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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger Column** discusses the 4th career PBA Tour Title for Anthony Simonsen. The **Kingpin Column** is a combination of **Breakpoint** is four major stories about the PBA50 Rookie of the Year. The 2018 US Open, Rob Stone coming back to the PBA broadcast with FOX Sports and the PBA members only tournaments, and the **Split Column** is how many years the Bowlers Journal has an All-American Team. **Off the Sheet** discusses the 2018 BJI All-American Team. The **Spare Column** highlights three PBA50 Tournaments. **The Tenth Frame** is a editorial about PBA Membership Tournament Requirements.

Thanks for Reading the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely;

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

Messenger

Simonsen Wins Fourth PBA Tour Title

Anthony Simonsen won his fourth PBA Tour Title at the Gene Carter Pro Shop Classic in Middletown, Delaware. By defeating Matthew Sanders 216 to 194, Simonsen was using a backup ball normally not taught by bowling coaches. However, he used this to his advantage to claim his fourth career PBA Tour Title. 2017 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, Matthew Sanders was looking to add another title on his resume. Sanders was looking like he was going to take home his second title as he defeated Kyle Troup and Kamron Doyle. Kamron Doyle was the youngest player to cash at a PBA Tournament at the USA Open in 2011. He needed a double to beat Matthew Sanders in the semi-finals game. He failed to do so and Sanders got to advance to Championship match during the qualifying round of Gene Carter Pro-Shop Classic Simonsen qualified at the top by would take the lead by averaging nearly 250. This year's Gene Carter Pro-Shop Classic drew 150 bowlers vying for the \$16,000 first place prize and PBA Tour Title. Some other past champions that made the cut were Jason Couch and Sean Rash. The bowlers would bowl seven games of qualifying with a top 50 advancing to the casher's round. Those bowlers would bowl four more of qualifying the top 16 would advance to match play. The 16 bowlers would bowl twelve games of modified round robin before they would cut to the top four for match play. Some other big names that bowled were Walter Ray Williams Jr, Michael Haugen Jr, and Ryan Cinemmelli. In the final two games of match play, Simonsen went to his new trick by throwing a backup ball averaging 250 for those two games and taking the lead for the step ladder finals. He has one heck of a bowling resume for his young career being the youngest to win a major title at the 2016 USBC Masters as well as winning an Eagle at the USBC Open Championship.

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At Left-Anthony Simonsen-Winner of the Gene Carter Pro-Shop

2018 A Xtra Frame Gene Carter's Pro Shop Classic

				1.	Anthony Simonsen	-	216	Anthony Simonsen Champion
					Matt Sanders	-	194	
3.	Matt Sanders	-	256		Matt Sanders	-	237	
4.	Kyle Troup	-	210					

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Breakpoint

PBA50 Rookie of the Year

The 2018 PBA50 Rookie of the Year was announced last month. Amelto Monacelli became the first foreign bowler to win the PBA50 Rookie of the Year. This year it went to a bowler from the Dominican Republic Rolando Sebelen. His highest finish was eighth at the PBA50 National Championship as well as earning enough points to bowl at the PBA50 Cup. Sebelen immediately noticed the “quality of the bowlers” during the tournament. Rolando’s most rewarding experience during the PBA50 season was his eight-place finish during the PBA50 National Championship. He is well-known in the international circles of bowling.



2018 U.S Open

At this year’s 2018 U.S Open at Northrock Lanes some changes will be added first of all there will be no burn or double burn squads as the tournament will be re-oiling lanes after he squad. Bowlers are allowed ten balls in the paddock. After the first cut is made the pattern will be the same through the remainder of the tournament. Before each squad starts bowlers will be allowed to bowl on the practice range and will have one shot on each lane of there starting pair. For more information on the 2018 U.S Open log onto Bowl.com

Stone Returns as Announcer

On the 21st of August the PBA announced that Rob Stone would be coming back to color commentate on the Go Bowling.com PBA Tour on Fox Sports. He was a past commentator from 2008 to 2012. He came up with the phrase “hambone” instead of calling it a four bagger. Stone had taken a position commentating soccer after he left the PBA. He will once again work along the side of Randy Pedersen and Kimberly Pressler. Randy is a 13 time titlist on the PBA Tour, a PBA Hall of Famer, and a one time major champion. Stone has missed commentating for bowling stating “Back in 2008, the PBA unexpectedly became a cherished part of my career,” and “I am honored to return and cannot wait to get back to the lanes”.

The PBA will make it’s debut on Fox on December 23rd with the PBA Clash in Huston, Texas. Bowling fans can check their local listings.

PBA Membership Requirements-WSOB

On August 28th, the PBA announced that there is a new requirement to compete on the 2019 GoBowling.com PBA Tour. A Bowler must be a PBA Member in order to compete almost all the events on next year’s schedule. This will effect these events:

- PBA Hall of Fame Classic
- Oklahoma Open
- Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship
- Lubbock Sports Open
- PBA Tournament of Champions
- PBA Players Championship
- Indianapolis Open
- Jonesboro Open
- PBA World Series of Bowling X
- PBA League
- any Pre-Tournament Qualifier (PT

The USBC Masters will continue to be open to non-PBA members as it always has. PBA Regional, Xtra Frame, Flo Bowling, and PBA50 will continue to welcome non-members. If a non-member cashes twice in any year at these events, they will be required to become a member.

In the 60 year history of the PBA, they have never enforced a PBA membership rule during a tournament. “The return to members-only status for PBA Tour competition is a return to the rules that applied to PBA competition for most of the organization’s 60-year history,” said PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk von Krueger in announcing the policy. “It’s a privilege to be able to compete with and against the best bowlers in the world, not a right. Restoring the original policy is simply a matter of re-

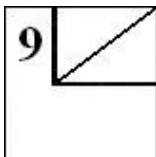
storing one of the building blocks of the PBA.”

To become a PBA member, a bowler must average 200+ for a minimum of 36 games within the previous 12 months or a 190 average in sport league or anybody who has cashed at a PBA event in the last two years. A bowler can go to <https://www.pba.com/join> and complete the required forms.

Some of the membership benefits are lower entry fees, discounts on equipment, a subscription to Bowlers Journal International, and lower practice fees at participating centers.



For 80 years Bowler’s Journal has picked an All-American Team full of the best bowlers voted by the Bowler’s Journal International writers.



Duke, Kretzer, and Mohr win

Norm Duke won his fifth PBA Tour Title by defeating Ryan Shaffer 236– 222 both players were playing the same line. This was Duke’s fifth PBA50 Tour title. He had to get in the pocket in order to have any success the light hits were not carrying at all in Kokomo. In the other matches the scores were quite high as no one scored lower than 200 per game. Dale Cushta beat two-time PBA Tour Champion and PBA50 Titlist Jack Jurek with a score of 236-207. In the next match Cushta lost to Brian Kretzer has Kretzer was looking for his first PBA50 Title with a score of 216 to 201. In the semi-finals PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke defeated Kretzer 244 to 225 ending Kretzer hopes of becoming a PBA50 Champion. This gave Duke the right to advance to the championship match facing 1987 Harry Golden Rookie of the year receipt ant Ryan Shaffer.



In the PBA50 Cup Brian Kretzer defeated defending champion Amelto Monacelli with a score of 259 to 225. This was Kretzer’s PBA Tour title. He has won multiple PBA 50 Titles and one on the regular PBA Tour. There were a total of PBA Hall of Famers in the step ladder finals at the PBA50 cup. Amelto Monacelli, Parker Bohn III, and Ron Mohr. In the last round of qualifying at the PBA 50 Cup Parker Bohn III had been previously scheduled to appear on Fox & Friends for National Bowling Day. His return flight was somewhat delayed by two hours so he not able to do warm up for qualifying and had to go straight in but would still end up leading the tournament. He would end up qualifying fifth for the stepladder finals. He would defeat 2018 PBA Hall of Famer inductee Ron Mohr with a score of 248 over Mohr’s score of 214. In the second match Bohn would face another Hall of Famer Amelto Monacelli who would defeat him 237 to 192. Amelto would handle Eugene McCune with a score of 250 to 181. This would be Kretzer’s first PBA50 Tour Title and it would be a major.



Ron Mohr would strike out in the tenth to claim the Dick Weber PBA 60 presented by Global 900 to defeat Harry Sullins with a score of 237 to 235. Mohr who was originally from Fort Wayne, Indiana finally won this prestigious event. In the first match he would get things started by bowling a 288 over Chris Keane. He would have to go up against a PBA Hall of Famer Brian Voss. Ron would shoot a 249 as Voss could only muster up a 212. In the semi-finals Sammy Ventura would struggle being beaten by 40 pins. This win would claim his second PBA60 title along with his ten PBA50 tour titles and three PBA60 Player of the Year awards.

Mohr has also won a total of 19 PBA50 Regionals and has a high PBA Tour Finish at the Cheetah Championship in 2015 when he was in the round of 8.

2018 PBA50 Security Federal Savings Bank Championship

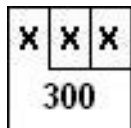
			1. Ryan Shafer - 222			Norm Duke Champion
			Norm Duke - 226			
			2. Norm Duke - 244			
			Brian Kretzer - 226			
			3. Brian Kretzer - 216			
			Dale Csuhta - 201			
4.	Jack Jurek	- 207				
5.	Dale Csuhta	- 236				

2018 PBA50 Cup

			1. Brian Kretzer - 259			Brian Kretzer Champion
			Amelto Monacelli - 225			
			2. Eugene McCune - 181			
			Amelto Monacelli - 250			
			3. Amelto Monacelli - 237			
			4. Parker Bohn III - 192			
4.	Ron Mohr	- 214				
5.	Parker Bohn III	- 248				

2018 PBA60 Dick Weber Open presented by 900 Global

			1. Harry Sullians - 235			Ron Mohr Champion
			Ron Mohr - 237			
			2. Sammy Ventura - 184			
			Ron Mohr - 224			
			3. Brian Voss - 212			
			Ron Mohr - 249			
4.	Ron Mohr	- 288				
5.	Chris Keane	- 215				



Tenth Frame—Editorial

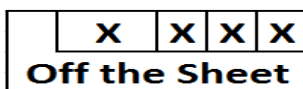
New Rule about PBA Membership Tournament Requirements

Last month the PBA announced WSOB bowlers must join the PBA. This is the way it should be in my mind. Bowling in the PBA WSOB should be for PBA members only because fans do not want to see a Joe Bowler bowling for a PBA Tour title. There is an article on the internet entitled ten best bowlers that will not get there PBA cards because of high roller tournaments and the USBC Open Championships. To me I think that is a great idea because bowlers now have to join the pinnacle of bowling. The bowling community could complain with out end about how Tom Clark is allowing bowlers winning with fewer games as in the past. The Xtra Frame Tour the bowlers are bowling at least twenty games. However these events are not being televised. The bowling fans that do not subscribe to FloBowling are at a disadvantage because they are not seeing the upcomers winning PBA Tour Titles.

When bowling was at it's boom in the late 60's and 70's. The American Bowling Congress has ten million members every other bowler that averaged 200 to try out for the PBA Tour. When Brad Eldman came in he created the High Roller Tournament and guaranteed \$200,000 on top to win the tournament. Eldman created an attractive alternative to the PBA that was open to any amateur play-

er. This new rule has some value of becoming a PBA member. If bowlers want to enter in the tenth WSOB of Bowling they have to join. Not becoming a PBA Member is silly because it does not add any money to prize fund. Yet what Chris Peters did was great in 2008 when he bought the PBA for five million at the same time. There was only so much that the new PBA ownership could do. There were all kinds of bowlers that were coming out getting there feet wet on the PBA Tour. These bowlers were used to reentering tournaments multiple times. PBA has higher standards for bowlers to bowl on the pinnacle stage of bowling.

When PBA introduced the single elimination match play concept. I think some bowlers thought they could beat Walter Ray Williams Jr, Pete Weber, Parker Bohn III, Norm Duke, and Brian Voss. Even though these Hall of Famers were not used to that type of match play. They could still get the job done. The single elimination match play format allowed these Hall of Famers to play if they were losing in the first game of the five game series. They could figure out a different strategy in order to score higher in order to beat a bowler that was dominant in the High Roller Tournament format. The best bowlers in the world are going to figure out how to get the job done.



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

Bowler's Journal International All-American Team

This year the Bowler's Journal International All-American Team. It was surprising to see that EJ Tackett was not a part of any of the teams that Bowler's Journal All-American Team. Jason Belmonte certainly would be the Captain as he won three majors in a single season. The first team consists of Dick Allen, Andrew Anderson, Matt O'Grady, and Rhino Page. The second team consists Tom Smallwood, Marshall Kent, Matt Sanders, Anthony Simonsen, and Jesper Svensson. Rhino Page has overcome an wrist injury that had him throwing a lighter ball. A multitude of bowling fans were wondering if the 07-08 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year and rookie earnings record setter would ever get back on the winning streak again. He did so in the summer of 2018 winning an XtraFrame event. Finally he broke through at the 2018 US Open defeating Jacon Buttruff in the Championship Game. In 1977 would win the Tournament of Champions. He would win the national resident Pro Championship by going through the field and

six-man stepladder finals in 1976. The very next year he would take full advantage of winning the Tournament of Champions. For Matt O'Grady this was the exact same thing. He has won multiple regional titles when he got to the Tournament of Champions. He had took advantage and won the prestigious Tournament of Champions. Andrew Anderson would win the 2018 USBC Masters along with a couple of other Xtra Frame stops. In 2011 Dick Allen would make his All-American Team Debut. He would win the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoffs by defeating Chris Barnes two games to none in the roll off. This format was in it's debut at the time. Dick Allen would once again prevail for the Bowler's Journal International All-American Team. He would win the Xtra Frame Tournament where he would beat the greatest player of all time Walter Ray Williams Jr. This year's team has some great players even though one of mine favorites was not picked EJ Tackett.

