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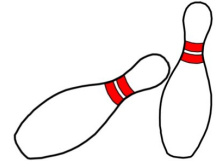
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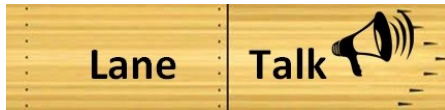
Jason Belmonte earned his seventh Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award at the 2022 PBA Awards. By receiving this achievement, he ties the great Walter Ray Williams, Jr with seven Player of the Year awards. In 2022, Belmonte became the third bowler in PBA history to bowl two perfect games on national television. He joins Sean Rash and Francis Lavoie as the only other two bowlers to accomplish that feat. Belmonte also became the first bowler to win three PBA Players Championships. Belmonte won a total of five PBA Tour titles this season. Just when bowling fans thought Kyle Troup was the new superstar of the PBA Tour, Jason Belmonte came out and performed exceptionally well during the 2022 season.

“I am not naive to the level of difficulty it is to win Player of the Year,” Belmonte said. “It’s a culmination of hard work, sacrifice, travel, mental and physical exhaustion.

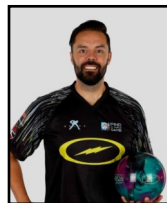
Other players receiving votes were Kyle Troup and Anthony Simonsen. Anthony Simonsen became the youngest player to win three Majors and the youngest player to win four Majors. Kyle Troup was the first player to successfully defend his PBA Playoffs title when he beat PBA Hall-of-Famer Tommy Jones.

The Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Honor went to Santtu Tahvanainen of Finland. His highest finish was second at the Storm Cup in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The runners-up were Kevin McCune and Brandon Runk.

“It feels amazing because it’s also history for Finnish bowling,” Tahvanainen said. “Neither Mika (Koivuniemi) or Osku (Palermaa) were Rookie of the Year. I respect both of them a lot, especially now playing in the PBA. I was able to see how hard it is to actually compete and how good of careers they’ve had.”



“Hit them, then watch them spin” - Billy Welu

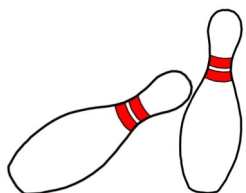


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Jason Belmonte



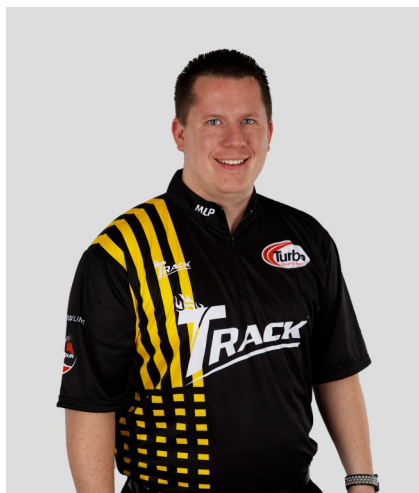
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Santtu Tahvanainen





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Jake Peters Wins Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award and Ryan Shafer wins Tony Reyes Community Service Award



The Steve Nagy Award was announced last month with Jake Peters winning back-to-back honors. This has not been done since 2002 when Justin Hromek accomplished the same feat. Peters was quoted saying “The entire PBA community was so supportive of everything that my family and I went through the year before. To look out and see all of them applauding with respect was just so amazing. I truly feel like they're family, so to feel the exact same coming back was just so special to me.” He became the 17th player in PBA history to win multiple Nagy awards.

Peters, 33, has won one career PBA title when he captured the 2013 Badger Open. Peters was also in the 2022 U.S. Open Championship round.

Peters was honored to receive this award saying that he has understood the significance of the Nagy award since he was a youngster. He said having his name etched in PBA history alongside the greatest guys ever to play the game is unbelievable.

The 2022 Tony Reyes Community Service Award winner goes to a 35-year veteran on the PBA Tour—Ryan Shafer. Shafer became the 2nd bowler to win the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award and the Tony Reyes Community Service Award.

Shafer raised \$35,000 in helping people facing mental health issues in the state of New York. “I’m very honored. It’s very meaningful, not just for me, but for everyone involved in the event that we hold,” Shafer said. “The event couldn’t have happened without the people who get donations, the people who donate themselves, the people who participate in the event and the people who helped run the event, especially my wife, Jennifer, and my best friend, Jim Pitts. They’re indispensable.”

The fundraising event began as a youth scholarship tournament. Shafer said education was very important to Michelle (Shafer’s first wife who passed away as a result of suicide in 2014). Former Reyes award recipients Danny Wiseman, Chris Barnes and Parker Bohn III were all in favor of helping youth players.

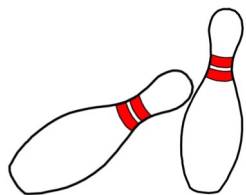
“The reason why this award is important isn’t because it recognizes me,” Shafer said. “I want it to recognize the people who help, participate and donate. Anytime you get focus on what you’re doing, it raises more awareness for (mental health and suicide prevention) and you can grow that way.”



Walter Ray Williams Jr. and Jason Belmonte have each earned seven Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Honors

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Last month the PBA announced the 2023 PBA Hall of Fame class. Two are for meritorious service, Pete McCordic and Fred Borden, and one is for superior performance category, Lennie Boesch Jr. These three men made a major contribution in the PBA. One is even a former head of Team USA. Another one made PBA history when he became the fourth man to bowl a perfect game on national television.

Lennie Boesch, Jr won a multitude of PBA Regions events and multiple Eagles at the USBC Open Championships. He won five PBA50 Tour titles with two of them being majors along with 33 PBA Regional titles ,eight of those are PBA50. One of them was this year at the PBA Senior US Open.

“It was a total shock,” said Boesch. “I saw Tom earlier and he told me he was making the rounds to talk about the tournament, and then when he said I was going into the Hall of Fame, I was caught way off guard.”

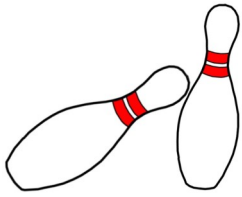
Pete McCordic was known for the fourth perfect game on television. In the 60 Greatest Moments in PBA History, this was voted as number #4 moment. He would later go on to win two PBA Titles on the PBA Tour. For a long time McCordic was known for winning the most money without winning a PBA Title. Pete McCordic was a PBA Regional Director for the Southwest Region for 25 years.

“I was literally speechless when Tom told me,” said McCordic. “I loved my job. I was blessed to be able to be around great bowlers 25 weekends a year, if not more. I got to see Chris Barnes and Wes Malott win their first titles and it was a joy to watch those players and so many other greats.”

Fred Borden was a former head coach for Team USA. He pioneered the coaching aspect for the sport of bowling coming up with the Bronze, Silver and Gold level for the USBC coaching program. He was a member of the PBA in the early years of its history. Borden has written a number of books on bowling. His iconic book was named Bowling Knowledge is the Key. Borden has also done a number of instructional videos on bowling with one he did entitled Going for the Gold with Mike Aulby & Leila Wagner.

“Bowling is a sport that’s good for everybody,” said Borden. “This is the biggest thrill of my life. I didn’t do these things for the accolades so I just need to know how blessed I am to be appreciated. “

The class of 2023 will be inducted at the Tournament of Champions in Akron, Ohio.

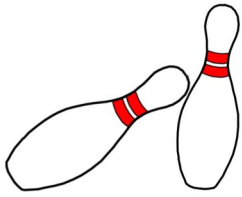


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Event Dates	Title	Location	Broadcast Date	Time	Channel
JANUARY 29, 2023 -February-5	2023 U.S. Open pre-	Woodland Bowl Indianapolis, IN	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 2023	4:00PM EST	FS1
			SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 2023	2:00PM EST	FOX
FEBRUARY 7, 2023 -February-11	PBA Springfield Classic	Enterprise Park Lanes Springfield, MO			
FEBRUARY 13, 2023 - February-17	PBA Shawnee Classic	FireLake Bowling Center Shawnee, OK			
FEBRUARY 20, 2023 - February-24	PBA Wichita Classic	Northrock Lanes Wichita, KS			
MARCH 6, 2023 -March-9	PBA Jackson Classic	Jax 60 Jackson, MI			
MARCH 12, 2023 -March-19	PBA Tournament of	AMF Riviera Lanes Fairlawn, OH	FRIDAY, MARCH 17 2023	10:00PM EDT	FS1
			SATURDAY, MARCH 18 2023	7:30PM EDT	FS1
			SATURDAY, MARCH 18 2023	9:30PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, MARCH 19 2023	12:00PM EDT	FOX
MARCH 21, 2023 -March-24	PBA Kokomo Classic	Heritage Lanes Kokomo, IN			
MARCH 26, 2023 -April-2	USBC Masters	Thunderbowl Lanes Allen Park, MI	FRIDAY, MARCH 31 2023	7:00PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, APRIL 2 2023	1:00PM EDT	FOX
APRIL 7, 2023 -April-23	Guaranteed Rate PBA World Series of Bowl-	Bowlero Wauwatosa Milwaukee, WI	SATURDAY, APRIL 15 2023	2:00PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, APRIL 16 2023	12:00PM EDT	FS1
			MONDAY, APRIL 17 2023	7:00PM EDT	FS1
			TUESDAY, APRIL 18 2023	7:00PM EDT	FS1
			WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 2023	7:00PM EDT	FS1
SUNDAY, APRIL 23 2023	12:00PM EDT	FOX			
APRIL 30, 2023-MAY 7, 2023 AND FINAL FOUR, MAY 13-14, 2023	PBA Players Champion- ship	Bowlero North Brunswick North Brunswick, NJ	SATURDAY, MAY 6 2023	10:30PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, MAY 7 2023	12:00PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, MAY 7 2023	9:30PM EDT	FS1
			SATURDAY, MAY 13 2023	12:30PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, MAY 14 2023	1:00PM EDT	FOX
MAY 8, 2023 -May-11	Roth/Holman PBA	Mid County Lanes Middletown, DE			
MAY 19, 2023 -May-21	PBA Super Slam	Bowlero Jupiter Jupiter, FL	SATURDAY, MAY 20 2023	2:00PM EDT	FS1
			SUNDAY, MAY 21 2023	3:00PM EDT	FOX
JUNE 23, 2023 -June-25	PBA Tour Finals	Angel of the Winds Arlington, WA			
July 17, 2023	PBA LBC National	Bowlero Wauwatosa Wauwatosa, WI			
JULY 22, 2023 -July-23	PBA Skill Ball Challenge	Thunderbowl Lanes Allen Park, MI			
JULY 27, 2023 -July-30	PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles	Copperfield Bowl Houston, TX			
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 - September-27	PBA League Elias Cup Playoffs presented by Pabst Blue Ribbon	Bayside Bowl Portland, ME	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 2023	8:00PM EDT	FS1
			MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 2023	8:00PM EDT	FS1
			TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 2023	8:00PM EDT	FS1
			WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 2023	8:00PM EDT	FS1



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May 4-6	PWBA Stockton Open	Pacific Avenue Bowl, Stockton, Calif.
May 11-13	PWBA GoBowling! Spokane Open	Lilac Lanes & Casino, Spokane, Wash.
May 17-23	USBC Queens*	Sam's Town, Las Vegas
May 31-June 2	PWBA Grand Rapids Classic	Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
June 3-4	PWBA BowlTV Classic	Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
June 5-6	PWBA Great Lakes Classic	Spectrum Lanes, Wyoming, Mich.
June 8-10	PWBA Bowlers Journal Cleveland Open	Yorktown Lanes, Parma Heights, Ohio
June 13-20	U.S. Women's Open*	ABC Gates Bowl, Rochester, N.Y.
July 27-30	PBA/PWBA Striking Against Breast Cancer Mixed Doubles	Copperfield Bowl, Houston, Texas
Aug. 8-10	PWBA Waterloo Classic	Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa
Aug. 11-12	PWBA Pepsi Classic	Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa
Aug. 13-15	PWBA Tour Championship*	Cadillac Xtreme Bowling Center, Waterloo, Iowa

*National TV information will be available at a later date.

