy for her first major at the PWBA Tour Championship. I would encourage bowling fans to read the informative articles in **Bowler’s Journal International**.

2017 PWBA Season Review



PWBA Smithfield Tour Championship Winner
Shannon O’Keefe

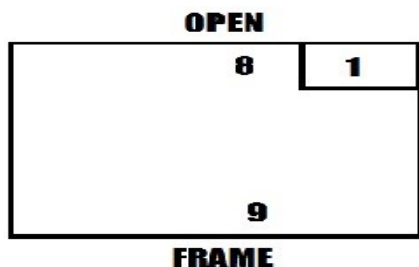


PWBA Player of the Year
Liz Johnson 3-Peating the Women’s U.S. Open



Did you know that since the inaugural PBA World Series of Bowling in 2009, England’s Dom Barrett has bowled more 300 games in WSOB competition than any other player?

2018 60th Anniversary



From Dennis Bergendorf

Josh Hyde is called professional bowling's SuperFan, because of his dedication and love for the sport overcomes his challenges, which we know is Cerebral Palsy. Josh has been confined to a wheelchair his entire life, yet with one computer mouse churns out his Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter, as well as instructional articles and even a book.

Josh needs our help in traveling to Indianapolis for the PBA's 60th anniversary tournament and celebration in February.

The money will be used to rent a special van, buy gas for the trip, hotel room and meals, and the services of a care-giver for about four days.

Josh's greatest joy is watching his favorite pros. Parker Bohn III is one of his best friends, but all of us in Bowling (with a capital "B") are his friends.

We will need to raise the \$1,000 by mid-January.

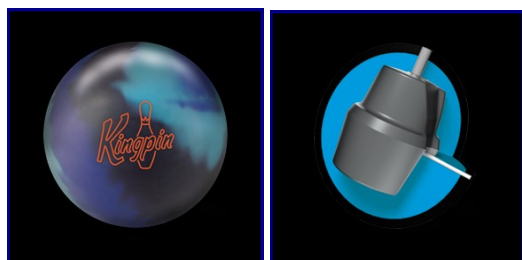
Josh has been a special person in my life, and we talk nearly every

day. I, personally, will be so grateful if (and when) Josh's friends make his dream come true.

<https://www.gofundme.com/2018-60th-pba-championship>



Kingpin and Magnitude 055



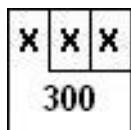
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 LENGTH: Early (25) 105 Long (235)
 BREAKPOINT SHAPE: Smooth Arc (10) 125 Angular (150)



Tenth Frame—Commentary

Entering Rivera Lanes

“Past these doors are the world’s finest bowlers.” This is what bowling fans would see when they entered to watch the Firestone Tournament of Champions in Fairlawn, Ohio. It was the pinnacle of professional bowling during the sixties, seventies, eighties, and early nineties. Earl Anthony, Don Johnson, Pete Weber, and Marshall Holman were some of the greatest players fortunate to win the Firestone Tournament of Champions.

This is how the PBA membership would be invited to the Tournament of Champions to bowl in the event. If bowlers were to win a national tour title, they knew that they were going to Rivera Lanes. To win a PBA Tournament, a bowler would have to be in the top five at the end of forty-two games on a Friday night. They would then have to beat four opponents on national television to win a title. If the scores were high in a PBA Tournament, bowlers would have to put on their striking shoes to

have a chance at winning a title. In the mid-seventies, if a bowler did win a National Resident Pro-Championship, they would be invited to go to the Firestone. In the eighties, the PBA Senior National Championship winner was also extended an invitation to the Firestone. It was an honor to bowl in this prestigious tournament.

Bowling a 300 game in the preliminary rounds of the Tournament would not hurt a bowler at becoming a PBA champion at Rivera Lanes. It would more than likely take a thirteen and eleven match play record during the match play portion of the tournament to make the top five for the national live television. If the bowler was the top seed for the stepladder finals, he or she would have an easier chance of going to Rivera Lanes. They would only have to bowl one game on National Television. Bowlers shooting a grand total of 11,000 pins at the end of 43/46 games was every PBA members dream at Rivera.

2009/2010 PBA Fort Wayne—Reporting Assignments

In 2009, I had met Harry Wolfe who had a publication called “The American Bowler”. It was at a tournament he had asked me to write a story on the spot, and it was due 3 days later. My caregiver and I went to Starbucks instead of going bowling and we wrote the story. Georgetown Bowl has a megabuck tournament at the end of May or early part of June called the Shootout at the Fort. Once again, Harry ended up at the tournament. He was going to pay for my Pro-Am spot if I did the story. However the Pro-Am did not happen that year. Not enough entries were obtained to do the tournament. Since the Pro-Am didn’t happen, he bought me a printer. To make a long story short, he ended up helping me publish my first book.

I was a media guest at the Fort Wayne Regional tournament. He said if I would write for him, he would reimburse me by providing my printer ink. In the 2010 tournament, the winner of the PBA Regional was Chris Loschetter who started with a couple of 160 games at the beginning of qualifying. The cut on the senior side was a tie in the senior division. Kenny Parks would win that game to advance to the Sunday match play round. Bobby Johnson, who was the defending champion on the Senior side, successfully defended his 2009 title and he did not have a game under 200 in the match play portion of the tournament. Curtis Odom came out of retirement and bowled the Fort Wayne Regional and ended up in the final four as an amateur. He won twenty-three regional tournaments when he was a PBA member in the late 80’s and early 90’s. His highest finish was second at the Showboat Atlantic. If my memory serves me correctly, Kenny Parks beat John Dudak in a one game roll-off for the Senior Regional. Dudak was in the championship match of the 2008 PBA Bowling gift.com Open against Ted Hannahs who won the regular Fort Wayne Regional and the Senior Regional a few years earlier. Ted had won a couple of Shootout at the Fort Tournaments in the late 90s. A former PBA Titlist, Don Genalo, subbed on Monday night in a scratch league in Georgetown bowl in Fort Wayne.

I had always gone to the Regional as a bowling fan. However, this was different because I was a writer and I got to ask the winners questions that were essential for them to win the tournament.

