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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger Column** highlights the 2019 PBA Tour Playoff structure. The **Kingpin Column** is a combination of **Breakpoint** is story on eight berths on the FOX debut of the PBA Clash. The other story is about 2019 PBA Hall of Fame class induction ceremony. **Off the Sheet** recalls Mort Luby's 1969 BPAA All-Star Tournament and the **Split Column** highlights the first bowler that completed the Triple Crown. The **Spare Column** discusses the PBA50 Storm Invitational. **The Tenth Frame** is a editorial on the 2018 U.S Open format changes. Plus Brunswick is coming out with a new ball.

Thanks for Reading the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely;

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

## Messenger

### 2019 PBA Playoffs



Last month, the PBA Tour announced some of the details for the 2019 PBA Playoff Tournament. At each of the PBA events from January through March, bowlers will be able to earn points. These



points will accumulate through the Tour and the top 24 will advance to the PBA Playoffs. Each of the events is broken into three tiers to determine how many points are awarded. The PBA Playoffs will be conducted on the Don Carter 39 lane pattern. Points will be award for qualifying and finals positions:

#### Tier 3—Max point 2,500 per tournament winner

- Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles
- PBA Hall of Fame Classic
- PBA World Series of Bowling X Cheetah Championship
- PBA World Series of Bowling X Chameleon Championship
- PBA World Series of Bowling X Scorpion Championship

#### Tier 2—Max point 5,000 per tournament winner

- PBA Oklahoma Open
- PBA Lubbock Sports Open
- PBA Indianapolis Open
- PBA Jonesboro Open

#### Tier 1—Max point 7,500 per tournament winner

- PBA Tournament of Champions,
- PBA Players Championship
- PBA World Series of Bowling PBA World Championship
- USBC Masters

The top 8 point earners will receive a bye into the Round of 16. The 9 through 24 point earners will compete in a one-game match to advance to the next round. The Round of 16 will change to a best of three-game match instead of total pinfall. The eliminations will continue until the final four remain. The first round of 24 will be broadcast live with subsequent rounds tape delayed and aired over April and May. This semi finals and championship will be broadcast live.

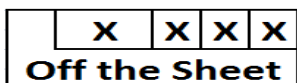
- Monday, April 6-12 – PBA Playoffs Round of 24, Portland, Maine
- Saturday, June 1 - PBA Playoffs Final Four, Portland, Maine
- Sunday, June 2 - PBA Playoffs Championship Round, Portland, Maine

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## **Breakpoint**

### **Eight Berths at Stake at End of Season**

On September 11th, the PBA announced that the PBA Bowler's Association Clash will air on FOX on Sunday, December 23rd. This event will have the top eight players money earnings as at that time. Currently, the roster would be Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Dom Barrett, Andrew Anderson, EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Kyle Troup and Jakob Butturff. Last month's WBT Bangkok Tournament was the initial tournament to determine the eight spots for the PBA Clash. During this month, the PBA Fall Swing in Tulsa, Oklahoma is the second tournament featuring the Bear, Wolf



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Last month, Bowlers Journal reprinted Mort Luby Jr.'s "A Runaway and a Close Call" from his 1969 coverage of the 28th Annual BPAA All-Star Open. This was the last year of the BPAA All-Star. It would become the U.S Open. Billy Hardwick would win the tournament by 1122 pins, the largest margin of victory in a bowling championship tournament. He would defeat Allie Clark 256 to 255 in the first game of the Finals. During the first game, the totals were still being added from the preliminary rounds. Winning the 1969 BPAA All-Star made Billy Hardwick the first ever to complete the Triple Crown.

Billy Hardwick would collect



and Tulsa Opens. The last tournament in which the players will have a chance to qualify will be the U.S. Open at North Rock Lanes in Wichita, Kansas. This PBA Clash will debut for the Fox Network with PBA Hall of Famer, Randy Pedersen, serving as color television analyst; Kimberly Pressler as side line commentator and Rob Stone. For more information on this event, check out PBA.com.

### **PBA Announces Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony**

In late August, the PBA announced that the Hall of Fame Induction will be in conjunction with the Hall of Fame Classic at the International Bowling Campus. The PBA has yet to announce the nominees for the Class of 2019. Bowling fans can read about the 2019 Hall of Fame Class in the upcoming issue of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Nominees are must be members for 20 years, have 10 Tour Titles or 2 Major Titles and 3 Tour Titles. The Hall of Fame Classic will take place Wednesday, January 02, 2019 - Sunday, January 06, 2019, in Arlington, Texas.

Bowling fans are anticipating the announcement of the PBA Hall of Fame Class of 2019.

## **" A Runaway and a Close Call"**

\$8,000 for his efforts in the 100-game grueling format. Dick Weber would make a late charge to move from 10th to 2nd place earning him \$5,000. He came close to winning his fifth All-Star title which would have given Weber one more All-Star title than Don Carter. Don Carter and Dick Weber would both have four All-Star Titles. Hardwick would also have a record winning average of 225 in the Finals.

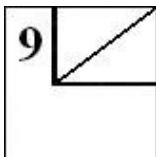
Bowling fans were kept in suspense as to whether the 1970 BPAA All-Star would take place. The BPAA All-Star was having financial problems the previous year. However, the BPAA stated that they would definitely have a tournament the following year. At that time, the Professional Bowlers Association did not put the prestigious BPAA All-Star on the tournament schedule. It was not declared a PBA title. BPAA also stat-

ed that they were going to make some changes as to how many bowlers could qualify for the prestigious BPAA All-Star.

There were other players at the tournament who had success, such as defending champion Jim Stefanich. On the women's side, Dotty Fothergill won by 813 pins over the closest competitor, Kayoka Suda. Suda, of Japan, "played a key role in Dotty's victory" by eliminating Betty Kuczyniski of Chicago. The legendary bowler Dick Weber compared Hardwick's performance to Don Carter at the end of the tournament.

The All Star / U.S. Open has been the toughest bowling tournament in professional bowling. The BPAA still strives to provide lane conditions that challenge the world's greatest bowlers.

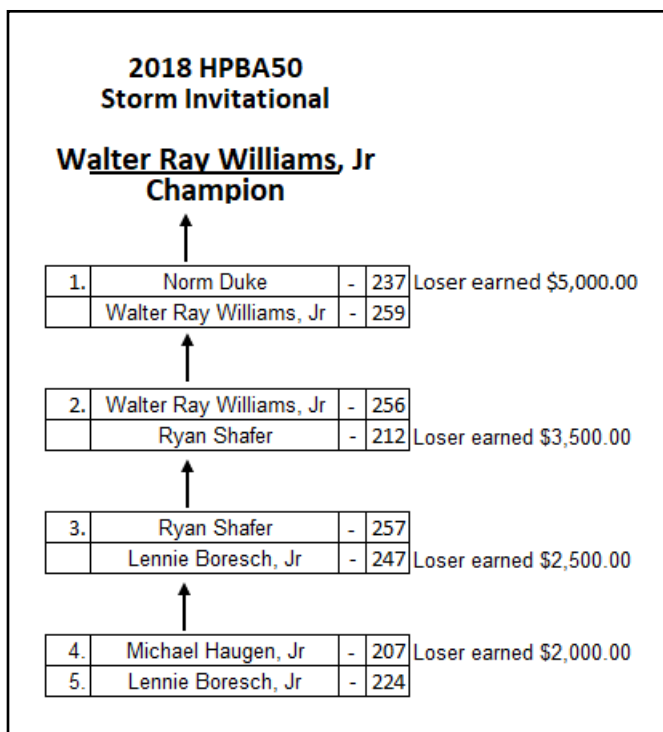
**Billy Hardwick became the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the 1969 BPAA All-Star.**



## PBA50 Storm Invitational

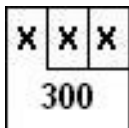
Since the start of the PBA50 Tour in 1981. The PBA50 Tour had an invitational tournament in which the top 12 from the point standings of the season could bowl in an invitational tournament. There were two invites for this inaugural tournament PBA Hall of Famers Brian Voss and Johny Petraglia. The tournament format was 14 games of round robin match play after the games were bowled they took the top five into the stepladder finals. This field was full of PBA Hall of Famers and USBC Hall of Famers. In the first round Lennie Boersch took the early lead. However Norm Duke was looking for his fifth career PBA50 Tour Title. Unfortunately Pete Weber withdrew from the tournament. In the second round Lennie Boersch Jr would only win two game's making his match record 8 and 6. Norm Duke would take over the lead making a huge comeback and leading the tournament for the stepladder finals. 2018 PBA Hall of Famer inductee Ron Mohr would only win four games while the greatest of all time Walter Ray Williams, Jr would win ten games. The 1987 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Ryan Schafer would also win ten games. This inaugural would have quite a number of PBA Stars from the 1990's. There was one other USBC Hall of Famer the legend Harry Sullins. Who could not contend in inaugural PBA Storm Invitational.

In the first stepladder match it would feature the 2018 PBA Player of the Year Michael Haugen and a PBA50 major champion Lennie Boersch, Jr. Lennie would defeat Haugen Jr with a score of 224-207. The second match featured Ryan Schafer as he was looking for his first PBA50 Tour Title. He would get one step closer as he would defeat Boersch Jr with a score of 257 to 247. The greatest of all times Walter Ray Williams Jr would go up against Ryan Schafer. Ryan had a hard time as he could only muster up 212 game over Walter's 256. In the championship game it would perhaps be the match of the PBA50 season as of the greatest players of the PBA Walter Ray Williams Jr and Norm Duke. This match would be a high scoring affair as Walter Ray Williams Jr would finally win a title in the 2018 season. This would be Walter Ray Williams, Jr 12th PBA50 Tour Title. Which would leave two behind John Handguard who has 14 PBA50 Tour Titles.



High Game	259	Walter Ray Williams, Jr
Low Game	207	Michael Huagen, Jr
High Match	259-237	Williams, Jr vs Duke
Low Match	224-207	Boersch, Jr vs Haugen, Jr
Average Winning Game	249	

	Bowler	Score	Total Pinfall	Bonus	Total Record	Average	Earnings
1	Norm Duke	3383	3633	255	8-5-1	241.64	-
2	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	3273	3573	300	10-4-0	233.79	-
3	Ryan Shafer	3266	3566	300	10-4-0	233.29	-
4	Michael Haugen Jr.	3265	3505	240	8-6-0	233.21	-
5	Lennie Boersch Jr	3224	3494	240	8-5-0	230.29	-
6	Amleto Monacelli	3209	3449	240	8-6-0	229.21	1700.00
7	Brian Kretzer	3110	3350	240	8-6-0	222.14	1600.00
8	Bob Learn Jr	3061	3241	180	6-8-0	218.64	1500.00
8	Brian Voss	3077	3241	180	6-8-0	219.79	1400.00
9	ss-Ron Mohr	2880	3030	150	4-8-2	205.71	1300.00
10	Pete Weber	2886	2976	90	3-0-0	206.14	1200.00
11	John Petraglia	2770	2935	165	5-8-1	197.86	1100.00
12	Parker Bohn III	2841	2931	90	3-11-0	202.93	1050.00
13	ss-Harry Sullins	2801	2921	120	4-10-0	200.07	1000.00



# Tenth Frame—Editorial

## 2018 US Open Thoughts

Last month the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter reported on the 2018 U.S Open. I would like to give some of my observations of perhaps the greatest tournament in professional bowling. Each of the qualifying rounds is going to be a fresh shot and a different pattern for each of the three qualifying rounds. I do not agree with having the U.S Open pattern being revealed in the cashier’s round. Back in 2013, I had the opportunity to talk with the general manager at Mike Aulby’s Arrowed Head Bowl in Lafayette, Indiana. He had mentioned that they were trying to test all the Bowler’s abilities to win the U.S Open. I agree with that. It is not fair to the bowler’s and the fans who are watching the event.

I do like only a 144 players in the field rather than being an open field for twenty years. The U.S Open is by far the toughest lane pattern that the greatest players on Earth bowl on. It is a mental grind and a physical grind as while. This year they are allowing a player to throw one ball on each of their starting lanes and having a practice range prior to their squad instead of the prior ten minutes of practice.

Allowing past champions to bowl in this prestigious event is vital to the tournament. Pete Weber in my mind is the greatest player to throw a bowling ball. He has won five of these prestigious tournaments. One title match that I would love to see is EJ Tackett and Jason Belmonte. Bowling fans would definitely see another bowler completing the

Triple Crown. It would perhaps be the championship match to determine the Chris Schenkel player of the year award. Jason Belmonte will tie Earl Anthony and Pete Weber with the most major tournament wins in Professional Bowling. It is not a question if Jason Belmonte going to join Earl Anthony and Pete Weber, but rather it is a matter of time before he ties and surpass them.

If Weber gets another shot to win the USBC Masters, he would surpass Earl with 11 majors or if he were to win another U.S Open. In 1996, my dad Roger Hyde had the luxury of bowling the U.S Open with the men and women competing at the same time. It was the first year in 26 years that the men and the women competed at the U.S Open. He was one of the top amateurs in the field at that time. There were only 240 entries that could bowl the U.S Open.

I think they are really trying to make the U.S Open the most prestigious tournament in bowling. Winning a major is one step closer to the Hall of Fame for a bowler’s resume. Second place represents a bowler’s greatness. Third place represents a spot in the bowling history books. Fourth represents the bowlers versatility. Fifth represents the bowler’s ability to stay patient and to make their spares. All the great bowlers have won the U.S Open. Don Carter, Dick Weber, Mark Roth, Marshall Holman, Mike Aulby and Norm Duke.



## King Pin Special Edition

### Kingpin Special Edition

The Kingpin Gold Special Edition uses ECA-X Pearl (Enhanced Composite Adhesion), a pearlized version of the popular ECA-X cover to create length and a sharp backend in the Kingpin line. The Kingpin Gold Special Edition complements the line by creating less friction in the front part of the lane, and produces excellent recovery on medium conditions.

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	Spec Table	Spec Label	Spec Value
PART NUMBER			60-106066-93X
COLOR			Gold Pearl
CORE			Kingpin Ultra Low RG
COVERSTOCK			ECA-X Pearl
FINISH	500 Siaair / Crown		Factory Compound
WEIGHTS			14-15 lbs.
HOOK			230
LENGTH			140
RG			2.483 (15 lb.)
DIFF			0.055 (15 lb.)
ASY			0.020 (15 lb.)