



PBA Honorary Member since 2001 Member since 2006

Messenger

2021 PWBA Tour Championship

At the 2021 PWBA Tour Championship, Shannon Pluhwosky would win her first major with a score 244 to 178. In the semi-finals, she had the front ten to easily go into the championship match. Pluhwosky would win \$50,000 for her efforts. This was Pluhwosky's second career title both of which were Majors. She is the Mika Koivuniemi of the PWBA by winning her first two titles as Majors. The 2021 PWBA Tour offered \$50,000 for winning the tournament. If a bowler made the championship round they were guaranteed \$9,000 for finishing 5th. Pluhwosky had bowled 279 in the championship round at the 2021 US Women's Open. She can strike in the major championships. The other finalists were Stephanie Zavala, Diane Zavjalova, Shannon O' Keefe and Bryanna Cote.



PWBA Tour Champion Shannon Pluhwosky

2021 PWBA TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

			Champion Shannon Pluhwosky <i>Winner \$50,000</i>	
			Final: 1 Bryanna Cote 178 Shannon Pluhwosky 244 <i>Loser wins \$25,000</i>	
			Semi-Finals: 2. Shannon Pluhwosky 289 Diane Zavjalova 199 <i>Loser wins \$15,000</i>	
			Match 2: 3. Diane Zavjalova 190 Stephanie Zavala 164 <i>Loser wins \$12,000</i>	
			Match 1: 4. Stephanie Zavala 203 Shannon O'Keefe 200 <i>Loser wins \$9,000</i>	

Messenger:	1
2021 PWBA Tour Championship	
Messenger Continue	2
-PBA Legend Mark Roth passes away	
-PBA & USBC Hall of Famer Teata Semiz passes away	
Strike Column	3
-2021 PBA Player of the Year Race	
Off the Sheet	4
-Three Weeks in March	
BreakPoint	4
-The Official Beer of the PBA Tour	
Split Column	4
• Bowlers that have won three consecutive titles in a row.	
Bowlology	5
Bowlology Academy	

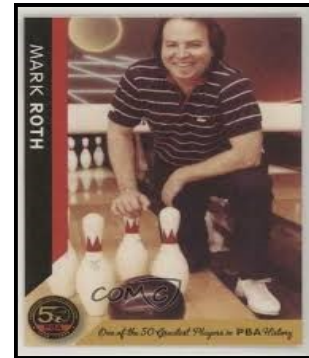


Messenger—Continued

PBA Legend & Hall of Famer Passes Away

Volume 14 Issue 1

On November 26, 2021, PBA Hall of Famer Mark Roth passed away. The bowling world will miss one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA. He was voted number 5 of the 50 greatest players of all time. He only had 2 Majors—the 1984 US Open and the 1984 Touring Players Championship. He was voted Player of the Year 4 times, and he also earned 5 High Average awards. He would also have one of the greatest moments in PBA history as he would become the first bowler to convert the 7-10 split on national television. He is the only bowler to date to win 8 titles in a single season. Roth dominated the mid- to late-1970s and the early 80s. He would go on to win 3 Doubles titles with Marshal Holman. Roth was the Father of the modern power game. In 1987, Roth was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. Roth pioneered how to correctly go at single pin spares by going hard and straight. Roth earned PBA Tour Player of the Year Awards from '77 to '79 and also in 1984. Roth became the third bowler to pass the one million mark in career earnings. He later went on to win the PBA50 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year awards along with four PBA50 titles.



USBC & PBA Hall of Famer passes away

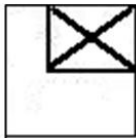
On the 23rd of November, PBA & USBC Hall of Famer Teata Semiz passed away. He won a total of three PBA Tour titles and eight PBA50 titles. He was the 14th player in USBC Masters Tournament history to bowl a perfect game. Teata beat Don Johnson at the Ebonite Gold Cup. He had a seven bagger in the championship match. A struggling Johnson could not keep up with him. He was dominating the PBA50 Tour in the early years. At one point, Teata was the Earl Anthony of the PBA50 Tour and the money leader in career earnings. Teata made the USBC Masters television show in 1997 hoping to become the oldest Major champion but fell short.

He beat three great Hall of Famers for his PBA Tour titles—the 1968 Ebonite Open over Don Johnson, the 1970 Bellows-Valvair Open over Nelson Burton Jr., and the 1977 Burger King Open over Marshall Holman. He was never a full-time player on the PBA Tour, however, a bowler of considerable talent. Three of his eight PBA50 titles were Senior Touring Doubles titles. One of those three was with PBA and USBC Hall-of-Famer Joe Berardi. In 1991, he won another Senior Touring Doubles title with USBC Hall-of-Famer Rick Steelsmith. This was Steelsmith's first PBA Tour title. Semiz was one of the oldest bowlers to shoot an 800 series (803) when he was 80 years old.

"I came away understanding that he's pretty much one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet, but at the same time, on the lanes he was probably one of the fiercest competitors you will come across." said Rick Steelsmith his Doubles partner from the 1991 Senior Pro Doubles match.



Teata Semiz at left



Strike Column

2021 Player-of-the-Year Race

Volume 14 Issue 1

*** (The graphs at the right show the Top 5 in earnings, points and average for 2021.)

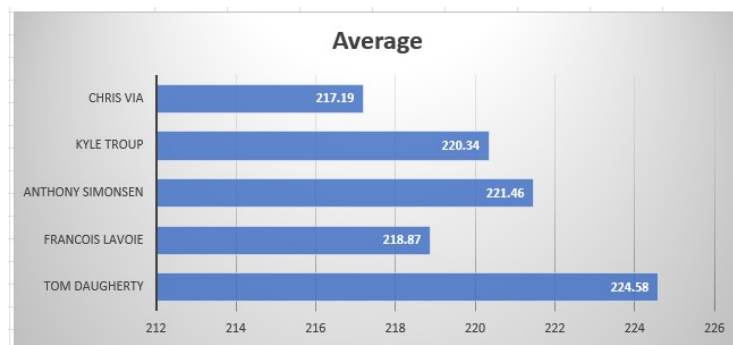
The 2021 PBA Player-of-the-Year race is an easy decision for the PBA membership. Kyle Troup won his first major at the 2021 PBA Players Championship earning a quarter of a million dollars. He was making a statement then went on to win the PBA Playoffs. He almost made a half million dollars shattering Walter Ray Williams, Jr. record for one season on the PBA Tour. Of course, the 2016 Harry Golden Rookie-of-the-Year desires to become the seventh player to win Player of the Year & Rookie of the Year honors.

Francois Lavoie would win the 2021 Tournament of Champions by climbing the stepladder earning his third career Major.

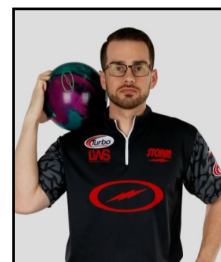
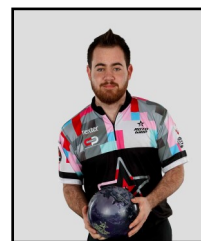
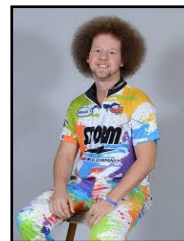
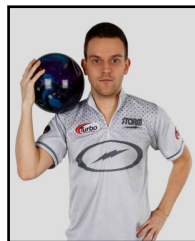
Tom Daugherty would break through the PBA World Championship by winning his first Major. Nevertheless, he won his first Major in his home center at the 12th WSOB. Tom Daugherty would win the George Young High Average Award (224.6).

Chris Via did well at this year's Majors. If the USBC Open Championship were part of the PBA Tournament Schedule, the PBA membership would have to consider Chris Via as a candidate for Player-of-the-Year. This was the first time in bowling history that the US Open champion won the USBC All Events title receiving his first eagle. However, this tournament is not on the PBA Tour Schedule.

It would not be surprising if the PBA Membership came out 100% for Kyle Troup as he has earned a half million dollars on the PBA Tour. Anthony Simonsen was looking to become the youngest three-time major champion by winning the TOC title. It looked to be a tight race early on in the season, but by winning the PBA Players Championship & the PBA Playoffs, Kyle Troup took a commanding lead with half the season to go. If Francois Lavoie & Kyle Troup had met in the championship match of the PBA Playoffs, Francois might have had a shot at becoming the seventh player in PBA history to earn both Rookie- and Player-of-the-Year. Kyle Troup [like Mark Roth('78), Mike Aulby ('85) and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. ('93 & '02-'03)] would be a no-brainer for PBA Player of the Year. This will definitely go down as one of the greatest seasons in PBA History.



The Top Five Players: Lavoie, Troup, Simonsen, Daugherty and Via





	X	X	X	X
Off the Sheet				

Three Weeks in March

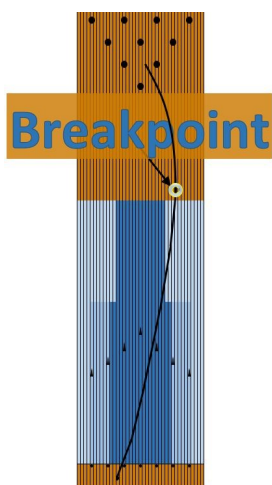
Volume 14 Issue 1

Last month in the Bowler's Journal International, Lyle Zikes wrote about Johnny Petraglia's three tournament wins in a row. The other two players who have done this are Dick Weber and Mark Roth. Johnny Petraglia was the top seeded player in all three tournaments. In the first week Petraglia led the Fair Lanes Open by at least 300 pins averaging 223. Week Two saw low scores at the Don Carter Classic with Petraglia cruising to victory 223 to 212 over Mike McGrath.

The biggest one was, last but not least, the Tournament of Champions. Dave Davis stated that it was "a great run". In the last win at the Tournament of Champions, the defending champion Don Johnson was in the championship round looking to become the first player in PBA history to successfully defend his Tournament of Champions crown. In the 1970 PBA Tour season, Johnny Petraglia finished tenth on the money list. Despite three consecutive wins on the PBA Tour, he did not get the Player of the Year award.

Petraglia has gone on to win titles over six decades and is now in his seventh decade of competing. He says "It's hard to believe it's been fifty years since the winning streak and 55 years since I first started bowling."

The Official Beer of the PBA Tour



On November 17th, The PBA announced a multi-year partnership with Pabst Blue Ribbon (PBR). PBR will pay \$1,000 to any player who achieves six strikes in a row. This will be called the "PBR 6-Pack Alert" and will be featured during the championship round. They are also sponsoring a "PBR Beer Frame" in the fifth frame. The 2020 PBA League expansion team Brew City Ballers will be renamed PBR Milwaukee Pounders and managed by PBA Hall-of-Famer Marshall Holman.



Colie Edison, CEO of the PBA said, "We are thrilled to welcome Pabst Blue Ribbon, an iconic American brand embraced by fans throughout the country, as the Official Beer of the PBA Tour. Much like the PBA, Pabst Blue Ribbon has a distinctive brand identity with passionate, lifelong fans. We look forward to extending the visibility and engagement of professional bowling to new audiences through our partnership." They will also receive a priority access to PBA announcements and opportunities during this time period.



Dick Weber, Mark Roth and Johnny Petraglia are the only players to win three PBA Titles in a row.

Since November of 2011 of this publication, I have applied my bowling knowledge from beginning bowler to the pro like you would throw a ball. Recently, I have finished the Bowlology Academy Curriculum. The courses are:

- Bowlology 200 - which is the basics of the bowling. This includes the history of bowling from 5000 years ago to today, how to make spares, the rules of score keeping, and the method of the perfect strike.
- Ten Pin Staffer 700— the course is mainly for pro-shop operators and coaches. This introduces bowling ball construction and how to setup a ball for a bowler.
- Striking Mastermind 750 - is for the tournament bowler that may need more help learning how to adjust on the lanes or when to switch balls. This continues with a deep dive into bowling ball physics, how to develop an arsenal and how to read the lanes.
- The PBA 800— the course is for the bowlers who have tried at least one PBA Regional. In this course, we review the scoring system of the PBA, Lane Courtesy, Player Services, Requirements for joining the PBA and PBA lanes maintenance program.
- Lastly, but certainly not least, is the KingPin 900 course. This course is designed to get people to think critically about the sport and share the knowledge with other bowlers.

Every participant who wants to join the Bowlology Academy will complete a Bowling Assessment Test which will determine what level the bowler will be placed in the course structure. Students must pass each course with an 80%.

The Bowlology Academy also provides a one day seminar called the Spare-Strike Pillars. This seminar covers the four basic principles of bowling: Knowledge of the Sport, Physical Game, Lane Play and Ball Dynamics. The student will receive partial credit for attending the seminar. The course numbers reference bowling scores and series that a bowler would like to obtain throughout the bowlers career. The courses are named after bowling terminology. At the academy, the instructor will meet the bowler where they currently are then take them further in improving their knowledge and personal bowling game. Wishing bowlers good luck and high scores on the lanes! Looking forward to another ten years of Bowlology.

