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## Messenger-2023 Tournament of Champions

Jason Belmonte became the first player in PBA history to win 4 Tournament of Champion titles by defeating EJ Tackett 246-179. This gave him his 31st career PBA Tour title and his 15th career Major.

“You walk into (Riviera) and you get that ‘Field of Dreams’ feeling,” Belmonte said. “You just gotta close your eyes for a second and think about who’s walked through those doors and take that in. “I don’t know how I can truly describe how proud of myself I am and how excited I am.”

EJ Tackett was hoping to repeat George Pappas’s feat from 44 years ago by leading wire-to-wire, however, Tackett fell a little short. In this year’s TOC’s stepladder format, there were 17 bowlers who made the show.

Four years ago at Riviera Lanes, Belmo defeated Tackett for his 10th Major at the Tournament of Champions.

Belmonte started out slow, but remained patient. After continuing to evaluate the lanes, Belmonte changed over to reactive

equipment. As a result, he began to climb the ladder eventually claiming the title.



“Trust is a must or your game is a bust.”

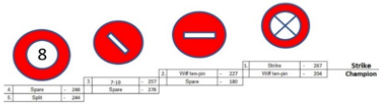
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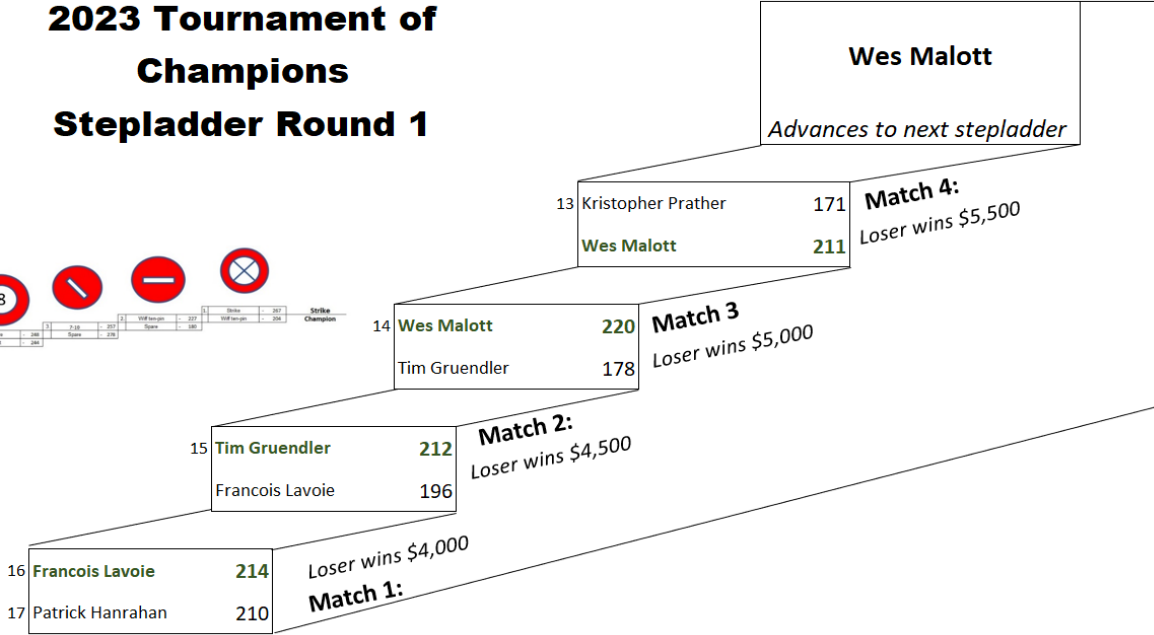
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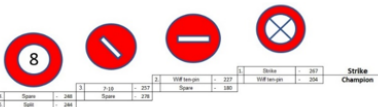
## 2023 Tournament of Champions Stepladder Round 1



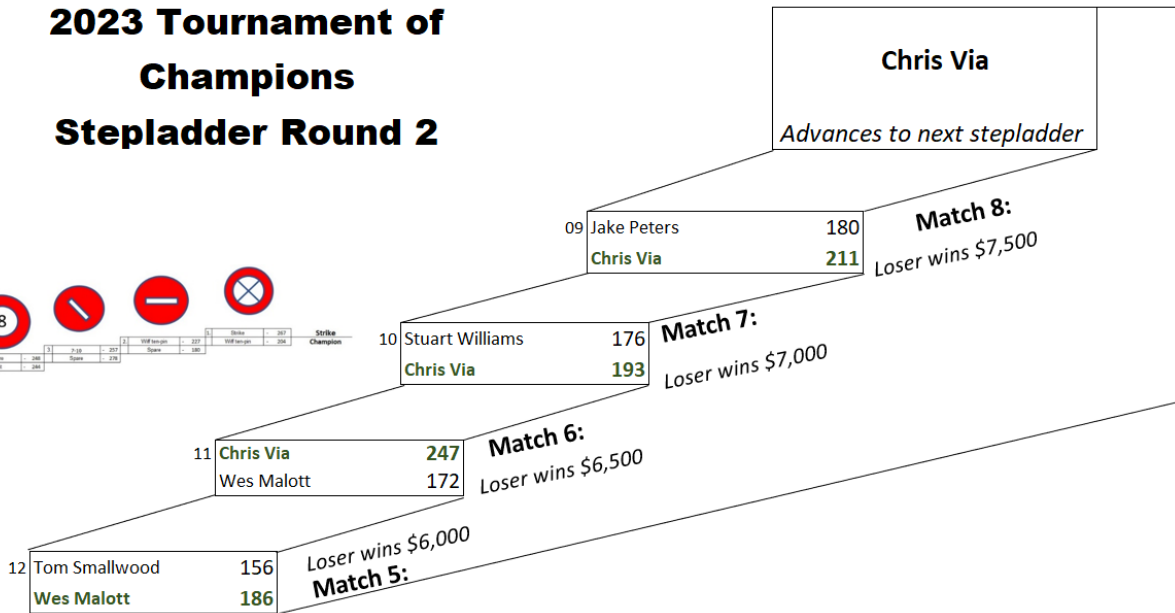
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Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227
Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228



## 2023 Tournament of Champions Stepladder Round 2



Player	Score	Player	Score	Player	Score	Player	Score
Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227	Wes Malott	227
Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228	Wes Malott	228

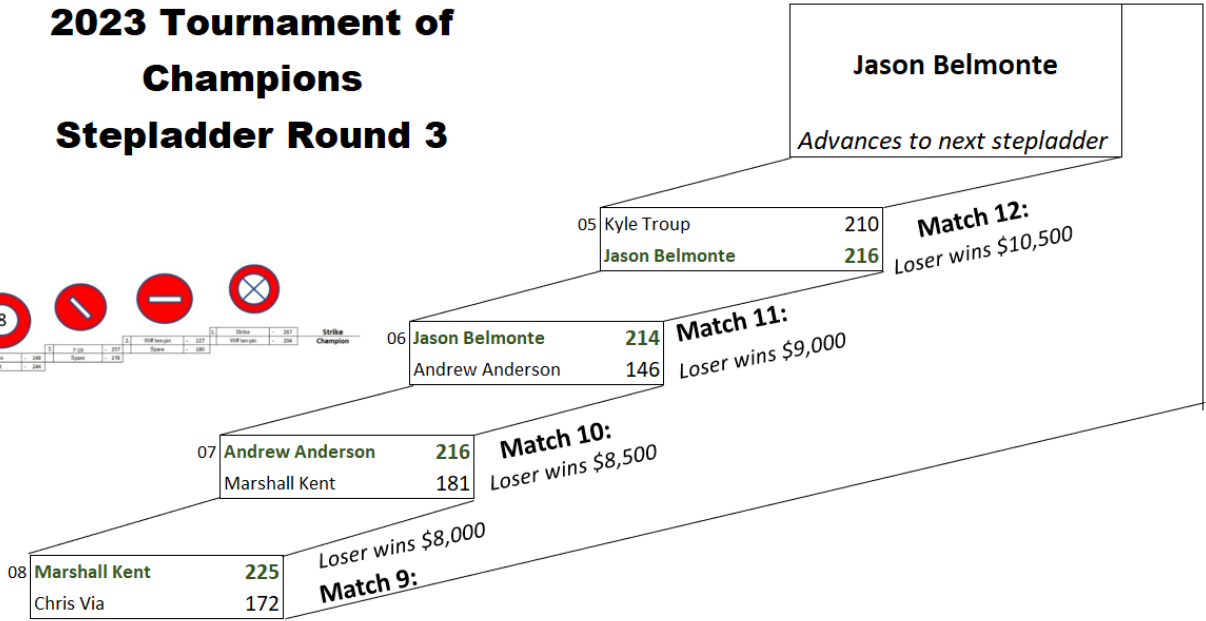
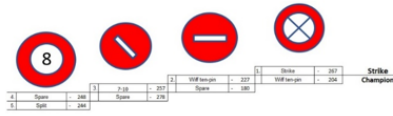


Throughout the stepladder matches, bowlers were having a hard time navigating the lanes like a bowler who starts the ball right with the ball never recovering. Tackett had problems with the lanes hooking too much. Last year's PBA Hall-of-Famer Wes Malott had to battle a back injury, but still made one of the stepladder finals. Unable to get his normal knee bend, he had to loft the ball. Malott also had difficulty getting his ball to read the pattern. Even though there were 17 players that made the show, no bowler was able to get on a run. The 3-time Major champion winner Francis Lavoie had his equipment re-drilled so he could have a better game and have an edge on the competition. However, when a bowler goes through a new grip change, it is difficult to get acquainted with the new feel of the new equipment. Even Kris Prather had difficulty a wrist injury. There were several splits and missed spares in the championship round of the Tournament of Champions. Rob Stone, Kimberly Pressler, and Randy Pedersen were joined by PBA Hall-of-Famer Norm Duke who shared his expertise with the bowlers.

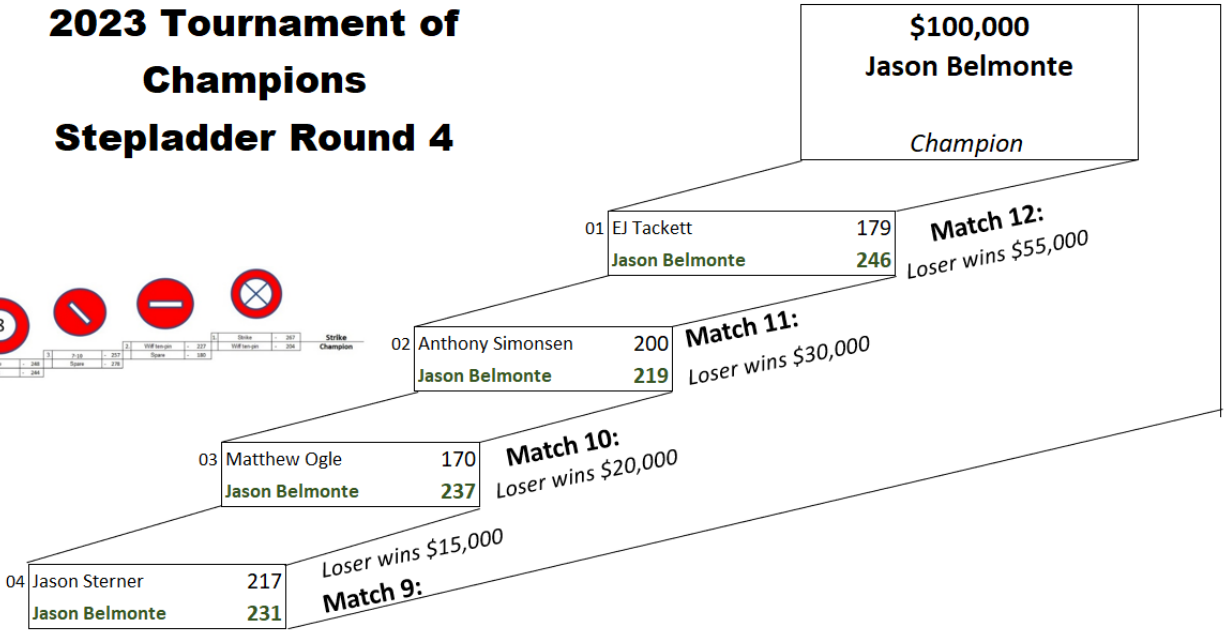
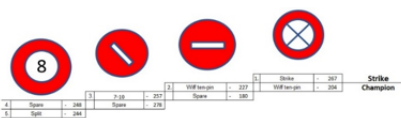
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## 2023 Tournament of Champions Stepladder Round 3



## 2023 Tournament of Champions Stepladder Round 4



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High Game	247	Chris Via
Low Game	146	Andrew Anderson
High Match	231-217	Jason Belmonte vs. Jason Sterner
Low Match	186-156	Wes Malott vs Tom Smallwood
18 Game Cut	+290	Richard Teece
18 Game Leader	+529	EJ Tackett
42 Game Cut	+939	Patrick Hanrahan
42 Game Leader	+1577	EJ Tackett
Average Winning Game	218.63	
300 Games	Frank Snodgrass, Kyle Troup	



Lenny Boresch, Jr.

Pete McCordic

Fred Borden

There were 3 people that were inducted in this year's PBA Hall of Fame - Lenny Boresch, Jr., Pete McCordic and Fred Borden - two of which were inducted for meritorious service and the other for their performance on the lanes.

### Lenny Boresch, Jr.

Lenny Boresch, Jr. always pursued becoming a pro bowler, but was unable to make the PBA National Tour back in the early '80s. However, when he turned 50, he was able to match up and make a name for himself on the PBA50 Tour. He became eligible by winning the 2022 PBA Senior U.S. Open. This would give him his second Major along with three other titles making him eligible for the Hall of Fame. In his speech, he was quoted as saying, 'I threw my PBA card after shooting 490 in my league'. His wife corrected him by telling him to go get the card.

### Pete McCordic

Pete McCordic had the 4th most memorable moment in PBA history when he shot a perfect game and earned \$100,000 in 1987. He also earned the most money without winning a title that same year.

PBA Hall-of-Famer Mark Williams joked with Pete that his career was made on one game. Pete also had won 2 PBA titles. In his speech, he made the joke that half of his titles were by beating Walter Ray Williams, Jr. On a serious note, McCordic was inducted because of his service running the PBA South West Region. A proprietor suggested that Pete run a tournament in which only PBA non-champions competed. The winner could also enter the PBA Tournament of Champions. McCordic also developed the PBA South West Region Hall of Fame. It would have a TOC feel as the Hall of Fame would have a tournament coincide with the event.

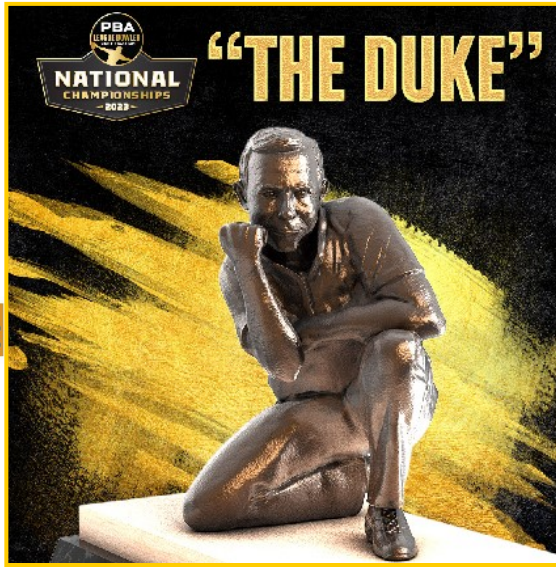
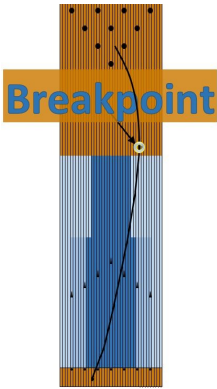
### Fred Borden

Fred Borden is a world class bowling coach and considered the best in bowling history. Borden has written 14 instructional books including Bowling Knowledge is the Key. Coach Borden also did numerous videos including Going for the Gold with Mike Aulby & Leila Wagner. He also developed the USBC Coaching Program. Borden coached numerous bowlers and was the head coach for Team USA.



# Breakpoint - PBA League Championship Trophy

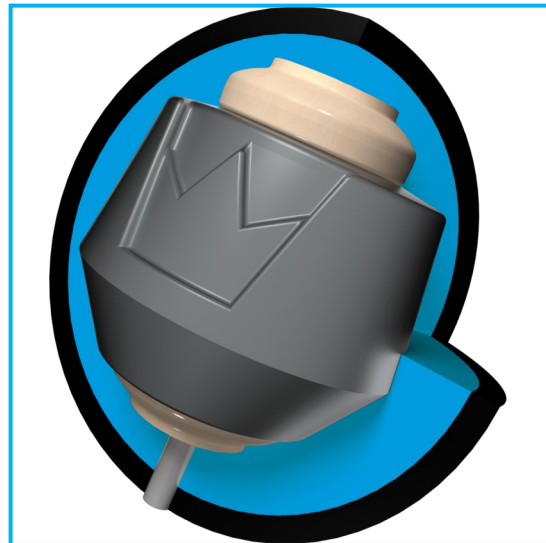
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During the 2023 PBA Hall of Fame ceremony commissioner Tom Clark introduced the trophy that bowlers will receive winning the PBA LBC National Championship tournament. This trophy is named after Norm Duke who is one of three bowlers to have won 40 or more PBA Tour titles. Bowlers will win this trophy in the singles and doubles of the 2023 PBA LBC National Championships. The tournament will only have weekend squads from June 3rd to July 16th. Bowlers from all skill levels will have a chance to bowl on national television to win a “Duke” trophy. The first three games of the six game set will be counted toward doubles. The second game three set will be counted toward the four player team. For more information bowlers can log [pba.com/lbctournament](http://pba.com/lbctournament).



## Mindset



LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-106899-93X
COLOR	Orange / Sky / Royal Blue
CORE	Mindset
COVERSTOCK	Evolution Solid
COVER TYPE	Solid Reactive

FINISH	500, 1500 Siaair Micro Pad
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
RG	2.487 (15 lb.)
DIFF	0.050 (15 lb.)
ASY	0.021 (15 lb.)
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date



**Jason Belmonte became the first bowler to win the Tournament of Champions four times: 2014, 2015, 2019, 2023**

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# Tenth Frame Commentary: Bill Vint Memorial Hall of Fame

The PBA announced the Bill Vint Memorial Hall of Fame recently. Bill Vint was a legendary bowling writer. Vint’s service to the Bowling Industry was exceptional. He came out to the 2022 World Series of Bowling before he passed away. At the PBA Hall of Fame ceremony, Tom Clark made public the PBA intention of establishing a new criteria for the Hall of Fame. This would enable players who have not achieved what the PBA Legends have achieved, but who have gotten significant wins in their careers. Bowlers like Ryan Shafer who have made the championship in numerous majors or Guppy Troup, Steve Jaros, and Chris Warren who have won forty regional titles each in their careers along with winning a handful of national titles. Another example is John Mazza who won eight titles in a short amount time. Don Genalo who won six titles along with ten regional titles and made championship appearances in majors. Bowlers that the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter Editor should not be in Bill Vint Hall of Fame, but the regular Hall of Fame are Ron Plaombi Jr. and Tom Crites who won five tour titles along with two majors. A name that has won two majors with four titles and won 30 regional titles who would be Dennis Horran Jr.

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## PBA Hall of Famer comes to Warsaw Bowl

FRAME

On March 25th 2023, Parker Bohn III came to the town of Warsaw, Indiana at Warsaw Bowl. The 35 time PBA Titlist worked with the Grace College Bowling team to help with their game. Bohn also brought one of his sons, Justin, who is a right-handed bowler so he could help with coaching. Bohn did drills with the team such as the no-step drill, one-step drill, two-step drill and taking the full approach on the last drill. These drills allowed bowlers to help them understand their own game. Bohn also emphasized the importance of staying in balance on the approach. The Hall of Famer gave the example of how gymnasts can ducted points for being off balance. Bohn did the same drills with the adults for the afternoon session. Parker and Justin Bohn showed the bowlers the difference between having the trail leg stay on the ground and the trail leg in the air. In the demonstration when Parker’s trail leg was in the air,

it was easy for Justin to knock him over. However when Parker’s trail leg was on the ground. It was impossible for Parker to fall off balance.

He also bowled a game against Burl Haywood proprietor of the Warsaw Bowl with a winning score of 289 and then he played against the editor of this newsletter squeezing a 1 pin win 148-147. Bohn had to mark and get count in the tenth frame. This was great clinic to showcase how bowlers get better by using these drills. He actually let a little kid knock a stack of bowling pins over that were setup at the arrows.

The Parker Bohn III clinic at Warsaw Bowl gave bowlers a chance to work on their individual games and get tips from a PBA Hall of Famer. He did a great job on how bowlers need to start from the fall line to the start of a bowler’s approach. Justin Bohn was able to help the two-handers hone their skills.



L to R– Josh Hyde & PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III