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## PBA50 Awards

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The PBA50 awards were announced last month John Janawicz was the PBA50 Player of the Year. He won the Johnny Petraglia BVL Tournament of Champions by defeating Parker Bohn III. Janawicz cashed in all PBA50 events that he entered this season. John also joins an elite group of back-to-back Player of the Year honors consisting of Tom Baker (four), Walter Ray Williams Jr., Bob Glass, Gary Dickinson, John Handegard (three), Pete Weber and Ron Mohr (two). Janawicz won two titles this season the PBA50 Monacelli Championship and PBA50 TOC.

"I understand how hard it is to win at this level. You have to bowl well obviously, but you still have to have a lot of things go in your favor for you to win. I'm very, very thrilled with how things have gone." stated Janawicz.

Tom Daugherty earned PBA50 Rookie of the Year. He won the PBA50 USBC Senior Masters and was ranked third overall in the PBA50 Tour. Daugherty still competes on the PBA Tour where he finished 17th in the point ranking.

Parker Bohn III joins one other player to receive the PBA60, PBA50, and the PBA Player of the Year honors. The other bowler to achieve this is Walter Ray Williams, Jr. Bohn finished second in the USBC Senior Masters and the Johnny Petraglia BVL Tournament of Champions.

"I felt like it was a pretty solid year," Bohn said. "If you can pencil me in that many top fives, I'll take my opportunities again next year and hope I can turn a few more coin flips and walk away with a couple more victories."

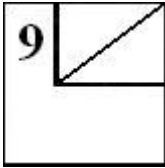


Hammer Slogan  
 "Nothing hits like a Hammer"



Above: Left to Right– John Janawicz, Tom Daugherty, Parker Bohn III





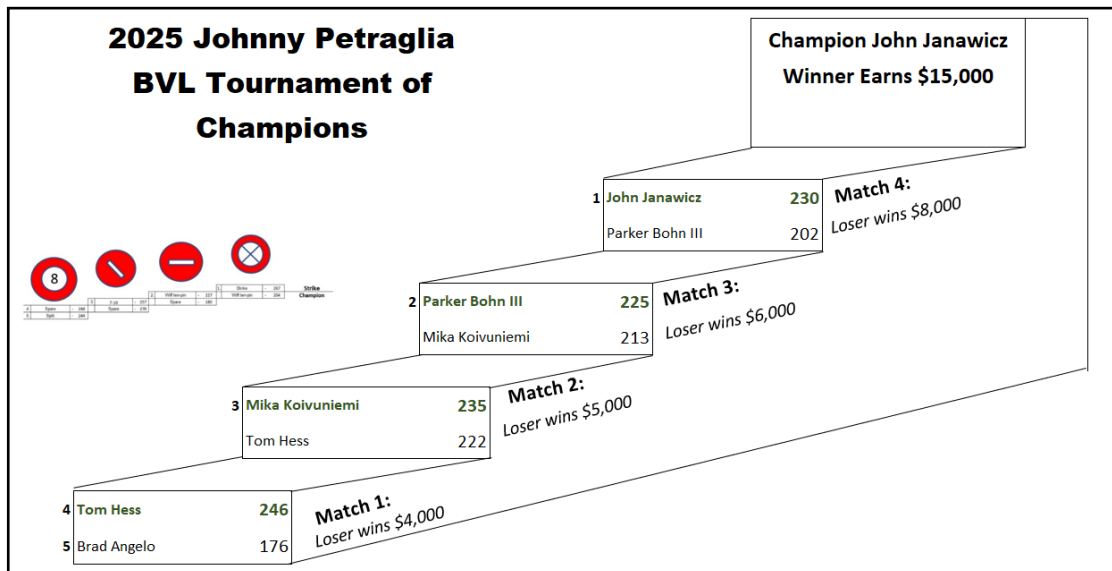
## Spare Column- Johnny Petraglia BVL Tournament of Champions

John Janawicz became the first PBA50 Bowler to win multiple PBA50 Tournament of Champions titles by defeating PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III 230 to 212. Janawicz led from the second round of qualifying to the last ball that he threw. This win gives him a total of five Majors on the PBA50 Tour.

“You have to always maintain your confidence. You have to know that you are going to be able to figure it out,” Janawicz said. “You can’t panic because panic doesn’t fix anything.”

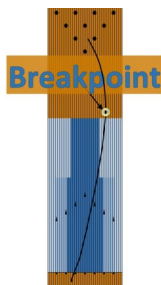
In the other stepladder matches Parker Bohn III defeated Mika Koivuniemi 225 to 213. Mika could not string any strikes until late in the match. He had a chance to strikeout in the tenth to win one by one pin, but could not strikeout to win the game. In the second match, Tom Hess has a chance to strikeout and win by one pin. Hess strike on the first ball but did not strike on the next ball to win by one pin. In the first match it was not a contest because Angelo struggled and Hess was on fire in the opening game of the stepladder finals.

The Preliminary rounds of the Tournament, Chris Barnes took an early lead as he lead the first round. Parker Bohn III would have seven wins and zero losses and one tie in the first round of matchplay. In the casher’s round, Troy Lint had a great run for the top 16 but failed to make the match play cut. Pete Weber also made a great showing by finishing seventh in the tournament. Pete McCordic was the number to make the cut +117. Tom Adcock was the #2 to Advance to match play with a score of 385. Brad Angelo was the final number to make the stepladder finals with a score of + 1,049.



2025 BVL TOC Winner John Janawicz  
with Johnny Petraglia & Suzanne Marsh

| 2025 BVL TOC Championship Round Stats |         |                    |
|---------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|
| High Game                             | 246     | Tom Hess           |
| Low Game                              | 176     | Brad Angelo        |
| High Match                            | 235-222 | Koivuniemi vs Hess |
| Low Match                             | 246-177 | Hess vs Angelo     |
| Average Winning Game                  | 234     |                    |



## Breakpoint: PBA China Regional Program

Last month the PBA announced a 10 year partnership with Longmarch Bowling of Shanghai, China as part of a long term of the PBA.

"I'm thrilled to announce this 10-year partnership with the PBA," Frank Zhao, President of Longmarch Bowling, said. "China holds immense potential for bowling, and with the PBA's iconic brand and global resources, we are poised to grow both the sport and the broader bowling industry across the country."

"This long-term collaboration with Longmarch Bowling is a pivotal step in PBA's global expansion, especially in China — a market we have identified as critical to growing bowling internationally," PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said.

The China Regional Program has scheduled three tournaments with the first one starting on September 18th thru 21st of 2025. For more information to log onto PBA.com

### Scheduled PBA China Events

**PBA China Tribute to Pioneers Championship** — Sept. 18-21, 2025

**PBA China Scorpion Championship** — Jan. 2-3, 2026

**2026 PBA China Cup** — Oct. 2-4, 2026



## Breakpoint: PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Zahn Passes Away

Sadly on August 20th the bowling world lost a PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Zahn won a total of thirteen PBA Titles along with three majors. Zahn was the first to earn multiple high average awards. He won a Tournament of Champions title and he won two PBA National/World Championships. Zahn also won the PBA Player of the Year award. His first title came in 1963 at the Chicago Coca-Cola Open. Wayne was also the youngest bowler to be inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame until 1981. The next year Zahn inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame being the youngest at age 39. Zahn's last PBA Tour Title came in 1976 where he beat Earl Anthony in the Showboat Invitational in Las Vegas, Nevada.

In the USBC Open Championship he won a Team Title in 1967 at the Classic Team event by helping Team Balancer Glove of Fort Worth, Texas achieve the title.



## Breakpoint: Senior Team USA selected

On August 29th the USBC selected Team USA Chris Barnes of Denton, Texas; Parker Bohn III of Jackson, New Jersey; Tom Hess of Granger, Iowa; and John Janawicz of Winter Haven, Florida, will make up the men's team while Dana Ausec of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Lynda Barnes of Denton, Texas; Rina Sabo of Bennett, Colorado; and Jodi Woessner of Oregon, Ohio, comprise the women's squad. The International Bowling Federation will conduct the Senior World Championship in Reno, Nevada at the National Bowling Stadium October 14th thru the 23rd. For more information bowling fans can log onto Bowl.com.

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## Tenth Frame Editorial: Thoughts on Bowling

One of the first Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletters featured the editor's thoughts on the sport of bowling. Rather than a general discussion, three specific categories are analyzed below: String pin vs. Freefall pin, Two-handed bowling style and Urethane bowling balls.

**String pins vs. Freefall:** With the string pin option, bowling center proprietors will face much less expense since they will not need a mechanic to work on the pin machine. At the same time, string pin bowling almost looks like a carnival game as opposed to freefall bowling. Bowlers have to be more precise where they hit the pins with the string system. In freefall, the bowler is more apt to hit an off-the-wall shot and still strike. Scores are normally lower on string pin, and it is more difficult to string strikes together. This might drop the scoring epidemic between five and ten pins. Good bowlers will find a way to hit the pocket more consistently. String pin lanes & centers will become more common in the years to come as bowlers still have to throw the bowl just as accurately as they would with freefall pins.

**Two-handed Bowling Style:** Is two-handed bowling easier than traditional bowling? When bowlers are able to stay under and below the equator of the ball, they can repeat shots. If a bowling coach sees this, the first reaction might be "Wow, this will not take much coaching!" Some bowling fans and enthusiasts might say the two handers have a slight advantage over one handers. They still have to throw the ball down the lane sixty feet on the same surface as one handers would hitting the pocket just the same frame after frame game after game. Some traditional bowlers still frown on the two-handed bowling technique.

**Banning Urethane Bowling Balls:** The bowling ball manufacturers have been making urethane balls for 45 years. In the early 90's the bowling ball manufacturers came out with the resin reactive bowling balls. This allowed bowlers a new way in how to approach the sport. Marc McDowell won the first tournament with a resin reactive ball at the 1992 AC Delco Classic. Bowlers and bowling fans were quite impressed as the resin reactive ball hooked on the back of the lanes. If urethane bowling balls are unfairly raising the scores, then why do not they make the lanes harder. The next question is this are they going to make every ball illegal since all bowling balls have some type of urethane in bowling balls? USBC wants the sport of bowling to be fair for all participants in the sport. The concern that bowlers might have is that the bowler that cannot afford to purchase a new ball.

A smarter rule for the USBC might be to outlaw Urethane manufactured before August 1st of 2023. Another solution would be to ban the balls from Junior Gold, Open Championships, USBC Masters, USBC Queens, US Open, US Women's Open and USBC Women's Open Championships. If the USBC wants to ban urethane ban from these tournaments.