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## Messenger

### Hess Earns PBA50 Rookie & Player of the Year

Tom Hess earned PBA50 Rookie and PBA Player of the Year last month by winning the US Senior Open and the USBC Masters. In both events, he defeated Chris Barnes. His only PBA National titles have been Majors. The 2021 season came down to the last game at the USBC Senior Masters. Tom Hess had to beat Chris Barnes two games to win the title. He joined Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and Chris Warren as being the only three bowlers to win the USBC Senior and the regular Masters titles. The week before, Tom had to defeat Chris Barnes to claim his first PBA50 title at the Senior US Open. He led the Masters the whole way through qualifying. However, in the match play portion of the tournament, bowlers are bowling in the match play environment. When a bowler loses a match in the Masters, they go into the contenders' bracket. They must win the matches or they are eliminated from the tournament. Hess won the last two Majors of the PBA50 season. He joins Tom Baker as winning the US Senior Open and the Senior Masters to claim the PBA50 Player of the Year award. He also joins Dave Soutar, Walter Ray Williams Jr., and Chris Warren as the only players to win the USBC Masters and the USBC Senior Masters.

**Pictured below at left:**  
Tom Hess, winner of  
2021 PBA US Senior Open.

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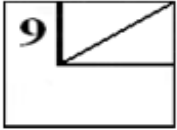
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# Spare Column

## Josie Barnes wins her first Major at US Women's Open

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Josie Barnes won her first major & fourth overall title at the 2021 U.S Women's Open along with \$100,000 payout and the iconic green jacket and trophy. She defeated Cherie Tan with a score of 198 to 194. She had a chance to win the U.S. Women's Open by doubling in the tenth and getting a high count. In the tenth on her first ball, she crossed over and fortunately enough left only the nine pin. On Barnes' fill ball, she left the 1-2-8-10. This gave Cherie Tan a chance to win by doubling in the tenth. She got the first one, but left a 3-6 on her second ball denying her the \$100,000 and the coveted green jacket. "Going into this week, I really was trying to find some good things about this season after tonight, I feel like I can say it was the best season ever" stated Barnes after her win.

This was the richest prize fund in PWBA history. There were only 72 bowlers that bowled in this year's Women's U.S. Open. Liz Johnson, a six time U.S. Open champion, was in the group and hoping to catch winner Marion Ladewig, who has eight BPAA All-Star. There were no 300's at this year's Women's U.S. Open. The bowlers that made the cashier's round would go into match play as there were only 24 bowlers that made the cut after 24 games of qualifying. It would take a score of +54 by Breanna Clemmer. Cherie Tan would lead the 24 game qualifying with a score of +413. The scores would go down in the cashiers round as it would take a score of -98 to make the cut. The tournament has four patterns plus the U.S Open pattern. The U.S Open pattern was not forgiving as players had a hard time keeping the ball in play and not getting into trouble.

Below, Josie Barnes with her \$100,000 check, green jacket and trophy.

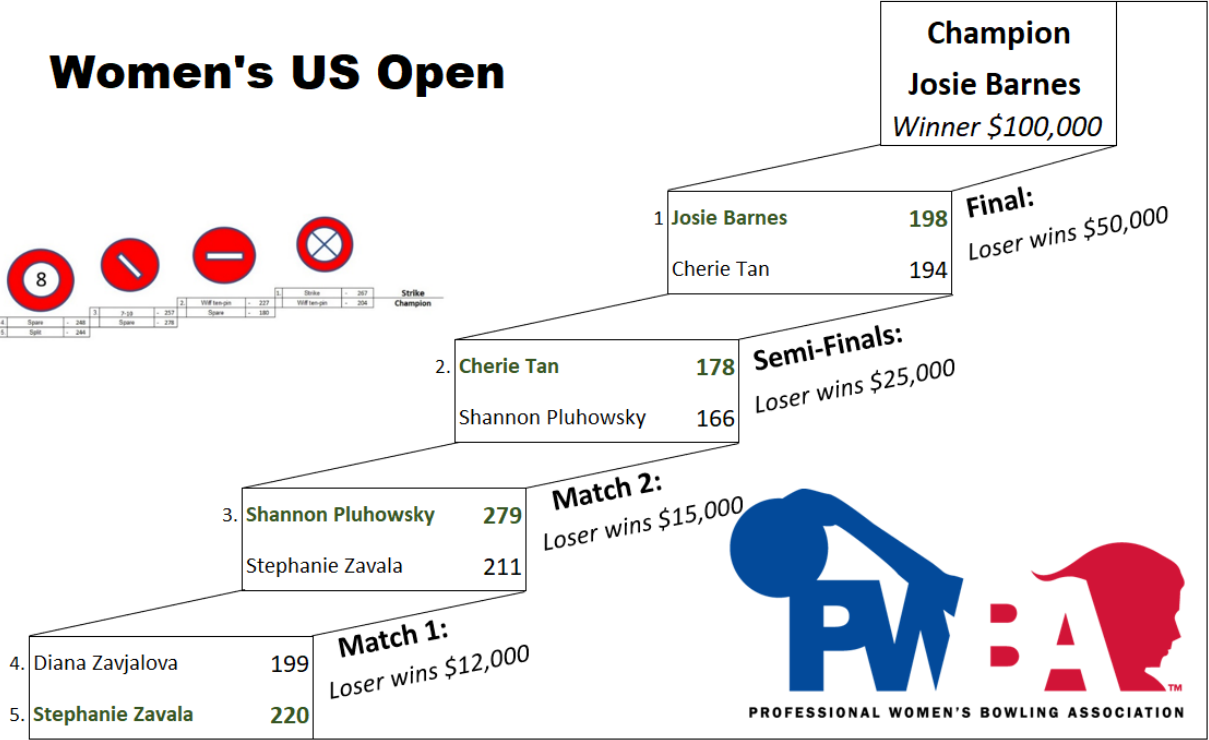
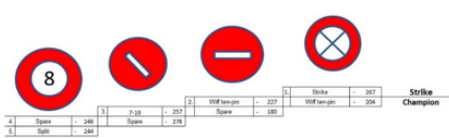


- 24 Game Cut—Breanna Clemmer +54
- 24 Game Leader—Cherie Tan +413
- 32 Game Cut—Breanna Clemmer -98
- 32 Game Leader—Cherie Tan +406

- 56 Game Cut—Stephanie Zavala +675
- 56 Game Leader—Josie Barnes +803
- 300 Games— None

- High Game:** 279 Shannon Pluhwosky
- Low Game:** 166 Shannon Pluhwosky
- High Match:** 279—211 Pluhwosky vs Zavala
- Low Match:** 178 to 166 Tan vs Pluhwosky
- Average Winning Game:** 218.75

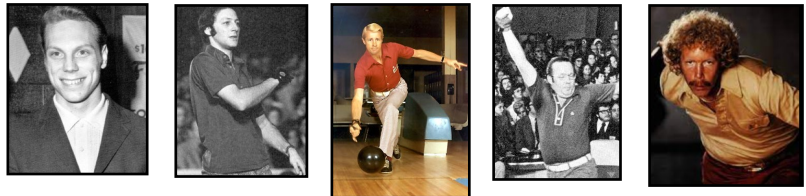
## Women's US Open



## Moment in History: Godman becomes first to win TOC Twice

Jim Godman became the first bowler to win the TOC twice. He did it by defeating Barry Asher 224-200. Dick Weber was on the show, hoping to claim his first TOC title. However, Weber would run into Godman on the semi-finals. The Tournament of Champions was the pinnacle of the PBA during this era. Every PBA member wanted to win the PBA National title in hopes of going to Akron, Ohio to bowl the Tournament of Champions. The defending champion, Mike Durbin, would only miss the cut by one pin. It would take only a score of +33 by Paul Colwell to make the match play cut. Jim Godman would be the 24 game qualifying leader at +369. Barry Asher would take the lead into the championship round. Other players making the top 24 were Johnny Petraglia, Dave Davis, Don Johnson, and Carmen Salvino. Godman would win \$25,000 for his efforts.

L to R: Jim Godman, Barry Asher, Dick Weber, Don McCune, and Larry Laub finalists at the 1973 Tournament of Champions.

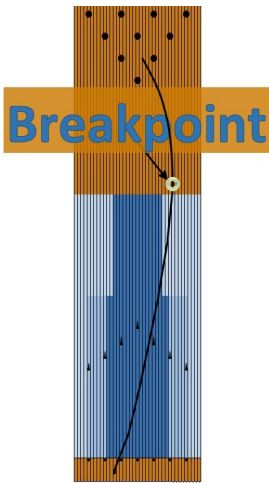
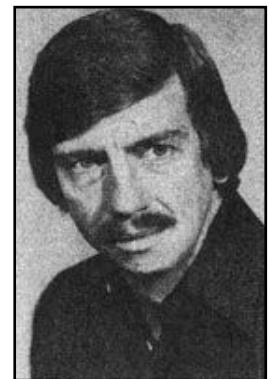


## PBA Hall of Famers passes away

Early last month, bowling lost a PBA charter member. Harry "The Tiger" Smith he was one of the first members of the PBA Hall of Fame. He also won the 1963 USBC Masters and a 1960 BPAA All-Star Tournament, currently known as the U.S Open. He won a total of ten PBA Tour titles and was a force to be reckoned with during the PBA Tour in the early days. He was a super-star like Dick Weber and Don Carter in the early days of the PBA. Smith was also assistant PBA Tournament Director helping Harry Golden. He will be greatly missed in the bowling community.

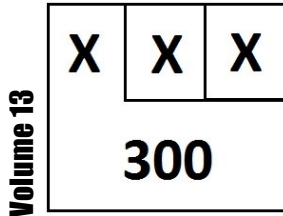
A few days later after Harry the Tiger Smith passed away, another PBA Hall of Famer, Roy Buckley passed away. Even though Buckley was not a super-star on the PBA Tour, he still won seven PBA Tour Titles. Buckley was a pro-shop operator in the Cleveland, Ohio area. The bowling community will greatly miss these two icons in bowling.

At Top Harry "The Tiger" Smith  
At bottom Roy Buckley



**Dave Soutar, Walter Ray Williams, Jr, Chris Warren and Tom Hess are the only four bowlers who have both the USBC Master and the USBC Senior Masters.**





# Tenth Frame—Editorial

## Professional Bowlers' Good Luck Charm

I have been fortunate enough to attend 128 PBA tournaments of which 64 of them are PBA Tour tournaments. In my opinion, I was at the best stepladder final of any PBA tournament at the 2017 PBA50 DeHayes Open held at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, IN. Pete Weber, Norm Duke, Amleto Monicelli, Parker Bohn III and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. were in the stepladder finals—a total of 179 titles between them! Four of them have won the Chris Schenkel Player of the Year. There were a total of 9 U.S. Open titles and 8 PBA World Championships between them. All of them have won the High Average award during their careers.

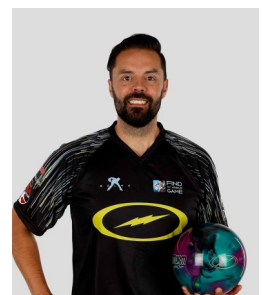
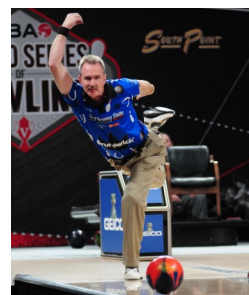
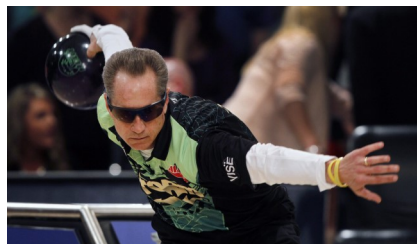
I have been to 3 Tournament of Champions events. Each time something remarkable has happened. The first one was 2000 where Jason Couch became the first player to successfully defend his TOC title. Thirteen years later, Pete Weber was the first bowler to win the TOC twice and the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice. That show was the best “top 5” ever in a PBA Tour tournament. Two years later, Jason Belmonte became the second player to successfully defend his title in the TOC.

In 2015, I was at the 50th Tournament of Champions where I had made a Media Kit for this historical event. Jason Belmonte became the 8th PBA player to win multiple TOCs. Rhino Page was looking to repeat history as he led wire to wire. Thirty-six years prior, George Pappas led wire to wire at the Tournament of Champions. Pappas won, however, Page ran into rising superstar Jason Belmonte. Sean Rash became the first bowler to bowl 2 perfect games on National television.

I have been fortunate enough to attend 10 PBA World / National Championships. In the 2002 PBA World Championship, Doug Kent won the biggest check in PBA history at that time. Four years later, Walter Ray would win his third PBA World Championship by tying Earl Anthony with 41 titles. He would beat Pete Weber for that title—the best championship match in PBA history.

In 1996 at the Flagship City Open, the top 5 bowlers of the tournament averaged 276.5. Bob Learn, Jr. had bowled a 300 in front of his hometown crowd. He averaged an incredible 282.5. Randy Pederson had the low game at 257. In the semi-final match, Parker Bohn III let Learn reshoot the spare as Bob was distracted. Learn would strike all the way out to win by one pin 279-280. In the first match, Learn would have to strike on the first ball in the 10th frame in order to move on to the second match. That he did by throwing 2 more strikes to shoot a perfect game.

What do all of these tournaments have in common, you say? Well, Josh Hyde, Editor of this publication, was in attendance at every one of these tournaments. I feel so honored to have been able to be a spectator at these milestone events. In addition to being at these tournaments, I have acquired unique memorabilia, such as one of the gold pins at the first show as well as a pin that Jason Belmonte knocked over when he won his third USBC Masters (his third consecutive title) and his second consecutive TOC title. I also obtained the pin sweeper at the 60th Anniversary Classic when Jakob Butturff won the title. It looks to me like the PBA has a good luck charm.... Josh Hyde!



**Pictured left to right:** Bob Learn III, Jason Couch, Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Jason Belmonte