Messenger
2021 Regional Awards

Last month, the PBA announced the 2021 PBA Regional Award. In the North West region, the Player and the Rookie of the Year went to the same bowler - Nick Borgaro. Eugene McCune was Player of the Year in two different regions. Kevin McCune who is Eugene McCune's son was the Central Region Rookie of the Year. Ron Mohr would receive the Senior Bowler of the Year. These awards were announced at the 2022 Regional Players Invitational. Another PBA Hall of Famer Mark Williams would receive the Pat Patterson Award in the South West Region. Sam Cooley who shot a 300 in the Championship Match of the PBA Playoffs would earn Bowler of the Year in the West Region. Here is a list of all the regional awards winners.

Northwest		West	
Bowler of the Year	Nick Borgaro	Bowler of the Year	Sam Cooley
Rookie of the Year	Nick Borgaro	Rookie of the Year	Matt Zweig
Senior Bowler of the Year	Greg Thomas	Senior Bowler of the Year	Ron Mohr
Pat Patterson Award	Lance Lorfeld	Pat Patterson Award	Tim Cagle
Midwest		**Southwest**	
Bowler of the Year	Nick Kruml	Bowler of the Year	Anthony Lavery-Spahr
Rookie of the Year	Kevin McCune	Rookie of the Year	Joseph Grondin
Senior Bowler of the Year	Eugene McCune	Senior Bowler of the Year	Mike Bailey
Pat Patterson Award	Ted Baer	Pat Patterson Award	Mark Williams
Central		**East**	
Bowler of the Year	JR Raymond	Bowler of the Year	Anthony Pepe
Rookie of the Year	Scott Matthies	Rookie of the Year	Brandon Runk
Senior Bowler of the Year	Eugene McCune	Senior Bowler of the Year	Ryan Shafer
Pat Patterson Award	Rick Zakrajsek	Pat Patterson Award	Rick Graham
South			
Bowler of the Year	Mike Coffey		
Rookie of the Year	Carlos Granados		
Senior Bowler of the Year	Glenn Smith		
Pat Patterson Award	Joey & Terrie Cruz		
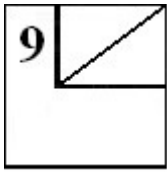
Spare Column

PBA Players Championship

Tommy Jones dominated the Southern Players Championship by averaging 10 pins higher than another PBA Hall of Famer, Norm Duke. He averaged 233.6 after 28 games of qualifying.

This year the Chameleon and the Dragon patterns were used. Each Region had 28 games of qualifying with the top 5 advancing to the Players Championship finals in Texas. The top prize of the tournament was $100,000. Graham Fach would average 234 as he led in the East Region becoming the top seed for the region. Also, in the East Region, Rookie of the Year Brandon Runk would qualify in second place. Bill O'Neill would qualify third in the East Region. Defending Champion and Player of the Year Kyle Troup would qualify as the number 4 seed. Pat Dombrowski clenched the 5th spot in the stepladder finals.

In the South Region, Tommy Jones dominated the other bowlers. David Stouffer, a weekend tournament bowler, would climb his way up to third in the tournament. DJ Archer would come in fifth after 28 games of qualifying behind fourth place finisher Toby Sambueno.

In the Mid-West Region, Sean Rash would take the lead for the top spot. In the Mid-West Region, EJ Tackett would qualify third as he would be looking for his third major. AJ Johnson would qualify second for the Mid-West Region. Bailey Maverick of Peru, IN, would be the fifth seed. The 2021 Rookie of the Year Matt Russo would qualify as the number 4 seed.

In the South-West Region after 28 games, Dom Barrett would find the top spot as he would come out of a slump. Arturo Quintero of Texas would claim the runner-up spot. Francois Lavoie would qualify for third. Brad Miller and Kyle Sherman would qualify in the last two spots for the South-West Region final.

Jakob Buttruff would come in first in the West region. The 2021 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award winner Jake Peters would qualify second. Wesley Low, Jr would qualify third for the West Region Stepladder finals. Jason Belmonte would qualify fourth to add to his resume for Major Championships. Cortez Schenck would round out the standings at fifth.

East Region Stepladder Finalists
1. Graham Fach
2. Brandon Runk
3. Bill O'Neill
4. Kyle Troup
5. Patrick Dombrowski

South Region Stepladder Finalists
1. Tommy Jones
2. Norm Duke
3. David Stouffer
4. Toby Sambueno
5. DJ Archer

Midwest Region Stepladder Finalists
1. Sean Rash
2. AJ Johnson
3. EJ Tackett
4. Matthew Russo
5. Bailey Mavrick

Southwest Region Stepladder Finalists
1. Dom Barrett
2. Arturo Quintero
3. François Lavoie
4. Brad Miller
5. Kyle Sherman

West Region Stepladder Finalists
1. Jakob Butturff
2. Jake Peters
3. Wesley Low Jr.
4. Jason Belmonte
5. Cortez Schenck

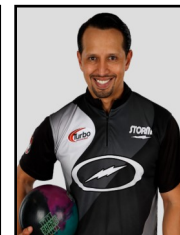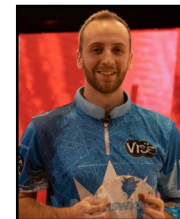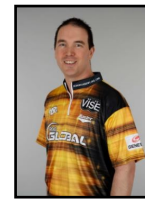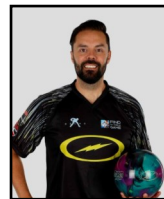# Spare Column - Continued

Players Championship—Continued

2022 Players Championship East Region

Champion
Graham Fach
Winner Earns Championship Spot

1	Graham Fach	259	**Final:**
	Patrick Drombrowski	192	Loser wins $15,000
2.	Brandon Runk	243	**Semi-Finals:**
	Patrick Drombrowski	257	Loser wins $13,000
3.	Bill O'Neill	201	**Match 2:**
	Patrick Drombrowski	265	Loser wins $11,000
4.	Kyle Troup	171	**Match 1:**
5.	Patrick Drombrowski	177	Loser wins $10,000

2022 Players Championship MidWest Region

Champion
Sean Rash
Winner Earns Championship Spot

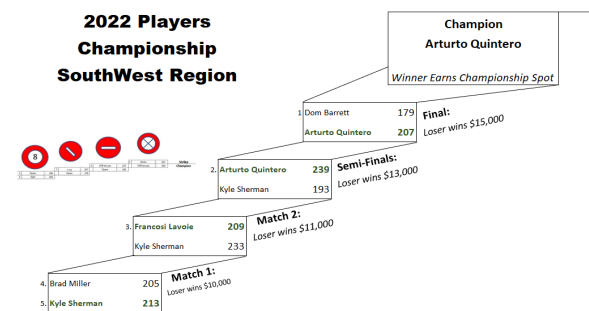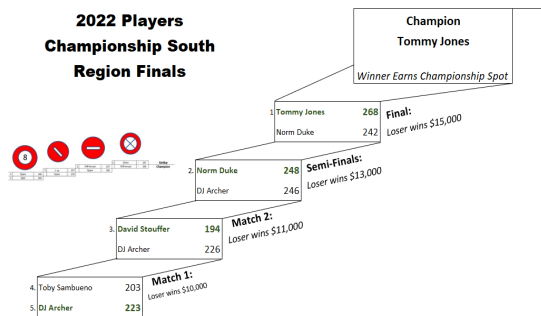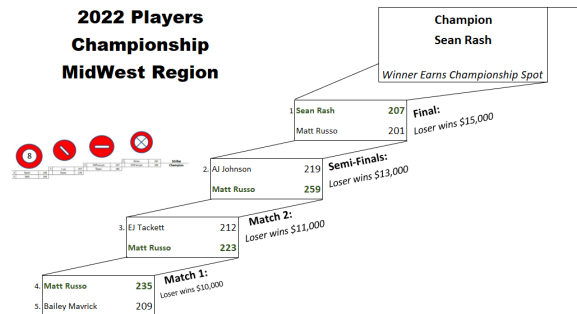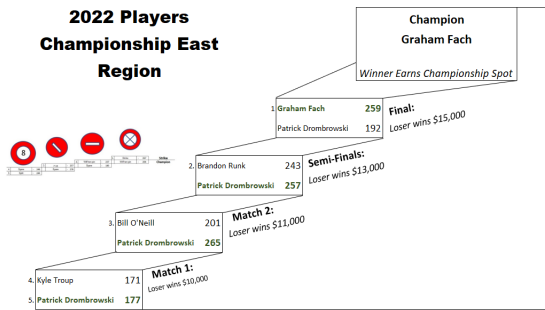|			
1	Sean Rash	207	**Final:**
	Matt Russo	201	Loser wins $15,000
2.	AJ Johnson	219	**Semi-Finals:**
	Matt Russo	259	Loser wins $13,000
3.	EJ Tackett	212	**Match 2:**
	Matt Russo	223	Loser wins $11,000
4.	Matt Russo	235	**Match 1:**
5.	Bailey Mavrick	209	Loser wins $10,000

2022 Players Championship South Region Finals

Champion
Tommy Jones
Winner Earns Championship Spot

1	Tommy Jones	268	**Final:**
	Norm Duke	242	Loser wins $15,000
2.	Norm Duke	248	**Semi-Finals:**
	DJ Archer	246	Loser wins $13,000
3.	David Stouffer	194	**Match 2:**
	DJ Archer	226	Loser wins $11,000
4.	Toby Sambueno	203	**Match 1:**
5.	DJ Archer	223	Loser wins $10,000

2022 Players Championship SouthWest Region

Champion
Arturto Quintero
Winner Earns Championship Spot

1	Dom Barrett	179	**Final:**
	Arturto Quintero	207	Loser wins $15,000
2.	Arturto Quintero	239	**Semi-Finals:**
	Kyle Sherman	193	Loser wins $13,000
3.	Francosi Lavoie	209	**Match 2:**
	Kyle Sherman	233	Loser wins $11,000
4.	Brad Miller	205	**Match 1:**
5.	Kyle Sherman	213	Loser wins $10,000

2022 Players Championship West Region

Champion
Jason Belmonte
Winner Earns Championship Spot

1	Jakob Buttruff	194	**Final:**
	Jason Belmonte	257	Loser wins $15,000
2.	Jake Peters	194	**Semi-Finals:**
	Jason Belmonte	278	Loser wins $13,000
3.	Wesley Low Jr	149	**Match 2:**
	Jason Belmonte	246	Loser wins $11,000
4.	Jason Belmonte	238	**Match 1:**
5.	Cortez Schenk	212	Loser wins $10,000

L to R: Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, Graham Fach, Tommy Jones, and Arturo Quintero.

In this year's PBA Players Championship regional finals, there were a number of single pin misses. Three out of the five went to the top seeds in each region. Sean Rash made the 2021 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Matt Russo mark in the tenth frame. In the previous frame, Russo made the 2-4-6-7-10. He left it again in the tenth frame. However, he would just take out the four pins giving Rash the right to go on. Tommy Jones would knock off another PBA Hall of Famer Norm Duke by shooting a 268 over Duke's 242. Graham Fach would try to become the fifth player to try to win multiple PBA Players Championships by defeating Patrick Dombrowski 259 to 192. Jason Belmonte climbed the ladder averaging 254 in his four matches to become the first player in PBA History to win three PBA Players Championships by defeating Jakob Buttruff 257 to 194. In all the regions' finals, at least one PBA Major Champion would be featured. Kyle Troup would be eliminated in the first round of his regional.
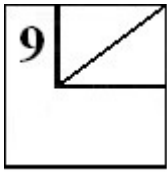
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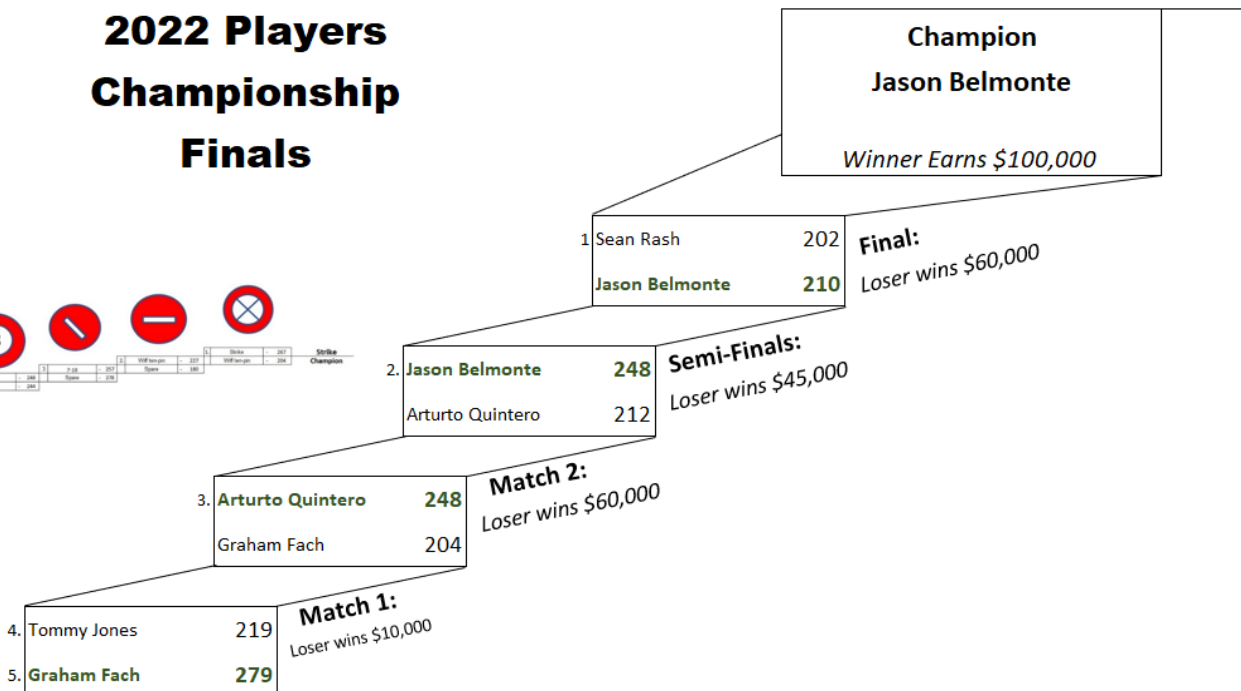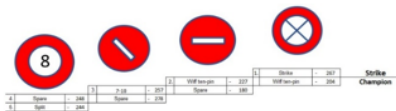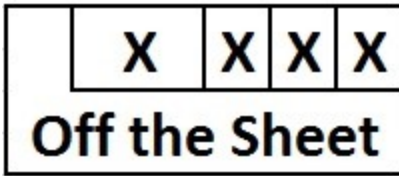## Players Championship Ends in Belmo Victory

Jason Belmonte became the first player to win the PBA Players Championship three times by defeating Sean Rash 210 to 202 in the championship game. Both Rash and Belmonte had a hard time hitting the right lane which had the Dragon Pattern while the left lane had the Chameleon pattern. Rash would take home $60,000 as the runner-up. Belmonte struck on the first ball in the tenth frame to claim his 26th career title and his 14th career major title. Belmonte switched balls in the last frame to claim the title winning $100,000. Rash could have put more pressure on Belmo if he would have struck in the seventh frame.

"I'm going to go try to win the U.S. Open again," Belmo stated after becoming the All-Time Major Champion Titlist. Belmo also stated "I'm ready to just bowl and bowl and bowl. Just keep lining the tournaments up."

In Match 1, Graham Fach started with the front 9 before leaving the six pin. Tommy Jones had a hard time in the first match against Graham as he split twice in the first few frames of the opening game. Fach would win the game 279 to 219 with Tommy Jones walking away with $30,000. In the second game, Arturo Quintero tried to became the first bowler from Mexico to win a PBA major. He did it fairly easily by winning the second game. The final score was 248 to 204 which eliminated Graham Fach who collected $35,000 for his efforts. In the semi-finals, Arturo could not strike (as he did previously against Fach) losing 212 to Belmo's 248. Arturo would collect $45,000 for his efforts. Four out of the top five finalists have won at least one PBA major. There was also a PBA Hall of Famer in the top five. This year's PBA Player Championship was sponsored by Snickers.

2022 Players Championship Finals

Champion
Jason Belmonte

Winner Earns $100,000

| 1 | Sean Rash | 202 | **Final:** |
| | Jason Belmonte | 210 | Loser wins $60,000 |

| 2. | Jason Belmonte | 248 | **Semi-Finals:** |
| | Arturto Quintero | 212 | Loser wins $45,000 |

| 3. | Arturto Quintero | 248 | **Match 2:** |
| | Graham Fach | 204 | Loser wins $60,000 |

| 4. | Tommy Jones | 219 | **Match 1:** |
| 5. | Graham Fach | 279 | Loser wins $10,000 |

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Indelible Mark

Last month, Johnny Campos and Gianmarc Manzione wrote about the legendary Mark Roth who passed away on November 26th of last year. They wrote a lengthy article on Mark Roth's career as some one who was anything but ordinary both on and off the lanes. Before the February 1,1975 King Louie Tournament, Mark Roth did not have high expectations from his peers, among them Dick Weber who had seen Roth appear in eight stepladder finals without winning a title. Roth would make a deep impression on Dick Weber - "Just tears the cover off the ball!"

In the 1980ARC Alameda Open, Roth would shock the bowling world by converting the impossible 7-10 split on national television. Over the course of 15,000 games, Roth averaged 215.8—an amazing stat. Roth's game was legendary and self-taught. Roth was Player of the Year from '77-'79. He would bowl for the title 33 times during that span. He would cash 51 times in a row before missing by one pin. He would then go on to cash 17 in a row.

Since Roth was 12 years old, he was determined to become the greatest bowler ever. He stated, " I did that".

Colie Edison Resignation from the PBA

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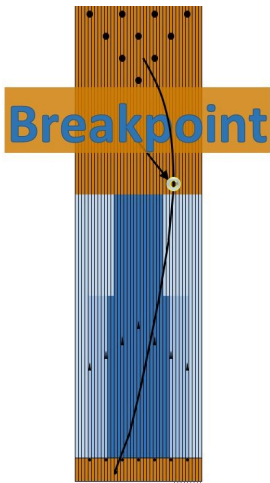
The CEO of the PBA put in her resignation effective January 21st. Colie was part of the PBA leadership team consisting of Commissioner Tom Clark, Vice President Carissa Del Bene, COO Lev Ekster, Senior Director of Regional Tournaments Michelle Terrell and National Tournament Director John Weber. She joined the PBA in September 2019 as CEO after Bowlero Corporation purchased the PBA. At Bowlero, she started out as Vice President of Marketing in 2013 before being promoted to Chief Customer Officer in 2017.

"It has been one of the greatest honors of my life to lead the PBA, especially through these difficult past two years. The resiliency, creativity, and flexibility of the PBA is truly unmatched - "our ability to not only survive, but thrive, in these times is a testament to the passion and commitment of our players, fans and staff" stated Colie Edison. Colie is moving to a position with the WNBA as Chief Growth Officer. Further details on who will take over this position are not available at this time.
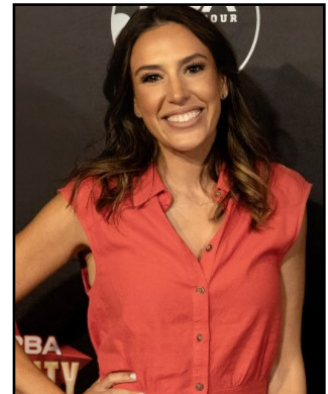
Pictured Above:
Colie Edison

Split Column

Jason Belmonte is the first player to win three PBA Players Championships in 2011, 2017, and 2022.

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Tenth Frame - Editorial
Bowlologist: A Job Description
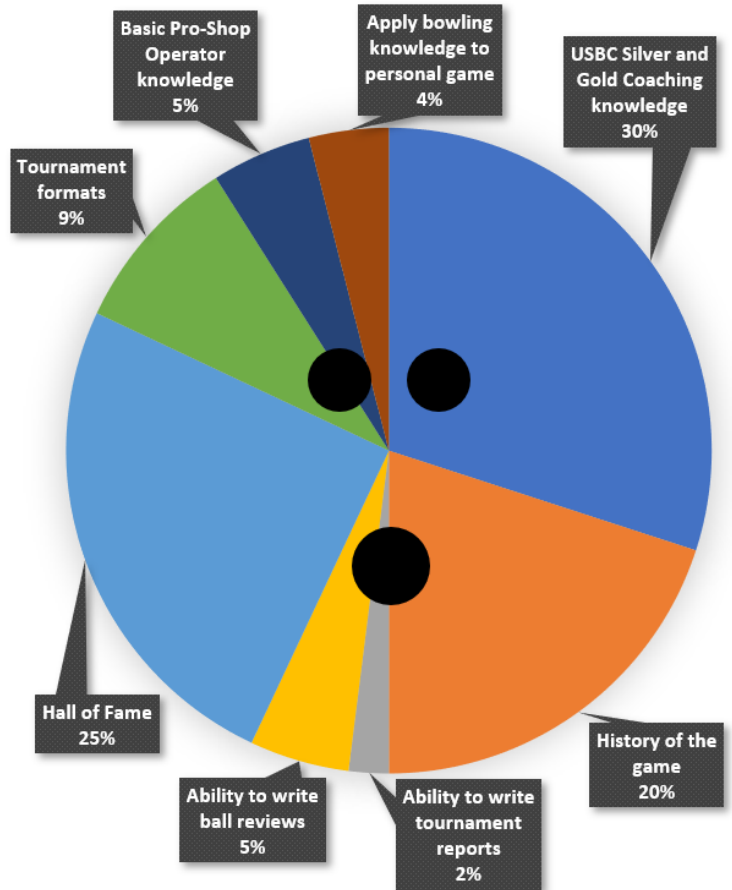
Last month, I described a Bowlologist's knowledge. Below are the responsibilities of a Bowlologist as a job description might read:

- USBC Silver and Gold Coaching knowledge
  - *Knowledge of the sport*
  - *Physical game*
  - *Lane play*
  - *Ball dynamics*
  - History of the game
- Ability to write tournament reports
- Ability to write ball reviews
- Hall of Fame
- Tournament formats
- Basic Pro-Shop Operator knowledge
- Apply bowling knowledge to personal game

Attending tournaments and associating with the bowling management is another factor in being a successful Bowlologist. This helps the Bowlogist contribute to the sport of bowling and interact with bowling center proprietors and pro-shop operators. Another good resource is the local USBC Association where a volunteer can be an asset to the local sport. Most cities host tournaments where help is needed for setting up brackets, managing side pots, organizing lanes, or promoting the tournament. Getting involved in local bowling events is the first step towards a bigger industry job.

Pie chart labels:
- Basic Pro-Shop Operator knowledge 5%
- Apply bowling knowledge to personal game 4%
- USBC Silver and Gold Coaching knowledge 30%
- Tournament formats 9%
- Hall of Fame 25%
- Ability to write ball reviews 5%
- Ability to write tournament reports 2%
- History of the game 20%

2022 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE

PBA50 Lightning Strikes Lanes Open, Lightning Strikes Lanes, Fort Myers, Fla. – April 18-22
Florida Blue Medicare PBA50 National Championship (major), Spanish Springs Lanes, The Villages, Fla. – April 24-29
PBA50 Granville Financial Open, Sandhills Bowling Center, Aberdeen, N.C. – May 1-4
PBA50 Mooresville Open, Victory Entertainment Center, Mooresville, N.C. – May 7-10
PBA50 Bud Moore Classic, Bowl America Dranesville (stepladder finals in Bud Moore Lanes), Sterling, Va. – May 13-16
USBC Super Senior Classic, Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nev. – June 1-5
USBC Senior Masters (major), Sam's Town, Las Vegas, Nev. – June 6-12
PBA Senior U.S. Open (major), South Plains Lanes, Lubbock, Texas – June 18-22
PBA50 Odessa Open, Diamond Lanes, Odessa, Texas – June 23-26
PBA50 Highland Park Lanes Open, Highland Park Lanes, Greeley, Colo. – June 30-July 3
PBA50 Cup (major), Vision Lanes, Westland, Mich. – July 18-21
PBA50 South Shore Open, Olympia Lanes, Hammond, Ind. – July 25-28
PBA50 Spectrum Lanes Open, Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich. – August 1-4
PBA50 David Small's Championship Lanes Open, Championship Lanes, Anderson, Ind. – August 6-9
PBA50 David Small's JAX60 Open, JAX60, Jackson, Mich. – August 12-15

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