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## Messenger Jones, Glaser and Slade **2020 PBA Hall of Fame Class**

There were three inductions into the PBA Hall of Fame, Rob Glaser, Mike Slade, and Tommy Jones. Both Mike and Rob were inducted for the meritorious service as they were both a key part of purchasing the PBA tour in 2000 with Chris Peters. Mike and Rob were both Microsoft ex-employees. All three of these individuals bought the PBA for 5 million dollars. They saved the PBA tour from bankruptcy. Mike who had designed the websites for ESPN, NASCAR, and the NFL, was a major part of developing the PBA website. He also would make a television contract with ESPN to have bowling in primetime. Rob Glaser had the strategy for the PBA and brought in some major leadership. Rob Glaser had previous experience in the bowling industry even though it was in a league when he was a child. During his acceptance speech stated "that when you are around people who are the best it's really inspiring"

Tommy was the only superior performance in this years PBA Hall of Fame. He had 19 PBA titles including 2 Majors. In 2006 he captured the US Open and the 2007 Tournament of Champions. He is also one of the 5 players to earn both Player of the Year Award and Rookie of the Year honors. Tommy joined Mike Durbin the following day as the only player to win the tournament when he was inducted to the PBA Hall of Fame.

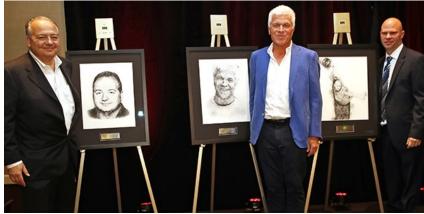








From left to right 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Inductees Mike Slade, Rob Glaser, and Tommy Jones





## 2020 PBA50 Tour Schedule

#### **2020 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE**

- April 19-22 PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open presented by Lucas Magazine & Brunswick, Maple Countryside Lanes
- April 26-30 Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship, Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. (Major)
- May 3-6 PBA50 Mooresville Open presented by Mooresville CVB & Storm, Victory Lanes Family Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C.
- May 16-19 PBA50 Lubbock Sports Cup presented by South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas (Major)
- May 23-26 PBA50 Northern California Classic, Harvest Park Bowl, Brentwood, Calif.
- May 27-31 USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas

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- June 7 USBC Senior Masters, Sam's Town, Las Vegas (Major)
- June 7-12 Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open, Suncoast Bowling Center, Las Vegas (Major)
- June 14-17 PBA50 Fountain Valley Open, Fountain Bowl, Fountain Valley, Calif.
- July 27-30 PBA50 River City Extreme Open, River City Extreme, Monticello, Minn.
- Aug. 3-6 PBA50 South Shore Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind.
- Aug. 8-11 PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Classic, Anderson, Ind.
- Aug. 14-17 PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
- Aug. 19-22 PBA50 David Small's Jax 60 Lanes Open, Jackson, Mich.
- Aug. 23-25 PBA60 Dick Weber Classic, Jackson, Mich.

#### 2020 PBA FLOBOWING SUMMER TOUR

June 26-28 – PBA Lubbock Sports Open, South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas.

July 7-9 – PBA Lakewood Open, Holiday Lanes, Lakewood, Colo.

July 30-Aug. 2 – Storm PBA-PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas.

Aug. 7-9 – PBA Bowlerstore.com Moxy's Xtra Pair Open, Pla-Mor Lanes, Coldwater, Ohio.

Aug. 14-16 – PBA Mid-County Lanes Open, Mid-County Lanes, Middletown, Del.

Aug. 21-23 - PBA Wilmington Open, Ten Pin Alley Family Fun Center, Wilmington, N.C.

Aug. 28-30 – PBA Chesapeake Open, AMF Western Branch Lanes, Chesapeake, Va.

TBA – PBA China Tiger Cup.

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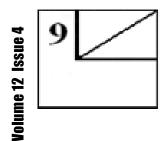


L to R-Left to Right Jason Belmonte & Liz Johnson

### Bowler's of the Decade Jason Belmonte and Liz Johnson

In the January edition of the Bowler's Journal they named the bowlers of the past decade. Since women always goes first, they awarded Liz Johnson as the first bowler of the decade. Liz Johnson won four US Women's Open Titles during the last decade. She dominated the PWBA Tour in 2015. In 2010 bowling fans would have thought that Kelly Kulick would have been the bowler of the decade since she won the Tournament of Champions defeating Chris Barnes. Johnson would become the second women a PBA title at the Chameleon Championship in 2017. Jason Belmonte would dominate the PBA Tour winning a record of 11 majors and winning five Player of the Year Awards.

In the 08-09 PBA Tour season he would receive the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Awards. In 2015 he would accomplish two feats by three-peating the masters and becoming the second bowler to successfully defend his TOC title. Bowler's Journal captivated their both Belmonte's and Johnson's accomplishments.



#### **PBA Hall of Fame Classic 2020**

Tommy Jones earned his 20th career Go Bowling.com PBA Tour Title by defeating Darren Tang 300 to 237. He would become the second bowler to win a title the same week he was inducted in to the PBA Hall of Fame. The first bowler to accomplish was be Mike Durbin. Also he would be the third bowler to bowl a perfect game in the Championship Match. In the first match of the Championship round PBA Hall of Famer, Chris Barnes would defeat Jacob Buttruff 258-223. Both players would start off strong by striking. However Jacob Buttruff could not keep up and had a split in the 10th frame. Barnes would just keep on striking. In the second match it was Osku Palerma. This match was closer but PBA Hall of Famer would come out on top. Barnes had a 254 while Palmera had a 249. In the semi-final fea-



tured two Hall of Famers Chris Barnes and Tommy Jones. This was a grind out match. Barnes had an open and Tommy could not take advantage of Chris's misfortune. However Tommy would prevail while shooting a 190 over Chris Barnes 169. Tommy Jones would become the third player to bowl a perfect game in any PBA championship game, joining Mike Aulby and Bob Benoit.

The 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic featured 12 games of qualifying in the IT RC in Arlington, Texas with the top 14 advancing to match play. 18

would cash in the opening tournament of the 2020 PBA Tour Season. Wes Malott would be the lowest number to cash with a score of +214. Tommy Jones would be the Cut # with a score of +250. Jacob Butruff would lead the qualifying portion of +409. Norm Duke would be the other PBA Hall of Famer. In the last round of match play Darrin Tang would bowl two 300's to takeover the lead. Osku Palmera would be another bowler that would bowl a 300 in the last

round of match play. Norm Duke would have to withdraw as he had an injury. The Dick Weber & Mike Aulby Patterns were used. Norm Duke is a threat when it comes to having dual-line patterns at a PBA Tour stop. Unfortunately he had to withdraw from competition. Tom Hess and Norm Duke would split the prize fund. There was a total of 56 entries that bowled in the tournament. This was the second PBA tournament held at the Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum.

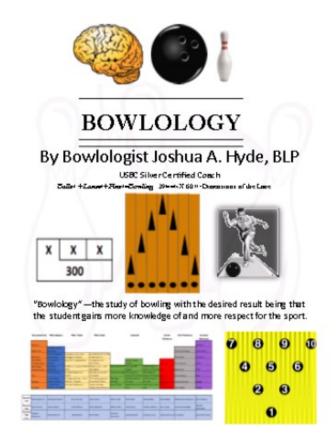
2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic									
12-Game Cash#	+214	Wes Malott							
12-Game Cut#	+250	Tommy Jones							
12 Game Leader	+409	Jacob Buttruff							
26 Game Cut#	+998	Chris Barnes							
26 Game Leader	+1099	Darrin Tang							
#300 Games	5	Tommy Jones-2*Bowled one in championship game, earned \$10,000							
		2-Darrin Tang 1-Osku Palmera							
Championship Round Stats									
High Game	300	Tommy Jones							
Low Game	169	Chris Barnes							
High Match	300-237	Jones vs Tang							
Low Match	190-237	Jones vs Barnes							
AVG. Winning Game	250.5								

#### 2020 PBA Hall of Fame Classic

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# **Bowlology Book**



In November of 2011 Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter began a new column called Bowlology. I wrote about the PBA in the monthly newsletter and I wanted to write about my bowling knowledge. Late last year I decided to take a few months off publishing the newsletter in order to finish a book on Bowlology. Each Bowlology column from previous editions of the newsletter has been used or inspired the various chapter in this book. There are ten chapters in the book signifying ten frames in one game of bowling. The book features 200 pages about bowling from how to throw the ball to bowling ball layouts. This was one of my greatest achievements of my bowling career. As a result of doing the Bowlology column, it encouraged me to pursue my Bronze and Silver Coaching Certification from the USBC. I would like to thank a very important friend of mine Parker Bohn III for giving me ideas on topics to write about. In addition to Parker Bohn III I would like to think Steve Padilla and Teresa Ross for allowing me to get my coaching certification for the Bronze and Silver. Also thank you Brian Graham of Brunswick for getting me equipment to bowl with the best bowling balls on the market. Finally a thank you to Dennis Bergendorf who wrote articles on layouts and the Mark Roth 1978 season. He also gave me the opportunity to write for Bowler's Journal International. This was indeed a major milestone in my bowling career. This book will help bowlers and bowling fans to learn more about the sport of bowling.

# **Breakpoint**

The PBA announced on January 29 that the PBA League will be expanding with the addition of two more teams, one in Milwaukee and Las Vegas. The teams will be managed PBA Hall of Famers Marshall Holman and Amleto Monacelli. The Las Vegas team will be called the High Rollers, but the Milwaukee team name will be decided by bowling fan votes. Fans can submit their favorite team names on the PBA Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram accounts between February 3 and February 5. The top three will be announced and fans will be able to vote for their favorite.

The original eight teams will keep three of their current roster with the remaining two bowlers joining the full draft pool. There will be a player draft at this year's World Series of Bowling.



There has only been three bowlers who have bowled a 300 in the title game of a PBA tournament.

Mike Aulby, Bob Benoit, and Tommy Jones