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2025 USBC Hall of Fame Class

On May 7th, the USBC held their induction ceremony for this year's class of Hall of Famers. There were two meritorious service inductees and three superior performance categories. Keith Hamilton and Tom Clark were recognized by the USBC for their meritorious service in the bowling industry. The rest of the class consisting of Shannon O' Keefe, Bryan Goebel and Randy Pedersen were inducted for Superior performance.

Keith Hamilton was the president of Luby Publishing which produces Bowler's Journal International and his career spans more than five decades. Hamilton also doubled Luby Publishing by creating more magazines for bowling.

Tom Clark is the current commissioner of the PBA. Clark developed the PBA WSOB back in 2009. He has made several major broadcasting deals for the PBA which has appeared on ESPN, ESPN2, CBS, CBS Sports Network, FOX, FS1 and ABC, and his efforts helped secure multi-year deals with FOX Sports and Flo Sports in 2018. Clark has also held various positions in the PBA as commissioner and CEO. He has created the PBA WSOB, Chris Paul Celebrity Invitational, PBA League, PBA Tour Finals, and the PBA Playoffs.

Shannon O' Keefe accolades go beyond the PWBA. She had quite a career on Team USA winning gold for bowling. O'Keefe has also done well as a pro-bowler as she has won a couple majors and a Player of the Year honor. Shannon has also developed a collegiate bowling program at a couple of different universities. O'Keefe has also won a few diamonds in the USBC Women's Open Championships.

Bryan Goebel was a threat on the PBA Tour in the mid-1990s. Goebel was famous for leaving the 3-6-9-10 on the final ball in the 1994 True Value Open. Goebel would beat Duke 296 to 280. In 1998 he would win his lone major at the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. Goebel was a dominant force on the PBA Tour winning a total of PBA Tour Titles.

Randy Pedersen was known for leaving a stone 8 Bayer-Brunswick Touring Players Championship. Pedersen won a total of thirteen titles along with one major at the 1987 PBA National/World Championship. Pedersen is now the color analyst for the PBA Tour. Pedersen was ranked 35th place on the all-time PBA's 50 Greatest Players of all time.

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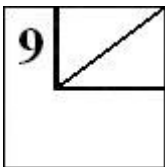
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"Making Bowling Better"
Brunswick's Slogan



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2025 PBA Tour Playoffs

Jesper Svensson won his 14th PBA Career Tour Title. He defeated EJ Tackett three points to one point. Svensson got off to a quick start by taking a two game lead by defeating EJ Tackett 217-208, 225-220.

“These last couple of months are probably some of the biggest achievements in my career,” Svensson said.

In game 3, EJ Tackett found the line and was able to take a point from Jesper. The match would go into game 4, but EJ could not take advantage of his game # 3 as he would struggle in game 4. Svensson struggled to put strings of strikes together. Tackett could not capitalize on his previous game giving Jesper a way to perform in the 2025 PBA Playoffs.

At the 2025 PBA Tour Playoffs, the top 4 would receive a one round bye to earn a spot in the round of 8. Those four players were EJ Tackett, Graham Fach, Jason Belmonte, and Andrew Anderson. These bowlers performed well on the 2025 PBA Tour Season. Tackett would win two majors and have a chance at completing the Triple Crown in one season. Two time champion Kyle Troup would not receive a one round bye. Tackett would advance higher than he has ever finished in the PBA Tour Playoffs. The tournament would use the Billy Hardwick and the Bat pattern.

In the round of 12, two matches would be a shutout while the other matches would take a 9th and 10th frame roll off to determine the winner. The next round saw the top four PBA point earners take on the winners of the first round. This round saw three of the four matches going into a ninth frame roll off in order to determine the next round. Jason Belmonte would be the only match to be a shutout. Chris Via would make the four-seven-ten split in the semi-finals. Via would not advance to the championship match as Jesper Svensson would beat him 2 points to 0. In the other semi-final match Tackett would defeat Graham Fach 2 points to 0. One match was a battle of two handers the other match was against the one-handers.

2025 PBA Tour Playoffs

SINGLE ELIMINATION

LOSER EARNS \$7500

Simonsen	2	Tackett	211	258	48	2
Fiore	0	Simonsen	236	201	38	1

Troup	2	Fach	210	206	40	2
Foy, Jr	0	Troup	226	205	28	1

Buttruff	1	Anderson	205	192	40	1
Svensson	2	Svensson	196	213	48	2

Barnes	1	Belmonte	199	175		0
Via	2	Via	217	226		2

RACE TO 2 POINTS

LOSER EARNS \$15,000

Tackett	250	210		2
Fach	193	190		0

Svensson	202	248		2
Via	186	172		0

RACE TO 2 POINTS

LOSER EARNS \$30,000

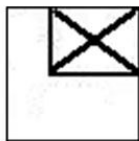
RACE TO 3 POINTS

WINNER EARNS \$100,000 LOSER EARNS \$50,000

Tackett	208	220	246	226	1	Svensson
Svensson	217	225	216	246	3	



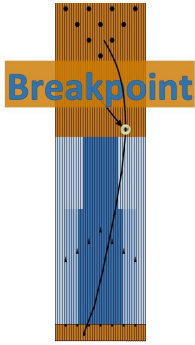
Winner of the 2025 PBA Tour
Playoff Jesper Svensson



Strike Column: Top players of 2025

EJ Tackett was the top bowler of the 2025 season. This does not mean that no one else was bowling well. Tackett had the opportunity to complete the triple crown in a single season, but he missed the Tournament of Champions when he lost the second game to Jakob Butturff. Graham Fach was not even on the radar when the season started, but he won the Delaware Classic and placed well in three Majors. Fach and Tackett look to be the top guys of 2025. Jason Belmonte was not as dominate in 2025 as he was in past seasons. Belmonte is still a threat at the Majors and he might be back in that dominate mode for the 2026 season. Andrew Anderson was the Player of the Year in 2017 and has been struggling with ball companies. At the end of 2024, he switched again to Roto-Grip and it seemed like a better fit. Anderson won the Mike Aulby Classic and almost led wire-to-wire at the US Open, but was beat in the last match by EJ Tackett. Jesper Svensson joined Steve Cook, Johnny Petraglia, Earl Anthony, Dave Davis as a south-paw by winning at Riveria Lanes for the Tournament of Champions. Jesper also won the PBA Playoffs by beating EJ Tackett 3 points to 1.





CBS Sports Network premieres the PBA WSOB

On the 29th of May the PBA announced that CBS Sports Network will air the 17th edition of the PBA World Series of Bowling. This is a two year agreement to air 31 hours of PBA Tournaments on national television through CBS and Paramount +.

"CBS Sports has championed the PBA and our athletes for more than a decade," said Lev Ekster, President of Lucky Strike Entertainment.

Part of those 31 hours will be the broadcast of the PBA Commissioner's Cup formerly the PBA Tour Finals. This event will be open to all PBA members with the top 8 qualifying for the PBA Commissioner's Cup.



Breakpoint: PBA signs broadcast deal with CW

On April 30th the PBA announced a new broadcast with the CW network starting in 2026. CW will broadcast ten PBA events at the same time slot on Sunday afternoons. PBA fans will have a consistent time slot for viewing PBA Tournaments. CW is the 5th largest broadcast network in the US.

"We are excited to become a part of the CW's growing commitment to sports broadcasting," said Lev Ekster, President of Lucky Strike Entertainment.

