



## Messenger

### Prather wins PBA Strike Derby

On June 6th, the PBA had an inaugural PBA Strike Derby. Anthony Simonsen, Bill O’Neill, Sean Rash, Shawn Maldonado, E.J. Tackett, Kris Prather, Kyle Troup and Tommy Jones were restarting the 2020 PBA Tour season. In the first round, bowlers had two minutes to obtain as many strikes as they could. Sean Rash would lead that round with a total of fourteen strikes. In the elimination round each bowler would be paired up against the lowest seed. Shawn Maldonado had to face Sean Rash in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and championship. Each bowler would try to beat each other’s score with the most strikes within the two minute window. If there was a tie, it would go to the one that would string the most strikes. Shawn Maldonado would not give Sean Rash a hard number to beat as Rash would only have to earn six strikes in order to advance to the semi-finals. Rash won easily in the match. The match of the night had to be E.J. Tackett and Anthony Simonsen. They tied at ten strikes apiece. The deciding factor was Simonsen had a five-bagger and E.J. only had a four-bagger. Bowlers had to play on three different lanes going back and forth between the lanes. While it looked like Rash or Tackett could win, the winner was Kris Prather. The Championship match pitted Simonsen against Prather. Kris only had to get seven strikes to earn the championship. The two minute clock proved to be challenging as all eight players were exhausted at the end of the Strike Derby.

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At Right– Kris Prather winner of the PBA Strike Derby



## PBA King of the Lanes 2020 series

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The PBA King of the Lanes will return on July 20-22 on Fox FS1. The first round will feature Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Norm Duke with the winner advancing to face Wes Malott, the 2009 King of the Lanes winner. The event will feature bowlers from the PBA, PWBA, and PBA50. Jason Belmonte will not compete because of travel restrictions. It will be a regular 10-frame game for each match. It will be a survivor format with this schedule:

### Monday, July 20, 8-10 pm ET—King of the Lanes 1

Contenders match: Norm Duke vs. Walter Ray Williams Jr.  
King match 1: King Wes Malott vs. contenders match winner

### Tuesday, July 21, 8-9 pm ET—King of the Lanes 4

Contenders match: Jakob Butturff vs. Clara Guerrero  
King match 4: Winner from King 3 match vs. contenders match winner

### Monday, July 20, 9-10 pm ET—King of the Lanes 2

Contenders match: Anthony Simonsen vs. EJ Tackett  
King match 2: Winner from King 1 match vs. contenders match winner

### Wednesday, July 22, 8-9 pm ET—King of the Lanes 5

Contenders match: Kris Prather vs. Gazmine Mason  
King match 5: Winner from King 4 match vs. contenders match winner

### Tuesday, July 21, 7-8 pm ET—King of the Lanes 3

Contenders match: Bill O'Neill vs. Sean Rash  
King match 3: Winner from King 2 match vs. contenders match winner

### Wednesday, July 22, 9-10 pm ET—King of the Lanes 6

Contenders match: Kyle Troup vs. Pete Weber  
King match 6: Winner from King 5 match vs. contenders match winner

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## Two New Teams for the 2020 PBA League

On June 23rd, the PBA announced the creation of two new teams for the 2020 PBA League Elias Cup. These team members will be from the top 35 bowlers in the 2019 PWBA point list. Kim Terrell-Kearney will be managing the Phoenix Fury and Bob Learn Jr. will be managing the Miami Waves. Kelly Kulick was the first woman to join the WTT New York King Pins back in 2013. Danielle McEwan was the second woman to enter the PBA League with the Motown Muscle. On July 7th at 4:00PM, Bob Learn Jr. and Kim Terrell-Kearney will have their chance to draft the two teams. This draft will be broadcast on FlowBowling.com.



Additionally, the PBA League has introduced two divisions of six teams:

### Carter Division

1. Dallas Strikers—Norm Duke
2. Philadelphia Hitmen — Jason Couch
3. Brooklyn Styles — Johnny Petraglia
4. Silver Lake Atom Splitters — Mark Baker
5. Las Vegas High Rollers — Amleto Monacelli
6. Phoenix Fury — Kim Terrell-Kearney

### Anthony Division

1. NYC KingPins — Carolyn Dorin-Ballard
2. Motown Muscle — Del Ballard Jr.
3. Portland Lumberjacks — Tim Mack
4. L.A. X — Andrew Cain
5. Brew City Ballers — Marshall Holman
6. Miami Waves — Bob Learn Jr.

## PBA50 Tour World Series of Bowling

On June 17, the PBA announced that the 2020 PBA50 Tour will be reduced to a single week long event. This ends eleven events which were scheduled during the summer of 2020. In their place the PBA50 WSOB will be hosted with three minor events and the National Championship. The tournament will be from August 8 through August 15 at the Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Florida.

Each tournament is named after a PBA Hall of Famer and will feature their specific oil pattern. The tournaments will feature one qualifying round of 6-games with the top 42 moving on to match play. The Match Play in each of the PBA Hall of Famer tournaments will be best of three games, single elimination. After the Johnny Petraglia, the 18-games of qualifying will be cut to the top 32 bowlers. These individuals will move on the PBA50 National Championship. The National will have a modified two rounds of match play and then a step-ladder finals.

If the field is full at 192 bowlers, the total prize fund will be 224,000 over all the events. Everything will be broadcast on exclusively on FloBowling.com. Chris Barnes and Jason Couch are expected to make their PBA50 debut at the World Series of Bowling. The four Hall of Famers honored are Mark Roth, Del Ballard Jr., Johnny Petraglia, and Marshall Holman.



### Saturday, August 8

A Squad Practice: 8:30 – 10 a.m. - Re-oil  
B Squad Practice: 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Re-oil  
C Squad Practice: 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
\*Pro-am: 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



### Sunday, August 9

The PBA50 Mark Roth Championship—(6 games of qualifying on PBA Roth 42)  
A Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon - Re-oil  
B Squad: 1 – 5 p.m. - Re-oil  
C Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.  
Top 24 advance to PBA Roth 42 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

### Monday, August 10

PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.—(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)  
PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.—(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)  
\*Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.—(bowlers eliminated from Bracket Match Play Rounds of 24 and 16 will be scheduled for the pro-am)  
PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.—(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)  
PBA Roth 42 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.—(winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)  
PBA Roth 42 Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.—(winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Roth Championship)

### Tuesday, August 11

PBA50 Del Ballard Championship—(6 games of qualifying on PBA Ballard 34)  
B Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon— Re-oil  
C Squad: 1 – 5 p.m. - Re-oil  
A Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.  
Top 24 advance to PBA Ballard 34 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

## PBA50 Tour World Series of Bowling—Continued

### Wednesday, August 12

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 10 – 11 a.m.—(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.—(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

\*Pro-am: 2 -4 p.m.—(bowlers eliminated from Bracket Match Play Rounds of 24 and 16 will be scheduled for the pro-am)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.—(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.—(winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)

PBA Ballard 34 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m.—(winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Del Ballard Championship)

### Thursday, August 13

PBA Johnny Petraglia Championship—(6 games of qualifying on PBA Petraglia 46)

C Squad: 8 a.m. – Noon—Re-oil

A Squad: 1 – 5 p.m.—Re-oil

B Squad: 6 – 10 p.m.

Top 24 advance to PBA Petraglia 46 bracket match play based on 128 entries.

\*The top 32 bowlers after 18 games of PBA50 Legend patterns qualifying advance to PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship match play Saturday, August 15 based on 128 entries.

### Friday, August 14

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 24: 1 – 2 p.m.—(qualifiers 9-24, bowl best of three games, single elimination)

PBA Petraglia Bracket Match Play Round of 16: 2:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.—(qualifiers 1-8 and 8 winners from the Round of 24, bowl best of three games, single elimination) - Reoil

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Round of 8: 5 – 6 p.m.—(winners from the Round of 16, bowl best of three games single elimination)

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Semifinals: 6:30 – 7:15 p.m. (winners from Round of 8, bowl single game elimination semifinal matches)

PBA Petraglia 46 Bracket Match Play Championship Match: 7:15 – 7:45 p.m. (winners of the semifinal matches bowl for the PBA50 Johnny Petraglia Championship)

### Saturday, August 15

PBA50 Florida Blue Medicare National Championship—On Holman 37 oil pattern.

Match Play Round 1: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.—(6 games)—No re-oil

Match Play Round 2: 2 – 6 p.m.—(6 games)

Top five advance to the stepladder finals

Re-oil

5 Player Stepladder Practice: 6:45 – 7 p.m.

5 Player Stepladder Finals: 7 – 8:30 p.m.





# PBA Summer Clash

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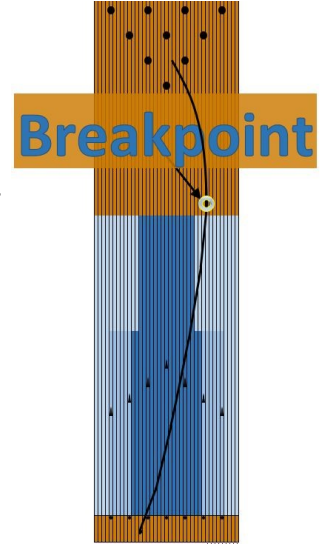
On June 13th, the PBA had the 2020 PBA Summer Clash. This time they allowed two PWBA Stars to compete—Danielle McEwan and Shannon O’Keefe. The 2020 Summer Clash format had each bowler bowling a frame with the low score being eliminated. It was the same roster as the Strike Derby with the addition of

Danielle and Shannon. Each bowler would complete one frame of bowling in the first round. The low score after the one ball roll-off would be eliminated. No left-hander was utilizing that part of the lane. Anthony Simonsen would throw a back-up ball for the entire event as he was trying to make his own line to the pocket. He was not able to do this in the Strike Derby because of the speed of that event. He was successful as he ended up being in the final round of four, however, he got eliminated in the first round of four. Prior to the round of four, he beat Danielle McEwan to break the tie, and Danielle left the ten pin to be eliminated. Shawn Maldonado and Shannon O’Keefe would be eliminated early. Rash was not very happy with some of his shots. However, each time he muttered “hold” or “be right”, the ball would always end up high flush.



Sean Rash-PBA 2020 Summer Clash Winner

Some bowling fans thought that Sean Rash had the best shot at winning the Strike Derby. However, he would get the breaks that he would need to defeat Bill O’Neill. The championship would only take two balls to decipher the champion. Rash was elated that he won as his wife is expecting their third daughter in about a month.



## New USBC Bowling Ball Hardness Specifications

On June 8th, the USBC finalized the bowling ball hardness from 72 to 73. This was the result of studies from April of 2020. The rule will not go into effect until after the end of the year. Bowling ball makers will be allowed to make balls under 73D standard until July 31, 2022. This change was brought about by feedback from ball manufacturers.

## PBA Returns to Competition this Fall.

During the inaugural PBA Strike Derby, Kimberly Pressler of Fox Sports had an interview with Colie Edison who stated that the PBA will be in full competition in the Fall of 2020, including the PBA League and the 11th World Series of Bowling. Bowling fans can look forward to the rest of the 2020 PBA Season.



In the late 80’s, NBC telecast a bowling shootout featuring Earl Anthony, Marshall Holman, and Mark Roth. It was a skins game format.

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## Tenth Frame- Editorial

### Ten Things the Bowling SuperFan has achieved

Ten years ago, I wrote about the top ten things that I have accomplished. I am revisiting this subject for this month's editorial:

- I. In 2017, I bowled my first and only 300 game it was with the same ball that Johnny Petraglia used to shoot a 300 on television but has since been updated to the Vintage Forest Green Quantum. In each frame, all the strikes were ten in the pit. In the second frame, I tripped a four pin. I was ecstatic when I shot the 300 game. Never in a million years did I think I would throw a 300 game.
- II. I shot two 800 series. One was 837 with a 279 triplicate and the other was an 816 (279-258-279).
- III. One of my dreams was to somehow be involved with the PBA Hall of Fame; then in 2014, I had the honor of becoming a part of the PBA Hall of Fame committee.
- IV. I had written an article about my bucket list for bowling. In the article, I had mentioned the fact that I wanted to write a major bowling publication. *Bowler's Journal International* had asked me to do a 300 word article on any topic of my choosing. I wrote about Doug Kent who was going into the PBA Hall of Fame.
- V. In 2011, a new column was created in *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter* called "Bowology". I had saved the articles that I had written about regarding my knowledge about the sport of bowling. At the time, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard was one of the leaders for the USBC Coaching staff. She was the first one to help me begin the process of becoming a coach (since I was doing a column called "Bowology"). The USBC was going through a transition time so I thought to myself I might have to start the process all over again. However, they were able to keep my status.
- VI. I was able to earn my Bronze Certification in 2015 and my Silver Certification in 2019. Thank You to the USBC Coaching staff who gave me the right tools to proceed with my coaching certification.
- VII. In 2018, I celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. When I first started out, I received an email from Mike Aulby saying that my newsletter could become a national publication. On top of that, I would receive a credential from the PBA which is a season ticket to any PBA Tour event that I want to attend.
- VIII. I joined the BWAA (currently called IBMA) back in 2006. They have a writing competition in which I have won multiple times including one special recognition for writing my 2012-2013 PBA Media Guide. The 2012-2013 PBA Media Guide was something that I had always wanted to do. However, I did not want to copy what the PBA had done in previous media guides. Some of things were similar, but I incorporated the same material presenting it in a different and unique way.
- IX. In the mid-summer of 2014, I had realized that the Tournament of Champions was going to have their 50th tournament. I had only been to two ToCs in my bowling career and I knew that the PBA champions of the national tour were excited about going to Riveria Lanes back in the day. I had started to watch some of the early Tournaments of Champions telecast on YouTube. I wrote a Media Kit about the 50th edition of the Tournament of Champions and I sent the copy to PBA Commissioner Tom Clark. He loved what I did with designing the media guide.
- X. This was an awesome experience because at that time their was only one bowler who had successfully defended their title and that was Jason Couch in 2000. I had wrote about the Tournament of Champions in my newsletter but had not attended very many Tournaments of Champions. Both times I had gone to the ToC something special happened. The first was when Jason Couch became the first to successfully defend his title. The second was when Pete Weber completed the Triple Crown a second time.

These are the ten moments of my bowling career.

**At Right : Parker Bohn III gives Josh Hyde a 300 ring**

