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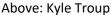
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# **Messenger:** 2024 PBA on Fox Schedule

The PBA announced the television schedule for 2024. These five men: EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte, Kyle Troup, Kris Prather, and Anthony Simonsen will be battling for the Chris Schenkel 2024 PBA Player of the Year. The PBA Tour will include five PBA Majors along with ten other PBA tournaments. The PBA has also announced a PBA Elite League that is coinciding with the PBA Majors. The PBA World Series of Bowling will be held once again at the Thunderbird Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan. Get more information on the PBA.com.







Above: Kris Prather



Above: EJ Tackett



Above: Jason Belmonte



Above: Anthony Simonsen



















# Messenger: 2024 PBA on Fox Schedule

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**PBA Players Championship - Bowlero Northrock in Wichita, Kansas** Monday, Jan. 15 at 5 p.m. ET on FOX - Finals

**U.S. Open - Royal Pin Woodland in Indianapolis, Indiana** Saturday, Feb. 3 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Elite League Sunday, Feb. 4 at 4 p.m. ET on FOX - U.S. Open Finals

**PBA Illinois Classic - Bowlero Mount Prospect in Mount Prospect, Illinois** Saturday, Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. ET on FS1

**PBA Missouri Classic - Enterprise Park Lanes in Springfield, Missouri** Sunday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m. ET on FS1

**PBA Indiana Classic - Dave Small's Championship Lanes in Anderson, Indiana** Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1

PBA Delaware Classic - Mid County Lanes and Entertainment in Middletown, Delaware Sunday, Mar. 3 at noon ET on FS1

## **PBA All-Star Weekend - TBA**

Friday, Mar. 15 at 6 p.m. ET on FS1 Saturday, Mar. 16 at 2:30 p.m. ET on FS1 Sunday, Mar. 17 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX

**PBA Jr. National Championship - Bowlero Northrock in Wichita, Kansas** Saturday, Mar. 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET on FS1

**USBC Masters - Suncoast Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada** Saturday, Mar. 30 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Elite League Sunday, Mar. 31 at 1 p.m. ET on FOX - USBC Masters Finals

PBA World Series of Bowling XV - Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan

Saturday, Apr. 6 at 1:30 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Elite League Sunday, Apr. 7 at noon ET on FS1 - PBA Elite League Sunday, Apr. 14 at noon ET on FS1 - PBA Roth/Holman Doubles Championship Monday, Apr. 15 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Cheetah Championship Finals Tuesday, Apr. 16 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Scorpion Championship Finals Wednesday, Apr. 17 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Shark Championship Finals Saturday, Apr. 20 at 7 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA World Championship Semifinals Sunday, Apr. 21 at noon ET on FOX - PBA World Championship Finals

**PBA Tournament of Champions - AMF Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn, Ohio** Saturday, Apr. 27 at 4 p.m. ET on FS1 - PBA Elite League Sunday, Apr. 28 at noon ET on FOX - PBA Tournament of Champions Finals

**PBA Playoffs - Location TBA**Saturday, May 4 at 10:30 p.m. ET on FS1
Sunday, May 5 at noon ET on FS1

# **USBC Hall of Fame 2024 Announced**

Last month the USBC announced the 2024 Hall of Fame class. The class included a PBA Hall of Famer Roy Buckley, Jodi Woessner, Debbie Kuhn, Darlene Baker and Brian Waliczek. This class will be inducted on April 24th during the 2024 USBC Convention.

Debbie Kuhn of Maryland was a three time member of Team USA. She also won titles at the USBC women's championship. She also claimed gold as a team USA member. Bowling Digest Magazine Amateur Woman Bowler of the Year in 1999. Debbie Kuhn has proven herself to be in the USBC Hall of Fame.

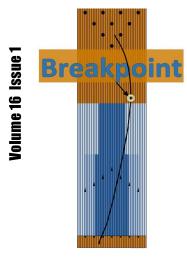
Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio has had a great bowling career. She has won the USBC Senior Queens and has set the All-Events record averaging 258. She is one of five bowlers who have a perfect game and a 800 series in the USBC Women's Championships. Woessner has been a dominant force throughout her bowling career.

Roy Buckley won a total of 7 PBA National Titles. He is a PBA Hall of Famer. Buckley has also performed at the Open Championships. Where he captured two Eagles in the 70's. Unfortunately Buckley passed away a couple of years. He was on the Bowlers Journal All-American Team for 75-76. Buckley captured six of seven titles in the 70's.

Brian Waliczek has captured four Eagles. When Waliczek won his fourth HALL OF FAME Eagle he averaged 249 with a 750 high series for his nine game total. Waliczek won the team all event titles. His first title came at the 2015 Open Championships in the Team Event. He is currently sixth on the Championships Lifetime average list.

> Darlene Baker the last inductee may have not performed on the lanes but has outperformed off the lanes. She was first woman to serve as the USBC besides multiple other positions within the organization. She was also a "key participant in the creation of the USBC back in 2005" along with being "member of the volunteer tournament staff at the USBC Junior Gold Championships" for over ten years. Darlene has assisted with numerous bowling charities and being included in several bowling hall of fames.

> All of these inductees have a place in bowling history. Whether performing on or off the lanes. This class represents bowling all the way around. Bowling fans can tune in on April 24th on BowlTV. For more information log on to Bowl.com.









Brian Walizcek



Jodi Woessner







Darlene Baker

# Spare Column: Upcoming Expanded PBA League Season

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The 2024 PBA League with the top six teams advancing to the Elias Cup Championship. Each PBA League will bowl each other twice with the top two teams advancing to the quarter finals in Portland, Maine. There were two teams that were dropped from the original roster Milwaukee Pounders and the Chicago Breeze. The Silver Lake Atoms Splitters are now the Akron Atom Splitters with the NYC Kingpins renaming to the New Jersey Kingpins. Manager changes are the following. The Waco Wonders are now managed by Parker Bohn III while the LAX are now managed by Jason Belmonte. The New Jersey Kingpins are now managed by a USBC, PWBA and PBA Hall of Fame couple Carolyn Dorin and Del Ballard Jr. Meanwhile the Motown Muscle will be managed by PBA & USBC Hall of Famer Jason Couch. On December 13th there will be a broadcast of the PBA League Draft at 8:00PM EST on BowlTV.com. This expanded season will add extra excitement to the PBA League. Bowling fans may logon to the PBA.com.

















Rosters for the PBA Elite League will expand to six players per team as the league shifts to an eight-team field.

- Waco Wonders, managed by Parker Bohn III
- Portland Lumberjacks, managed by Tim Mack
- Dallas Strikers, managed by Norm Duke
- Las Vegas High Rollers, managed by Amleto Monacelli
- New Jersey KingPins (formerly NYC KingPins), managed by Carolyn and Del Ballard
- Akron Atom Splitters (formerly Silver Lake Atom Splitters), managed by Mark Baker
- Motown Muscle, managed by Jason Couch
- L.A. X, managed by Jason Belmonte



# Spare Column: PBA50 Tour Schedule 2024

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Here is the 2024 PBA50 Tour Schedule with five majors on the PBA50 Tour. The PBA50 Tournament of Champions will be held at Riveria Lanes in Akron, Ohio. The PB60 is also having two tournaments with one major at the USBC Super Senior Classic. Bowling fans will be able to watch the PBA50 Tour on BowlTV.com. For more information log onto PBA. Com.

#### **2024 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE**

# PBA50 Hamtramck Singles Classic Open at Vision

#### Lanes

Vision Lanes

Westland, Michigan April 22-25, 2024

# **PBA50 Granville Financial Open**

Sandhills Bowling Center Aberdeen, North Carolina

April 28-May 1

### **PBA50 The Villages Classic**

Spanish Springs Lanes The Villages, Florida

May 5-9

# **PBA50 Fort Myers Classic**

Lightning Strikes Bowl Fort Myers, Florida

May 12-15

#### PBA50 Johnny Petraglia BVL Open

Maple Lanes Countryside Clearwater, Florida

May 19-22

# **USBC Super Senior Classic**

Sam's Town Bowling Center

Las Vegas, Nevada May 29-June 2

#### **USBC Senior Masters**

Sam's Town Bowling Center

Las Vegas, Nevada

June 3-9

## **PBA Senior U.S. Open**

Highland Park Lanes Greeley, Colorado

June 12-17

### **2024 PBA50 TOUR SCHEDULE**

## **PBA60 Tristan's Memorial Open**

Wayne Webb's Columbus Bowl

Columbus, Ohio

**July 2-5** 

# **PBA50 Morgantown Classic**

Suburban Lanes

Morgantown, West Virginia

July 8-11

# **Bud Moore PBA50 Players Championship**

Bowl America Bull Run Manassas, Virginia

July 14-19

#### **PBA50 World Series of Bowling II**

**JAX 60** 

Jackson, Michigan

July 22, 25: PBA50 Ballard Championship July 23, 26: PBA50 Monacelli Championship July 24, 27: PBA50 Petraglia Championship July 28-29: PBA50 World Championship

# **PBA50 Jonesboro Open**

Hijinx Bowling Center Jonesboro, Arkansas July 31-August 3

## **PBA50 South Shore Classic**

Olympia Lanes Hammond, Indiana August 5-8

# **PBA50 Tournament of Champions**

AMF Riviera Lanes Fairlawn, Ohio August 11-15

Entries open for 2024 PBA50 Tour events on Feb. 1, 2024.



# Tenth Frame Editorial: Player of the Year Pick

What a Player of the Year race for the 2023 Chris Schenkel Player of the Year Award. EJ Tackett led all three with winning two of the three Major tournaments of the Triple Crown. This includes doubling in the 10th against Jason Belmonte to win the PBA World Championship. EJ is also winning a consecutive high average award. In the history of the PBA there has been no season like it. It was Simonsen, Belmonte, and Tackett that owned the PBA Tour. It was a reminder of the era with Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, Marshall Holman back in the 1970s and 80s. Indeed Belmonte is the only bowler to bowl three perfect games on television and the only bowler to win the Tournament of Champions four times. It might have been his only title in 2023 and it is another Major in his stellar career.

Anthony Simonsen keeps being the youngest player to win majors being the third player in USBC history to win the Masters three times in addition to that he also become the third player to successfully defend the USBC Masters. Simonsen was in the top 10 for most of the 2023 season and was always a contender for the top. In some ways this matchup is similar to 1991 when David Ozio won the AC Delco and Showboat in the first two weeks of the season. The remainder of the season had other players who rose up

and tried to claim the award. It seems like EJ will do the same for 2023. Had EJ Tackett not won two majors it might have a been a threeway tie for Player of the Year.

This was a dominating year that Tackett, Belmonte, and Simonsen put on for the PBA fans.

