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From L to R: Mika Koivuniemi, Scott Norton, Jack Jurek, Chris Barnes and Rhino Page.

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to the Year Three's final issue of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** features the finals of the '10-'11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Announce Awards and Golden Parachute Exemption Announced / 2011 PBA WSOB. The **Strike Column** highlights the 2005 U.S. Open. In the **Kingpin Column**, I discuss my Trip to Akron, Ohio. Also, the Interview of the Month is Mika Koivuniemi where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Spare Column** describes a new tournament that was played in Indiana. Finally, in the **Tenth Frame**, I will give insight on the past season.

Enjoy this edition of this month's *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter!*

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Messenger

'10-'11 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour Announce Awards and Golden Parachute Exemption Announced / 2011 PBA WSOB

Last month on the 5th, the PBA Awards were announced for Chris Schenkel Player of the Year, Harry Golden Rookie of the Year, and the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award for the 2010-2011 PBA Tour season. Mika Koivuniemi became the 2nd international player to receive 2 PBA Player of the Year Awards. He also received the Harry Smith High Average Award. En route to his Player of the Year Award, he made the television show on every major.

Scott Norton became the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year Award winner. His first title was at the Pepsi Chameleon Championship. During the 10-11 season, he was the only rookie to win a title. Norton received 445 votes and no other player received more than 15. He made the Dick Weber PBA Playoff television show. For a rookie, this is an impressive stat to have.

Jack Jurek won the Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award. This was his 2nd Nagy Sportsmanship Award. In an ultimate show of sportsmanship, Jurek comforted eventual winner Tom Hess at the Bayer USBC Masters. Jurek and Hess met in the title match. Hess needed to throw one

more shot to clinch the title. Jurek was able to calm Hess down which enabled Hess to finish and clinch his first Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title. This act of kindness shows why Jurek won his second award.

Chris Barnes won his 3rd Harry Smith Point Leader Award. On his way to receiving this award, he became the 6th player to win the Triple Crown by winning the 2011 PBA World Championship. His stats were remarkable because he made 3 championship round appearances, made 7 match play appearances, and also cashed in 10 tournaments.

Finally, the Golden Parachute exemption was announced on May 11th. Rhino Page was awarded the exemption for the 2011-2012 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. The 2007-2008 Rookie of the Year really struggled in the 2010-2011 season - only cashing in on 5 of the 12 tournaments he entered and only making match play twice.

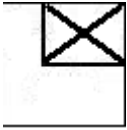
The 2011 PBA World Series of Bowling will take place November 4-20 at Southpoint in Las Vegas. They will host the 3rd PBA World Series of Bowling. Further details will be announced soon. Log on to pba.com for more information.

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations of both professional and local bowling tournaments.

VISION:

To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.



Strike Column — 2005 U.S. Open

The 2005 U.S. Open was perhaps the best U.S. Open in PBA history. The tournament featured the top bowlers of today. Mika Koivuniemi, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Patrick Allen, and Chris Barnes. No matter who won, they were going to have to climb Mt. Everest. With a lot of titles and a lot of majors on this show it was definitely going to prove what a pro bowler had to do in order to win the U.S. Open.

Chris Barnes won this event. He did this by defeating Patrick Allen 213—212. It came down to the last ball as it should in championship bowling. Chris was going to have his hand full dealing with these great bowlers. He was leading the field going into the championship round. This was perhaps Chris' stepping stone toward becoming one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA. This is what being a pro bowler is all about – beating the best bowlers in the world.

In the semi-final match, Koivuniemi and Allen both tied

at 194. It went to sudden death. The sudden death took two balls to determine a winner. Both players struck the first ball. Mika failed to strike the second ball—getting seven. Pat was able to get eight on the final ball.

With Allen's momentum defeating Mika in sudden death you would have thought that Chris would have his hands full. He definitely did, by only defeating Patrick by one pin. Pat did not just give Chris the victory. Chris had to perform in the tenth frame to win his first major title. Winning majors is not an easy thing to do.

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was struggling, only shooting a 179. He did not have a clue on how to attack the lanes that day. In contrast, Mika was hot. It looked like he was going to win his second U.S. Open title. However, he could not stay on top of his game in the toughest tournament that the PBA has to offer.

During the course of the show, the bowlers were having a hard time figuring out the shot. This U.S. Open tournament was very tough in that

there weren't a lot of strikes. It was a shot-making fest. If you look at the championship game as only taking a 213 to win, that tells the bowling fan that this was a grueling tournament to conquer. Even the best bowlers of this tournament were having a hard time striking. This was a great tournament that bowling fans could watch because of the difficulty of the lanes and what our favorite bowlers have to do to win a major tournament. If the best bowler of the PBA only shoots a 179, this tells you how tough the tournament was.

Barnes was averaging 214 for the tournament. He was leading a tournament with a 214 average. Normally that would be the cut to make the finals, not to lead the tournament. This tells me that this U.S. Open was definitely a shot-making event. With the hottest bowlers in the championship round of this tournament, all of the bowlers knew what major tournament bowling was all about. This was the perfect tournament experience to watch.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 2005 U.S. Open North Brunswick, New Jersey

Position	Name	Total	Amount
1	Chris Barnes	213 (1 game)	\$100,000
2	Patrick Allen	406 (2 games)	\$ 50,000
3	Mika Koivuniemi	406 (2 games)	\$ 25,000
4	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	179 (1 game)	\$ 15,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS: In the first stepladder match, Mika Koivuniemi defeated Walter Ray Williams, Jr., 212-179. In the second match, Patrick Allen defeated Koivuniemi 194-194 (18-17 in sudden death roll-off). In the finals, Chris Barnes defeated Allen, 213-212.

Moments in History: Trip to Akron, Ohio

It was the summer of 1995. My family and I stopped by Akron, Ohio. We visited Parker Bohn, III's, house. On the way back from his house, we stopped in Akron, Ohio, to see Fred Borden as well as Riviera Lanes (where the PBA held the Firestone Tournament of Champions). While we were at Fred's, Chris Barnes was there working with him. At the time, Chris was an amateur, and he was on Team USA. It was interesting watching Fred help one of his team members to bowl better. Not only did he help Chris, but he also helped me with my bowling game. At the time, I was 14 years old. My Dad was showing Fred how I bowled. Fred gave some suggestions, like putting a motor on the ramp to speed up the ball. This would enable me to get more ball speed. One tip that he gave me was

putting the label down toward the floor. I made the remark that it would be like thumb weight, and he turned around to my Dad and he said, "Did I hear him right?" My Dad responded, "Yes, he's pretty smart about bowling."

One thing that Chris Barnes did to my Dad as a joke was to give Dad his Ebonite ball for me to throw. However, I quickly turned around and knew that something was up. Chris, Mom, Dad, and Fred started laughing because they knew that I wasn't going to fall for it. It was pretty awesome working with the best bowling coach of the world. Having him try to figure out how to help me with ramp bowling was exceptional. He had proba-



bly never done that before. Observing Chris in his amateur days while working on his game with the best bowling coach was also a treat.

Seeing where the PBA had the Firestone Tournament of Champions for years was like walking through bowling history. I had always wanted to go and see where the Firestone Tournament of Champions was held at. I got to see the sign that reads "Past these doors are the world's finest bowlers". Knowing that Earl Anthony, Marshall Holman and Mike Durbin had all bowled here moved me. I also remember my Dad telling me that Don Carter, Parker Bohn III and Mike Aulby bowled in this facility. It was the greatest bowling tournament of its day.

Interview of the Month—Mika Koivuniemi

Q: What do you think of the World Bowling Tour?

A: I think it's great that they are trying to start something. I feel like this year it is not working like it should work. We have overlapping tournaments this week: one tournament in Paris and one here. I think the whole organization needs to get together and figure out a schedule. Hopefully, in a couple of years, it going to be great.

Q: What did you think of the 2010 World Series of Bowling?

A: It was different. We bowled so much, so fast. There were long days. One day, you start at 7am, the next 10-11am— going to sleep late, 1am. It wasn't the game that bothered me; it was the lack of sleep. I was pretty happy with the way I bowled, making the show. Then, in the individual finals, I had my back, so I tried to bowl Viper. I was in a bit of pain, so I then bowled Chameleon. It left a sour taste in my mouth because I was bowling so well.

Q: Did you like having all the patterns be a part of the World Championship or would you rather have a separate World Championship?

A: I like having a World Championship better as a separate tournament—make it a tough pattern. Right now they just use scores from other tournaments to determine the top seeds for the finals.

Q: Has your game changed in the last five years?

A: Yes, it been changing—small changes, nothing major. Out here, it makes your game change. I have been working a lot on my timing and getting better body position to clear my thumb. It feels like this year it is paying off.

Q: What major would you prefer to win?

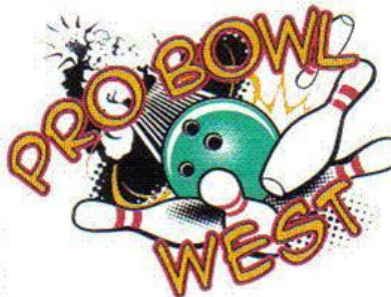
A: This year I took the Tournament of Champions. Right now my eyes are on the PBA World Championships.

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BEST DEALS

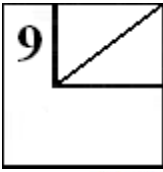
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Northern Indiana Bowlers Tour

Date:	5/8/2011
Location:	Warsaw Indiana
Center:	Warsaw Bowl
Pattern	42' Flat
# of Entries	17

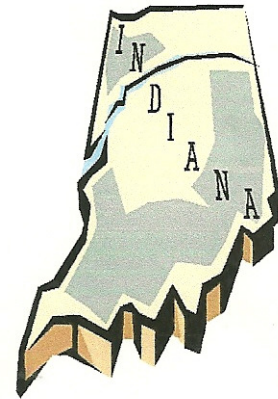
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High Game 1:	223	Bowler:	Landon Roberts
High Game 2:	204	Bowler:	Landon Roberts
High Game 3:	220	Bowler:	Troy Palmer
High Game 4:	194	Bowler:	Jeremy Delcamp
High Game 5:	217	Bowler:	Bill Crane
High Series:	-36	Bowler:	Joel Klaas
Finals Number:	-126	Bowler:	Bart Loe

Notes:

Klaas Wins First Title at Warsaw Bowl

The second Northern Indiana Bowlers Tour event saw seventeen bowlers battling for the top five spots at Warsaw Bowl in Warsaw, IN. The format was a five game qualifier with the top five bowlers advancing to the step ladder format. The shot was a 42 ft. flat pattern. This shot was a tough shot as the first two games only took a score of 223 and 204 to win the high game, by Landon Roberts. When it looked like Landon had the shot figured out he bowled a 140 game in the third game. It really looked like he was going to run away with it. He then ran into transition problems, causing him to struggle and not having a very good shot. The high qualifier was Joel Klaas at -36. The last spot to get into the finals was Bart Loe with a -126 score. It was definitely a shot making tournament where spares were crucial to have any chance at making the finals. Throughout the day the shot proved that the bowler could not get comfortable because if he did chances would be that he would struggle at the end. When it looked like Dave Garlinger had the shot figured out, averaging 203, during the first three games of the finals he bowled a 135 against tournament leader Joel Klaas, who then bowled a 216. Dave Garlinger threw a four bagger in the semi finals against Bill Crane. Klaas was able to capitalize on his lead by defeating Dave Garlinger. After the tournament Joel said, "Today was a great day for me. To be able to compete against these great bowlers is a privilege for me. I hope the tournament begins to get larger so that I will have the chance to compete with even more great bowlers."



The next event is on June 5 at Warsaw Bowl, 1702 E Market St. The check starts at 12:30 and the tournament starts at 1:15. If 32+ bowlers bowl the tournament, then the finals format will be a bracket or round robin match play.

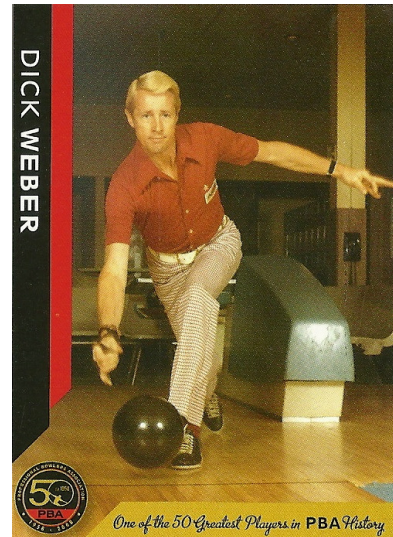
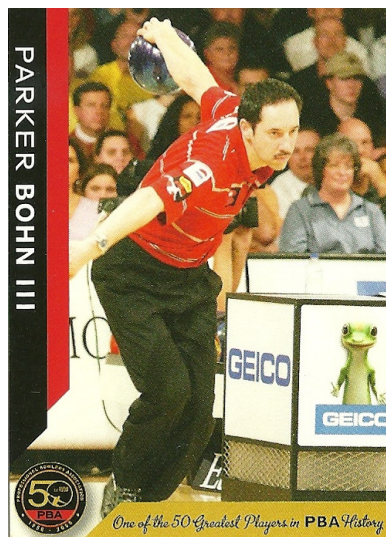
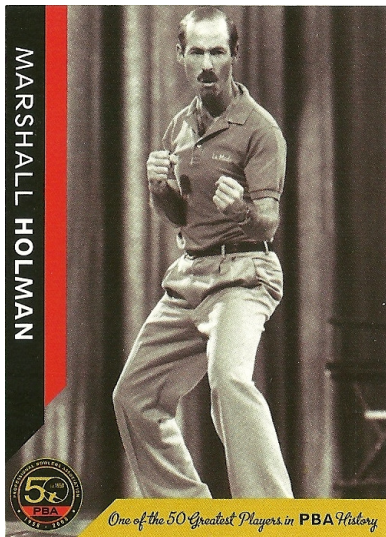
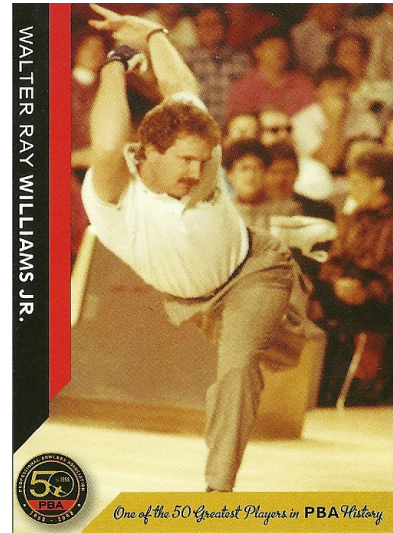
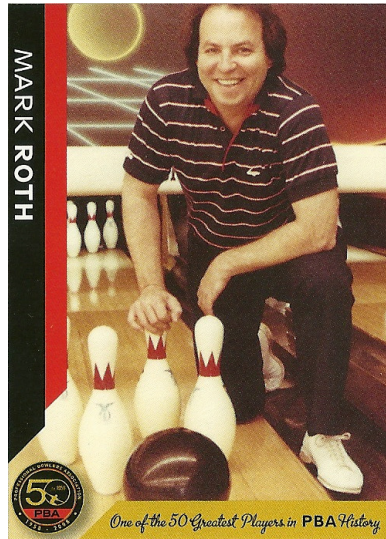
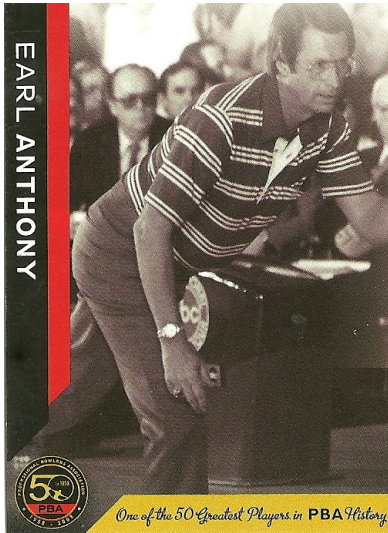
Final Tournament standings :
 1st Joel Klaas \$225
 2nd Dave Garlinger \$140
 3rd William Crane III \$100
 4th Landon Roberts \$75
 5th Bart Loe \$52

			1: Joel Klaas - 216	Joel Klaas Champion
		2: Bill Crane - 186	Dave Garlinger - 135	
	3: Landon Roberts - 143	Dave Garlinger - 212		
4: Bart Loe - 191	Dave Garlinger - 200			
5: Dave Garlinger - 196				

50 Greatest Trading Cards

Along with the 50 Greatest book, the PBA decided to make 50 greatest trading cards. The cards are like sport cards telling the bowling fan what each bowler did in their career and some statistics. Bowlers like Earl Anthony, Dick Weber, and Walter Ray Williams Jr. are included in this must-have for bowling fans. If you like looking

at what your favorite bowlers have done in their careers, these are great to have. You can also purchase a collectible binder in which you can put the cards. They arrive in alphabetical order; however, you can put them in numerical order. These are great to bring to the tournaments to get them autographed by the 50 greatest bowlers in history. With the stats on the back, they can be used as a quick reference to how the bowler performed in the past. You can order them from the PBA store online.



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Letter to the Bowling Fans

From the greatest bowlers in the world to the local bowlers, this publication brings the best bowling news to the bowling fans. Over three years now, I have been doing this publication every month. I provide the highest quality information and the latest news of the PBA.

I am so impressed by what these bowlers can do with a bowling ball. From watching to actually attending Regional, Senior Regional, Senior Tour, and PBA Tour tournaments. I provide thoughtful analysis and keen observations for the bowling community.

I will continue to provide the highest quality bowling news and information in the coming year. I will also try to expand on more ideas for this publication. This is what the publication is all about.

Over the years this publication has interviewed some great bowlers like Parker Bohn III, Mike Aulby, and Carmen Salvino. It has also interviewed Tom Clark and Jim Strum from BPAA. These interviews have informed the bowling fans what bowlers think of the sport and also what the leaders of our sport are trying to help the game grow.

Through my strike column, I have analyzed the greatest bowlers in the World and hope to do some more of this in the future. These are just some of the things I have put together and hope to do more of to get bowling fans to get excited about the PBA. Observing the greatest bowlers and reporting about it is a lot of fun to do. I only hope I can continue to do this, because I think the PBA is the greatest aspect of our sport.

Doing a series on the majors from the 50 greatest bowlers gave bowling fans another perspective on what bowlers did good at certain major tournaments. When you have guys like Hardwick and Petraglia winning three different majors, this was kind of hard to say one was better at

one major than the other. Now that we are into our third greatest show of all time, in my opinion, this is another way to show the bowling fans what their favorite bowlers do when they compete against each other on television.

It is a great honor to do this publication as I am able to report on what I see at these PBA tournaments. Also, I am able to interview some of the greatest bowlers. Getting recognized at an amateur writing contest sponsored by the Bowling Writers Association of America was exceptionally thrilling to receive. This tells me that I can definitely write about the sport I love.

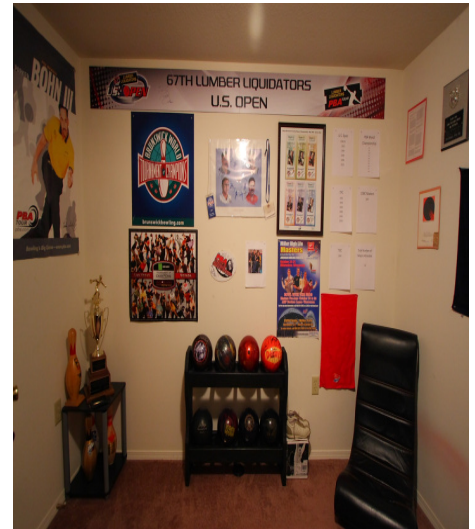
Some of the greatest bowlers subscribe to this publication. It is a thrill to have them read the newsletter, and it means a lot to me that the greatest bowlers would want to read my publication. This makes me feel like I am in the bowling industry which has always been a dream of mine. On top of that, I am an honorary PBA member. Doing this newsletter makes me feel like I am putting my PBA membership to good use.

In the coming months and years, I hope to offer the highest bowling publication that I can possibly can. The last two seasons of the Lumber Liquidators Tour has known that the bowlers that they have are truly the best bowlers in the World. The bowling fans have seen another triple crown winner by Chris Barnes winning the 2011 PBA World Championship and a new upcoming superstar with Bill O'Neil winning the 2010 US Open.

Please feel free to drop me an e-mail with your comments and any ideas you might have about the newsletter. Each year I try to bring in new elements to the publication using bowling components to identify different columns within the newsletter (for instance, the Strike Column and the Spare Column).

Thank you again for enjoying another year of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

Sincerely,
Josh Hyde



Above is my “Major Wall”, a collection of memorabilia from the majors that I have attended. Some of the items were from the television shows, signed by the winners and finalists on the shows.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: jhbnl@comcast.net. The first person that answer this correctly will get a 10% coupon sponsored by bowlinggift.com. Thank you bowlinggift.com for contributing to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who became the 2010—2011 Player of the Year?
2. Who won the 2005 US Open?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:
1.) Parker Bohn III
2.) John Mazza