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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger Column** discusses Norm Duke at the Go Bowling PBA Championship in Indianapolis. The **Spare Column** about the Tournament of Champions and the Players Championship. **Bowlology** highlights high level PBA Competition with the bowling tournament hierarchy. **The Tenth Frame** is an editorial on the essentials of bowling. **Balls of the Lanes** highlights two new balls from Brunswick. Next month will only highlight the up coming 10th World Series of Bowling.

Thanks for reading the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely, Josh Hyde

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Messenger

Duke Wins Title 39

Norm Duke wins title #39 by defeating Jason Belmonte 237– 219. Duke started off with a bang by striking the first three frames but then he left a 4-9 split and then converted it. Belmonte was looking for his 20th career PBA Tour title. He started off strong but then could not get on the strike train. Wes Malott won the first two games over Rhino Page & Tom Daugherty. In the first match, Malott came out striking. Page could not challenge Malott as Page would struggle only mustering up a 192 over Malott's 242. In the next match, Malott struck out in the tenth frame to force Daugherty to throw a double to win the match. However, on the first ball in the tenth, Tom rung a ten pin giving Malott a chance to win the title. Duke started off slowly by missing a makeable spare. Malott made a ball change in the second match, hoping to line up. Once again, Duke gave Malott an opening to strike out in the tenth which would have resulted in a one pin victory for Malott. by striking out in the tenth frame to win by one pin. However, Malott would come up a little short by ringing a ten pin on the first ball in the tenth frame. This gave Duke a chance to win his 39th PBA Tour Career Title.

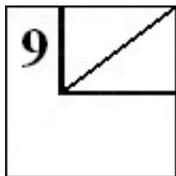
Jason Belmonte would lead the tournament wire to wire as he was the qualifying leader by scoring +540. The tournament was contested on the Dick Weber and Mike Aulby Patterns. There were three Hall of Famers that made the top 24 - Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Norm Duke and Chris Barnes. The qualifying number was Kyle Sherman who scored +305. It took a score of +238 by reigning Player of the Year Andrew Anderson. Entering the last round of match play, there were 16 players who had a shot at making the championship round. However, in the position round game, Rhino Page was up 81 pins over Osku Palermaa. Osku would not start off very well in the final game of match play. Palermaa would falter in the standings. There were a total of six 300s during the tournament. A number of players were struggling to stay clean and shoot big scores. The Dick Weber Pattern was on the left lane, and the Mike Aulby Pattern was on the right lane. The lefties had an easier time at this tournament. The tournament would draw a 119 players.

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2019 Go-Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open		
18-Game Casher	+278	Andrew Anderson
18-Game Cut #	+305	Kyle Sherman
18-Game Leader	+641	Jason Belmonte
42-Game Cut #	+1249	Rhino Page
42-Game Leader	+1727	Jason Belmonte
#300 games	5	Jason Belmonte, Patrick Gerard, Wes Malott, Crisitan Azcona, and DJ Archer
High Game	242	Wes Malott
Low Game	170	Tom Daugherty
High Match	237-219	Norm Duke vs Jason Belmonte
Low Match	174-170	Tom Daugherty & Wes Malott
AVG. Winning Game	216.75	

2019 Go-Bowling PBA Indianapolis Open

1.	Jason Belmonte	-	219	Norm Duke Champion
	Norm Duke	-	237	
2.	Norm Duke	-	214	
	Wes Malott	-	195	
3.	Tom Daugherty	-	170	
	Wes Malott	-	174	
4.	Wes Malott	-	242	
5.	Rhino Page	-	192	



PBA Tournament of Champions

Jason Belmonte tied Earl Anthony and Pete Weber at the 2019 Tournament of Champions with a total of ten Majors. He also joined Mike Durbin and Jason Couch as being the only bowlers to win the Tournament of Champions three times. He did it by defeating E.J. Tackett 225 to 196. This would give him his 19th **GoBowling.com** PBA Tour Title, ten of which are Majors. He would lead the Tournament of Champions from the second round of qualifying on and not looking back. He would also stare down the million dollar bonus for tossing a perfect game in the championship match by having the front four strikes. However, in the fifth frame, Belmonte would leave a ten pin and miss the spare. Both Tackett and Belmonte would start out with a strike in the championship game. Tackett would be the first to choke as he left a single pin spare. Tackett, who was trying to win his second TOC title in addition to his 13th career PBA Tour Title, came up a little bit short. In the semi-finals, Tackett would beat Marshall Kent with a score of 238 to 184.



In the second match, E.J. would meet Josh Blanchard and outscore him by 264 –236. In the first match, Sean Lavery-Spahr would pick up a 8-10 split. He would only need a mark to face E.J. in the second game. However, he would leave the difficult 2-8-10 split on the first ball in the tenth, giving Blanchard a 190 to Spahr’s 180. Blanchard would shoot a pair of 300 games in the tournament. In the second round of qualifying, Pete Weber was the number to advance to match play. He would fall a little short in the third round of qualifying. PBA Charter member Carmen Salvino chose to bowl in this year’s Tournament of Champions. Tom Daugherty would miss a ten-pin failing to make the cut by one pin. He would, however, earn the last cash spot with a score of +261. Past champion Tommy Jones would be the number with a score of +262. Jesper Svensson would not contend well at this year’s Tournament of Champions. Also, Jakob Buttruff would not match up as he came up a little bit short. Michael Machuga who has not competed on the **GoBowling PBA Tour** for a few years had a great opportunity to reach the step-ladder finals. Dom Barrett was looking to join Mike Aulby, Billy Hardwick, Chris Barnes, Norm Duke, Johnny Petraglia and Pete

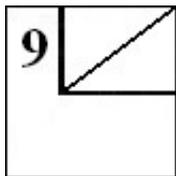
Weber to complete the Triple Crown. Barrett was looking really good to contend but was not a factor in the stepladder finals.

Jason Belmonte became the youngest to win ten major titles. His resume is full except, however, the U.S. Open title still eludes him. This will have to wait until November when the U.S. Open takes place. He also has four Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year Honors. He will definitely be the Bowler of the Decade from 2010-2019. With E.J.Tackett and Jason Belmonte, this was one of the top matches of the decade.

2019 PBA Tournament of Champions		
18-Game Casher	+261	Tom Daugherty
18-Game Cut #	+262	Tommy Jones
18-Game Leader	+679	Jason Belmonte
41-Game Cut #	+1208	Sean Lavery-Spahr
41-Game Leader	+1697	Jason Belmonte
#300 games	5	Sean Lavery-Spahr, Josh Blanchard-2, Annop Arromsaranon, Cristian Azcona
High Game	264	EJ Tackett
Low Game	180	Sean Lavery-Spahr
High Match	264-236	EJ Tackett v. Josh Blanchard
Low Match	190-180	Sean Lavery-Spahr v. Josh Blanchard
AVG. Winning Game	229.25	

2019 PBA Tournament of Champions

					1.	Jason Belmonte	-	225	Jason Belmonte Champion
						EJ Tackett	-	196	
				2.	Marshall Kent	-	192		
					EJ Tackett	-	238		
		3.	EJ Tackett	-	264				
			Josh Blanchard	-	236				
4.	Josh Blanchard	-	190						
5.	Sean Lavery-Spahr	-	180						



PBA Players Championship

Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win the Master at age 18 back in 2016. At the 2019 PBA Players Championship, he became the youngest player to win two Major titles by defeating Jason Belmonte 232-212. Belmonte was looking to surpass Pete Weber's and Earl Anthony's shared record for most Major titles. He had two 7-10 splits with the last one in the 10th. Simonsen had a Greek Church in the 5th frame but managed a 5-bagger and kept the next five frames clean.

In the Semi-Finals, Simonsen ended Kyle Troup's hope for his first Major. Simonsen threw a 7-bagger while Troup struggled in frames 7-9. In the second match Troup faced DJ Archer. Both players were struggling with split and missed spares. DJ Archer had great balls but could not capitalize as he would leave three ten pins in a row. Troup was down in the foundation frame. However, he stuck out to win by one pin, 194-193, and ended Archer's chance at his third title and first Major. It was a strike-fest in the first match between Troup and EJ Tackett. Troup threw a 7-bagger to take the lead and win the match 255-244.

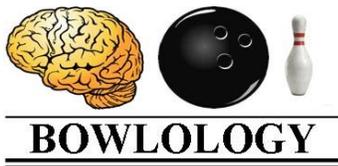
There were only three perfect games at this years PBA Players Championship. Kyle Troup shot the last perfect game during the last round of match play. At one point in match play, Simonsen won ten games in a row. Additionally he would go 8-0 in the second round of match play in the hope of catching Belmonte. It would take a +234 by Kyle Sherman to earn the last cash spot. Kristopher Prather was the number with a score of +254 to advance to match play. Throughout it all, Jason Belmonte lead every round and only shared the top spot with Brad Miller at the end of qualifying. PBA Hall of Famer Chris Barnes had the chance to make the top 5, but he fell a little short. He was always close to making the final cut, but was not able to win his fourth Players Championship. Norm Duke was looking good during the early part of the tournament. It was his chance to be the second PBA bowler to win every Major.

2019 PBA Players Championship		
18-Game Casher	+234	Kyle Sherman
18-Game Cut #	+254	Kristopher Prather
18-Game Leader	+509	Jason Belmonte and Brad Miller
42-Game Cut #	+1336	Kyle Troup
42-Game Leader	+1783	Jason Belmonte
#300 games	3	Jakob Butturff, Stuart Williams, Kyle Troup
High Game	259	Anthony Simonsen
Low Game	193	DJ Archer
High Match	255-245	EJ Tackett v. Kyle Troup
Low Match	194-193	DJ Archer v. Kyle Troup
AVG. Winning Game	235	



2019 PBA Players Championship

						1.	Jason Belmonte	-	212	Anthony Simonsen Champion
							Anthony Simonsen	-	232	
		3.	DJ Archer	-	193					
			Kyle Troup	-	194					
4.	EJ Tackett	-	245							
5.	Kyle Troup	-	255							



Bowling Tournament Hierarchy

This is the last piece of the puzzle of the bowling tournament hierarchy. It is for the small elite players from the WBT PBA tournament to the US Open. There is also the area event and that is the regular PBA regional tournament. It started in the 1969 and this was for the bowlers that had other full time jobs but still felt like they could compete. These are weekend tournaments that pay anywhere from \$1,500-\$10,000 to the winner. Some of the big name pros might compete in these regional tournaments. The WBT PBA Tournament is an international event on the PBA schedule, counts as a PBA title, but is organized by the PBA. If a bowler throws a perfect game in these tournaments, they are not credited a PBA 300 because the event is not governed by the PBA. A regular PBA tour title is one that every PBA member aspires to win because this is an important step in becoming a professional bowler. It is at this point that the events become national and start to be broadcast on television. These are usually week long events with sponsors, manufacturers, and fans. This also means they have joined the other 359 elite bowlers that have won a PBA title.

There are five Majors in the PBA. They are the PBA Players Championship, the USBC Masters, the PBA World Championship, the Tournament of Champions, and the US Open. The PBA Players Championship was formerly known as the Touring Players Championship. This tournament was for the PBA member that bowled 50% to 100% of the PBA tour schedule with PBA members only. Next is the USBC Masters and this tournament has both amateur and professional in the field. An amateur is eligible if they are a USBC member and have a minimum average of 180. It is current run inside the USBC Open Championship. Jason Belmonte as won the most of the event with a record of four.

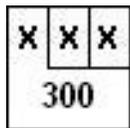
The PBA World Championship is once again open to any PBA member. Earl Anthony won six of these tournaments and both times he three-peated this tournament, 1973-74-75 and 1981-82-83. Because of this, they named the World Championship trophy after him.

The Tournament of Champions was the pinnacle of bowling. Every PBA bowler wanted a regular Tour Title so they could enter this event. It is restricted Regional title winners if they get through the PTQ and all regular PBA Tour Title winners. The bowlers that win the Tournament of Champions earn a lifetime invitation to join future events as long as they remain a PBA member.

Last but not least is the US Open. This event has the hardest lane conditions that a PBA player needs to overcome. Pete Weber has won five US Opens along with his legendary father Dick Weber. Dick won four All Star tournaments, but this is currently known as the US Open. The winners also get a lifetime exemption to future US Opens.

Hopefully in this series, bowling fans and bowlers were able to learn the chain of bowling tournaments.





Tenth Frame—Editorial

Bowling Essentials

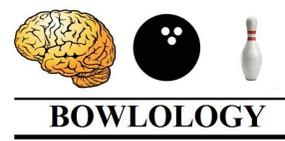
Throughout my bowling career, there have been two main elements that I have tried to cover. Since 1981, I have been a PBA fan. When Mike Aulby won the 1989 Showboat in Atlantic City, New Jersey, I was hooked. The very next week, he would go on to win the Budweiser Open in North Olmsted, Ohio. By 1990, 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 in 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 topic to learn. By 1995, I had become 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 way of giving

instruction to improve a bowler's skills, from the physical game to ball dynamics.

Last month, I discussed my future goals in the sport of bowling. This is how I feel I can contribute. In both professional and amateur tournaments, I can observe whether a bowler has thrown a good shot. For Joe Bowler to get better, it is my opinion, they need to begin by watching the PWBA bowlers. The women bowlers have weaker rev rates and they do not throw the ball as hard as the men do. Therefore, Joe Bowler can more easily relate to the PWBA bowlers.

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 the bowlers to understand what they are up against when they try the grass roots of bowling tournaments — local and PBA Regional tournaments. This is what I plan on doing for the rest of my life. This is the goal of **Josh Hyde Bowling**.



QUANTUM BIAS PEARL & METHOD SOLID



LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-106128-93X
COLOR	Ultramarine
CORE	Quantum Mushroom High RG Asymmetric
COVERSTOCK	ECA-XR Pearl
COVER TYPE	Pearl Reactive
FINISH	500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound
WEIGHTS	14-16 lbs.
RG	2.563 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.052 (15 lb.)
ASY	0.013 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	One year from date of purchase

LEVEL	High
PART NUMBER	60-106106-93X
COLOR	Cosmic Blue / Purple / Black
CORE	Magnitude 055 High Diff
COVERSTOCK	Synthesis Solid
COVER TYPE	Solid Reactive
FINISH	500, 2000 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	12-16 lbs.
RG	2.499 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.055 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	One year from date of purchase