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## Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger and Spare Column** reports on the 2017 PBA Tour winners. The **Kingpin Column** is a combination between **Breakpoint and Off the Sheet**. **Breakpoint** discusses the 2018 TOC. **Off the Sheet** discusses the PBA Tour Chronicle. **The Tenth Frame** is an editorial on the old PBA membership requirements. Last but not least the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter ten year anniversary moments is bowling wisdom from yours truly Joshua Hyde.

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

## PBA Tour Award Winners 2017

Last month the PBA announced the 2017 award winners on the PBA Tour. These winners will be recognized at this month's PBA Hall of Fame ceremony and to coincide with the 60th anniversary championship. Jason Belmonte would his fourth Chris Schenkel. He would win three majors becoming the first bowler to accomplish that feat. Belmonte would break the record book by averaging almost 230. Belmonte has been dominating the PBA Tour in this decade. He joins Mike Aulby the only player to win both Rookie of the Year and Player of the Year multiple times. Belmonte has a total of nine majors out of his 16 tour wins.

Chris Loeschetter would win the Steve Nagy sportsmanship award. After battling cancer Loeschetter has been a contender on the PBA Tour. Chris feels honored to win this award.

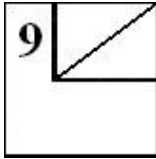
PBA Hall of Famer Dell Ballard Jr has won the Tony Reyes Service Award. Ballard has contributed through being a PBA League manager of the MoTown Muscle. Just has Loeschetter he has dealt with cancer he is still a PBA member. The thirteen time champion is a rep for Storm bowling products. He still is contributing to the sport of bowling.

Matthew Sanders has captured the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year award. He won his first title at the Billy Hardwick plastic ball championship on XtraFrame. He also had a fifth place finish at the WSOB World Championship. Kyle Troup would beat him in the opening game of the PBA World Championship.

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# PBA Regional Awards for 2017

Last month, the PBA announced the PBA Regional Award Winners for the 2017 season.

In the East Region, Matt O’Grady received the PBA East Region Player of the Year award. He only won one tournament, however he did place in the top five at five tournaments with three of these as second place finishes. O’Grady had a stellar performance for only bowling at seven tournaments. The Rookie of the Year is Ryan Galli who had a performance as O’Grady. He only bowled in six events and had four match play finishes including two top five finishes. Former PBA titlist Pat Edwards had two wins and four other top five finishes. This entitled him to the PBA50 Player of the Year for the East Region.



In the South Region, Cristian Azcona won Player of the Year by clenching one titles and three second place finishes. Unsurprisingly, Walter Ray Williams Jr. took the PBA50 Player of

the Year. He bowled six events, won four of them and placed second in the remaining two for an impressive finals appearance record. Kristian Sieradski was awarded Rookie of the Year with five cashes and two match play appearances.

Graham Fach won the Player of the Year for the Central Region. He had one title, two second place finishes, two third place finishes, and three other top five finishes. Kyle Mayberry is the Rookie of the year with a title, a runner-up, and a third place position.

Brian Kretzer won the PBA50 award for both Central and Midwest Regions. He had a combined record of three titles, one second place finish, and one



third place finish. Current PBA Tour Bowler AJ Johnson won four titles out of seven tournament to earn the PBA Midwest Region Player of the Year. AJ Chapman received the Rookie of the Year honors with two top-five finishes in four tournaments.

The reigning 2016 PBA Harry Goldman Rookie of the Year, Francois Lavoie as the second Canadian to win a Regional Player of the Year award. He won three titles and had three second place finishes in the Southwest. Kyle Sherman earned the Rookie of the Year with a title and a fourth place finish.

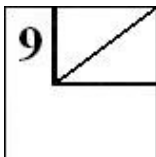
In the West Region, Kyle King won the Rookie of the Year award. He had a title and one third place finish. The PBA50 Player of the Year and 2017 PBA50 Rookie of the Year is Michael Haugen Jr. He had a win and two runner-up finishes.

Former PBA titlist Hugh Miller is PBA50 Northwest Region Player of the Year. He had a win and two second place finishes. Michael Tang who finished as runner-up at the 2017 Master won the Rookie of the Year award for the Region.

Jakob Butturff won both the West and Northwest Region Player of the Year honors. He did not match his prior record of nine titles, but he did win four titles and had three other top five finishes.



	Player of the year	Rookie of the Year	PBA50 Player of the Year	Pat Patterson Award
<b>East</b>	Matt O’Grady	Ryan Galli	Ray Edwards	Mike Healy
<b>South</b>	Cristian Azcona	Kristian Sieradzki	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	Krystal Hall
<b>Central</b>	Graham Fach	Kyle Mayberry	Brian Kretzer	Dave Wodka
<b>Midwest</b>	AJ Johnson	AJ Chapman	Brian Kretzer	Kevin Kullman
<b>Southwest</b>	Francois Lavoie	Kyle Sherman	N/A	Mike Austin
<b>West</b>	Jakob Butturff	Kyle King	Michael Haugen Jr.	Josh Blanchard
<b>Northwest</b>	Jakob Butturff	Michael Tang	Hugh Miller	Bob Harvey



## 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational

This year's DHC Japan Invitational saw a different format than previous Japan Cups. The international players would have to be PBA Members to be eligible for the 2018 tournament of champions. Bowlers had to be invited to bowl the tournament as they did not have a tournament qualifier as in year's past. EJ Tackett was invited because he was the defending champion. The top 16 in PBA earnings were automatically in the tournament. As well as the top 16 JPBA members, some Korean KPBA members were invited as well.

The second woman to win a PBA Title, Liz Johnson was at this year's DHC Japan Invitational. However she failed to qualify for match play. Earlier in the tournament, Xtra Frame Commentators were commenting on Toyko's Wall of Fame of the past champions of the Tournament. PBA deputy commissioner Kirk van Kruegeron made the comment that Parker Bohn III was like a rock star. There were a total of 48 bowlers that bowled 12 games of qualifying. The top 16 would advance to bowl round robin match play after a total of 28 games. The field would be cut to the top five for the stepladder finals. The 2016 USBC Masters champion Anthony Simonsen would lead the qualifying with an impressive score of +372. It would only take a score of +124 by Yannaphon Larpapharat by Thailand to make the first cut. In the first round of qualifying, reigning player of the year Jason Belmonte would get off to a quick start. Some other big names would make the cut defending champions EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Marshall Kent, Kyle Troup, Ryan Cimenelli, Sean Rash. There were no 300's shot at this year's Japan invitational. Four time Japan Cup Winner, Parker Bohn III would not have a chance as he struggled with a score of minus seventy one.

Anthony Simonsen would falter in match play. However, Dom Barrett would put together an amazing run

only losing four games during the match play portion of the event.

Shota Kawzoe who qualified in 13th place would jump to third place to have a chance becoming the third Japanese player to win

the Japan Cup. Shota would only lose five games between the round robin of match play. During qualifying and match play no bowler was able to run away with a high score. At the Japan invitational they used the forty-five dragon pattern. Marshall Kent would edge out Sean Rash by ten pins to advance to the stepladder finals. Dom Barrett would really put his striking shoes on in match play.

In the stepladder finals, the scores would be exceptionally high. It would take a 255 average to win a game in the stepladder finals. The opening game saw qualifying leader Anthony Simonsen take on Marshall Kent. It would be a close match as Simonsen prevailed with a 248 game. However, Marshall Kent would lose the game by four pins by shooting a 244. Only one international player would make the top five, Shota Kawzoe who did very well in the 2017 DHC Japan Cup tournament. In this match it would be a high scoring match with Simonsen coming out on top 278 to 257. This would propel Simonsen in the semi-finals against Kyle Troup. Anthony Simonsen had a letdown as he could a muster up a 180 against Troup's 227. Kyle would advance to the Championship match to face Dom Barrett. Kyle Troup would really struggle against Barrett. Barrett would once again put on his striking shoes as he would have a 267 game to win his sixth career PBA Tour Title.



Dom Barrett Winner of the DHC Japan Invitational

2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational		
12 - Game Cut	+124	Yannaphon Larpapharat
12 - Game Leader	+324	Anthony Simonsen
28 - Game Cut	+714	Marshall Kent
28 - Game Leader	+922	Dom Barrett
High Game	278	Anthony Simonsen
Low Game	180	Anthony Simonsen
High Match	278 -257	Simonsen vs Kawazoe
Low Match	227-180	Troup vs Simonsen
Average Winning Game	255	

### 2018 DHC PBA Japan Invitational

1.	Dom Barrett	-	267
2.	Kyle Troup	-	227
3.	Shota Kawazoe	-	257
4.	Anthony Simonsen	-	248
5.	Marshall Kent	-	244

**Dom Barrett  
Champion**

# Breakpoint

## 2018 PBA Tournament of Champions Preview



This year, the PBA Tournament of Champions is heading back to the historic Riviera Lanes in Akron, Ohio. Here is a preview of what Josh Hyde's Bowling thinks about this year's PBA Tournament of Champions.

Pete Weber and Jason Belmonte have a chance to join Jason Couch and Mike Durbin as the only 3-time champions at the TOC. Will E.J. Tackett join Jason Belmonte and Jason Couch to successfully defend their Tournament of Champions title? Norm Duke has a chance to join Pete Weber as the only other bowler to complete the triple crown twice in his career if he were to win the TOC. Will Walter Ray Williams, Jr. finally complete the Super Slam of the PBA by winning this

year's Tournament of Champions. Jason Belmonte has a chance to tie Pete Weber and Earl Anthony at winning the most Majors (10). The pattern is named after Don Johnson who made 5 championship round appearances in the Tournament of Champions. With the PBA's 60th year, it is great to see the PBA going back to Riviera Lanes for their pinnacle event on the PBA Tour. Duke was the last bowler to win the TOC at Riviera Lanes in 1994. This will ToC for 1971 champion, Johnny Petraglia who is 70.

It should be an exciting event at this year's Tournament of Champions as a number of storylines play out.

**PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS SCHEDULE**  
AMF Riviera Lanes, Fairlawn, Ohio,  
Feb. 5-11 (all times Eastern)

**Monday, February 5**

3 p.m. - Pre-Tournament Qualifier (8 games)

**Tuesday, February 6**

2 p.m. - Practice Session  
6:30 p.m. - Xtra Frame King of Bowling match (Wes Malott vs. challenger to be decided, best of three games)

**Wednesday, February 7**

11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 1 (6 games)  
6 p.m. - Qualifying Round 2 (6 games)

**Thursday, February 8**

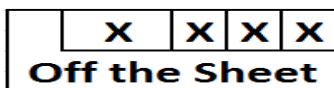
11 a.m. - Qualifying Round 3 (6 games)  
6 p.m. - Match Play Round 1 (8 games)

**Friday, February 9**

11 a.m. - Match Play Round 2 (8 games)  
6 p.m. - Match Play Round 3 (8 games)

**Sunday, February 11**

1 p.m. - ESPN Stepladder Finals



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Last month, Don Synder wrote the PBA Tour Chronicles for the 60th year anniversary for the PBA Tour. The first chronicle is entitled "In the Snows of Ohio: The PBA's Founding in 1958 Has Roots in Eddie Elias's Car Trouble." Don talked about how Eddie was a lawyer in the Akron, Ohio area. For six months, he studied for the Ohio Bar exam literally non-stop.

Eddie wanted to create a league for pro-bowlers to compete on a week-to-week basis. When Lou Campi won the inaugural PBA Tournament,

### PBA Tour Chronicles—Part 1 of 12

Eddie's dream was unfolding in front of his eyes. Eddie has also been an agent for Phil Donahue, Chi-Chi Rodriguez, and some other famous names in show business. Had it not been for the syndicated television series Jackpot Bowling, Eddie probably would not have started the PBA.

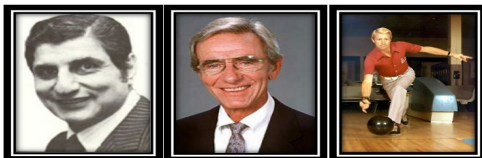
Elias would be inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame in 1976. He served as the first PBA Commissioner from 1958 to the mid 70's. **Bowler's Journal International** has brought bowling writer Don Synder on board as the contributor. Each month throughout the 2018 calendar year, the Josh Hyde Bowling newsletter will make a summary of the PBA Tour in an Off the Sheet article.



**Above:** Billy Hardwick (left) and Eddie Elias (right) - early years of the PBA.



Eddie Elias, an attorney in Akron, Ohio, founded the PBA in 1958.



*Ellias-Schenkel-Weber Lane*



***PBA- Professional Bowlers Association***

*Established in 1958*

PBA Founder Eddie Elias

At the 1958 ABC Masters Eddie Elias talked with 33 charter members of the PBA. He asked them to put 50 dollars as seed money, the rest is bowling history.

**Top 5 Greatest Moments in PBA History**

1. **Petraglia’s perfect game**—in 1994 Johnny Petraglia perfect game at the PBA Nationals-World Championship. Johnny Petraglia would shoot a 300 game winning a \$100,000 prize and enabling his children to go to college.

2. **Mike Aulby the first player to complete the Grand Slam** at the 1995 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. Mike Aulby would be the first bowler to complete the Grand Slam by winning the Tournament of Champions. He would do this by doubling in the tenth to defeat Bob Spaulding.

3. **Bob Learn’s Jr 1,129 series in front of Bob Learn’s** hometown of Erie, Pennsylvania. Bob Learn would be a 300. He would win the tournament and then set a four game record on national television averaging 282.254 for his four games. It would be the highest scoring finals in PBA History.

4. **Walter Ray Williams Jr winning 42 PBA Tour Titles** at the 2006 PBA Japan Cup. Walter Ray would surpass by having the Front Ten against PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber.

5. **Pete Weber winning Five U.S Opens Titles.** In 2012, Pete Weber would need to strike in order to win his fifth prestigious U.S. Open title. He would throw a beautiful ball to win 215 to 214. He coined his popular phrase, “Who do you think you are? I am!!”



Earl Anthony becomes the first professional bowler to surpass one million dollar mark in career earnings. In 1983 Earl Anthony become the first bowler to surpass \$1,000,000 mark in career earnings by striking in the tenth in defeating Charlie Tapp to win his unprecedented fifth PBA national championship.

Mike Aulby becomes the first bowler to complete the Super Slam at the 1996 touring players championship. Mike Aulby defeated Parker Bohn III to become the first bowler in PBA History to complete the Super Slam by winning the Triple Crown plus the USBC Masters and finally the Touring Players Championship.

LeVoy becomes first bowler to bowl a perfect game at the U.S. Open in 2016. Francois Lavoie would win his first PBA Tour title by winning the U.S Open in historical fashion. He would bowl the 300 game to win his first title. He would have a total of 17 strikes in a row. He would beat Marshall Kent for his first PBA Tour Title.

Belmonte would three-peat the USBC Masters and second bowler to successfully defend his TOC title. In 2015 Jason Belmonte would complete a few of the historical moments on the PBA Tour at the 2015 USBC Masters. He would join Mike Aulby as the second bowler to have three Masters titles. However he would become the second bowler to win three consecutive titles. A week later he would join Jason Couch at successfully defending his TOC title.

Doug Kent wins \$120,000.00 at the PBA World Championship in 2002 with the forming of the new PBA Doug Kent would win the inaugural. This would be the largest amount of money for winning a PBA Title at that time.

Belmonte becomes the first bowler in PBA History to win three majors in a single season. At the 2017 PBA World Champions. Belmonte was waiting to make PBA History. Early in 2017 Belmonte would win his second PBA Players Championship and his fourth USBC Masters title. In the championship match he would defeat Jesper Svenson 233 to 225 to win ninth career major title and his third major of the year.

Duke becomes the fifth player to complete the triple crown and the second player to complete the grand slam. At the 2008 Norm Duke became the fifth player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown by converting a bucket to win the 2008 U.S Open.

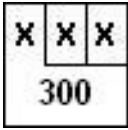
Dick Weber becomes the first bowler to win titles in five decades. At the 1992 touring players Senior doubles Tournament. Dick Weber and Justin Hromek would win the title this gave Dick five national PBA Tour Titles in five decades.

Smallwood goes from unemployment to PBA World Champion. Tom Smallwood of Saginaw Michigan lost his job at General Motors in the summer of 2009. He decided to turn pro after losing his job at GM. He would end up winning the PBA World Championship in Wichita. He would defeat the reigning player of the year Wesmalott in the championship game.

Kulick becomes the first pro woman to win a PBA Title. Kelly Kulick earned the spot in the 2010 PBA Tournament of Champions by winning the PBA Women’s World Championship. Giving her a chance to make PBA history. She defeated Chris Barnes 265-195 to not only win her first PBA Tour Title but a Major as well.



Peter Glaser and Slade purchased the PBA Three Ex-Microsoft executives purchased the PBA. Chris Peters, Rob Glaser, and Mike Slade decided to purchase the PBA for the equivalency of a minor league baseball team. Peter picture was on the front page of the Wall Street Journal about him purchasing the PBA.



# Tenth Frame—Editorial

## Old PBA Membership Requirements

This month the PBA is having their 60th Anniversary Tournament, and I thought it might be a great topic to discuss some of the old PBA membership requirements. For those of you that don't know me on a personal basis, my dad was a former PBA Regional member in the late 80s. He bowled in the PBA Regional Program for a couple of years then decided he could not compete on the PBA Tour. A couple of PBA members wrote a letter for him—one was National Resident Pro Champion Bus Oswald, the other was Pat Alexander. If a bowler wanted to be a PBA member, he had to average two league seasons totaling 66 games of 200 or better and have two letters of recommendation from current PBA members. These letters did not have to be written from a superstar like Earl Anthony or Dick Weber. If an aspiring bowler knew a fellow bowler that was a PBA member, that PBA member could write a letter of recommendation. A multitude of pro bowlers had Dick Weber write a recommen-

ation for PBA membership. Dick was a great bowler back when the PBA was getting started.

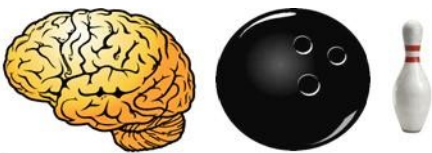
If the bowler was approved to obtain a PBA membership, he would have to cash in two PBA Regional Tournaments and go to a 3-day PBA member school. Then, they could compete on the PBA National Tour. The Regional Program was developed by Chuck Pezzano for bowlers who were unsure if they could make it on the PBA Tour. Some big names might be at these tournaments. A few friends of mine have won a PBA Regional Tournament. Of course, I know all the big name pro bowlers, but these guys that I am mentioning are guys that my dad has bowled with in local tournaments. They even have cashed at the historic PBA National Championship at the Ducat Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio. From the 1960s through 2008, any member could bowl in the PBA National/World Championships Tournament. It was a great event because it was only for PBA membership.

## Bowling Wisdom from Joshua Hyde

Back in November 2011, I started a column called "Bowlology". It is a column in which my bowling knowledge is shared with bowlers to improve their game. I have been a bowler who successfully obtained my bronze level coaching certification. In recent years, I have developed a Ten Pin Staffer program as well as the Striking Mastermind exam. Just recently, I have completed an instructional guide for bowlers, coaches and proshop operators. Just like my newsletter, I have incorporated bowling terminology that applies to different levels of bowling. Some of my colleagues, including a highly respected bowling journalist, have recognized me as being in the top 2% in bowling knowledge. This is a major compliment. I am able to describe certain concepts so that any bowler, at any level, can understand. Growing up I had volumes of Don Johnson's "A Pro's Guide to Better Bowling." Truly I did not think that I understood the game to the degree that Fred Bordon or a Johnny Petraglia do.

Discussing topics with Doug Kent and Parker Bohn III has made my job easier as I gain new knowledge through conversations with these PBA Pros. Doug Kent was an inspiration to me when I wrote an article about how bowling is a surface sport. He made me think about what that meant and what bowlers tend to think. As a result, he really liked the article because he said that he could take it to a league bowler who averaged 150 and have him read it. The article would help the league bowler to think about oil and how oil affects the ball on the lane. Another article that I wrote was about pin carry and once again I turned to Doug Kent for some advice. We talked about what pin carry is and how it can raise a bowler's average ten to twenty pins. Doug Kent has really helped me understand the dynamics of bowling ball axis rotation, axis tilt and positive axis point. We have spent a total of 24 hours discussing the aspects of bowling— how bowlers can improve their average if they would research the physical aspects of the game and bowling ball dynamics.

Parker Bohn III has also had his hand in expanding my bowling knowledge of the game. One of the first articles I did with Parker was about having a good finishing position at the foul line. When Sean Rash won the Tournament of Champions back in 2012, Parker said that he threw an excellent ball because he executed it brilliantly. Last but not least, my dad, Roger Hyde, studied the game a great deal by watching the greatest bowlers in the world. He has passed that knowledge down to me. He talked about how the trail leg is a pivotal part in a bowler's game. As I was working on the article, he gave me advice on the trail leg and how bowlers can benefit from having a good foundation to execute shots. These people have been instrumental in increasing my bowling knowledge. I would really like to thank them all.




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