

"Bowling is a game of mistakes. Generally, whoever makes the fewest comes out the best". -Earl Anthony



## Messenger

## 2023 Strike Derby

The 2023 PBA Strike Derby had a number of strikes and a number of them were ten in the pit. Chris Via and EJ Tackett battled for the championship as Via 15 to 7 . There were a couple of rule changes. One was the PBA used the gold pin, if the gold pin showed up as the head pin and the player received a strike it would count as a double score. The field included EJ Tackett, Marshall Kent, Jason Belmonte, Anthony Simonsen, Matt Ogle, Jesper Svennson, Chris Via and Kyle Troup.

Chris Via overcame the top three bowlers of the PBA Tour Jason Blemonte, Kyle Troup and EJ Tackett. When it looked like Chris was going to have his hands full. The other players could not get striking until late. In the championship match Chris Via put up a huge number for EJ Tackett and Tackett could not overcome that lead. The match of strike derby had to go to Tackett and Ogle as they both scored 30 strikes between the both of them. In Ogle's first match he showed what a strike derby is supposed to look like precision \& performance with the leg work of going back and forth between the ball return and lanes while hitting strike after strike within seconds. Simonsen gave a good performance with 13 strikes however it was not good enough as Matt Ogle topped it off with 15 strikes. The 2023 Strike Derby was spectacular show for bowling fans as the bowlers were able to strike an abundant amount of times.


1. Chris Via, \$20,000
2. EJ Tackett, $\$ 12,000$
3. Kyle Troup, $\$ 7,000$
4. Matt Ogle, $\$ 7,000$
5. Anthony Simonsen, $\$ 4,000$
6. Jason Belmonte, $\$ 4,000$
7. Jesper Svensson, $\$ 4,000$
8. Marshall Kent, $\$ 4,000$

Chris Via winner of the 2023 PBA Strike Derby


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## Bowlers to Veterans Link

On Oct 23, 2023, the PBA announced that the Bowlers to Veterans Link is the official charity of the PBA Tour beginning with the 2024 season. PBA Commissioner Tom Clark stated, "The good work the BVL does for our veterans is a great source of pride for bowling". The PBA is pleased to amplify those efforts across our platforms, including on FOX Sports."

Johnny Petraglia, PBA Hall of Famer and Vietnam Veteran, celebrates his 50th year as a BVL Ambassador this November during BVL Month in America.


## Major Tournament Watch2024 PBA Players Championship

The 2024 Players Championship held in Wichita, Kansas, will be the start of the 2024 PBA Tour season. The bowlers will complete four rounds of qualifying with the top 24 advancing to round robin match play (each bowling 24 games). After a total of 48 games, the top 5 will advance to the stepladder finals with $\$ 100,000$ to the winner. Additionally the top 60 will have a spot for the PBA Players Championship and also there will be four commissioner exemptions. The first day of the tournament will be a PTQ squad and the official practice session.

In 2021, Kyle Troup became the all-time leading money winner for one season when he earned almost a half million dollars. In 2022, Jason Belmonte became the first player to win three Players Championships en route to his seventh PBA Player of the Year honor.

The schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 9: PTQ and official practice session Wednesday, Jan. 10: Qualifying Rounds 1-2 Thursday, Jan. 11: Qualifying Rounds 3-4 Friday, Jan. 12: Match Play Rounds 1-2 Saturday, Jan. 13: Match Play Round 3 Monday, Jan. 15: Stepladder finals


Jason Belmonte


Kyle Troup 15-Year Anniversary

The last five years have been remarkable in my bowling career. Knowing what it feels like to be lined-up to the pocket and striking on a consistent basis has enhanced my bowling career. I had obtained the Bronze Coaching level by the end of my 10th anniversary. Since then, I have earned my Silver Coaching level of which I am extremely proud and consider the pinnacle of my accomplishments. I have a total of five 300 games and six 800 series. Parker Bohn III gave me his 300 ring. My newsletter is displayed at the Bowling International Hall of Fame. By being a member of the IBMA, I was able to be a be a USBC Hall of Fame Committee member which is an incredible honor. Also, during the past five years, I have added a number of columns to the newsletter. The intended goal of the newsletter was to inform bowlers and bowling fans on the sport of bowling. I receive email updates on news in bowling world.


Bowlology: Origins
Bowlology has been an idea to study the sport of bowling. It was developed in November, 2011. The first article was about the perfect strike. The Editor of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter wanted to educate bowlers and bowling fans on the sport of bowling. From the text book strike to axis rotation, Bowlology covers a wide range of skills for all bowlers. When talking with Doug Kent, Parker Bohn III, Stephen Padilla, Roger Hyde, and Dennis Bergendorf, they helped me understand the sport of bowling and suggested topics to write about. The knowledge that was gained was greatly appreciated and put to use over the years.

Going for my Silver Coaching level was the greatest bowling accomplishment that I have achieved. It allowed me to dig even deeper into my bowling knowledge. Further enhancements within Bowlology are: the Bowling Tournament Hierarchy, Bowling Periodic Table, the Bowler's Mark and more recently Master of the Lanes.


Above: Josh Hyde and Parker Bohn III. Josh and Parker at Warsaw Bowl—March 25, 2023.


Above: Parker Bohn III and Josh Hyde. Josh receiving his 300 ring.

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Bronze USBC Coaching Level

Vise Regional Pro Staff Member

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IBMA Member since 2006

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Hello Bowling Fans! This wraps up the fifteenth year of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. What a season the bowling world has witnessed. Another Triple Crown winner- EJ Tackett—winning the US Open. Tackett would also win five PBA titles including another Major by doubling in the tenth against Jason Belmonte. Tackett would shoot a 300 at the PBA SuperSlam. This did not count as it was an exhibition tournament. Jason Belmonte would become the first and only bowler to bowl three 300s on national television as he bowled one at the PBA Tour finals. Belmonte become the second bowler to earn seven Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Awards.

At the 2023 PBA Hall of Fame ceremony, Tom Clark would announce the Duke Trophy for the PBA League National Tournament. He would also announce another Hall of Fame category for bowlers who did not measure up for Hall of Fame criteria but are honorable mentions. On the PBA Tour, John Janowicz would win the USBC Senior Masters and the PBA50 Tournament of Champions. Anthony Simonsen would become the third player in USBC Masters history to win three Master Titles and become the third player to successfully defend his title. The PBA Player of the Year race should be very interesting with three major winners-Belmo, Simonsen, and Tackett. Jason Belmonte became the first player to win the Tournament of Champions four times. Also, the highest scoring stepladder finals was seen at the PBA SuperSlam.

Thank you for subscribing to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. I hope you are looking forward to Volume Sixteen of the newsletter.


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