



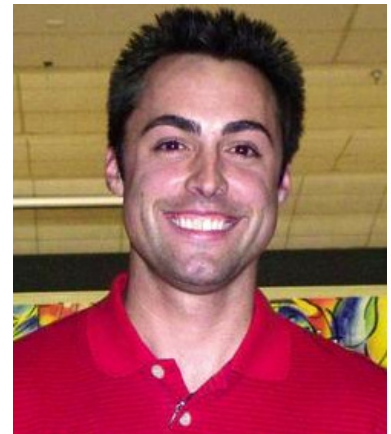
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**Practice Pair** Welcome to the second half of the third season for the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Moment in History** will be taking a look at "An Unexpected Bowling Adventure". **Interview of the Month** features a top bowler in the state of Indiana, E.J. Tackett, whose achievements in the great sport of bowling are discussed. The second part of the series will be analyzing the fifty greatest USBC Masters winners in the **Strike Column**. The past champion of the King of the Hill Points Winner '08-'09 was Bill Crane who won the 2010 December Tournament. This will be the topic of the **Spare Column**. Finally, we will unveil more of the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling. The **Tenth Frame** will be either a commentary or an editorial. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

**Messenger** Scott Norton won the Chameleon Championship in the World Series of Bowling. He had his hands full as he took on Sean Rash. As Sean was going through the field beating Barnes, Malott, and Palermaa. When we thought that Rash was back by going through the field, Norton threw the front 8 to win his first Lumber Liquidator PBA Tour title. What a performance by Norton as he tried for a 300 game for his first PBA Tour title. Rash proved himself again as he went through the field. Norton defeated Rash 256 to 181 in the Championship match of the Chameleon Championship. Here is a run down of the rest of the matches.

Step Ladder game 1: Rash defeated Palermaa 236 to 211.  
Step Ladder game 2: Rash defeated Barnes 227 to 175.  
Semifinals: Rash defeated Malott 236 to 217.  
Championship: Norton defeated Rash 256 to 181.



*WSOB Chameleon Championship winner Scott Norton*



*Three-time USBC Masters winner Mike Aulby*

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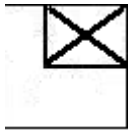


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# Strike Column— Fifty Greatest Major Analysis—USBC Masters

This month, the Strike Column is taking a look at the United States Bowling Congress Masters (USBC). The USBC Masters is the one chance that fans' favorite bowlers have the opportunity to get an eagle.

The USBC Masters is a difficult format because if you lose early you have your way back. With each match being a three-game total pin-fall, many games can add up. Players could easily bowl 18 games on the last day before the championship round, depending on whether you lose early on or not.

The qualifying portion is everyone bowling ten games. They cut the field to the top one-fourth, then come back and bowl five more games on the third round of qualifying. After fifteen games total, the top 63 players (plus the defending champion) get to bowl in a double-elimination format.

There have been 16 bowlers who have won the USBC Masters. Five of the sixteen are in the top ten of the 50 greatest PBA bowlers. The 50 greatest have a 45% chance of winning the Masters. This must be an important tournament to win if you want to become one of the PBA's greatest bowlers.

One of the superstars of this prestigious tournament is Mike Aulby, who won it three times and made the television show for the Masters four times. A seventy-five percent winning percentage is very good. Any time you win three of one major, you know you are one of the best.

When Aulby won his third Masters, one other historical thing happened. Parker Bohn III became the twelfth player in PBA history and the second player in USBC Master's history to bowl a perfect game on national television. It was a history-making day as two of the greatest left-handed bowlers battled in the 1998 USBC Masters tournament.

The great Earl Anthony came out of retirement to win his second USBC

Masters in 1984. Anthony was also one of the top bowlers who, when he won a major, typically repeated his title. This is an example of how Anthony became the number one player in PBA history.

What can you say about Walter Ray Williams, Jr.? Williams could arguably be the bowler of the PBA. Winning two US Opens and two USBC Masters is an accomplishment in itself. Couple those with seven Player of the Year Awards, and you see why his is the top career money earner in the PBA.

Doug Kent may be the most underrated PBA bowler. To prove this point, he won his first Masters at the 1991 tournament. He won his second Masters in 2006. He earned the 2006-2007 PBA Player of the

Pete Weber made three television appearances in the Masters, but has yet to claim a win. Amazingly, his dad, Dick Weber has won the most matches at the Masters and also doesn't have a Masters title.

Jim Godman was a Masters winner. The amazing thing was that he defeated the great Don Johnson from the losers bracket in 1971. To accomplish this feat, he averaged 239 for his final eight games. Back then, they bowled four games for a series to win a match. The first series was a 992, averaging 248. This was exceptionally high for the time period. Don Johnson shot a 862 for his first match.

Norm Duke may be the best bowler because of his versatility. He can hook it or play the gutter. This is what great bowlers do. He was the only player to win three consecutive majors. He won the Masters back in 1993, averaging 245 in the match play portion. Duke ended up beating Patrick Allen for the title. It came down to the final ball. Even more amazing, Duke won by performing on the tougher lane.

As for Parker Bohn III, his lone major win is the Masters. Couch was unable to beat him in the 2001 Masters. Couch got the worst break in bowling. As he left the 9 pin on a well executed shot, Bohn took advantage of it and was able to strike to win the 2001 ABC Masters. Prior to that event,

Bohn had three Masters television appearances. However, he was unable to complete the job. In 2001, he finally broke through as he beat Couch in the Championship match.

All in all, the USBC Masters is prestigious to win. The great Earl Anthony won it twice, while Mike Aulby won it a record three times. It is also incredible that a PBA bowler can receive an eagle and be recognized as a major on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. The USBC is the national governing body for bowling. This enables them to recognize the greatest players in the world with this tournament.

Bowler	USBC Master Appearances	Masters	Percent of USBC
Mike Aulby	4	3	75%
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	4	2	50%
Earl Anthony	4	2	50%
Doug Kent	2	2	100%
Norm Duke	4	1	25%
Don Carter	3	1	33%
Del Ballard Jr.	3	1	33%
Jim Godman	3	1	33%
Bob Strampe Sr.	3	1	33%
Joe Berardi	1	1	100%
Nelson Burton Jr.	5	1	20%
Dave Soutar	4	1	25%
Harry Smith	5	1	20%
Mika Koivuniemi	2	1	50%
Parker Bohn III	4	1	25%
Danny Wiseman	2	1	50%
Averages	3.3125	1.3125	45%

Year honor, along with his PBA World Championship title. He has two Masters and two PBA World Championships. With that being said, you could call him one of the best since he won both times he appeared in the championship round of the USBC Masters.

Mika Koivuniemi's first PBA title was the USBC Masters. He beat Pete Weber 236-235. It is quite an accomplishment for a PBA Player to have an eagle as their first title. He also managed to beat Pete, who is one of the most experienced bowlers at winning majors. This was a defining entry into the PBA as he stopped one of the greats at winning every major.

## Moment in History

### An Unexpected Bowling Adventure

The year was 1992, and I was 11 years old. My Dad owned a pro shop. One morning, he was going to the distributor (which is an hour away from my house) to get some things for his pro shop. He asked if I wanted to go. My thoughts were that we would go, eat out, then return home. During that week, the PBA National Championship was going on. My intentions were not to go to the PBA National Championship. The funny thing was that I was not getting the impression that we were going to be gone a few days. That morning, my Mom was getting me around, and my Dad was packing up my bowling stuff that I take to each tournament. On the way to the distributor, we stopped at a local party shop to buy a birthday card for Mike Aulby. My Mom said that we would mail his card to him. After going to the distributor, we didn't

## Kingpin Column



immediately go eat. Nearly an hour later, we ended up at a restaurant. That is when I noticed that one of the things I used to take a bath was in the van. I asked my Dad about it. He said that the chair needed suction cups to be able to stick better to the bottom of the tub. Even at this point, I wasn't catching on to what this trip was all about. A couple of hours later, I noticed a sign along the road that said "Toledo International Airport". I asked Dad why it said that. He said we were going to the mall.

When you are getting ready to go to an airport, the sign usually reads "Welcome to the X International Airport". I asked Dad again, "Why does the sign say 'Toledo International Airport'?" He gave me the same excuse with a serious face. We ended up at the Red Roof Inn. My Dad was still insisting that we were going shopping. I said "Why are we at a hotel?" He said "We might get tired and want to spend the night, then we could return home the next day." When we got into the room, that is when my Dad finally broke the news why we were in Toledo. The plan was that we were going to go to the tournament for a couple of days. We ended up giving Mike Aulby his birthday card. Parker Bohn bowled well and made match play. At the tournament, I was able to meet Nelson Burton Jr. (who was the Color Commentator for ABC Pro Bowlers Tour) and Larry Lichstein (who was the Player Services Director). All and all, it was a great bowling adventure!

## Interview of the Month: E.J. Tackett



**Q:** How did you get started in bowling?

**A:** My father got me started.

**Q:** What got you interested?

**A:** My father got me started. The challenge and my natural ability that I was gifted with got me interested in bowling.

**Q:** What is your highest achievement?

**A:** It was finishing in the top 16 in Junior Gold 2 years in a row.

**Q:** What was it like bowling in the U.S. Open?

**A:** It was fun, tough, and a great experience.

**Q:** What is your average?

**A:** 233

**Q:** How many 300s? Your highest series?

**A:** 9; 812

**Q:** Who is your favorite bowler, and why?

**A:** Norm Duke because he is a class act—never degrades anyone and never complains. Also, I believe he is one of the most versatile bowlers on the tour.

**Q:** How was the Team USA Trials?

**A:** It was a very good and fun experience. I learned a lot about where I needed to take my game to get to the next level.

**Q:** What do you think about today versus yesterday?

**A:** I believe that the equipment, synthetic lanes, and the advancements in oil have made it much easier for everyone. So, it has allowed the average bowler to be better than average.

**2008-2009 E.J. Tackett won the Indiana Sectional, Regional, Semi-state, and State in his sophomore year of high school. This feat has never before or since been accomplished.**

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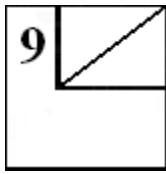
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## Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Date: 12-5-2010

Entries 77

### Round 1

High Game 1: Mike English-279  
 High Game 2: Emilio Mora Sr-289  
 High Game 3: Andy Sukow/Don Boyed-278

High Series: Andy Sukow Series Shot-782  
 Cut Number: +44 Bowler: DeWayne Burton  
 # of 700's shot: 16

### Round 2

High Game 1: Jack Pfierman-269  
 High Game 2: Jeff Fox-279  
 High Game 3: Jim Thorbin-277

High Series: Art Parker Series Shot 755  
 Cash Number: +80 Bowler: BJ Pfeiffer  
 Finals Number :+109 Bowler: Don Boyed  
 # of 700's shot: 10

**Year End Tournament Prize Fund: \$303**  
**Year End Points Prize Fund: \$303**

front ten and ended up with a 289. Finally, in the third game, both Don Boyed and Andy Sukow had a 278 for the high game. Andy Sukow, the tournament leader, shot a score of +182. The first round cut took a score of +44 by Dewayne Burton. There were sixteen 700 shots in the first round of qualifying.

In the second round, there were 39 bowlers battling for 14 cash spots and 8 final spots for the championship. Jack Pfierman got things going with a 269. Jeff Fox followed with a 279 in the second game of the second round. The third game saw Jim Thorbin bowl a 277 game for the final game of qualifying. Art Parker was the qualifying leader with a score of 755. The finals number took a score of +109 by Don Boyed. The final cash spot took a score of +80 by B.J. Pfeiffer. There were ten 700 shots in the second round.

The next tournament is January 2, 2011. 10:45am—shadow balls; 11:00am—tournament starts at Auburn Bowl, Auburn IN.

Place	Name	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
1	Bill Crane	4	7	4	9	24
2	Aaron Winans	4	6	6	5	21
3	Trent Marner	5	4	9	0	18
4	BJ Pfeiffer	6	6	1	4	17
5	Don Boyed	5	3	4	5	17
6	Art Parker	3	4	3	6	16
7	Bob Edwards	3	3	7	1	14
8	Shawn Fox	4	3	4	3	14
9	Scott Cofer	9	4	0	0	13
10	Tomm Detro	4	3	5	1	13
11	Bart Loe	3	5	1	3	12
12	Jeff Fox	3	5	1	3	12
13	Thomas Dalton	1	5	3	3	12
14	Tyler Slauchbaugh	7	1	3	0	11
15	Jeremy Delcamp	1	3	6	1	11
16	Bill Burke	0	9	1	1	11
17	Chris Toyias	3	1	4	3	11
18	Dave Oswalt	0	3	5	3	11
19	Mike English	5	1	0	5	11
20	Joey Litton	5	4	0	1	10
21	DeWayne Burton	3	3	1	3	10
22	Emilio Mora Sr	3	0	4	3	10
23	Josh Miller	1	3	3	3	10
24	Jeff Hudson	1	1	5	3	10
25	Doug Daniels	0	3	3	4	10

### Crane Wins by Dominating with an 800 in the Finals

Bill Crane averaged 268 in the finals of the December Hammer King of the Hill. His philosophy of the day was to keep the ball in play. He did that by using the Brunswick Wild Ride, then the Track Tantrum for the second set. In the finals, he put it together when he shot an 805 for his final 3 games. His toughest match was against Mike English because he felt defeated, but the law of averages would boost the confidence in him to win one sooner or later. He also thought that he would have a tough time against Jack Pfierman because Jack had a great look all day. This was Crane's sixth career title in the King of the Hill Tournament. After winning, he said "I am still shaking. I can't fathom 6 titles. I have only lost in match play on that pair one time"

The first round saw seventy-seven bowlers vying for the championship. Mike English started the day out with a 279 to take the first game lead. Emilio started out with a 180. In the second game, he started out with the

### December Hammer King of the Hill



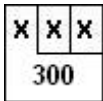
# Spare Column—Hammer King of the Hill Statistics



## Hammer King of the Hill Statistics



Bowler	Tournaments Bowled	Total pin fall	# of gms	Ave	Cuts made	Cash	Finals made	Match Play record	Points
Bill Crane	4	7102	30	236.73	4	4	2	5-1	24
Aaron Winans	4	6643	29	229.07	4	4	3	2-3	21
Trent Marner	3	5106	22	232.09	3	3	2	3-1	18
BJ Pfeiffer	4	5749	25	229.96	3	3	3	3-2	17
Don Boyed	4	6023	26	231.65	4	3	2	0-2	17
Art Parker	4	5991	26	230.42	4	2	1	1-1	16
Shawn Fox	4	5640	24	235.00	4	3	1	0	14
Bob Edwards	4	5286	24	220.25	3	1	1	2-1	14
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0	13
Tomm Detro	4	4784	22	217.45	3	2	1	0-1	13
Thomas Dalton	4	4964	22	225.64	3	2	2	0-1	12
Bart Loe	4	4860	22	220.91	3	2	2	0-1	12
Jeff Fox	4	4853	22	220.59	3	2	2	0-1	12
Mike English	3	3999	17	235.24	2	2	2	0-2	11
Dave Oswalt	3	4266	19	224.53	3	2	2	0-1	11
Chris Toyias	4	4579	21	218.05	3	2	1	0	11
Jeremy Delcamp	4	4528	20	226.40	2	1	1	1-1	11
Bill Burke	3	3324	15	221.60	1	1	1	3-0	11
Tyler Slaugbaugh	3	3795	18	210.83	2	1	1	2-1	11
Joey Litton	3	4342	19	228.53	3	3	2	0-1	10
Jeff Hudson	4	4062	19	213.79	2	2	2	0	10
Emilio Mora Sr	3	3924	18	218.00	3	2	1	0	10
Dewayne Burton	4	4693	21	223.48	3	1	1	0	10
Doug Daniels	3	3883	18	215.72	3	1	1	0	10
Josh Miller	4	4429	21	210.90	3	1	1	0	10
Jack Pfierman	2	3137	14	224.07	2	1	1	1-1	9
Doug Cutler	3	4032	18	224.00	3	1	1	0	9
Todd Basinger	2	3081	14	220.07	2	1	1	2-1	9
Travis Thompson	4	3801	18	211.17	2	1	1	0	9
Jeffrey Grego	2	2726	12	227.17	2	2	1	0	8
Mike Cowell	3	3226	15	215.07	2	1	1	0	8
Kyle Schultz	4	3675	18	204.17	2	1	1	0	8
Charles Gamble II	4	3588	18	199.33	2	1	1	0	8
Jay Narlock	2	2638	12	219.83	2	1	-	0	8
Aaron Hart	4	3816	18	212.00	2	-	-	0	8
Jason Manville	4	3733	18	207.39	2	-	-	0	8
Jim Thorbin	1	2062	9	229.11	1	1	1	2-1	7



## Tenth Frame—Going to the Tournament

As we have watched the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling where our favorite bowlers complete, we saw many different things unfolding. Why do we watch the PBA? Because we are so amazed by what these bowlers can do with a bowling ball. It makes us want to become the best bowlers that we can ever be. From picking up a 7-10 split to throwing a 300 perfect game—this is what our favorite bowlers do for a living. Bowling fans around the world come and watch their favorite bowlers hoping to become one of them someday.

I have recently figured out that I have been to 97 PBA tournaments in my 25-year bowling career. This includes 24 major tournaments, 30 PBA National tournaments, 5 PBA Senior tournaments, 25 Regional tournaments, and 13 Senior Regional tournaments. It always amazes me what the greatest players can do with a bowling ball. I can't get enough of this action, and I can't wait to share experiences with all of you bowling fans by doing this publication. Just by observing the greatest bowlers in the world, much can be learned.

It always makes me want to go to a PBA tournament even if it is just a PBA Regional tournament. Even at the regional level, you might see a Walter Ray Williams Jr. or a Pete Weber. You may also say that's an easy tournament for them to bowl, but the reality is that the top regional guys are pretty good too. I have seen many different things happen on the Lumber Liquidators' PBA Tour and the Regional Tournaments. The bowlers that we see week in and week out on ESPN are definitely the best bowlers in the world.

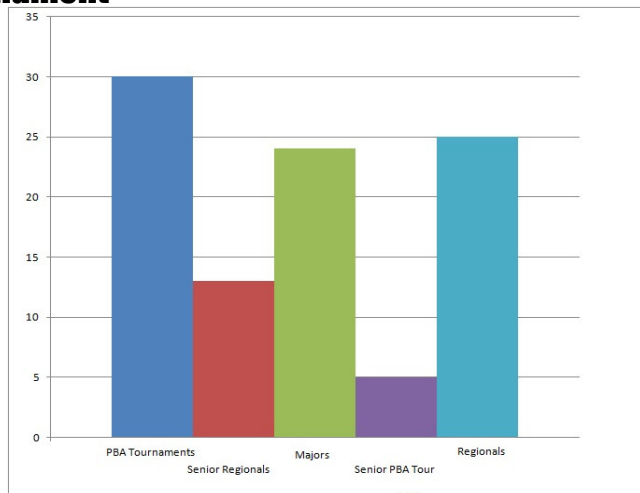
Watching your favorite player in person is more pleasing than watching them on TV. There is so much you can see by being there, instead of watching it on TV. Watching the Majors Tournaments in person is exceptionally exciting

because you can see what your player is going through for a long period of time. I would rather go to see a major bowling tournament than a standard PBA tournament.

Regional Tournaments are interesting because you see your local Joe Bowler try to master a pattern at that tournament. You see them as their confidence builds to where they feel they could take on a pro. But when it comes time to keep score, sometime its hard to stay above 200. One regional in particular was Georgetown Bowl. Chris Loschetter won his second tournament there this past year and his comment was that the scorpion pattern was harder than the PBA Tour pattern. During the first few games, Chris had to work with some 160 games. He adjusted, and as a result he end as the leader of the squad. All these things taken together, make regional tournaments hard to predict, but fun to watch.

Henry Gonzalez told me that he can get more focused about bowling a major because it brings out the best bowler in him. This is how I feel as a bowling fan. In contrast, Marshall Holman once said that he would rather strike than forced to mark in the 10th to win a PBA title. He then went on to say he usually made a good shot if he had to strike. He didn't strike every time, but he made a better attempt than if he were to mark. This is what excites me and bowling fans into watching the Lumber Liquidators PBA.

Thanks for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



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1. Who is the only three time USBC Masters champion?
2. Who lead the 60 game pinfall for the 2010 PBA World Championship?

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