

Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter



News

Welcome to a new year of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. In this month's edition we will be looking back at getting a major sponsor for a Bowling Tournament. Also we will be talking with the winner of the Tour Trials and the Regional Players' Championship winner, Joe Ciccone, with his thoughts on the PBA. Finally, the PBA has announced the final exemptions for the 09-10 tour season. So enjoy this edition of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

As previously mentioned the PBA announced the final exemptions for the season. Brian Voss, a 24 time PBA titlist received the Golden Parachute exemption. Another former PBA Player of the Year, Amleto Monacelli, received an international exemption. Another player who received an international exemption was Tae-Hwa Jeong who is a 10 time Korean PBA titlist. He is one of the 3 players who bowled a televised 300 game on the KPBA tour.

Also, Jeong is a 5 time JPBA titlist for Japan.

Finnish star Oskwu Palermaa, who earlier received an international exemption, was the European Bowling Tour Points leader. His highest finish came at the 2004 U.S. Open on the PBA Tour. He was also 2006 World Bowler of the Year. Furthermore, Oskwu was the winner of the 2009 World Ranking Masters and 2006 Quibica AMF World Cup winner.

The Lumber Liquidator's PBA Tour has expanded the field from 64 to 72 for the World Series of Bowling. The field is comprised of 41 point leaders from the '08-'09 point list, 8 from the PBA Tour trials, 7 from the Regional Players Invitational, 1 from the '08-'09 Tournament Qualifier Round Point Leader and 1 medical deferment. For the 72 players closed field, a minimum of 10 non-exempt players will advance from the TQR system.



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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 1999 Player of the Year?
2. Who won the 2009 USBC Masters?

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Moments in history

The year was 2000. My family and I were running a local Scratch Tournament called the TBT {Tournament Bowling Tour} which was averaging fifty to sixty bowlers per tournament. It got so big that we decided to have another squad of qualifying at one of the centers because we were getting so many entries. My mom and I were going to a PBA tournament in which one of the major sponsors was going to be attending. My family and I discussed having a major sponsor for our tournament because we always



were loyal to one major bowling company. The company was Brunswick and we were going to tell them we were not going to go to anyone else but Brunswick. We wanted some bowling balls to raffle off for our end of the year prize fund and we were going to have the tournament be called the TBT

Brunswick Championship. We could do this by raffling off bowling balls each month, incorporating Brunswick balls into the championship round of every tournament, and Brunswick ball highlights in our newsletter. As it turned out, we got Brunswick to give us the newest balls on the market that they were coming out with. It was great to have Brunswick sponsor my tournament.

Interview of the month : Joe Ciccone

Q: How was your experience with the 50 year anniversary celebration? Any special moments?

A: Well, I got the chance to go to the dinner for the 50 greatest players and the Hall of Fame induction, which was a surprise because I wasn't scheduled to go. I only found out about a week before which was a real nice surprise for me because I am a historian or student of the game and I love watching the old bowling shows. It gave me a chance to be there and actually see a lot of the people I grew up watching on TV

Q: How was the Plastic Ball Championship?

A: I thought that was the most fun that I've had in a single tournament out here since I started. To see the players ex-

hibit their abilities without extra help because the bowling ball obviously gives you extra help. So with the plastic ball it was up to the players to make the ball hit and strike without assistance from the bombs that we through now. I thought it was great and wouldn't mind if we did that again.

Q: Did you agree that Earl Anthony was #1 of all time? Why or why not?

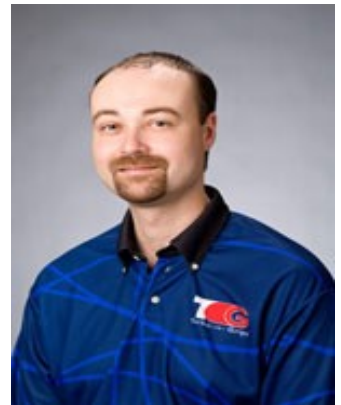
A: I like the question because Earl was my absolute idol when I was a kid. I started watching bowling on TV when I was 3 or 4 years old. My parents don't bowl and my family doesn't bowl, so the only way that I learned bowling was from watching TV and I absolutely loved Earl Anthony. I don't think there's ever been anybody better than Earl. I would never take any-

thing away from Walter Ray, but obviously Walter Ray and Earl are going to be debated as to who is the best of all time for a long, long time. In my mind, he's the one person that everybody always looked up to as a bowler.

Q: Would you rather vote or have a point race for the Player of the Year?

A: I actually liked it when we voted for player of the year. I understand why they made the change to the points, because it is easier for the fans to follow and it has the ability to create a lot of drama. In that way, I think it is good and it adds another element of excitement out here. But at the same time, I think there's a place for an award that is voted on as well. Maybe there could be two awards. There are a lot of other factors go into who is

Joe Ciccone



the best player on tour this year.

DATE	TOURNAMENT
Aug. 2 - 6, 2009	Motor City Open
Aug. 8 - 13, 2009	Cheetah Championship
Aug. 9 - 16, 2009	Viper Championship
Aug. 9 - 20, 2009	Chameleon Championship
Aug. 22 - 25, 2009	Scorpion Championship
Aug. 22 - 29, 2009	Shark Championship
Aug. 30 - Sep. 4, 2009	PBA World Championship
Dec. 7 - 13, 2009	Pepsi Red, White and Blue Open presented by the USBC
Jan. 4 - 10, 2010	Don and Paula Carter Mixed Doubles
Jan. 12 - 17, 2010	Earl Anthony Memorial
Jan. 19 - 24, 2010	PBA Tournament of Champions
Jan. 26 - 31, 2010	Dick Weber Open
Feb. 7 - 7, 2010	Chris Paul PBA Celebrity Invitational
Feb. 9 - 14, 2010	USBC Masters
Feb. 21 - 28, 2010	67th Lumber Liquidators U.S. Open
Mar. 1 - 7, 2010	Don Johnson Eliminator
Mar. 17 - 21, 2010	PBA Match Play Championship
Mar. 24 - 28, 2010	Mark Roth Plastic Ball Championship
Mar. 29 - Apr. 4, 2010	PBA Marathon Open

Surprise guest at Josh Hyde's open house in June 2000.



Commentary

In this month of the publication, we talked a lot about the World Series of Bowling. It will be especially interesting this year for a couple of reasons. The first being that the tournaments will be held in 1 or 2 centers rather than 20 or 30 like in the past. It will be like league bowling for the players due to the greatly reduced number of centers. If a player hits the pins really well he will have a great first half of the '09-'10 season. However, if a player can't get a good read it's going to be a really long month and a half of the season.

Another interesting thing about the World Series of Bowling is that two former bowlers, Brian Voss and Amleto Monacelli, are going to be competing to see if they can win again. Amleto could be the next one to get the Golden

Parachute exemption if he does not have a good '09-'10 season. It will be interesting to see if the PBA will let him have another exemption. I am glad that the PBA decided to let past champions get their way back on the tour. The reason I say this is because there are too many good bowlers not bowling, like Voss and Monacelli.

In my opinion, U.S. bowlers are by far the best in the world. If an international player wants to bowl in the PBA tour, he should come to the U.S. and earn an exemption on the tour. In the past at the Tour Trials, there have been many international bowlers at that tournament that have not done well. Are there reasons for this? I think yes. The only bowler who is a good international bowler is Jason Belmonte, who throws

the ball two-handed. Give a few more Golden Parachute Exemptions rather than international exemptions. Maybe it would be better if the PBA and other tours outside of the U.S. would say your top bowler would get a spot on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

Thank you for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

The Top Ten Players of the PBA Tour from 2004 through 2007

Player	Wins	Losses	Average
1. Walter Ray Williams Jr	105	66	234.44
2. Chris Barnes	103	86	232.19
3. Patrick Allen	86	80	229.38
4. Mika Koivuniemi	70	71	261.70
5. Steve Jaros	61	61	227.69
6. Parker Bohn III	61	67	229.77
7. Jason Couch	60	97	253.72
8. Tommy Jones	59	70	226.03
9. Norm Duke	42	38	228.77
10. Pete Weber	37	48	221.92



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