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Messenger Legends Hang it Up

At the 12th WSOB, Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. both decided to make it their last PBA Tour event in their careers. Both Weber and Williams, Jr. withdrew from the Masters and the U.S. Open. They both decided that they could not strike as well as they could in the past with up and coming younger players. There are two standout highlights of many during Pete Weber's career—one was winning the Tournament of Champions in 1987. Dick Weber had never won the TOC during his multi-decade career. The second highlight of his career was winning the 2012 U.S. Open when he stuck on the final ball and said "who do you think you are I am". Walter Ray Williams, Jr.'s highlight was being named Bowler of the Decade back to back. He would earn seven Player of the Year honors. Both of these bowlers are not retiring completely from the PBA as they would still compete in the PBA50 & PBA Regional Tours. Here is a recap of their accomplishments.

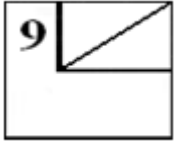
Pete Weber was the greatest bowler not to receive the Player of the Year award. He did, however, receive PBA50 and PBA50 Rookie of the Year awards. Weber was the new superstar when the new PBA format was introduced back in the fall of 2001. He would bowl a 299 to join his legendary father, Dick Weber. In 2007, he would join Dick Weber and Don Carter as winning four U.S. Open tournaments. In the Carter and Weber era, the tournament it was called the All-Star Tournament.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was the winningest bowler on the PBA Tour. He would win a total of eight majors. Williams, Jr. would become the first winner in career earnings of two & three million dollars. Although Williams did not win the Tournament of Champions, he won a total of eight majors and forty-seven titles. He became the first to earn \$300,000 in a single season. He has earned eight High Average George Young awards on the PBA Tour along with eight Point Leader awards. He is a title away from tying John Handegard's 15 PBA50 titles. He was ranked number two on the 50 Greatest PBA bowlers of all time. He garnered a total of 119 titles in PBA competition.

In the mid-to-late 80s & 90s, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. and Pete Weber were the icons of the PBA Tour and will continue to be as they pass the torch to a younger generation. Bowling fans will miss these two greatest bowlers of all time on the national tour, however, we will still see what they have to offer on the PBA50 tour & regionals. Both of these bowlers were inducted into the PBA & USBC Hall of Fames and will be part of the PBA legends joining Earl Anthony and Dick Weber among others.

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PBA World Championship

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Tom Daugherty would win his first major at the 2021 PBA World Championship by defeating Jakob Buttruff with a score of 263 to 257. He would earn a \$100,000 for his efforts. The tournament was held in his home center. Buttruff was climbing up the stepladder. It looked like he was on his way to his second Major. However, Daugherty stopped him from winning his second Major. In the Semi-finals, E.J. Tackett, who was leading most of the PBA World Championship, was eliminated by Buttruff. The score was 210 to 178. In the second match of the Championship round, Buttruff would take on Chris Via by defeating him 249 to 227. In the first match, Kyle Troup wanted to win his second major, but he was denied 210 to 201.



In this year's edition of the PBA World Championship, Tommy Jones qualified for the Match Play portion of the tournament but came up a little short by not qualifying for the championship round. He was looking to join Mike Aulby, Billy Hardwick, Chris Barnes, Norm Duke, Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, and Johnny Petraglia as the only players to win the PBA Triple Crown. Walter Ray Williams, Jr. would make Match Play at the PBA World Championship. Kyle Troup would qualify toward the bottom of the totem pole then climbed up to the number 5 slot in hopes of winning his second major. Dom Barrett would also be a contender at the PBA World Championship. E.J. Tackett would make all the Animal Pattern championships along with the PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championships with Marshall Kent.



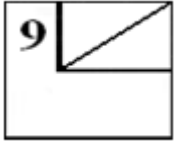
Tom Daugherty-PBA World Championship Winner



EJ Tackett- 40 game qualifying leader

2021 PBA World Championship

				1. Tom Daugherty	263	Tom Daugherty CHAMPION Winner Earns \$100,000
			2. EJ Tackett	178	Jakob Buttruff	
		3. Jakob Buttruff	249	Jacob Buttruff	210	Loser Earns \$50,000
4. Chris Via	210	Chris Via	227	Loser Earns \$35,000		
5. Kyle Troup	201	Loser earns \$25,000		Loser earned \$20,000		



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Roth / Holman PBA Doubles Championship

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This year's Roth / Holman PBA Doubles saw Kris Prather and Andrew Anderson pair up for the second consecutive year. After success at last year's Roth / Holman PBA Doubles where they finished fifth, they decided to pair up again. This second time was the charm. They had a first time Major Champion from the prior day and defending Champion, Kyle Troup and Jesper Svensson in their path. This was Kris Prather's sixth PBA Tour title and Andrew Anderson's fourth PBA Tour title. This year's Roth Holman Doubles consisted of the three animal patterns scores from the World Series of Bowling with the top 16 teams advancing to the match play finals. These team came back and bowled 16 Baker games before they cut to the top 5 for the step-ladder finals. Other teams that made the cut were Matthew Ogle / Sean Rash, Chris Barnes / Tommy Jones, Anthony Simonsen / Dom Barrett, Darren Tang / Michael Tang, and Ronnie Russell / Chris Via.



Ogle / Rash and Troup / Svensson were former Champions of the Roth / Holman PBA Doubles. Barnes / Jones are newly inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. There was a strong field of teams for them to compete against.

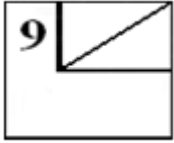
In the first match, Troup / Svensson were hoping to climb up the step-ladder to defend their title an they bowled 278 against Ogle / Rash who had 226. The second match saw Troup / Svensson struggle as Prather / Anderson found the right line to the pocket and were able to strike. Troup missed a 2-4-5 in the 9th Frame and Svensson was not able to close out the 10th with a Double. This left a narrow margin for Anderson to double in the 10th to get just enough to win the match 203-202. The semi-final saw Prather / Anderson take on EJ Tackett and Marshall Kent. The were able to keep momentum and cruise to the Championship match. In this match, Tom might have been tired from winning his first Major Title. Tom had two 10-pin and BJ 2-10 split. Kris was able to trip a 4-pin and a 9-pin. Kris felt comfortable because he was in his comfort zone. Both Prather / Anderson felt like they had good shot at winning this championship. In the Championship game, they defeated Tom Daugherty and BJ Moore handily 245-203.



Kris Prather & Andrew Anderson—
Winners of the
Roth/Holman Doubles Championship

2021 PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship

				1. Daugherty/Moore	203	Anderson/Prather CHAMPION
			2. Kent/Tackett	214	Anderson/Prather	
		3. Anderson/Prather	203	Anderson/Prather	235	Loser Earns \$18,000 Winner Earns \$30,000
		Svensson/Troup	202	Loser Earns \$13,000		
4. Ogle/Rash	226	Loser earned \$10,000				
5. Troup/Svensson	278	Loser earned \$7,000				



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Cheetah, Chameleon, and Scorpion

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In the three Animal Pattern Championship, there would be 2 first time winners and a first Major champion. The Animal Pattern Championship would feature all 4 bowlers bowling one game with the low score being eliminated. E.J. Tackett did not make any of the Animal Pattern Championships.



Tom Daugherty would beat Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. to get into the Scorpion Championship. Daugherty was down 0-2 to “The Goat” Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Daugherty would defeat 2 the greatest bowlers of all time in the history of the PBA. Daugherty was at his home town of Tampa, Florida. In the Scorpion Championship, Kris Prather did not look like he had a shot as he opened 3 of his first 5 frames. However, Michael Tang and Prather would tie at 182 for a one ball roll-off. The prize money for the top 4 bowlers would be \$30,000 for first place, \$15,000 for second place, \$8,000 for third place, and \$5,000 for fourth place.

In the Chameleon Championships, Shawn Maldonado would earn his first career PBA Tour title defeating Jacob Butturff 205-202. Shawn Maldonado who has been competing on the PBA Tour for a number of years finally broke through. In the first game, Jason Sterner would be eliminated as he would only bowl a 184. In the second elimination round, Zach Weidman would be eliminated with a 209 as Butturff and Maldonado would tie with 224s. Bowling fans could not see which one would win in the Championship match. Butturff had more experience than Maldonado at winning a PBA National Tour title. The first title is always a struggle to win.

In the Cheetah Championship, Anthony Simonsen was eliminated in the first game. It looked like in the second game that Marshall Kent and Kris Prather were going to take charge. However, Marshall Kent ran into transition and struggled. Prather looked like he was on his way to earning another title going into the third game. Prather struggled and Sam Cooley would keep on striking. Prather could only shoot a 185 giving Cooley an easy win for his first PBA Tour title.



Left to right: Sam Cooley, winner of the Cheetah Championship; Shawn Maldonado, winner of the Chameleon Championship; Tom Daugherty, winner of the Scorpion Championship.

Cheetah			
	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Prather	257	236	185
Kent	256	215	
Cooley	225	258	247
Simonsen	214		

Chameleon			
	Game 1	Game 2	Game 3
Maldonado	224	224	205
Butturff	220	224	202
Weidman	214	209	
Sterner	184		

Scorpion				
	Game 1	Roll-Off	Game 2	Game 3
Daugherty	244		276	266
Troup	213		279	254
Prather	182	10-10	237	
Tang	182	10-9		



PBA Truck and Player Services

PBA services director Larry Lichstein started with a Greyhound bus that cost \$750,000 and made it into the first PBA truck. Columbia 300 was the first manufacturer to give the PBA Players Services Director a deal per ball. Brunswick would come on board later, This how the PBA Players Services Truck got started. Each bowling ball manufacturer is paying a product registration fee in order to be on the PBA Truck. At the start of a tournament, a bowler can work with the ball representative to get a new ball drilled for the event. A bowler must know what their hand measurements are because the PBA staff is drilling a number of bowling balls. They do not have time to measure hundreds of bowlers' hands to get the right feel of the ball. The PBA Truck is a pro-shop/assembly line. Bowlers must work out their finger and thumb holes in the ball when they get a ball off of the truck. The ball holes are razor sharp since the staff on the truck does not have the time to fine-tune the finger and thumb holes for each individual player. It is up to the player to resurface the ball depending on the player's preference. Bowlers are also renting shelves on the truck to haul their equipment so they do not have to lug it around themselves.



Breakpoint

PBA Regional Awards

Last month, the PBA announced the Regional Awards winner for 2020. In the South Region, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. earned another PBA50 Player of the Year honor. In the East Region, both the Senior Player of the Year and the Rookie of the Year were won by the same bowler—Troy Lint. Anthony Pepe would win the East Region Player of the Year. In the South Region, the Player of the Year would go to Brandon Curtis of Mason, North Carolina. Mike Monyak of Las Vegas would win the NorthWest/West Region Pat Patterson award, who is the Bowling Director of the Southpoint Bowling Plaza where the World Series of Bowling has been hosted numerous times. Graham Foch would be the Central PBA Player of the Year winner. In the Central Region, Brent Boho would earn Rookie of the Year honors. The PBA Regional program was founded in 1969 by Chuck Pezzano & Frank Esposito. This gave top amateur bowlers who did not want to give up their jobs to be a pro-bowler a chance to bowl at the highest level. Cashing in two tournaments would be a qualification to join the PBA National tour.

