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2021 PBA Awards

The 2021 PBA awards were announced last month for Harry Golden Rookie-of-the-Year and Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award.

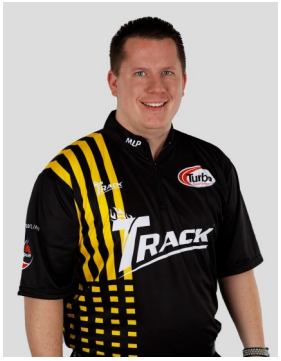
Matt Russo received the 2021 Rookie-of-the-Year honors. Russo received 36% of the vote, cashed more times than any other rookie and won his first title at the PBA Jonesboro Open during the summer series. After winning the PBA Jonesboro title, Russo said "Everything changed after that. It solidified that I can be out here and I can win. Ever since I was a kid, this was something I wanted to accomplish. I couldn't be more grateful."

The 2021 Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award went to Jake Peters who won his first title back in 2013 at the Badger Open and came in second at the 2019 USBC Masters. Quoting Peters, "It's incredibly shocking. I was not expecting this whatsoever. The honor of being chosen by my peers is really awesome and having my name attached to this award is a true honor. It's unbelievable to find out I was the only nominee. It's really humbling to be recognized and supported by the players like this." Peters is well-liked by his peers and is grateful for their support. He continued to maintain his positive attitude during a year that saw him lose his wife to breast cancer in late May.

These two fine bowlers are well-deserving of these PBA awards.

Pictured left to right:

Mark Russo, Harry Golden Rookie-of-the-Year; and Jake Peters, Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award.



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2021 PBA Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award

Kyle Troup has won the 2021 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award. Troup started out the year with a bang by winning his first major at the 2021 PBA Players Championship. He followed it up at the PBA Playoffs. Kyle received an overwhelming majority of the vote from the PBA Membership. Troup commented that "It's a humbling feeling to join the list of great bowlers who have earned this honor". He wants to stay on top of his game and be ready for the 2022 season after shattering Walter Ray Williams, Jr. earning records of the most money-making season. Some of the other candidates were Francois Lavoie and Chris Via. Francois was a little short of becoming the seventh player in PBA History to win Rookie and Player of the Year.

Troup plans on surpassing his father's career titles—catching "my father with eight titles was such a humbling, great experience for my family and me". Kyle has two Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles titles with Jesper Svensson. Additionally, Troup won the 2020 PBA Tour Finals. He also won back-to-back titles in 2020. His resumé is looking promising for the PBA Hall of Fame.

He is the son of the eight time tour titlist Guppy Troup. Guppy Troup also won 40 PBA Regional Titles. Kyle lost his mom back in 2020 due to cancer. The apple does not fall too far from the tree as he wears colorful pants just as his father did on the lanes.

Kyle Troup & Jesper Svensson at the Mark Roth & Marshall Holman PBA Doubles

Kyle Troup winnings at the PBA Players Championship

Troup winning the PBA Playoffs

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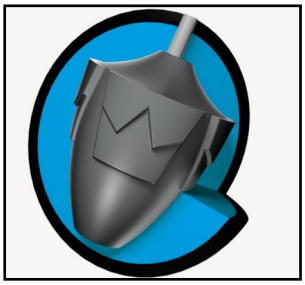

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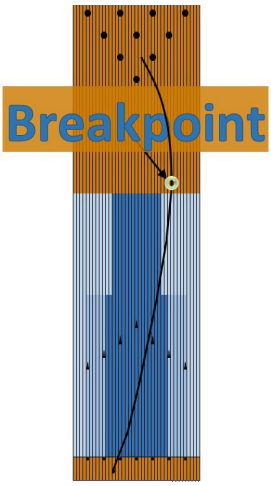
Kelly Kulick named Junior Team USA Head Coach



Bowling fans are used to seeing Kelly Kulick on the PWBA Leader board. However, she was promoted to the Junior Team USA coach. Kulick was an established bowler when she won the 2010 Tournament of Champions by defeating Chris Barnes to 265 to 195 in the Championship Match. She would go on to win the US Women's Open and the USBC Queens Title in the same year. "I'm extremely proud of my career with Team USA, and I'm excited to continue that by helping the next generation of champions reach their dreams." stated Kulick. She was also a member of the Junior Team USA back in 1998 and 2000. Kulick will taking over from Bryan O'Keefe who was recently named as the head coach for USBC Team USA.

Kelly Kulick

In 2010, Kelly Kulick became the first woman to win a PBA Tour Title by winning the Tournament of Champions.

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Tenth Frame Editorial

Knowledge Requirements of a Bowlologist

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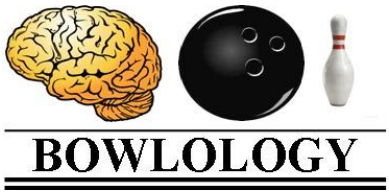
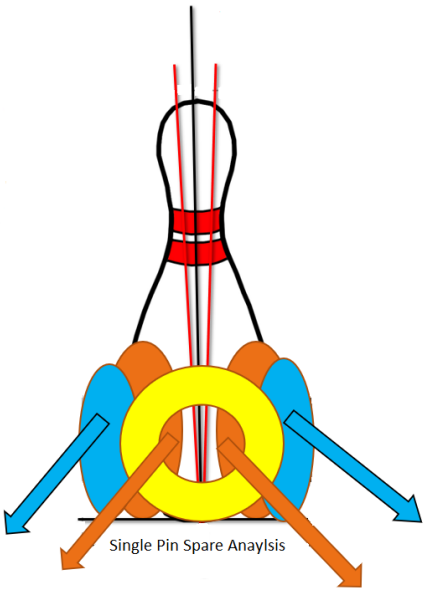
From covering Tom Smallwood at the 2009 PBA World Championship to the passing of legendary Mark Roth to the latest bowling ball, I cover it all as a Bowlologist should when it comes to the sport of bowling. Items included are: how to bowl, running a tournament or league, knowing the history of the sport, the latest equipment announcements, the ins and outs of tournament analysis, how to score a game and coaching from a beginner to an advanced bowler. A Bowlologist also understands the physical game on the lane, the must knows of the rules of the game, and being an ambassador to the sport. A Bowlologist would also know how to run a pro-shop and know the fundamentals of ball design. Knowing the distance of the patterns and knowing how many milliliters of oil is on the lane are other points a Bowlologist would know.

Last month, I did a bowling pin study on how many degrees a pin must fall in a successful single pin spare. If any bowlers have a thought-provoking question, Bowlologists should be able to provide information and data based on analysis.

These are knowledge requirements that are essential for a Bowlologist.





2022 PWBA TOUR SCHEDULE

With dates, event, center, location and broadcast channel (subject to change):

May 12-15, PWBA Rockford Open, The Cherry Bowl, Rockford, Ill., CBS Sports Network
May 18-24, USBC Queens, Stardust Bowl, Addison, Ill., CBS Sports Network
May 26-29, PWBA Twin Cities Open, Cedarvale Lanes, Eagan, Minn., CBS Sports Network
June 2-5, PWBA St. Petersburg-Clearwater Open, Seminole Lanes, Seminole, Fla., CBS Sports Network
June 6-8, PWBA Long Island Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowlTV
June 9-10, PWBA BowlTV Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., BowlTV
June 11-12, PWBA BVL Classic, Maple Lanes Rockville Centre, Rockville Centre, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
June 14-21, U.S. Women's Open, Kingpin's Alley Family Fun Center, South Glens Falls, N.Y., CBS Sports Network
July 28-31, PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles, Copperfield Bowl, Houston, TBD
Aug. 2-4, PWBA DFW Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowlTV
Aug. 5-6, PWBA Pepsi Classic, USA Bowl, Dallas, BowlTV
Aug. 7-9, PWBA Tour Championship, USA Bowl, Dallas, CBS Sports Network