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Chris Barnes, 2011 PBA World Championship winner



Mika Kovueimi, 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions winner

## Practice Pair

Welcome to the February edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Moment in History** will be taking a look at "A surprise visit from Parker". We will not be having an **Interview of the Month** because of the PBA World Championship and the historical Tournament of Champions. The third part of the series will be analyzing the fifty greatest champion of winners in the **Strike Column**. Another winner joined Bill Crane with 6 King of the Hill titles in the month of January. This will be featured in the **Spare Column**. Finally, we will unveil more of the 2010 PBA World Series of Bowling. The **Tenth Frame** features an editorial about the PBA. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

## Messenger

The 2011 PBA World Championship and the last leg of the 2010 World Series of Bowling featured an 8-man step ladder finals. The last two days were live on ESPN2 on the 14th through the 15th of last month, and the final day was live on ESPN on the 16th. Bill O'Neil, the tournament leader, picked the Viper pattern since he was the 60-game total pinfall leader. He got the honor of choosing which pattern was going to be used for the PBA World Championship. The first match pitted two of today's superstars against one another: '08-'09 Player of the Year Wes Malott and '08-'09 Rookie of the Year Jason Belmonte. Belmonte had the match well in-hand as he pinned down Malott 220-186. When it looked like Belmonte was going to go through the field, Michael Haugen, Jr. had other ideas by throwing two Brooklyns to defeat Belmonte 233-220 in the second match.

In the third match, it was Mika Koivuniemi vs. Haugen, Jr. Just when you thought Koivuniemi had the match well in hand, he needed a strike to force a one-ball roll-off. However, he failed to do so by leaving a ringing 10-pin on the final ball of the match. Haugen, Jr. defeated Koivuniemi 233-232.

Chris Barnes took on Haugen, Jr. in the fourth match of the 2011 PBA World Championship. Barnes started off strong as he started out with the front three before leaving a 1-2-4-7 spare. He, then, converted the spare. In the next frame, he almost left the 2-10 split. However, he only left the

2-pin, then converted the spare. By this time, it looked like Haugen, Jr. was going to give Barnes a match. When Barnes gave Haugen, Jr. an opening, Haugen, Jr. failed to come through as he left a two splits. Barnes defeated Haugen, Jr. 243-172.

On the final day of the 2011 PBA World Championship, the first match featured Osku Palermaa vs. Barnes. Palermaa started off strong, but faded in the third frame leaving the 1-2-4 spare. After missing that spare, he could never recover as he struggled with the lanes. Barnes had a 5-bagger in the middle of the game. Palermaa missed a 10-pin. From there on, the match was history as Barnes defeated Palermaa 246-176.

Semi-finals was between two superstars of the PBA, Sean Rash and Barnes. Rash had a hard time early on with two back-to-back splits in the second and third frames. Again, Rash had a hard time making spares as he missed the 2-pin in the 6th frame. This made it easy for Barnes as he was able to make the correct adjustment and capitalize on Rash's mistakes. Barnes then went on to win 237-161.

The championship match featured the current best bowlers of the PBA Tour. It was between Barnes and Bill O'Neil. When it looked like Barnes was going to have his hands full, O'Neil made two bad shots in the 7th and 8th frames. This cost O'Neil the tournament as Barnes was striking along to claim the 2011 PBA World Championship. He is the 6th player to win the Triple Crown, and it was his 13th PBA Tour title, winning 267-237.

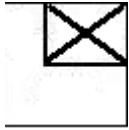
### Mission Statement:

*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.*

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## Strike Column— Fifty Greatest Major Analysis—Tournament of Champions

For this month's Strike Column, I will be reporting on the 50 greatest who have won the Tournament of Champions. The Tournament of Champions may be the premier bowling tournament in all of professional bowling.

Last month saw the richest bowling tournament in PBA history. It is probably the most prestigious tournament to win because every bowler that bowls in this tournament has to have a PBA Tour title win. This year an exception was made by letting Regional winners have a chance to play in the tournament. There have been 26 bowlers that have won this tournament that are in the top 50, winning a combined 40 percent of their appearances. It is quite important to win if 20 players have won this major title.

The tournament format has a lot of games that the winner will bowl. The original format was 24 games of qualifying followed by 24 games of match play. A player winning this tournament earned his spot in PBA history. It was probably one of the greatest PBA tournaments that a player could win. This reason was because of the quality of players that were in this tournament and the tradition that this tournament has.

There have only been two players that have won this tournament three times. These players are Jason Couch and Mike Durbin. Both of these players are among the greatest bowlers. Jason Couch became the second player in PBA history to win a major three years in a row. The other winner was the great Earl Anthony. Mike Durbin won the tournament three times and made the championship round 8 times. He did not do it in-a-row, but he still won the tournament three times. To win this magnificent tournament three times is a feat in itself. However, he made the championship round eight times. To make the championship round eight times qualifies one as a great bowler.

Possibly the greatest bowler to win majors was Mike Aulby, who has the second-most appearances in the Tournament of Champions' history. Aulby won every major that there was in professional bowling. With seven appearances, this is an impressive statistic. Aulby is

the only bowler to complete the Super Slam. He was one the greatest bowlers in the PBA.

The great Earl Anthony won the tournament twice in his career. Anthony was the superstar of the PBA during the 1970s and early 1980s. As strong as the field is, it is never easy to win. Winning the tournament once is hard with the caliber of competition, but twice is even more impressive.

Marshall Holman also won the Tournament of Champions twice. Holman was one of the more tenacious players the PBA has had. With his fierce competitiveness, he could strike at any time. Holman was one of the top bowlers, as proved with his success in the tournament.

Johnny Petraglia and Billy Hardwick may be two of the more undervalued players in the PBA, except for the fact that they were the first two bowlers to win the Triple Crown, which includes Tournament of Champions. Jim Godman was the first player to win the Tournament of Champions, jump-starting his career and raising the expectations of others. Making the TOC championship round three times and winning it twice is an impressive percentage.

Dave Davis was one of the first lefties of the PBA. His stats were also remarkable as he made the TV show for the TOC four times and won the tournament twice.

Chris Barnes might be the top bowler of today on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. When he won the PBA World Championship last month, he became the 6th player to win the Triple Crown—an amazing ac-

complishment. Bowling fans are anticipating that Barnes will be one of the superstars of the PBA.

Also, winning this prestigious event were Mika Koivuniemi and Tommy Jones, superstars of today. These bowlers are expected to be two of the greatest bowlers of this era. To date, both have won numerous titles on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. Tommy was probably the fastest bowler to get to 10 PBA titles. Mika had a 300-game and a 299-game on TV. Each of these players are among the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA.

In summary, this major tournament is undoubtedly one of the most important to win. If 26 of the 50 greatest PBA players has won the TOC, that supports its importance. However, the number 2 bowler of the PBA, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., is waiting to get his chance to win this major tournament. As shown in the chart below, there is a 40 percent chance that one of the fifty greatest will win this tournament. The TOC is probably the greatest bowling tournament in the PBA's history.

Bowler	TOC Appearances	Tournament of Champions	Percent of TOC
Jason Couch	4	3	75%
Mike Durbin	8	3	38%
Marshall Holman	2	2	100%
Jim Godman	3	2	67%
Dave Davis	4	2	50%
Earl Anthony	5	2	40%
Joe Berardi	1	1	100%
Patrick Allen	1	1	100%
Wayne Webb	1	1	100%
Del Ballard Jr.	2	1	50%
Johnny Petraglia	2	1	50%
Billy Hardwick	2	1	50%
Dave Ferraro	2	1	50%
Tommy Jones	2	1	50%
David Ozio	2	1	50%
Mika Koivuniemi	2	1	50%
Steve Cook	3	1	33%
George Pappas	3	1	33%
Pete Weber	4	1	25%
Norm Duke	4	1	25%
Wayne Zahn	4	1	25%
Jim Stefanich	4	1	25%
Steve Jaros	4	1	25%
Chris Barnes	5	1	20%
Don Johnson	5	1	20%
Mike Aulby	7	1	14%
Totals	86	34	40%

## Moment in History

### Surprise visit from Parker

One day, I was at school doing my homework for the next day. The principal had walked into the room where I was doing my homework. At the time, I had started a group with my counselor and other kids that had problems. It was a group in which we all got to take turns choosing the activity for that week. She had told me that it had been cancelled, and that my parents were going to take me bowling and that I should probably work on getting my homework done because there wasn't going to be much time that night for me to do it at home. Later in the day, she pulled my assistant to the side and told her exactly what was going to take place that night. My dad picked me up from school, and he said that we were going to go bowling.

## Messenger (Continued)

In the 46th edition Tournament of Champions, it was a \$1,000,000 tournament prize fund. For the first time ever, regional winners were allowed to compete. Anybody who had won a Regional Senior Title, Women's Series Title, and, of course, the PBA Tour title could compete at the 2011 PBA Tournament of Champions. The tournament also featured the 2010 - 2011 exempt player field. With 250,000 going to the winner, it was the most money a bowler has ever won in a PBA Tournament.

On January 22, for the first time in 14 years, bowling was back on ABC. The four TV finalists were Mika Kovueimi, Andres Gomez, Tom Daugherty, and Tom Smallwood. The first game saw two

## Kingpin Column



We got to the bowling center and not long after, my mom arrived and asked what we were doing there. I started to bowl and about a half hour into it, Parker Bohn and Jason Couch had walked through the door and surprised me. As it turned out, they practiced bowling at my bowling center and had some fun with each other. Parker tried to throw a rosin bag at Jason, except I ended up laughing. Then, Jason turned around and said that he knew that something was up.

Parker told Jason to give him 50 pins for their "opposite bowling hand match". Jason responded "OK". Parker said that was too easy. It was quite the hysterical match seeing two of these left-handers bowling right-handed. One of the neat things was that they both bowled right-handed for a dinner. As it turned out, Jason didn't give him the 50 pins and beat Parker 150 to 85. So needless to say, Jason got dinner for free. After we bowled, we went back to my house and watched the tournament in which they had just bowled. They were talking on how the lanes had been a little bit tricky. The ironic thing is that the week before, they were watching the show. Then the next week, they were bowling for the title for the 1993 Touring Players Championship. It was a great surprise visit to see two of my favorite bowlers in my own bowling center.

international players battle it out—Kovueimi vs. Gomez. At first, it looked like Gomez had it going with a 6-bagger in the middle of the game. However, he left a split after the 6-bagger. He needed to double in the 10th to beat Mika. He got the first one, but failed to get the second one. Mika defeated Gomez 224—220.

In the second match, history was being made as Tom Daugherty bowled the lowest game in the Championship round in PBA history. Tom Daugherty shot a 100 game. However, Mika was striking and was going for a PBA record - having the front 11 for his second 300 game on TV. He left a 10-pin on the last ball in the semi-final game,

defeating Tom Daugherty 299—100.

The Championship game saw two major champions go at it for the \$250,000 first place prize, with \$100,000 going to the runner up. Mika and Tom Smallwood met in the Championship match. Smallwood missed a 10-pin early in the game and Mika kept on striking in the final game. Tom had the chance to put some pressure on Mika. He left a super wash out and converted it; however, it was too late in the game. Mika defeated Smallwood 269—207. This was Mika's 9th PBA Tour Title and 3rd major title in his career. Between the two major tournaments held last month, Kovueimi and Barnes won their 3rd major titles in their careers.

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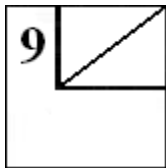
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## Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Date: 1-2-2011

Entries 64

### Round 1

High Game 1: Don Boyed, John Linn Jr. 279  
 High Game 2: Jeff Hudson, Aaron Winans 268  
 High Game 3: Don Boyed 279

High Series: Don Boyed 816  
 Cut Number: +48 Bowler: Todd Basinger  
 # of 700's shot: 12  
 # of 800's shot: 1

### Round 2

High Game 1: Chris Toyias 300  
 High Game 2: Jeff Fox 267  
 High Game 3: Arron Winans 299

High Series: Arron Winans 768  
 Cash Number: +76 Bowler: Kevin Van Nortwick  
 Finals Number: +101 Bowler: Brad Wilson  
 # of 700's shot: 8

**Total Year End Payout: \$770**  
**January Raffle Sales: \$164**

### Fox Becomes Second Player to Win Six King of the Hill Titles

There were 64 bowlers to start off the second half of the 2010-2011 Hammer King of the Hill season. Jeff Fox repeated history as he won his sixth King of the Hill Title. He did this by defeating Chris Toyias 203-173, averaging 225 in the finals. His high game came in the round of four where he defeated Aaron Winans, 253-173.

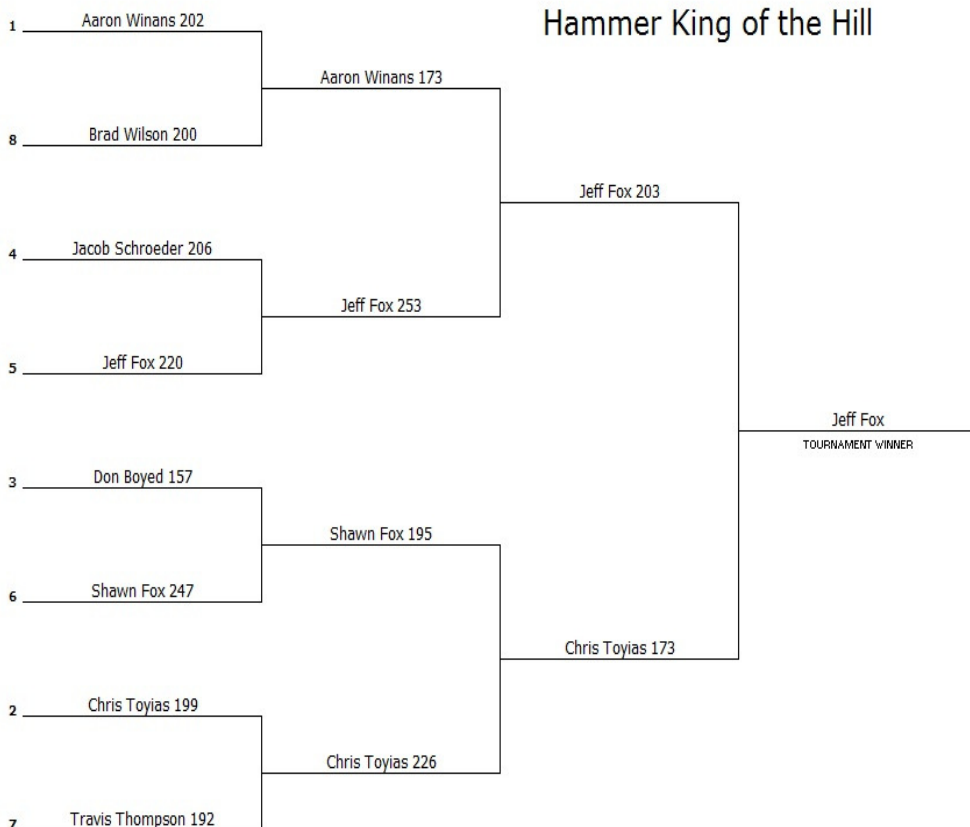
Don Boyed and John Linn Jr. got the new year started out with a 279 in the first round. When the second came around, Jeff Hudson and Aaron Winans both shot a 268. Finally, Don Boyed got back on track shooting a 279. He ending up being the high qualifier with an 816 series. To make the cut, it took a score of +48 by Todd Basinger. There were twelve 700's shot and one 800.

There were 32 bowlers battling for twelve cash spots in the second round. Chris Toyias started with a bang by scoring a 300 in the first game. Jeff Fox followed with a 267 in the second game. Aaron Winans

became the second round leader by firing a 299 and having a 768 series. It took a score of +76 by Kevin Van Nortwick to get the last cash spot. To get in to the finals, it took a score of +101 by Brad Wilson.

The Auburn Bowl has been awarded the 2011 Indiana Moose State tournament. Because of this we will be holding the March tournament on February 27th and there will be no April tournament. The last King of the Hill will be held on May 1st 2011 as previously scheduled. I am sorry for any inconvenience that this causes but it is unavoidable. The February tournament is still being held on Sunday February 6th and the start time is 11:00am with practice at 10:45am.

Place	Name	Jan	Total
1	Bill Crane	3	27
2	Aaron Winans	6	27
3	Don Boyed	5	22
4	Jeff Fox	9	21
5	Shawn Fox	6	20
6	Trent Marner	1	19
7	Art Parker	3	19
8	BJ Pfeiffer	1	18
9	Chris Toyias	7	18
10	Bob Edwards	1	15
11	Thomas Dalton	3	15
12	Tomm Detro	1	14
13	Tyler Slauchbaugh	3	14
14	Travis Thompson	5	14
15	Scott Cofer	0	13
16	Bart Loe	1	13
17	Josh Miller	3	13
18	Jeff Hudson	3	13
19	Doug Daniels	3	13
20	Jeremy Delcamp	1	12
21	Mike English	1	12



# 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	5	8437	36	234.36	5	4	2	5-1	27
Aaron Winans	5	8508	37	229.95	5	5	4	3-4	27
Don Boyed	5	7738	33	234.48	5	4	3	0-3	22
Jeff Fox	5	6953	31	224.29	4	3	3	3-1	21
Shawn Fox	5	7491	32	234.09	5	4	2	1-1	20
Art Parker	5	7291	32	227.84	5	2	1	1-1	19
Trent Marner	4	5611	25	224.44	3	3	2	3-1	19
BJ Pfeiffer	5	6376	28	227.71	3	3	3	3-2	18
Chris Toyias	5	6616	30	220.53	4	3	2	2-1	18
Thomas Dalton	5	6254	28	223.36	4	2	2	0-1	15
Bob Edwards	5	5869	27	217.37	3	1	1	2-1	15
Travis Thompson	5	5407	25	216.28	3	2	2	0-1	14
Tomm Detro	5	5369	25	214.76	3	2	1	0-1	14
Tyler Slauchbaugh	4	5144	24	214.33	3	1	1	2-1	14
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0	13
Bart Loe	5	5500	25	220.00	3	2	2	0-1	13
Doug Daniels	4	5174	24	215.58	4	1	1	0	13
Jeff Hudson	5	5324	25	212.96	3	2	2	0	13
Josh Miller	5	5745	27	212.78	4	1	1	0	13
Mike English	4	4630	20	231.50	2	2	2	0-2	12
Doug Cutler	4	5423	24	225.96	4	1	1	0	12
Jeremy Delcamp	5	5139	23	223.43	2	1	1	1-1	12
Todd Basinger	3	4323	20	216.15	3	1	1	2-1	12
Jim Thorbin	2	3434	15	228.93	2	2	1	2-1	11
Dave Oswalt	3	4266	19	224.53	3	2	2	0-1	11
Bill Burke	3	3324	15	221.60	1	1	1	3-0	11
Aaron Hart	5	5187	24	216.13	3	0	0	0	11
Joey Litton	3	4342	19	228.53	3	3	2	0-1	10
Dewayne Burton	4	4693	21	223.48	3	1	1	0	10
Jack Pfierman	3	3762	17	221.29	2	1	1	1-1	10
Emilio Mora Sr	3	3924	18	218.00	3	2	1	0	10
Brad Wilson	2	2919	13	224.54	2	2	2	0-1	9
Brian Sharp	3	4011	18	222.83	3	0	0	0	9
Jim Huddleston	3	3887	18	215.94	3	1	1	0	9
Jim Huddleston	1	1284	6	214.00	1	0	0	0	9
Mike Cowell	4	3803	18	211.28	2	1	1	0	9

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Last month, bowling fans saw two superstars of the PBA win the first two majors of the 2010-2011 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

As it should be—with Barnes and Koivuniemi winning the first two majors of the season! If you think about it, the last four majors have all been won by superstars. Walter Ray won the 2010 USBC Masters and Bill O'Neil won the 2010 U.S. Open. Bowling is definitely back. Last year, I said that bowling was back. I really think that bowling needed a couple of fairytale stories with Kulick and Smallwood winning the first two majors of last season. I am really excited about the way the year is rounding out.

Everyone likes an underdog to win periodically, but the expectation and desire is for the dominant player(s) to return to winning form. For example, look at college basketball. Let's say the following took place. For the last few years, the Nielson ratings fell for college basketball. College basketball had no network coverage for a number of years. However, in one year of the NCAA basketball tournament, you had Ball State winning it all. The next year, it would be Dayton winning the championship followed by Ohio State. Another powerhouse would take home the prize the following year. See the progression. The point I am making here is that after years of having some "downs" in the sport along with a couple of headlines, the sport can, indeed, come back. I am really glad that we are now seeing the superstars of our favorite sport come back and win the greatest PBA tournaments.

The PBA has been known in the past to have bowlers claim a lone title which happened to be a major. Then, you have a number of bowlers that have only one major

## Tenth Frame—Editorial

on their resume, like Parker Bohn, III, who won the 2001 USBC Masters. Indeed, he has 31 PBA Tour titles not including that major. The great Mark Roth had 32 titles not including the two majors that he claimed.

Each era has seen its stars come to the top. It seems like the top stars become more numerous each era—like today, it's Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes, Mika Koivuniemi, and Bill O'Neil. In the 70s, it was Anthony, Roth, and Holman. What I mean by superstar status, is that at least one or all of these players were on every week. This is how you create a professional sport. You have your superstars, you have your journeymen, and you have your novices. This is what brings sports fans to watch their favorite sport. With all of these types of athletes in the mix, the PBA can definitely showcase the greatest bowlers in the world. I really think that the PBA has to hold on to what they have, and not try to overanalyze it. Unless you have something that can raise the Nielson point ratings, you should just stick with what works.

Again, I am really excited about what the PBA is looking like during the 2010-2011 season. It definitely looks like a history-making year with Chris and Mika winning the PBA World Championship and Tournament of Champions, respectively. With two majors left, fans will have an opportunity to see how their favorite players fare in the US Open where the round robin match play will be televised during the match play portion of the tournament. This will definitely give bowling fans an idea of how hard the US Open pattern really is. Now is the time for bowling fans to be excited about the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

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



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### Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who became the 6th bowler to win the Triple Crown?
2. Name one of the two bowlers that have one the Tournament of Champions three times.

### Last Month's PBA Wizard

#### Trivia Winner

#### Not Awarded

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mike Aulby
- 2.) Bill O'Neil

