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Messenger: Prayers for the PBA Family

* Continued Prayers for Booker

Unfortunately the bowling world learned that DeeRon Booker was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia. Booker has started chemotherapy and will need a bone marrow transplant. Booker has four seasons on the PBA Tour so far with one PBA Title at the 2024 USBC Masters where defeated EJ Tackett, Jason Belmonte, and Anthony Simonsen. Booker has won a USBC Open Championship title with long time friend Mark Curtis Jr in 2023. DeeRon is the third African-American to win a PBA Major title.

"With the amount of work that I put in, I knew I was going to be here sometime," Booker said moments after winning the Masters. "I'm here now. I'm not going anywhere. I hope you guys can see me."

* Continued Prayers for the Family of Jakob Buttruff

On July 31st the PBA lost another superstar Jakob Buttruff. Buttruff was an 8-time PBA Tour champion winning the 2010 USBC Masters.

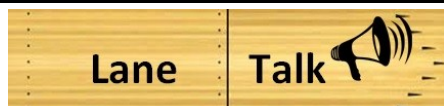
PBA Commissioner Tom Clark commented on Jakob's abilities on the lanes especially his delivery and that Jakob was kind & respectful toward fellow players and PBA fans.

Jakob amassed 27 PBA Regional Tour titles and a record nine in one season. Buttruff was a seven time member of Team USA. Jakob won the 2017 QubicaAMF World Cup in addition to helping Team USA win gold and silver medals.

"Butters was one of the guys that would give the shirt off his back for anyone in need and he showed that time and time again" commented EJ Tackett after hearing the news.

"The PBA has lost one of its kindest," Jason Belmonte wrote on social media.

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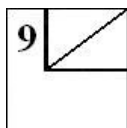


"I would not mind if every tournament was here at Riveria"

Mike Durbin 3-time winner at the TOC.



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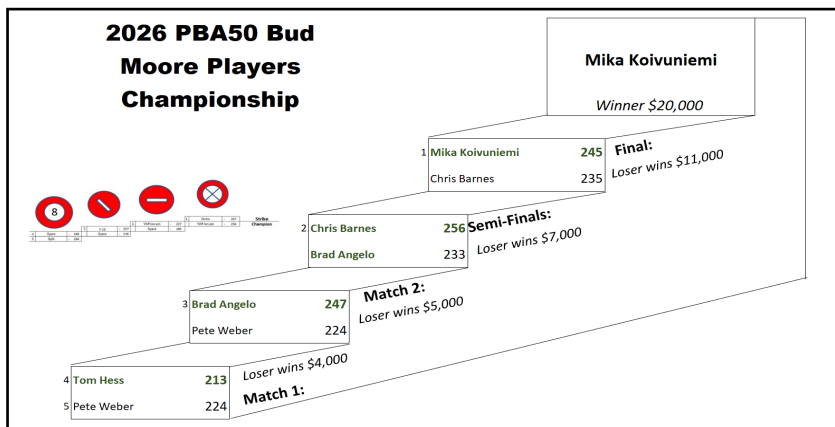
Spare Column: Koivuniemi wins 2026 PBA50 Bud Moore Players Championship

Mika Koivuniemi won his third PBA50 title by defeating Chris Barnes 245 to 235 at the PBA50 Bud Moore Players Championship. This would be Koivuniemi second PBA50 title of the season. Mika would make Chris Barnes strike in the tenth and Barnes would not be able to complete the task. Barnes would start out strong in the beginning of the match but missed a ten pin late in the game. The step ladder finals for the PBA50 Bud Moore Players Championship would take place at Bud Moore's home where he has a basement equipped with two lanes. Bud Moore would keep score during the stepladder finals.

"This feels extremely good. I feel like the breaks have not gone my way for a while. Chris threw a really good shot and didn't strike, so I finally got the break," Koivuniemi said. "In the end, it came down to Chris missing the spare, especially because he didn't strike on the first ball in the tenth."

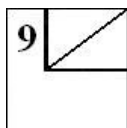
In the first match saw two PBA Hall of Famers Pete Weber and Tom Hess. Weber would start off strong while Hess had a hard time finding the pocket. Weber would defeat Hess 224 to 213. The second match was between Weber and Brad Angelo. Weber started out strong but could not keep up with Angelo. Angelo was able to keep putting the pressure on while Weber could not answer back. Angelo would defeat Weber 247 to 233. In the semi-finals the match featured two former Harry Golden Rookie of the Year between Angelo & Barnes. Chris Barnes would start out by striking early while Angelo was beginning to struggle and could not keep up with Barnes. Barnes would win the match 256 to 233.

The 2026 PBA50 Bud Moore Player's Championship would take place at Woodbridge, VA. The bowlers would bowl 18 games of qualifying with the top 24 advancing to round robin matchplay. After a total of preliminary 42 games. Marsala would lead the qualifying with a score of +634. To make the matchplay finals. It would take a score of 356 by Tom Adcock. Gary Alstott would be the last cash spot with a score of +197. Sam Maccarone would be the super senior last cash spot with a score of +86.



Mika Koivuniemi-
Winner of the 2026 PBA50
Bud Moore Players
Championship

PBA50 Bud Moore Players Championship Tournament STATS		
18-Game Super Senior Non-Cash #	+86	Sam Maccarone
18-Game Cash	+197	Gary Alstott
18 Game Cut	+356	Tom Adcock
18-Game Leader	+634	John Marsala
42-Game Cut	+1652	Pete Weber
42-Game Leader	+2019	Mika Koivuniemi
High Game	256	Chris Barnes
Low Game	213	Tom Hess
High Match	256-233	Barnes vs Hess
Low Match	224-213	Weber vs Hess
Average Winning Game	243.00	
# 300 Games	4	Chris Barnes, Tom Hess-2, Michael Machuga



Spare Column Continued: 2026 USBC Open Championships

The 2026 USBC Open Championships were held at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada. It was the 122nd edition of the championship tournament. The tournament consisted of over 55,000 bowlers who produced a total of 43 perfect games and eleven 800's. A milestone was made when Dale Diamond became the 32nd bowler in USBC Open Championship history who reached a 100,000 career pinfall over 62 appearances for a career average at the tournament of 181.4. Clinton Zavakos of Henderson, Nevada, made his 71st consecutive appearance at the tournament, the record is held by PBA & USBC Hall of Famer Glenn Allison with 72 appearances. Fred Gordon of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, became the 37th bowler to reach six decades at the event. A total of 35 competitors made their 50th appearance in Reno, too, bringing the overall number to 420 bowlers.

In Team Event Taylor's Mark Pro Shop took home the title with a score of 3,513 and led the event by only 12 pins. Higgy's Aquarium would shoot a score of 3,501. The top 5 teams were within 42 pins of each other. In the Doubles Event there would be a record shot of 1,567. Dean Distin and Michael Tryniski would capture the record by a single pin. Michael Tryniski would shoot his second perfect game at the Open Championship (Stephen Padilla and Brenda Edwards previously held the record for seventeen years). The top four doubles team shot 1,500 or better. In fifth place Anthony Jordan/Griffin Jordan would shoot 1,471. In the singles event, three time PBA Tour Champion Tom Smallwood would score an 836 by rolling games of 257, 279, and 290. There would be a total of five 800 shots during the singles event portion of the tournament. Jacob Bockstie would capture the All Events title with a score of 2,277 for his nine game total. PWBA Tour Champion Josie Barnes would shoot the highest female score for her nine game total of 2,256 averaging a whopping 250. The team All Event Champion went to Higgy's Aquarium who scored a 10,453 which was the 3rd highest score in USBC Open Championship history. The low number to cash in each event was as follows: Singles-623, Doubles-1,210, Team-2,976, All-Events-1,874. For more information log on to bowl.com.

Team

1, Taylor's Mark Pro Shop 1 (Anthony Locke, Tyler Howard, Carl Zbranek, Matt Taylor, Shane Phelps), Raleigh, N.C., 3,513. 2, Higgy's Aquarium, Lewis Center, Ohio, 3,501. 3, Ligma, Bay City, Texas, 3,495. 4, Jayhawk Bowling Supply, Gilbert, Ariz., 3,475. 5, Davy's Pro Shop 1, Maidsville, W.Va., 3,471.

Doubles

1, Dean Distin, Phoenix, N.Y./Michael Tryniski, Fulton, N.Y., 1,567. 2, Richard Martinez, Ballston Spa, N.Y./Zechariah Gentile, Modena, N.Y., 1,529. 3, David Gerhart, York, Pa./Daniel Vick, Pittsford, N.Y., 1,521. 4, Lyle Schober Jr., Beloit, Wis./Calvin Akers, South Beloit, Ill., 1,510. 5, Anthony Jordan/Griffin Jordan, Sycamore, Ill., 1,471.

Singles

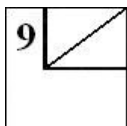
1, Tom Smallwood, Saginaw, Mich., 836. 2, Aaron Childree, Panama City, Fla., 823. 3, Todd Jones, Christiansburg, Va., 817. 4, Robert Oakleaf Jr., Louisville, Ky., 816. 5, Zachary Bogholtz, Nassau, N.Y., 805.

All-Events

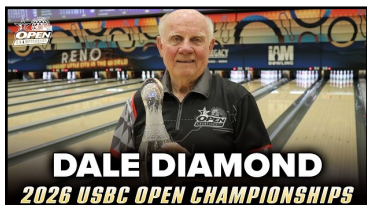
1, Jacob Bockstie, Nottingham, Md., 2,277. 2, Jason Britain, Springfield, Mo., 2,257. 3, Josie Barnes, Hermitage, Tenn., 2,256. 4, Jared Shaner, Ford City, Pa., 2,249. 5, Tom Adcock, Forsyth, Ill., 2,234.

Team All-Events

1, Higgy's Aquarium (Chad Roberts, Timothy Pfeifer, Christopher Bardol, Joe Bailey, Daniel Higgins Jr.), Lewis Center, Ohio, 10,452. 2, Team NABR, Orlando, Fla., 10,426. 3, Armstrong Printing 1, Naperville, Ill., 10,169. 4, ProduceU 4, Buffalo, N.Y., 10,167. 5, Bowlers Headquarters 6, Neenah, Wis., 10,125.



Spare Column: Open Championship Winners & Participation Awards



DALE DIAMOND
2026 USBC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dale Diamond— 32nd bowler to knock down 100,000 career pinfall



Clinton Zavakos-71st consecutive appearance at the tournament



Fred Gordon-37th bowler in tournament history to reach 60 years of participation at the event.



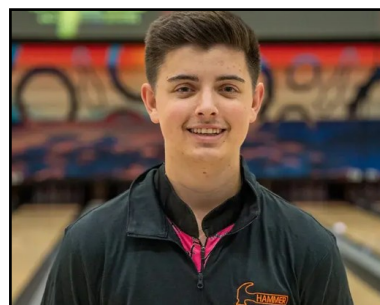
Taylor's Mark Pro Shop 1 of Raleigh, North Carolina
Anthony Locke, Tyler Howard, Carl Zbranek, Matt Taylor, Shane Phelps-3,513 —Team Event Champions



Tom Smallwood —836 Singles Event Champion



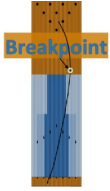
Dean Distin and Michael Tryniski—Doubles Event Championship Winners and record holders 1567. *



Jacob Bockstie All Events Champion



Higgy's Aquarium (Chad Roberts, Timothy Pfeifer, Christopher Bardol, Joe Bailey, Daniel Higgins Jr.),
Lewis Center, Ohio, 10,452—Team All Events Champions



Breakpoint: FOUR TO REPRESENT TEAM USA IN PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPION

On July 23, 2026 the USBC announced the bowlers that will represent Team USA. Bryanna Coté, Crystal Elliott, AJ Johnson, and Julian Salinas will be participating in the IX Pan American Championship Champion of Champions which will be contested from Oct. 24 – Nov. 1 at the Bowling Center of the Costa Rica Country Club in San Jose, Costa Rica.

Oct. 24: men's technical meeting

Oct. 25: division's official practice sessions

Oct. 26: opening round of Men's Doubles

Oct. 27: first eight-game block of Men's Singles and the awarding of the Men's Doubles medals.

Oct. 28: second round of Men's Singles competition, that event's medals presentations and the women's official practice session.

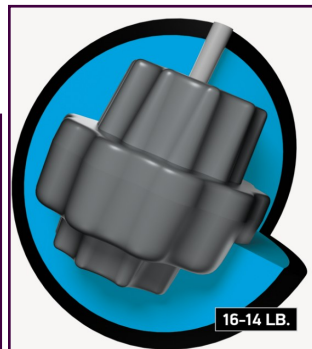
Oct. 29: Women's Doubles competition

Oct. 30: Round 1 of Women's Singles and the distribution of the Women's Doubles medals.

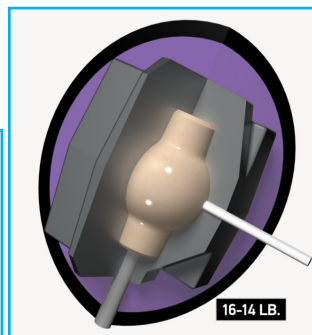
Oct. 31: final day of competition and Round 2 of Women's Singles



ALERT WARNING & COMBAT SOLID



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COLOR	Lapis / Black
CORE	Alert
COVERSTOCK	HK22 - Savvy Hook Hybrid
COVER TYPE	Hybrid Reactive
FINISH	500, 1000, 1500 Siaair / Crown Factory Compound
WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
WARRANTY	Two years from purchase date
RELEASE DATE	August 13, 2026



LEVEL	Pro
PART NUMBER	60-108683-93X
COLOR	Navy / Blue / Slate / Purple
CORE	Rampart
COVERSTOCK	HK22C ² - Alpha Premier Solid
COVER TYPE	Solid Reactive
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WEIGHTS	16-12 lbs.
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