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## Practice Pair

## 60th Anniversary Championship

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to this special edition of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. This month I went to the 60th Anniversary of the PBA. Enclosed are the highlights of the event and a few other tournaments.

Enjoy this *special edition* of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter!**

-Josh Hyde  
Senior Editor of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

At the 60th Anniversary Championship Jacob Butturff by defeating Marshall Kent 244-154. Jakob Butturff by leading the field by 300 pins. In the semi-finals game Marshall Kent would defeat Andrew Anderson with a score of 218 to 210. It was a close match. In the second match of the 60th anniversary for the second time in PBA History. A Japanese player would have a chance to win the second match. However Shota Kawazoe would miss a ten pin to lose the match over Andrew Anderson. In the first match Shota would win over the 2017. Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Recipient with a score of 183 to 160.

In the preliminary rounds Jakob Butturff would take the 24 game lead and never look back as he would dominate PBA 60th Anniversary championship. At the 16 game cut it would take a score of +357 by Jesper Svensson. In the cashiers round he would get inside the number but had a very low game at the latter part of the round. Bill O'Neill made Shota Kawazoe get all three strikes in the tenth to be in the stepladder finals. Shota responded by striking out in the tenth frame. Ronnie Russell hometown favorite would try to make a run but came a little short. Jason Belmonte four time player of the year did not make the cut for the cashiers round. Bowlers were up and down as they would bowl a big game and then a low game. Walter Ray Williams Jr had a run but could not hang on. There were a total of seven 300's. This would be Jakob Butturff Third Career PBA Tour Title.

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| 16-Game Cut   | +357    | Jesper Svensson                                |
| 16-Game Leader  | +691    | Marshall Kent                                  |
| 24-Game Cut   | +504    | Arturo Quintero                                |
| 24-Game Leader  | 1,051   | Jakob Butturff                                 |
| 48-Game Cut   | 1,635   | Shota Kawazoe                                  |
| 48-Game Leader  | 2,252   | Jakob Butturff                                 |
| 300 # Games   | 7       | Gary Faulkener Jr, Andres Gomez, Marshall Kent |
| Russ Oviatt, Richard McCormick, Jakob Butturff, Brandon Novak |         |  |
| High Game   | 244     | Jakob Butturff                                 |
| Low Game  | 160     | Matt Sanders                                   |
| High Match  | 229-225 | Williams vs Kawazoe                            |
| Low Match   | 183-160 | Kawazoe vs Sanders                             |
| Average Winning Game  | 218.5   |  |

|    |                 |   |     |                                    |
|----|-----------------|---|-----|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Jakob Butturff  | - | 244 | <b>Jakob Butturff<br/>Champion</b> |
| 2. | Marshall Kent   | - | 218 |                                    |
|    | Marshall Kent   | - | 154 |                                    |
| 3. | Kevin Williams  | - | 229 |                                    |
|    | Shota Kawazoe   | - | 225 |                                    |
| 4. | Matthew Sanders | - | 160 |                                    |
| 5. | Shota Kawazoe   | - | 183 |                                    |



**Ron Mohr interview (top left)**

Ron Mohr never thought he could contend on the PBA50 Tour. On his first couple stops, he finished 3rd and 5th as a non-member. He still yearned to compete in the high roller tournaments. He broke the 8-game scoring record that Wayne Webb would later top. Winning his first title gave him confidence that he could contend on the PBA50 Tour. Even though he started off strong, virtually winning everything, he knew that the PBA stars would soon be joining him on the PBA50 Tour. Winning the PBA Senior US Open and beating Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was the highlight of his career. Mohr shared his wisdom, “You don’t get what you deserve, you get what you expect.”

**Chris Barnes interview (right)**

Chris Barnes is one of 5 players to receive both Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Barnes is one of 6 bowlers to earn the PBA Tour crown winning the ToC, the US Open, and the PBA World Championship. Also, Barnes joins players like Dick Weber and Mike Aulby who earned Hall of Fame status the first time they appeared on the ballot. The top highlight of Barnes’ career was getting a strike to win the 2005 US Open. He would like to join Norm Duke and Mike Aulby to accomplishing the Grand Slam by winning the USBC Masters. Barnes would like to win 22 titles just like Marshall Holman. Barnes has bowled with Brunswick, Columbia 300, and is now with Global 900.



**Above:** Don Mitchell (left); Mike Aulby (right).

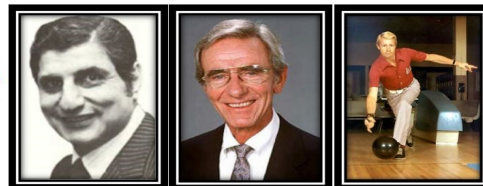
### **Mike Aulby Speaks about his Sponsor, Don Mitchell**

Don Mitchell loved the sport of bowling and the people in the industry. To Don, it was never about the bottom line. When the pro bowlers came to Indianapolis, he would always help them with getting transportation, housing or anything they needed during their stay. He invited several of the winners to stay at his house the following year after they won the tournament. Don was a big name in bowling especially in the Indianapolis area, and he promoted the PBA to other proprietors. Don continues to be greatly missed.

Aulby recalls how Don watched him bowl in youth leagues at Expo Bowl. “Don was much more than someone who sponsored me in bowling. He was friend, a father figure and a business partner.” Aulby goes on to say that “Don talked to the BPAA about the value of the Pro Bowlers Tour to our industry.”

“Don would be thrilled and honored to be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame” raves Aulby.

## Top 10 Moments in PBA History



*Ellias-Schenkel-Weber Lane*

- #10- (Tie) Tom Daugherty's 100 game at the 2011 ToC and Mika Koivuniemi's 299
- #10- (Tie) Randy Pedersen's stone 8 to lose the 1995 TPC
- #9- Bob Learn Jr. 1129 series at Erie 1996
- #8- Mark Roth 7-10 conversion at the 1988 ARC Sacramento Open
- #7- Del Ballards's gutter ball at the Fairlanes in 1991
- #6- Earl Anthony's \$1,000,000 in career earnings in 1982
- #5- Pete Weber's strike to win his fifth US Open
- #4- Pete McCordic's 300 game at the Greater Los Angeles Open in 1987 for \$100,000
- #3- Kelly Kulick wins the 2010 ToC becoming the first woman to win a PBA Major and Title
- #2- Eddie Elias founding the PBA in 1958
- #1- 1970 ToC where Don Johnson had a 299

At the 2018 PBA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and the 60th Anniversary celebration, the PBA announced the greatest moments in PBA history. There was a tie between the Daugherty/Koiveniemi ToC match in which Daugherty shot a 100 to Koivuniemi's 299 and Randy Pedersen's Stone 8 to lose his second Major at the Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship.

The top greatest moment in PBA history announced at the Hall of Fame Ceremony was Don Johnson's infamous 299 game at the 1970 Tournament of Champions. Eddie Elias's founding of the PBA was tabbed as the second greatest moment in 1958. There was one charter member at the 60th anniversary celebration— Carmen Salvino. Elias had asked the 33 charter members to put up \$50 each to form the PBA. The next year, they would bowl for \$49,500 in 3 tournaments. Lou "Wrong Foot" Campi would win the first PBA tournament. Dick Weber won the next 2 tournaments.

The #7 greatest moment was one of the most interesting. Del Ballard needed to double in the 10th and get 7 on the fill ball to win the title. Unfortunately, he guttered on the final ball. Ballard made the comment that he guttered to make Pete Weber feel good and get the win.

In 1980, Mark Roth made the most difficult split on national television converting the 7-10 split. This was named the 8th greatest moment in PBA history.

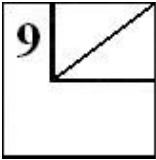
#5—In 2012, Pete Weber strikes to win by one pin to claim his 5th US Open title. In doing so, he surpassed his legendary father, Dick Weber and Don Carter who attained 4 BPAA All Star (which became the US Open) titles.

Pete McCordic's milestone 300 game was selected as the 4th greatest moment in PBA history. It had been 13 years since the PBA last witnessed a 300 game on national television. In the LA Open of 1987, Pete McCordic would make bowling history would become the 4th player to bowl a perfect game on national television. It would earn him a \$100,000 bonus. McCordic later set a record for the most earnings on the PBA Tour without winning a title.

In 2010 at the Tournament of Champions, Kelly Kulick would make bowling history by becoming the first woman to win a PBA title by defeating Chris Barnes 265-195. It was perhaps one of the greatest moments in bowling history.

In 1982, the legendary Earl Anthony would make history by winning \$1 million in career earnings at the PBA National Championship. He would defeat Charlie Tapp to win his unprecedented 5th PBA National Championship. Once again, Earl was setting the standard for "how to be a great bowler" on the PBA Tour.

Of course, there are many more great moments in PBA history not mentioned here. In upcoming months, Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter will report on more great PBA bowling moments yet to be known.



# Spare Column

## Tournament of Champions

For the first time in 24 years, the Tournament of Champions went back to Riviera Lanes where the Tournament of Champions was home to the championship for 29 years. This year, the tournament format featured the PTQ with only regional champions. It was a limited field of 80 players with the bowlers qualifying 18 games before the PBA took the top 24 for the round robin match play. Those 24 bowlers would come back and bowl 24 games of match play. It would be 1971 ToC Champion Johnny Petraglia's last time to bowl at this event, and he would throw out the ceremonial last ball of qualifying. There were a number of guests who would show up at the Tournament of Champions because it was an historic event. PBA Hall of Famer and former PBA Player Services Director Larry Lichstein would tell stories at Riviera Lanes. Harry "the Tiger" Smith, Marshall Holman, Johnny Petraglia, and Larry Lichstein sat together in the audience during the championship round. Just before the championship round, Petraglia threw out the first ball. During the qualifying, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. looked like he was going to make a run at the title, but he failed to make the round robin match play portion of the tournament. It is the only tournament Williams, Jr. is missing on his PBA resume'. The PBA Hall of Famers failed to contend at the 2018 Tournament of Champions event.

Matt O'Grady would climb the ladder to win his first career title and his first Major at the 2018 Tournament of Champions. He would defeat E.J. Moore in the first match. Jason Belmonte climbed from 24th to 3rd during match play. Unfortunately, the two time ToC champion would miss the 6-10 spare by chopping the 6 off the 10. He had a chance to double in the tenth to win the match. Belmonte would get the first but came a little short as he would lead the 10 pin on his second shot in the tenth frame. The semi-finals was a low scoring affair with Matt O'Grady winning 194-185. In the championship game, Jesper Svensson, the youngest Tournament of Champions winner back in 2016, would lead the field by a couple hundred pins. However, in the championship, he got off to a slow start by splitting in the second frame with a 4-6 split. Svensson took only the count and was never able to recover. This is how O'Grady won his first PBA Tour Title and first Major, the final score being 203-194.

## Barbasol PBA Players Championship

At this year Barbasol PBA Players Championship, the whole field bowled a total of 30 qualifying games. After the 30 games were complete, they cut to the top five for a step ladder finish. Jason Belmonte averaged 244 and did not have a game under 200. He also had a 300 game along with 11 other bowlers. He was looking to make bowling history by becoming the faster bowler to win 10 Majors. However, Tom Smallwood would stop him with a 259 game in the championship match of the tournament. Smallwood made a charge in the last portion of the qualifying in round 5 to almost average a 250. This got him in contention and he took advantage of it and made the cut.

### Tom Smallwood Champion

|    |                |   |     |
|----|----------------|---|-----|
| 1. | Jason Belmonte | - | 239 |
|    | Tom Smallwood  | - | 259 |
| 2. | Marshall Kent  | - | 224 |
|    | Tom Smallwood  | - | 225 |
| 3. | Kris Prather   | - | 235 |
|    | Tom Smallwood  | - | 236 |
| 4. | Patrick Girard | - | 206 |
| 5. | Tom Smallwood  | - | 237 |

In the first match, Patrick Girard was making a clinic of picking up hard spares. He made the 1-2-4-10 and 1-2-4-6-10 for a clean game, but Smallwood had a 5-bagger for the win. The second game was close between Smallwood and Kris Prather and it came down to the last ball. It was a slow start for Tom and then a close game to the end. On the semi final, it once again game down to the last ball. Kent started with a split, but then had a 5-bagger. Tom started with some spares and a split, but then ended with a 5-bagger. Marshall needed a double in the tenth to win, but could only spare out. Tom stopped Belmonte from winning his 17th PBA tour title with a superb performance. This is Tom's 4th PBA title and 2nd Major. He thanked PBA Hall-of-Famer Wayne Webb for being a great host during the Tournament.

| 2018 Tournament of Champions |         |  |
|------------------------------|---------|--|
| 18-Game Cash                 | +313    | Francois Lavoie  |
| 18-Game Cut                  | +320    | Jason Belmonte   |
| 18-Game Leader               | +504    | Ronnie Russell   |
| 42-Game Cut                  | +1424   | Matt O'Grady   |
| 42-Game Leader               | +1759   | Jesper Svensson  |
| 300 # Games                  | 4       | Matt O'Grady, Andrew Anderson, Kyle Troup, Shawn Maldonado |
| High Game                    | 229     | Matt O'Grady   |
| Low Game                     | 174     | B.J. Moore   |
| High Match                   | 229-225 | O'Grady vs. Belmonte                                       |
| Low Match                    | 194-185 | O'Grady vs. Anderson                                       |
| Average Winning Game         | 212.12  |  |

| 2018 Barbasol PBA Players Championship |         |   |
|--|---------|---|
| 30-Game Cash                           | +663    | Anthony Simonsen  |
| 30-Game Cut                            | +903    | Tom Smallwood   |
| 30-Game Leader                         | +1337   | Jason Belmonte  |
| 300 # Games                            | 12      | Sean Rash, Brad Angelo, Tim Steria, Marshall Kent, Anthony Lavery-Spahr, Matt Staninger, Patrick Girard, Michael Tang, Jason Belmonte, Trey Ford III, Stuart Williams |
| High Game                              | 259     | Tom Smallwood   |
| Low Game                               | 206     | Patrick Girard  |
| High Match                             | 259-239 | Smallwood vs. Belmonte  |
| Low Match                              | 237-206 | Smallwood vs. Girard  |
| Average Winning Game                   | 239.25  |   |

### 2018 Tournament of Champions

|    |                 |   |     |                                  |
|----|-----------------|---|-----|----------------------------------|
| 1. | Jesper Svensson | - | 193 | <b>Matt O'Grady<br/>Champion</b> |
|    | Matt O'Grady    | - | 207 |                                  |
| 2. | Andrew Anderson | - | 185 |                                  |
|    | Matt O'Grady    | - | 194 |                                  |
| 3. | Jason Belmonte  | - | 225 |                                  |
|    | Matt O'Grady    | - | 229 |                                  |
| 4. | B.J. Moore      | - | 174 |                                  |
| 5. | Matt O'Grady    | - | 219 |                                  |

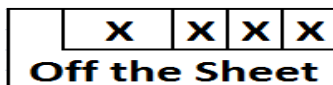


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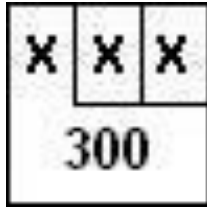
### Kingpin Max—Available March 6, 2018

Part Number:60-106009  
 Core Type: Kingpin Ultra Low RG  
 Coverstock: ECA-X (Enhanced Composite Adhesion)  
 Color: Navy / Green / Light Blue  
 Finishing Steps: 500 / 1,000 Siaair Micro Pad  
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds  
 Asymmetrical Diff 0.020  
 RG Max: 2.538  
 RG Min: 2.483  
 RG Differential:0.055  
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 310 High (250)  
 Length: Early (25) 100 Long (235)  
 Breakpoint Shape: Smooth Arc (10) 115 Angular (150)



## The Annals of the Firestone ToC

Last month, bowling fans witnessed three out of four PBA Tour stops with the Tournament Leader not winning. Jesper Svensson had a chance in making PBA History as the youngest to win multiple ToC titles. He failed to beat Matt O'Grady. Two weeks later, Tom Smallwood would stop Jason Belmonte by becoming the fastest bowler in PBA history to win ten Majors. Bowling in the tournament and bowling in the championship round are like bowling in two different tournaments. Last month, Dick Denny recalled when Wayne Zahn defeated Dick Weber at the Tournament of Champions in 1966. Dick Weber had lead the preliminary rounds in the Tournament of Champions by 345 pins. It was Dick Weber's tournament to win. There were 20 million viewers watching the Finals of the tournament. Chris Schenkel and Billy Welu were doing the commentating. Billy Welu was an ABC Masters Champion during the 1950's. He was a great bowler in his own right. He came up with the phrase "hit them thin and watch them spin". The other finalists were Dave Davis and Tom Harnisch. The tournament prize fund was \$100,000 with \$25,000 going to the winner. It was the richest tournament in PBA history at that time. Imagine being a pro-bowler leading the field by three or four hundred pins and then losing in the last game on national television. Wayne Zahn's father was his sponsor giving Wayne \$350 to \$400 a week and would only expect his money back if Wayne won. Usually sponsors go 50/50, so this was quite a deal for Zahn. The PBA Tournament entry fee was a \$100.00 a week with the remainder going for his hotel fees and food. Throwing a bowling ball for a living while avoiding the stress of keeping a sponsor. Wayne is now a bowling proprietor in the Atlanta, Georgia area. He went into the PBA Hall of Fame in 1981. He would win two Majors in one season and have the earnings record in the early stages of the PBA. His championship title percentage was a hundred percent in the Majors. He was voted the Player of the Year and had a high average. He was ranked 31st in the 2008 book "*50 Greatest Players in PBA History*".



# Tenth Frame Editorial- A Few Words of Gratitude

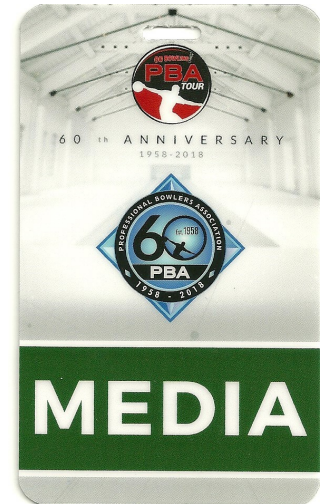
Thank you to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter subscribers for donating to my *Go Fund Me* page. I had the greatest time at the PBA 60th Anniversary Championship. It was just ten years ago that I had started the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. It was the year that the PBA announced the 50th greatest PBA players in history. I had not yet established myself as a bowling writer.

It was an exciting tournament to attend. The picture at right was the first picture that my caregiver was able to take at the Tournament. That was taken just about twenty minutes after I arrived. I want to say thank you to the PBA as they have allowed me to be a part of the PBA Hall of Fame Committee. I entered the Pro-Am which is the professional –amateur tournament. Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Jason Belmonte, Kyle Troup, A.J. Johnson, and Graham Fach were the pros that I got to bowl with. It was my honor and a rare one to be able to bowl alongside the greatest bowlers of today and all-time. To be able to attend the 60th Anniversary and the PBA Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was a great thrill. Seeing all of the world's bowlers in one venue was spectacular. Nelson Burton, Jr. made the comment that of all the bowlers who have bowled in USBC competition, there is a small percentage of bowlers who have won out on the PBA Tour. The pressure of doubling in the 10th for a PBA title can not be compared to a local league championship. Only a handful of PBA members get to be in the most prestigious hall of fame—the PBA Hall of Fame.

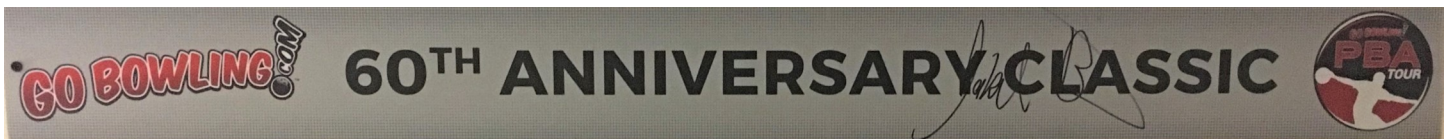
Once again, thank you for supporting me and allowing me to be a part of one of the greatest events ever!



Above (L to R) Marshall Holman , Josh Hyde, and Johnny Petraglia



At right:  
The 2018  
PBA Tour  
Season Media  
Credential.



Pinsweeper signed by Winner Jakob Butturff at  
2018 PBA Anniversary Classic

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