



Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** reports on the IX PBA World Series of Bowling and the CBS Sports Network in 2018 and the finals of the world series of bowling. The **Kingpin Column** is split between **Breakpoint** discusses the DHC Japan Cup and the passing of Mickey Spiezio. **Off the Sheet** discusses pro bowler insider. **In the Pocket** is the top ten events of the PBA tour of the 2017 season **The Tenth Frame** is a debate on the PBA Player of the Year.

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

Messenger

CBS Sports Network in 2018

On December 11th of last month, the PBA announced part of the 2018 television schedule for the Go Bowling.com PBA Tour. This will be part of the PBA Tour Finals. The top eighteen on the current money list will be invited to be a part of the second PBA Tour finals with E.J Tackett being the defending champion. He has the right to be apart of the PBA Tour finals to successfully defend his PBA Tour finals. Other names that are in the mix are Jason Belmonte, Dom Barrett, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent, and Tommy Jones.

2018 PBA Tour Finals will be based on the total earnings of the top money earners of the 2017. The Finals field for the 2018 PBA Tour will include the 2018 Japan Cup through the Xtra Frame Maine Shootout at Bay Side Bowl in Portland, Maine. This will be the second PBA Tour finals. The finalists will have a chance at winning 30,000 dollars and a PBA Tour Title. The tournament format will be announced at a later date.

Further details will be announced in later editions of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

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2nd Annual USA vs the World Competition

Marshall Holman served as USA Team Captain and Stuart Williams served as World Team Captain. The event used the Baker Format and the pattern was the PBA Earl Anthony 42. Both teams started off strong with the scores even at the fourth frame. Dom Barrett had a super washout in the 5th leaving the 1-2-4-6-10. On his second shot, he only got 7 count instead of 8 or a Spare out. Larsen also left the super washout in the 8th, but he was able to pick up the spare to keep the World in the game. Small-wood got the first hit in the tenth to secure the first game for the USA.

Between the matches Kimberly Pressley asked Jason Belmonte if Captain Stuart Williams was going to change the lineup. Jason said they were going to keep the ball in front of them to stay competitive. However the World Team could not get into a groove.

Both teams started off in the second game with a good start until the fifth frame when Barrett almost left the 2-4-8-10. In the next frame, Jesper left the 4-7-10 split. On his spare shot he went for spare and came short with a gutter ball. This left the World Team 36 behind and let USA Team run over the game. World team continued to struggle as they could not tie up the match. USA Team dominated by striking out for a final score of 279—191.

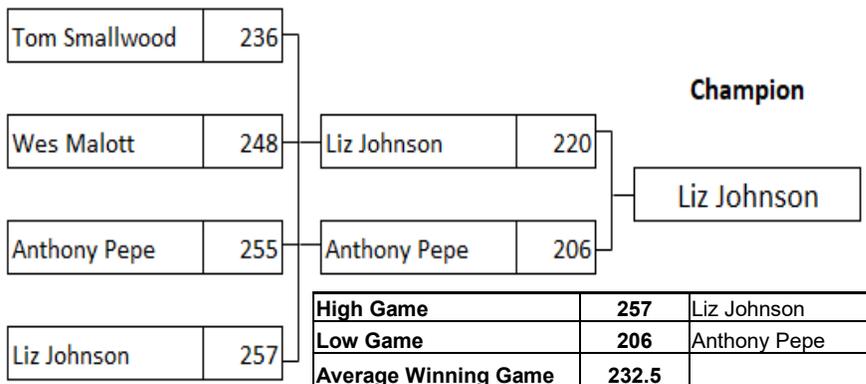


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Josh Hyde PBA World Series of Bowling Notebook

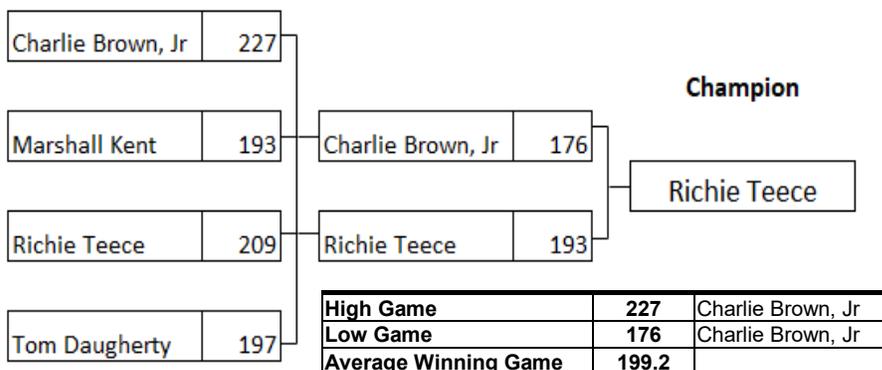
In the Chameleon Championship Qualifier, Tom Smallwood did not bring his A-game, as he could not get striking until late in the game. Wes Malott forced Liz Johnson to double in the tenth to go on to the championship game. Anthony Pepe shot a 255 to advance to the championship game. The championship game saw a lefty and righty going for the 20,000 first place prize. Pepe got off to a slow start when he barely made the four-seven, and he missed a single pin. However, Liz jumped on that by striking in the early part of the match. She won the game and became the second women to win a PBA Tour Title joining Kelly Kulick. Liz Johnson would defeat Anthony Pepe 220 to 206 to claim the title.

Chameleon Championship



The Shark Championship saw two veterans take on two newcomers to the PBA Tour. Charlie Brown, Jr. was the high score in the first game at 227. Marshall Kent had a hard time early on in the game. He switched balls, but by then it was too late. Tom Daugherty had a hard time as well as he could only muster up a game of 197. In the championship game, it was a battle of the newcomers. Charlie Brown looked like he had the handle but struggled in the championship game. Richie Teece bowled poorly, but stayed out of trouble. He only needed a mark to win. It looked like he was going to have a hard time getting a mark, but he held on and was able to claim his first title.

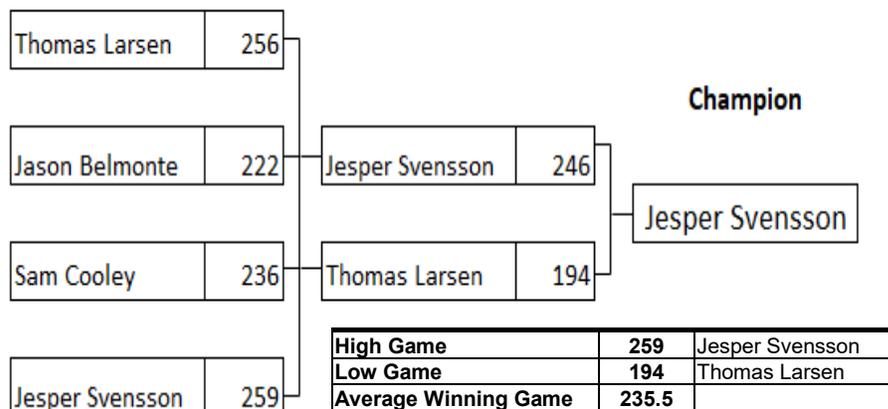
Shark Championship



In the Cheetah Championship, it looked like Jason Belmonte was going to be dominate as he struck well in the first three frames. However, Larsen and Svensson were able to respond. Belmonte could not keep his striking shoes on as he finished the first game with a 222. He left a 2-10 and was not able to pick it up. Svensson had the last eight as strikes and was the leader of game 1.

Cheetah Championship

In the Championship game, it looked like it was going to be a high scoring affair except Larsen ran into transition and could not get anything going. They were tied in the fourth, but Svensson took the next five frames with strikes. He dedicated his seventh win to his recently deceased friend.



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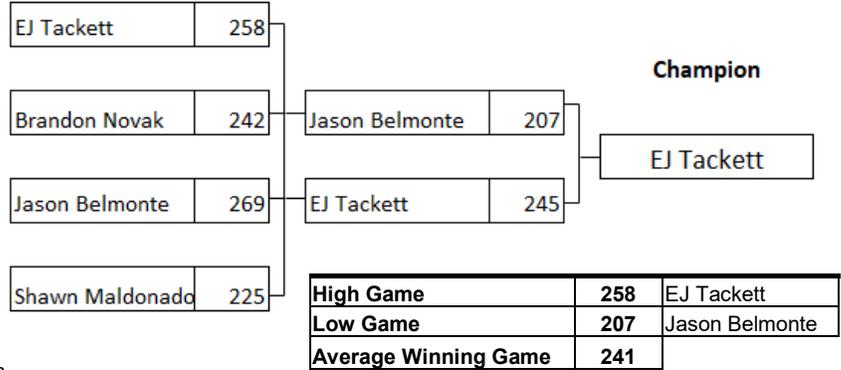
The Scorpion Championship saw a high scoring environment with Shawn Maldonado having the front five but then struggling in the last portion of the game. Leaving a Greek church, he recovered but it was a little too late. The four person match looked like it was going to be a high scoring match with the possible low game being 258 at one point.

Brandon Novak had a six bagger but he could not keep striking against Tackett or Belmonte to be in the championship match. Belmonte and Tackett kept on striking in the first game giving Novak and Maldonado no chance at advancing to the championship game.

The championship game saw E.J. striking early, Belmonte could never get striking as he did in the previous match. Tackett gave Belmonte a chance by leaving a two-ten split, however, Belmonte could not take advantage of that opening. By the ninth frame Tackett only needed a mark to claim his ninth PBA Tour title he completed the task by striking.

At the beginning of the show Tackett was asked if he thought that he was going to receive his second PBA Player of the Year Award, he said he must win the title. He won his fourth title of the year, by defeating Belmonte 245 to 207.

Scorpion Championship



2017 PBA World Championship—Belmonte makes History

In the 2017 PBA World Championship featured probably the best field of the 2017 PBA Tour Season. Jesper Svensson was the top qualifier as the top qualifier he was given the choice of the pattern that the PBA World Championship was going to use. In the first game Kyle Troup started off strong with the front six. Matthew Sanders put up a great fight forcing a one ball roll off. Kyle Troup stroke in the sudden ball roll-off. Matthew Sanders could not match Troup as he went high in the one ball roll-off only getting seven, that gave Troup the win to advance. In the second match saw Ryan Ciminelli and Kyle Troup struggling as they could not get striking. Yet Kyle had a chance in the tenth to either tie, win or lose the match by doubling in the tenth. Kyle got the first one but left the bucket giving Ryan the victory. In the semifinals Belmonte got off to a slow start. However found the line to the pocket and was able to strike. Belmonte once again had a seven bagger at the end of the game. Ryan only needed a strike and nine spares to advance to the championship match. Ryan Ciminelli got the first one but came up a little bit short by leaving a three five spare combo tying the game 257 to 257. In the one ball roll-off Belmonte choose to go first. He left a swishing seven pin giving Ciminelli a chance to go in the championship match. Ryan thought he through a great ball. But he left a seven count giving Belmonte the win. The tournament leader got off to a slow start by splitting in the first frame. He came back with a four bagger. Belmonte walked through the door and was able to capitalize on it and win his ninth career major title and his sixteenth PBA Tour title overall. He would win that game 238 to 225 Belmonte made PBA History by becoming the first pro-bowler by winning three majors along with that he collected \$60,000.00 in the prestigious Earl Anthony trophy.

2017 PBA World Championship		
High Game	257	tie - Belmonte and Ciminelli
Low Game	180	Kyle Troup
High Match	257-257	Belmonte v. Ciminelli
Low Match	193-180	Ciminelli vs Troup
Average Winning Game	230.8	

2017 PBA World Championship

				1. Jesper Svensson	- 225	Jason Belmonte Champion	
			2. Jason Belmonte	- 257	Jason Belmonte		- 238
		3. Ryan Ciminelli	- 193	Ryan Ciminelli	- 257		
4.	Kyle Troup	- 248	Kyle Troup	- 180			
5.	Matt Sanders	- 248					

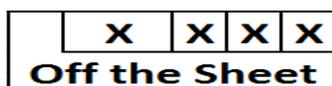
Breakpoint

DHC Japan Cup-2018 is set

The DHC Japan Cup will feature a new tournament format with two qualifying six game blocks. The JPBA will cut the field to the top 16. Those 16 players will come back to bowl 16 games of round robin match play. The field will be cut again to a stepladder final. The players on the PBA side that will be participating as follows: Francois Lavoie, Parker Bohn III, Chris Barnes, Liz Johnson, EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte, Jesper Svensson, Marshall Kent, Rhino Page, Ryan Ciminelli, Anthony Simonsen, Sean Rash, Yannaphon Larpapharat, Kyle Troup, Dom Barrett. The tournament will take place on January 26th-28th at the Toyko Port Bowl. All of the rounds will be broadcast on



Xtra Frame. The players will be competing on the dragon pattern, which will be featured at the 60th PBA Anniversary championship. For further details bowling fans can go to PBA.com.



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

Lyle Zikes, Senior Writer for the Bowlers Journal International, writes a column titled Pro Bowling Insider. He discusses what is going on with the PBA Tour. Last month, he wrote about 2018 PBA Hall of Fame Class—which is comprised on Chris Barnes and Ron Mohr. Barnes has done everything in the PBA just like Hall of Famers before him. He joins Mike Aulby and Dick Weber as the only PBA members who have been inducted on their first nomination.

In the 2009 **50 Greatest Players in PBA History** book, the title on Chris's page was "Laying the Groundwork for a Hall of Fame Career". Highlights in his career include: bowling a 300 national



Mickey Spiezio Passes Away

On December 18, PBA50 former three time titlist passed away a week before Christmas at his daughter's home. He won three titles on the PBA50 Tour, he beat some of the PBA's greatest bowlers such as the legendary Dick Weber and Earl Anthony. He won with Rowdy Morrow in the 1987 Kessler Touring Senior PBA Doubles. In 1991 he would win at the Hammond Senior Open. Mickey was a slow player but got the job done. He decided to turn pro at the age of 50 and did well during his short ten year PBA Pro Bowling career. Mickey was able to hold his own during his short PBA career. The bowling world sends its condolences to the Spiezio family, he will greatly be missed.

PBI— Barnes and Mohr: Class of 2018 Hall of Fame Inductees

television, was voted PBA Rookie of the Year (1998), PBA High Average and Points Leader (2000), and PBA Player of the Year (2007-08). Add to that, he is the second bowler to win the bowling Triple Crown.

Ron Mohr started off with a bang on the PBA scene winning 50% on the PBA50 Tour. Back in 2011, he was in every championship round of each of the PBA500 tournaments. He quite easily could have won every one of those tournaments (similar to what Pete Weber did when he won 6 PBA50 stops in one season).

Don Mitchell was one of the leaders in the bowling industry in the Indianapolis area. He owned 300 lanes and 5 pro shops (all named after him). His corporation was named Royal Pin Leisure Centers. Mitchell also sponsored

PBA Hall of Famer Mike Aulby when Aulby was on the Tour. Mike said that 'Don loved the bowling industry and the people in it.'

Lyle also did a side bar in this article about PBA Hall of Famers in waiting. The following worthy bowlers awaiting their 20-year membership tenure (a prerequisite to being considered for the Hall of Fame) are (and the year that they would be eligible): Patrick Allen and Mika Koiuniemi (2019), Tommy Jones (2020), Wes Malott (2021), Sean Rash (2025), and Jason Belmonte (2028). Quite an impressive list!

It was a great article to read. The page before that even topped it—as the greatest (modest) bowling writer was featured.

Jason Belmonte became the first bowler to win three Majors in a single season.



Tenacity and Magnitude



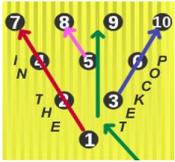
Tenacity—Available January 9, 2018

Part Number:60-105999
 Core Type: Tenacity Low RG
 Coverstock: UR (Ultra Responsive)
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 Weights: 12-16 Pounds
 Asymmetrical Diff: 0.018
 RG Max: 2.555
 RG Min: 2.503
 RG Differential:0.052
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 220 High (250)
 Length: Early (25) 140 Long (235)
 Breakpoint Shape: Smooth Arc (10) 150 Angular (150)



Magnitude 035 Pearl—Available Jan 9, 2019

Part Number:60-105991
 Core Type: Magnitude 035 Low Diff Symmetric
 Coverstock: Relativity Flip Pearl
 Color: Gold / Silver Pearl
 Finishing Steps: 500 Siaair / Crwon Factory Compound
 Weights: 12-16 Pounds
 RG Max: 2.556
 RG Min: 2.521
 RG Differential:0.035
 Hook Potential: Low (10) 185 High (250)
 Length: Early (25) 150 Long (235)
 Breakpoint Shape: Smooth Arc (10) 130 Angular (150)



In The Pocket 2017 PBA Tour Highlights



At the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Open the best PBA50 Stepladder Final ever. Weber, Duke, Monaceli, Bohn, and Williams Jr.



Belmonte earned his second PBA Players Championship to join Dave Ferraro, Steve Hoskins and Dennis Horan Jr. as the only players to win this major twice.



Walter Ray Williams Jr. became the first player in USBC Masters history to have multiple USBC Master titles in both the senior and regular divisions.



E.J. Tackett wins the first PBA Tour Finals.



E.J Tackett wins back to back Majors at the 2016 PBA World Championship and the 2017 Tournament of Champions.



Liz Johnson becomes the second woman to win a PBA Tour title at the PBA Chameleon Championship.



Jason Belmonte becomes the first player to win four USBC Masters titles.



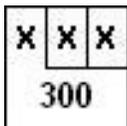
E.J. Tackett wins the Inaugural Storm Cup Xtra -Frame points.



Pete Weber joined Walter Ray Williams Jr. in having a combination of 100 PBA titles at the PBA50 DeHayes Insurance Open.



Belmonte becomes the first player to win three majors in a single season.



Tenth Frame—Editorial

PBA Player of the Year Debate

The PBA Membership has a hard choice for the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. At the IX PBA World Series of Bowling with the forefront being E.J. Tackett and Jason Belmonte. At the beginning of the World Series of bowling Sean Rash commented that he liked E.J. Tackett's chances of repeating the PBA Player of the Year honor, because he won the Storm Cup Xtra-frame points. However, Belmonte becomes the first player in PBA history to win three majors in a single season. Back in 1987 the PBA membership decided that Marshall Homan was the player of the year, however, he did not win any titles in that year. With Belmonte winning three majors in a single season and the first one to accomplish this feat it's hard to write him off as the PBA Player of the Year. E.J. was the bowlers Journal International All American Team Captain for the 2016-2017 season. PBA Membership looks at every statistical category that the PBA player has. Belmonte made four shows at the IX World Series of Bowling. E.J. won the Scorpion Championship over Jason Belmonte.

At the PBA World Championship Jason Belmonte won the title and will probably clench the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Honor. Belmonte also made three major shows and won all three majors. Belmonte overcame his struggle at the PBA Mobile Bowling Challenge Cheetah Championship by making the show in the tournament by making the championship round. Belmonte really dominated this years World Series of Bowling. It will definitely be a hard choice for the PBA membership. Since I am a PBA member and I've know E.J. my whole life I'm going to vote for Belmonte simply because he has won the most majors in PBA history in a single season. It is going to be a good fight because E.J. won back to back major titles and he won Inaugural Xtra-Frame Storm Cup Points. E.J. is still one of the greatest bowlers of today. Belmonte just turned the strike machine on at the IX PBA World Series of Bowling where he bowled well. It was a great year for both players. The PBA membership will have a hard time choosing the Chris Shenkle PBA Player of the Year Honor.

Contributing to the Bowling Industry

In the past I have written about being a part of the bowling industry. I have run tournaments, I have helped my dad in his proshop, I have helped Parker Bohn sort out the television shirts for Brunswick, and have done reports for the Elkhart PBA regional. Ever since I can remember, I have always dreamt of being a part the bowling industry and at the same time be a part of the PBA membership. Back in 2001 I asked the president how I could become a PBA member, a week later I received a card that read 'Congratulations to our number 1 fan on becoming an honorary PBA member.' Now that I have bowled a 300 game I feel like I definitely belong in the PBA even though I don't bowl in the PBA tournaments. Contributing to the bowling industry was what my goal was when I was growing up. For those of you who have purchased *Bowling From Another View*, I've bowled from my home on a mock PBA tour. Whenever the PBA would bowl, I would bowl along with them. Bowling fans can ask my parents what I was doing in my room and/or in my living room. I was bowling. I think in doing the mock PBA tour, I was sparking my interest in pursuing a bowling career. Memorial Day weekend of 2008 was a stepping stone into becoming a part of the bowling industry. I absolutely love what I do as a career and to be able to do that as a profession. When I shot that 300 I knew that the sky was the limit. To Roger and Bambi Hyde I thank you guys for supporting me. These people are my parents. My dad was a member of the PBA for a short time in the late 80s. I had no idea what he was doing, I only saw him bowl a couple regional stops as a PBA member. In 1993 he made match play for the very first time as a non-member. I asked him if he would consider being a regional pro and he said, 'no', because I would not be able to see him bowl in smaller tournaments. He ended up pursuing his dream by bowling in the 1996 US Open and he won the Amateur portion.



Back to the contributing, one of my first recollections of getting an email from Parker Bohn was that I had a great product in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter, and it has served its purpose. I now cover Brunswick bowling balls which I'm able to receive bowling balls from Brunswick. Becoming a PBA member I wanted to contribute in the bowling industry somehow, I did not know how. Seven years later I came up with an idea and took off with it. It is you the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter subscribers that I have been able to contribute to the bowling industry, I thank you. To my mom Bambi Hyde, there is no words to express how thankful I am to you. You helped me get to bowling tournaments and sewed on patches on my shirts, I really thank you. I know how you liked how I wrote about Dick and Pete Weber and that was encouraging to me. I can't thank Brunswick and Vise enough for supporting me with bowling equipment for myself and my dad. Thank you Brian Graham and the people at Vise. My next ambition of the game is getting a bowling industry award from some organization. To Dennis Bergendorf, Thank you for letting me write for the Bowlers Journal International. I love doing this newsletter for all of the bowling fans in the world.