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Messenger: EJ Tackett Wins Player of the Year

EJ Tackett wins the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award. This was his second time to achieve this award. He also became the third player to win multiple player of the year and rookie of the year honors. Tackett joined an elite group of bowlers who have completed the Triple Crown.

"It's really humbling to know that people think that highly of me and my accomplishments this season," Tackett stated.

EJ Tackett was in all three of the Triple Crown matches. EJ Tackett accomplished Hall of Fame status by winning two majors and winning five titles.

Bowling fans were treated to an extraordinary season from the top players of the PBA. Tackett, Belmonte, & Simonsen won four out of the five majors. Simonsen became the third player in USBC history to win three USBC Masters. Belmonte became the first player to win the Tournament of Champions four times. The 2023 season was a PBA legends season with the best of the best shining. For PBA history, it will go down as one of the best seasons ever.













Above: Jason Belmonte Above: Anthony Simonsen













Messenger Continued: Cortez Schenck 2023 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year

Cortez Schenck received 55.3% of the vote after leading in the points, earnings and average among all the PBA Rookie of the Year Candidates. Schenck bowled in two tournaments during the 2022 PBA Tour season which made him eligible for the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Award.

"I'm super honored and happy to win the award. That was the goal going into the season," Schenck said



Cortez Schenck

Messenger Continued: BJ Moore-2023 Steve Nagy Award Winner

BJ Moore won the 2023 Steve Nagy Sportsman Award. Moore received a plurality of the votes at 28%, followed by Chris Via at 20% and Jakob Butturff at 16%. This was voted by the PBA Players who had bowled at least 50 percent of the tour.

"It's an honor," Moore said. "Because it's not something that you just go out and try to win. It's literally voted amongst everyone that you're surrounded by, so it just kind of shows your true character. I think there's no other way to put it, it's just an honor to be able to accept it."

Nine players earned nominations from PBA players who competed in over half of 2023 national tour events.

Moore has long been respected by his fellow peers for his acts of sportsmanship." "I have always been a firm believer of the cliché saying about how you treat people how you want to be treated, especially after having kids," Moore said. "If someone needs help, you try to help them out. You try to be kind and compassionate to everyone. You never know what anyone is going through in their day-to-day life; someone is always in a worse position than you are. I try not to take anything for granted, and to show my kids a better way to live."



BJ Moore

Messenger Continued: Johnny Petraglia-2023 Tony Reyes Service Award Winner

Johnny Petraglia, a 58-year PBA member and 14-time champion, has been selected as the 2023 PBA Tony Reyes Community Service Award recipient. The award recognizes a current PBA member who exemplifies extraordinary community service, charitable or educational contributions over the course of a PBA season.

"To receive an award with Tony's name on it is an honor, very simply," Petraglia said. "He was a wonderful guy who did a lot of the right things for the sport and the Tour. He would've been a great ambassador for years."

Petraglia has been dedicated in helping veterans and has spent countless hours with the Bowlers to Veterans Link, a 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to funding recreation therapy programs for veterans.



Johnny Petraglia