



Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger Column** discusses the 2019 PBA Hall of Fame Induction. The **Kingpin Column** is a **Breakpoint column** about Fox Sports covering the U.S Open and USBC Masters & bowling as a sport in the 2024 Olympics in Paris. **Bowlology** highlights entry level PBA Competition. bowling tournament hierarchy and describes Scratch Bowling Tournaments. There is a new column entitled **Major Tournament Watch** which discusses bowlers trying to accomplish Triple Crowns, GrandSlam, and SuperSlam also it discusses who have an elite chance of winning majors multiple times. The Spare Column is the schedule of the Go-Bowling.com PBA Tour and the PBA50 Tour. **The Tenth Frame** is an editorial about tournament leaders in the stepladder finals.

Thanks for reading the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely, Josh Hyde

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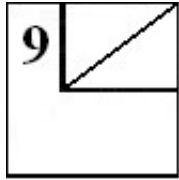
Messenger

PBA Hall of Fame Induction

The PBA Class of 2019 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held at the Bowling Hall of Fame for the first time. There were four inductees, two were great players Mika Kovieumi, Patrick Allen, Jim Doty, and Bob Johnson for meritorious service. Mika won his first two titles as majors at the 2000 USBC Masters and the 2001 US Open. His memorable win came at the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions where he won a quarter of a million dollars. The most money that any pro-bowlers has won in a single tournament. In the semi-final match he would defeat Tom Daugherty 299 to 100. He would go on to beat Tom Smallwood for the title. That same year however he wiffed a ten pin for his second U.S Open Title. Mika would be one of the bowlers who would have a 300 on National Television. He is the second international and the first European to be inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame.

Patrick Allen was the 2004-2005 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year. He would go on to finish in the top four in every major in that season including his major title at the 2005 PBA World Championship. Three years later he would capture his second major at the Tournament of Championships. Rhino Page had to get a high count on his fill ball. However Page would only get four pins giving Allen his second major title. There were two meritorious service inductees. Bob Johnson and Jim Doty General Manager of Royal Pin Centers. Bob Johnson who is now the Senior Editor of Bowler's Journal International. Johnson had a short-lived pro-bowling career. During his junior league days he bowled against the greatest coach of today Mark Baker. Bob was highly ranked just two above Mark Baker. Johnson would later start his own bowling column in one of the California newspapers as he progressed in his journalism career. In Johnson's acceptance speech he gave out some gifts to some people. As bowling fans may or may not know Doug Kent had won the 2006 USBC Masters. Bob Johnson wrote about tournament leader Jack Jurek instead of the tournament winner Doug Kent. Johnson also gave Mike Aulby a check for a brick at the International Bowling Museum from Luby Publishing. He also gave a check to Mary Von Kruger who is the wife of PBA Deputy Commissioner Kirk Von Kruger and told her that she would have to fill-out the payee line. Johnson is not a proponent wearing rings he asked Tom Clark to give the amount of the ring to Bowler's Veterans Link.

Last but not least Jim Doty is the general manager of Royal Pin Centers in Indianapolis, Indiana. Doty stated that Woodland Bowl was like Yankee Stadium for bowling. Woodland Bowl has hosted more PBA Tournaments than any other center. They have had the privilege of hosting every major including the first U.S Open where the men and women competed in 1996. Doty also recalled a story that Marshall Holman said that he was going to finish dead last in the tournament. However he did not because a local bowler got a spot in the tournament. This was the only bowler in that tournament that Holman beat. Doty was humbled to be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. In the induction ceremony the PBA recognized 2018 PBA Awards winner Tony Reyes Memorial Service Award winner Chris Barnes. The 2018 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award Winner Tom Smallwood. Also they recognized Andrew Anderson the 2018 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year and the 2018 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Cameron Doyle.



PBA Hall of Fame Classic

For the first time in the sixty-one year history of the PBA had a tournament at the Bowling Hall of Fame. Bill O’Neill would win his tenth PBA Tour title to be eligible for the Hall of Fame by defeating Jakob Buttruff 198-192. Jakob Buttruff would miss two easy spare to lose the title. He would also lead the tournament by a couple hundred pins, over Jason Belmonte. There would only be two 300 hundred games bowled during the PBA Hall of Fame Classic. Kyle Troup and Martin Larsen had to bowl a one game match for the last spot as they tied with a score of +190. Kyle Troup would win the game and advance to Saturday Morning before the PBA would cut to the top. In the semi-finals Jason Belmonte made a great run at the tournament lead in the last round of qualifying Buttruff was so far ahead. It was hard to catch him. O’Neil would throw the second perfect game in the tournament in the last round of qualifying. In the semi-final match, O’Neil kept on striking while Belmonte struggled to find the pocket. O’Neil would find himself advancing to the title match. For the second time in PBA History. A player had a chance to earn one million dollars for a perfect game. It had been years since he has won the PBA singles title. The PBA Hall of Fame Classic format was every bowler would bowl twelve games of qualifying in the International Training Resource Center on the Carmen Salvino Pattern. The top eighteen would advance to one more round of qualifying with the top 5 advancing to the live Fox Sports step ladder finals. In the first match Jesper Svensson defeated Rhino Page in a low scoring match. Page needed the first one in the tenth to advance to face O’Neil. However Page would leave a stone 8 pin to lose the game. In the second match it looked like it was going to be a high scoring match. Jesper was striking and O’Neil was striking. O’Neil kept on striking and Jesper would struggle to not give O’Neil a match. O’Neil would win that match 258 to 219.

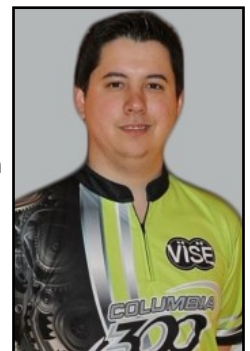


2019 PBA Hall of Fame Classic

				1. Jakob Buttruff - 194		Bill O’Neill Champion
				Bill O’Neill - 199		
				2. Jason Belmonte - 186		
				Bill O’Neill - 268		
				3. Bill O’Neill - 258		
				Jesper Svensson - 219		
4.	Jesper Svensson	-	201			
5.	Rhino Page	-	198			

Buttruff wins Fifth Title at the Oklahoma Open

Jakob Buttruff won his fifth Go-Bowling.com PBA Title. He did that by defeating Jesper Sevenson with a score of 267 to Jesper’s 201. Just like the week before he missed an easy spare only this time it did not cost him. He again led the tournament by a couple of hundred pins. Jesper was looking good as he defeated Patrick Girard and Dom Barrett with scores of 239 to 218 over Patrick and 267 to 231 over Dom Barrett. It looked like Jesper was going to win another title but Buttruff got his striking shoes on as he was during the week of the tournament. There was a bowler that was knocking at a PBA record by having the most 300’s in a single PBA tournament. This tournament was a high scoring event for the left handers. This was the second tournament of the 2019 PBA Season with Jakob’s second and first back to back weeks. He took an early lead for the PBA Tour finals. He will have a great chance to earn a \$100,000 for Tournament. PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke finished in the top sixteen at the Oklahoma Open and backed it up with another top finish with doubles partner Wes Malott. He showed that he still is one of the best at throwing a bowling ball.



Jakob Buttruff

2019 Olkahoma Open

				1. Jakob Buttruff - 267		Jakob Buttruff Champion
				Jesper Svensson - 201		
				2. Patrick Girard - 218		
				Jesper Svensson - 239		
				3. Jesper Svensson - 267		
				Dom Barrett - 231		
4.	Dom Barrett	-	245			
5.	Tom Daugherty	-	162			

Breakpoint

Fox Sports picks up USBC Masters and US Open

On January 15th the PBA announced along with USBC & BPAA that Fox Sports would be covering the USBC Masters and the U.S Open until 2022. This is a multi-year deal. That Fox has agreed to. Jason Belmonte will be looking for his fifth USBC Masters title along with Pete Weber looking for sixth U.S Open title. Seven years ago he surpassed legendary father Dick Weber and Don Carter who both had four BPAA all-star titles which currently is known as the U.S Open. Back in 2017 Belmonte won his fourth Master title surpassing Mike Aulby as the only bowler who would three peat this



prestigious major. Both the US Open and the Masters are considered PBA Titles in the 1960's when the PBA was first starting out. They did not recognize the Masters as a PBA title. However if a PBA member did win the Masters they would qualify for the tournament of champions. The BPAA All-Star currently known as the U.S Open was equal to the Masters. These tournaments were not considered PBA Titles until 2008.

Bowling in the Olympics 2024

Bowling Fans have something to hope for. In 1936 bowling was an exhibition sport during the Olympics. Last month eleven frame.com announced that there is a website entitled bowling for gold.

This is a chance for bowling fans to hopefully obtain bowling as an Olympic Sport. Bowling fans can log onto bowlingforgold.com. In 2015 bowling had a strong shot at being included 2020 Olympic Games but fell short to inline skating, sport climbing, and surfing. Five million signatures worldwide on every continent are needed to provide proof that bowling is a mass spectator sport that should be included in the 2024 Olympics. So please sign the petition and fill out the survey at bowlingforgold.com



Roth-Holman PBA Doubles Championship

Sean Rash & Matt Ogle won the Roth Holman PBA Doubles by defeating Kyle Sherman & Brad Miller 213 to 200. This was Ogle's first PBA Tour Title and Rash's 13th national title. They had qualified fifth for the Roth Holman PBA Doubles Championship. In the first match Rash and Ogle would face Bill 'O Neill and Jason Belmonte. Norm Duke and Wes Malott led after the first round of match play. However they fell short in the second round of match play. O'Neill and Belmonte could not get lined up as they had a couple of open frames. However Ogle & Rash put on their striking shoes were able to defeat O'Neil and Belmonte 256 to 172. In the second match Ogle and Rash would have to face Patrick Gerard and Jack Wilkins. This was a closer match as they defeated them with a score of 216 over Wilkins and Gerard 210. In the semi-finals it was a run-away match as Rash and Ogle would defeat Sam Cooley & Sean Lavery-Spahr 258 to 216. This gave Ogle and Rash the rights to go on into the championship game.

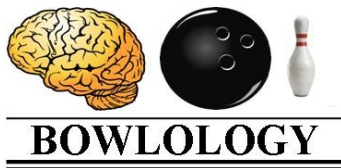
Pictured at Right Mark Roth, Sean Rash, Matt Ogle and Marshall Holman.



2019 Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship

					1.	Sherman/Miller	-	200
						Ogle/Rash	-	213
		2.	Cooley/Lavery-Spahr	-	216			
			Ogle/Rash	-	258			
	3.	Girard/Wilkins	-	210				
		Ogle/Rash	-	216				
4.	Belmonte/O'Neill	-	172					
5.	Ogle/Rash	-	256					

**Ogle/Rash
Champion**



Bowling Tournament Hierarchy

This month's Bowlology column will be discussing some of the entry level PBA tournaments. Scratch tournament series is great way for a tournament bowler to get their feet wet if they want to challenge themselves. These tournaments usually have points, higher average bowlers, some of the top pros in the local area and a tournament format like a PBA tournament.

There are two tournaments that mainly amateurs, and more recently pros, look forward to. It is just like a state and city tournament except the USBC Open Championship has one more event in the tournament that is team all event title. This tournament has the most participation for a sporting event with well over 20,000 teams. In this event, a team of five bowlers adds up all of their individual scores. However, it does not include prize money for the team that wins the team title. Bowl.com will post the top ten teams on the website at the end of each week. Tournament bowlers only get 9 games at the USBC Open championships. There is no match play or a second cut for a USBC Open Championship title. Participants bowl 3 games in singles, 3 games in doubles (each person bowls 3 games = 6 games scored), and 3 games in team events (each person on the 5 person team bowls 3 games = 15 games scored). All events for a single person are all games combined (a nine game total). For the team all events title, all five bowlers scores are combined (a 45-game total). Nelson Burton, Jr. has won the Super Slam of this event, meaning he has won singles, doubles, teams, the team All-Events, and the Masters. It starts in the middle of February to the beginning of July.

In the old days of PBA competition, a bowler would have to cash twice in a PBA Regional tournament. These are weekend tournaments, and some of the big name pros that bowl on national PBA Tournaments, bowl at these regionals. The PBA non-champions is a category for those members who have not won any PBA titles. If an amateur wins one of these tournaments, they do not receive the title. Even if they join the PBA after winning the tournament, these are the entry-level PBA tournaments that a bowler can compete in. All of the animal patterns in these tournaments are modified to give bowlers a chance to score higher. The PBA50 one day regional events are only one day and the PBA members are required to be 50 years of age or older.

If there is a U.S. Open for tournament bowlers, it is the Peterson Classic. Each entry can only have two bowling balls in their arsenal. It is an eight game sweeper that begins in the last stage of April and goes through Labor Day. This tournament has a number of low scores from the random lane conditions, heavy pin placement, lack of lane arrows, and off-spot pin rack. Usually between 10-20 people will average 200. It has one of the most demanding lane conditions that bowlers will ever face.

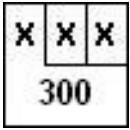


Major Tournament Watch

In this section, the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter will have a Major tournament watch. There are two Majors in the month of February: the Tournament of Champions and the PBA Players Championship.

Tournament of Champions - Pete Weber and Jason Belmonte both have a chance to join Jason Couch and Mike Durbin as the only three-peat champions of the tournament. Norm Duke has the opportunity to join Pete Weber as the 2nd player to complete the Triple Crown by winning this year's TOC. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. has yet to win the Tournament of Champions. If he succeeds, he will join Barnes, Hardwick, Aulby, Duke and Pete Weber by becoming the 7th player to win the Triple Crown; the 3rd player to win the Grand Slam; and the 2nd player to complete the Super Slam. If Weber wins the TOC, he surpasses Earl Anthony with 11 Majors. Dom Barrett needs the TOC title to become the 7th player to complete the Triple Crown.

PBA Players Championship - Norm Duke needs the PBA Players Championship to join Aulby as one of the only two players to win every Major. A Weber win would surpass Anthony again, and have Weber join the elite group who has won each Major twice.



Tenth Frame—Editorial

Tournament Leaders in the Stepladder Finals

Tournament Leaders only have one game to bowl in the stepladder finals. If the tournament leader leads by 500 pins in a 30 game tournament and losses in the final game of the stepladder, they do not win the tournament. Randy Pedersen had a undefeated record when he led the tournament before leaving a stone 8 to lose the match to Ernie Schlegel. There have been a number of players throughout the history of the PBA who have led tournaments by hundreds of pins only to lose in the championship game. Some of them were PBA Hall-of-Famers. The last 2 U.S.Opens have been led by Jacob Buttruff by a combined 1000 pins over the last two years. He has yet to claim the title. Jason Couch in the 90's would lead the tournament by a couple hundred pins but then lost in the championship match. During the early stages of Parker Bohn III's career, he won every tournament from the top seed. Norm Duke has led the tournament and stated that he felt he had already won the tournament. On these occasions, the tournament leader has figured out how to strike all week but then loses the title game in the stepladder finals.

Back in '01-'02 when the new PBA format (where bowlers had 18 games of qualifying before match play) was introduced, tournament leaders would be unlikely to advance to the championship round since it was single elimination. It did not matter if the tournament leader averaged 250. He/she could still get beat in the first round of match play. The format has changed to include both total pinfall bowling and bonus pins along with round robin match play. If the PBA is unable to show the preliminary rounds than I believe that tournament leaders should receive a \$1000-5,000 bonus for leading the tournament at the end of regulation. Back in 1994, at the AMF Dick Weber Classic, John Mazza received a \$5,000 bonus for leading the tournament. That year, they did do a round robin match play format; however, the bowlers'

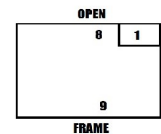
pins were dropped from the original tournament. Tournament leaders do have a disadvantage because they have had to wait a long period of time before they get to bowl. Tournament leaders have the opportunity to stay loose during the early portion of the stepladder finals. When the PBA had more arena finals, bowlers could only practice on the spare lanes during the commercial breaks. The top five bowlers have an hour to practice on the championship pair. A number of bowlers have commented that it feels like they have bowled three different tournaments even though the PBA maintains the same pattern the whole week. The TV portion of the tournament feels like a different pattern than during the tournament due in part to the lights and associated humidity. Dave Davis has held the PBA record for leading one tournament by 750 pins. However, on the day of the show, the lanes were totally different than the whole week had been. He would go on to lose in the championship game.

In '79 and '80, Earl Anthony led the U.S. Open back-to-back years only to lose both times—one to Steve Martin and the other to Joe Berardi. That was the only major that Anthony never won. Last month, Sean Rash went undefeated in the last round of match play. He would end up leading the tournament by 180 pins. However, he would lose to Dick Allen by one pin. Back in 2011, Tom Smallwood was the leader at the TOC. He was guaranteed a \$100,000 check, but he had a chance to win a quarter of a million dollars. Pro-bowling has not had prize funds where bowlers can win millions of dollars in one year by throwing a bowling ball. Tournament leaders do have only one game of bowling to claim the title. Not being able to bowl for nearly two hours is a significant time to wait to earn a PBA Tour title. A bowler can lead by a couple hundred pins, then one bad game on the day of the telecast can pre-empt him/her from winning the title. The tournament leader should win the title for any PBA tournament.

Bowling goals for Josh Hyde in 2019

Back in 2015, I had taken my test for the USBC Bronze Coaching Certification. On January 29th, I completed the SafeSport Training. Any Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter subscriber can go on bowl.com

to locate a USBC Bronze Coach. In the coming months, I am planning to



study for my Silver Certification. For my personal bowling game, I have been keeping track of my 2018-2019 bowling season average for sixty games. I am currently averaging 222. My goal is to reach an average of 225. I had started this journey in late September. In the month of December, I had a total of eight 700 series and a 299 game with a high series of 782. I would also like to finish my Bowlology book. As for long term goals, I would like to begin my goal of attending 100 Go-Bowling.com PBA Tournaments. Also, I would like to do an exhibition with a pro-bowler. Lastly, I would like to shoot an 800 series.

