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Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, John Davis, Bob Johnson, and Kelly Kulick & Larry Lichstein were inducted in the USBC Hall of Fame Class of 2019. Chris Barnes is a 16 time member of Team USA as well as capturing 22 gold medals. Barnes is one of six players to complete the Triple Crown in addition, he is one of five players to capture both Rookie and Player of the Year honors. Barnes has captured 19 PBA Tour Titles. "As I around,. I'm simply in awe of the accomplishments and legendary pioneers in this room" stated Barnes as he accepted his award.

Mika Koivuniemi won his first PBA Tour Title as a majors at the 2000 USBC Masters and the 2001 U.S. Open. This is how he earned nickname "Major Mika". Ten years later at the Tournament of Champions. He would win the richest payout for any single tournament of \$250,000. In the semi-final match he would defeat Tom Daugherty 299 to 100. He is the first European bowler to get elected to the PBA and USBC Hall of Fames.

Kelly Kulick was the first woman to win a major title at the 2010 Tournament of Champions when she beat Chris Barnes 265 to 195. She would go on to win Queens and the Women's U.S. Open. She was also win the Rookie of the Year and the PWBA Tour. Kelly Kulick has made a name for herself in bowling. She also was part of the inaugural Elias Cup in 2013 when the WTT Kingpins won PBA League.

Larry Lichstein was the 1969 Rookie of the Year. However he would be the Player's Service Director for the PBA driving a mobile pro-shop for the pros make no mistake about it though he was a great bowler. Winning one PBA Title and capturing a couple of Eagles at the USBC Open Championships. Larry also has two USBC Open Championship Titles the 1969 Classic All – Events and the Classic Team in 1970. He has drilled well over 1 million balls for about 90% of the PBA membership.

John Davis was the founder of Kegel. Who wanted to make bowling fair for every bowler. John Davis would revolutionize the game with many innovations in "lane machines, conditioners, and cleaners". It was a tough task to do as lanes changes during the course of time. John had the opportunity to do lanes for the PBA in 1997. The key thing for him developing a lane cleaning system in which the playing field of the bowling lanes were equal unfortunately on January 25th of 2013, John Davis would pass away at the age of 64

Bob Johnson just like Mika Koivuniemi would receive both PBA Hall of Fame & the USBC Hall of Fame for meritorious service. He has 75 writing awards and is currently the editor of Bowler Journal International. Johnson who made a career out of bowling journalism. When he received his ring he asked the USBC if they could donate the value of the ring to the Bowler's Veteran's link. He started out reporting a bowling publication in the California area. Bob Johnson is a great bowling writer.





Elias-Schenkel-Weber Lane

#36—Williams Wins 7th Player of the Year Award

In the beginning of the 2009/2010 PBA Tour Season, Walter Ray Williams Jr. would win the first title of the season at the Inaugural WSOB at the Motor City Open. He would win another title at the USBC Masters by bowling a 290 in the championship game against Chris Barnes denying Barnes his Masters Title. His last Player of the Year Honor would come by earning enough points to obtain the honor. Points were awarded just to the top five that made the championship round. This would surpass Earl Anthony who would earn six Player of the Year Awards. Walter Ray would be the bowler of the decade for two consecutive decades.

#48-PBA Regional Tour Launches in 1969

In 1969, the PBA decided to kick off another PBA membership program for good bowlers. In addition, this program would allow top amateur bowlers a chance to compete against the Pros. It would also be a qualification process for the PBA members to get their PBA tour card. In order to get their PBA tour card, they would have to cash in 2 PBA regional tournaments before they could join the tour. Tom Hennessey would win the first PBA regional tournament.

#58-Creation of PBA Lane Maintenance Program

In 1971, the PBA introduced the PBA Lane Maintenance program. This was a good thing for the PBA because it gave bowlers challenging lane conditions. It also served the purpose to make the lane conditions more consistent and balanced. In 2007, it was expanded into the animal patterns

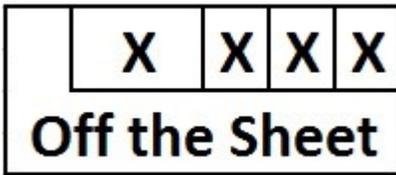
we know today. In 2013, the PBA introduced a blue dye to the oil. This allowed bowling fans to see the breakdown of the oil on televised events. Lenny Nicholson was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011 for Meritorious Service for his service in the Lane Maintenance Program. He knew lane conditions so well that he could predict the scoring average at the beginning of the tournament.

#59-Chris Warren vs Bob Vespi in 1992

In 1992, at the Florida Open, Chris Warren was climbing the ladder to claim his 4th title. However, the tournament leader, Bob Vespi would be looking for his first. He would only have to win one game. However, Vespi would struggle with a couple of splits. He would strike out forcing Warren to need a double and get eight on his fill ball to win the tournament. He would answer the call by striking out in the tenth. This would give Warren his fourth PBA tour title.

#60-PBA League, Dallas Strikers Bowl 300

The Dallas Strikers were the first team to shoot a perfect game in the 2016 PBA League Competition in the semi final against the Motown Muscle. The teammates were Tommy Jones, Norm Duke, Bill O’Neill, Sean Maldonado, and BJ Moore. It was the first Baker perfect game in PBA league history. Jones, O’Neill, and Duke were the top bowlers of the team. At Portside Bowl, if a bowler throws a perfect game, they get their name engraved in a brick.

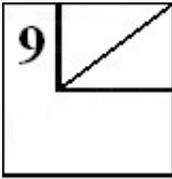


National Bowling Stadium Turns 25

In 1995 the bowling industry created the Taj Mahal of Tenpins the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. The Bowler’s Journal reported that the USBC Open Championship of 2020 will have more area for bowlers to put their equipment. There have been a number of innovations to the national bowling stadium. Like Riveria Lanes for the pros, this is the premier bowling center for the USBC membership. It will have been four years since the open championship have been there.



In 1998 Parker Bohn III bowled the 12th perfect game on national television and Mike Aulby would make history by claiming his 3rd Frank K. Baker Trophy at the USBC Masters.



Spare Column

PBA Tour Playoffs-Round of 24 & 16



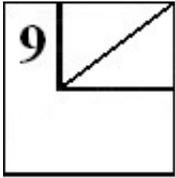
Jakob Butturff was coming off his 2019 Masters win, getting that Major and removing that monkey from his back. Wes Malott has had an outstanding 2019 season. Malott barely got by Josh Blanchard in the round of 24 with a 212-211. During their two games, Butturff looked to have the upper hand. Butturff won the first game with a 268. He was lined up in the first game, but he struggled in the second and Malott was starting to strike. Malott won the second 226-193. It would go to the two frame roll-off to decide the winner of this matchup.

Bill O'Neill found a way to strike in this season and it showed up in this tournament. In the first game Jesper Svensson, he was able to stay above 200 however Svensson won this game. In the second game, Svensson struggled and only could muster up a 164 while O'Neill was able to strike his way to a 247. In the roll-off, O'Neill would turkey giving Svensson no chance to win the match.

The highlight of the Round of 16 was the match between Norm Duke and Dom Barrett. Duke, who has joined the elite club of 40+ titles, was ready to take on Barrett. Barrett was looking to be on the strike train as he bowled a 236 over Duke's 222 in the first game. However, Duke was able to respond and turn it around and have his own 236. Barrett struggled in the final frames of game two. He had back-to-back missed 4 pins in the 9th and 10th frames. This setup the roll-off. Both players could not get a double and instead they both went Dutch and ended in a 40-40 tie. In the sudden death roll-off, Duke left a 4 pin while Barrett struck to take the match.

Sean Rash is having a marvelous 2019 PBA Tour season. Kyle Sherman worked his way up from the Round of 24 in this tournament. He had a Championship round appearance at the Roth-Homan Doubles and the World Series of Bowling. In this match, Rash dominated both games and avoided the two frame roll-off. Rash won 227-175 and 237-214. Sherman started the first game by leaving the Big 4 and followed it up with five spares. In the second game, Rash picked it up in the 7th frame and did not give Sherman a chance.

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| BARNES | 205 | BELMONTE | 245 | 217 | 49 | 2 |
| TROUP | 236 | TROUP | 186 | 223 | 40 | 1 |
| PRATHER | 207 | DAUGHERTY | 137 | 222 | | 0 |
| TANG | 183 | PRATHER | 222 | 228 | | 2 |
| PAGE | 266 | SIMONSEN | 237 | 214 | 49 | 2 |
| MALDONADO | 205 | PAGE | 214 | 226 | 39 | 1 |
| ALLEN | 199 | TACKETT | 228 | 193 | | 0 |
| GOMEZ | 236 | GOMEZ | 231 | 245 | | 2 |
| MALOTT | 212 | BUTTURFF | 268 | 193 | 39 | 1 |
| BLANCHARD | 211 | MALOTT | 210 | 226 | 40 | 2 |
| M.KENT | 190 | O'NEILL | 211 | 247 | 57 | 2 |
| SVENSSON | 206 | SVENSSON | 222 | 164 | 40 | 1 |
| BARRETT | 237 | DUKE | 222 | 236 | 40 | 9 |
| B.MILLER | 187 | BARRETT | 236 | 174 | 40 | 10 |
| SHERMAN | 206 | RASH | 227 | 237 | | 2 |
| ARCHER | 182 | SHERMAN | 175 | 214 | | 0 |



PBA Playoffs Round of 8

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| BELMONTE | 165 | 214 | | 0 |
| PRATHER | 197 | 224 | | 2 |

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| SIMONSEN | 207 | 243 | 56 | 2 |
| GOMEZ | 234 | 215 | 39 | 1 |

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| MALOTT | 217 | 202 | | 0 |
| O'NEILL | 229 | 246 | | 2 |

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| BARRETT | 226 | 253 | 40 | 1 |
| RASH | 205 | 268 | 60 | 2 |



In the round of 8 Chris Prather swept Jason Belmonte. Belmonte was struggling as he would only shoot the 160 game. Prather would stay out of trouble and beat Belmonte with a score of 197. In the second game Belmonte started to find his groove. However it would not waver Prather as he would bowl a 220 game to advance to the final four to have a chance at the \$100,000 top prize. In the other match it was against Anthony Simonsen & Andres Gomez. Simonsen had been the youngest player to win two majors as he captured the PBA Player's Championship. In this match as Gomez was hoping to have another upset by beating Simonsen. In the first game Gomez would beat Simonsen 234 to 207. When it looked like Gomez was going to have another upset. Simonsen would put on his striking shoes and shoot 243 to 215. In the ninth and tenth frame roll off Simonsen would strike three times giving Andres no chance at winning to advance to the final four.



In the first game between Wes Malott and Bill O'Neill, Malott kept it clean but could not carry the 4 pin. He left it on four occasions and could not string any strikes together. O'Neill left the Big 4 on third frame, but then came back striking in the later half of the game giving him a 1-0 lead. The second game saw O'Neill with the front six and comfortable lead. Malott started out with a Turkey, but would once again leave a 4 pin and would not be able to bounce back. In the tenth he needed to strike-out to keep the pressure on and stay in the match, but he wifted the pocket and O'Neill won in two games.



Sean Rash and Dom Barrett could not take a solid in their first game. Barrett kept it clean on his foundation frame while Rash left the 3-10 baby split and could not convert leaving the 10 pin. Barrett took full advantage and earned the first point. In the second game, it was a strike fest where Barrett had a 6 bagger in the middle and Rash had a 7 bagger to finish. Rash could have sealed the game but left a Stone 8. This gave Barrett a chance to strike out to tie, but he left the 2-4-5 on the second ball of the tenth frame. In the roll-off, Barret left the 4 pin in the 9th frame and a Stone 8 on the second ball of the 10th frame. Rash struck out and won the match. He will go on to face Bill O'Neill on June 1.



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Tenth Frame Commentary

Bowlologist Job Description

Throughout my bowling career, there have been two main elements that I have tried to cover. Since 1989, I have been a PBA fan. When Mike Aulby won the 1989 Showboat in Atlantic City, New Jersey, I was hooked. The very next week, he would go on to win the Budweiser Open in North Olmsted, Ohio. By 1990, I attended my first major tournament which was the Seagrams Cooler U.S. Open when Ron Palombi Jr. won his first major. In 1989, Mike Aulby would win his second jewel of the Triple Crown of bowling at the U.S. Open by defeating Jim Pencak. That same year, Aulby would win the first of his three Masters titles. Learning how to keep score in bowling was probably the hardest fundamental to learn. By 1995, I became a pro at learning how to keep score.

There are two binders that I have been working on. These bowling essentials are covered in these binders: one is PBA-related and the other is instruction on how to bowl. Even though I write the **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter, JHB** covers both amateur and professional tournaments. I have also established **Josh Hyde Bowling**. I have three letters—I, T and P. They stand for Instruction, Tournament and Professional Bowling. These are the three main elements of bowling. These three key factors of bowling are what makes bowling a sport. In recent months, I have written about becoming a Bowlologist. I also know a great deal about the sport of bowling—how to throw the ball. **Bowlology** is my own bowling instruction to improve a bowler's skills, from the physical game to ball dynamics.

The USBC is the national governing body for bowling. They have created uniform rules and standards that apply from local to national tournaments for amateur and professional bowlers to gain a foundation as they aspire to become PBA members. USBC has rules and guidelines in which bowling can be regulated for every bowler in the United States. Other countries are modeling their own homegrown versions of the USBC after the success of the United States Bowling Congress. USBC promotes bowling for everyone—from the Joe Bowler that bowls his local league to the Jason Belmonte and other PBA greats. USBC offers tournaments at the local, state, and national levels. They even have different patterns red, white, and blue. The USBC honors scores are as follows 300, 299, and 298. The governing body of bowling allows bowlers to compete for national titles and this tournament is called the Open Championships. The United States Bowling Congress will build eighty lanes for the 20,000 teams that will participate in the tournament. In previous years, bowling centers used to be able to buy the actual lanes to add to the lanes in the bowling center.

The PBA Tour should be educational and interesting. When Joe Bowler fine-tunes his game, he can try out his talent on the PBA Tour. When I created the bowling tournament hierarchy, I wanted bowlers to understand what they are up against when they try the grass roots of bowling tournaments — local and PBA Regional tournaments.

Focusing on the above essentials is how a Bowlologist is created.

