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From left to right: Mika Koivuniemi, Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neil—the top 3 legends of the 2010-2011 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour season.

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to this edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** features the finals of the Dick Weber PBA Playoff. The **Strike Column** will highlight the 1997 AC-Delco Classic. In the **Kingpin Column**, I will tell you my adventures that I had at the '97 Ebonite Classic. Also, the Interview of the Month is Chris Barnes where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Spare Column** will talk about Jim Delcamp winning his first King of the Hill title. Finally, in the **Tenth Frame**, I give my insight on the past season of the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

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

Messenger

The Dick Weber PBA Playoffs

The championship happened on April 17, 2011. The match featured Randy Weiss, Chris Barnes, and Dick Allen; and the last show format was all three players bowling one game, with the lowest score eliminated. This was a brand new format with a great possibility of a one ball roll-off.

The championship match format was a two-game match, with the first player to win two games. If both players won a game, it would go into one-ball sudden death with the highest seed getting their choice of order and lane. The match would continue until one player broke the tie. It was not a two-game match total pinfall format, which made it different than normal bowling matches.

Game one saw Barnes take charge with a 245. Weiss had a chance to double in the tenth frame and advance to the championship match. Weiss threw a great first shot, but left a ten-pin on the second ball. This enabled Allen to advance to the championship round.

In the championship match, Allen and Barnes fought for the \$50,000 first prize. Just when Barnes appeared to be bowling well, he started struggling. In the first

game, he started out strong, but had the "big four" split at the tail end of the game. Still, it looked like he could turn it around. He never did.

In the second game, Barnes left two pocket seven-ten splits. Allen, on the other hand, started poorly but ended up strong, as he threw five strikes in-a-row in his second game, in addition to five in-a-row in the first game. He was able to take advantage of Barnes' mistakes to win his third Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour title.

Here are the results of the last two tournament rounds (from PBA.com):

Conference Championship

	1	Total
 Chris Barnes	245	245
 Dick Allen	209	209
 Randy Weiss	201	201

Finals

	1	2	W
 D. Allen	237	220	2
 C. Barnes	218	194	0

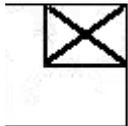
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To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations of both professional and local bowling tournaments.

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



Strike Column—Top Bowlers Take Charge in the 1997 AC-Delco Classic

Parker Bohn III was on nearly a two-year winning drought. His personal stats were substantial, but he couldn't put it all together and turn it into a title. Though he would make the championship round, he would lose the first game. He made television frequently; however, he could not finish. Such was the case, as he prepared to enter the 1997 AC-Delco Classic.

This tournament featured a deep field. It also had a format of 18 games of qualifying and 24 games of round-robin. Winning would be no small task.

The step-ladder finals featured Mike Aulby, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Pete Weber, Jason Couch, as well as Bohn. Going into the championship round, Couch had a 500-pin lead over the closest competitor. Bohn was going to have his hands full.

With all the titles won on the show, for anyone to win this tournament would vault them above the rest of the PBA. Three of the five finalists were trying to

become the first bowler to \$2 million in career earnings. A lot was on the line at this AC-Delco Classic.

Bohn was perhaps the underdog of the entire step-ladder finals. What Bohn did have that no other finalist had entering match play was a 300 game in the tournament making him the high qualifier after 18 games. He had an average of 245 per game during these 18 games.



Parker Bohn III

Bohn was about to see if he could get the monkey off his back by winning his twelfth PBA title. The show started with Weber shutting out Walter Ray and Aulby in the first two matches. When it seemed like Weber was going to go through the show, he ran into transition problems, shooting a 156 in the semi-final game. This is where Bohn stepped in.

Although he missed a seven pin in the first frame, Bohn came back

striking. He shot a 227 in his first match against Weber, sending him to the championship match. Despite trailing Couch by 536 pins entering match play, Bohn would get a chance to face his roommate for the title.

Couch started off hot, striking the first three frames. In contrast, Bohn only had one strike in the first four frames. It was not looking good for Bohn's losing streak.

Bohn, however, persevered. He struck four times over the next five frames, while Couch was struggling to strike. Couch had his only open frame in the seventh, but was able to strike out.

The pressure was on. Bohn entered the final frame needing a double and seven pins to win. Bohn delivered, hitting all three shots for strikes in the tenth and taking the \$48,000 prize.

Bohn proved what professional bowling is all about—beating the best and overcoming the odds to win a PBA title.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND			
Pos.	Name, City/State	Total	Amount
1	Parker Bohn III, Jackson, NJ	465 (2 games)	\$48,000
2	Jason Couch, Clermont, FL	234 (1 game)	25,000
3	Pete Weber, St. Ann, MO	602 (3 games)	19,000
4	Walter Ray Williams Jr, Stockton, CA	191 (1 game)	14,000
5	Mike Aulby, Indianapolis	221 (1 game)	10,000

PLAYOFF RESULTS-Weber defeated Aulby, 244-221; Weber defeated Williams, 202-191; Bohn defeated Weber, 227-156; and in the championship game, Bohn defeated Couch, 238-234.

Significance of the 1997 AC-Delco Classic

- The 1997 AC-Delco Classic was the beginning of bowling network TV. This was a great way to kick off having the three legends of the 1990s on the same show.
- The last time Parker Bohn III won prior to the AC-Delco classic was in the summer of 1995.
- Between Mike Aulby (25), Walter Ray Williams, Jr. (22), and Pete Weber (22), 69 PBA titles were won by that these three greats before the AC-Delco Classic.

Moments in History: '97 Ebonite Classic Adventures

The year was 1997. At the '97 Ebonite Classic in Indianapolis, the tournament was down to the top 24 bowlers. I was in the pro shop about a half hour before the first round of match play started. One of the pro shop operators said that I could have anyone in the field that I wanted, and he would take the other 23. I said that wouldn't be fair, but I was able to convince him to do a pool. By that time, there were 4 other guys in the shop who joined the pool.

We took all 24 bowlers and gave them a number based on their finish after qualifying. The numbers were mixed up and each of the 6 participants drew 4 numbers to determine the four bowlers on their team. Whoever drew the winner of the tournament would win the pool. To make

it interesting, we would all pitch in \$5, with the winner receiving all of the money.

As I recall, Doug Kent and Billy Meyers Jr. were on my team and Billy went 8-0 in the first round of match play. Everyone else was furious that I had drawn that guy. The next day, Billy in his first 4 games, did not win a game, and I ended up not winning the pool.

The next day the alternate bowler, Justin Hromek, came up to me and asked if I wanted to make nickel bets on the game outcomes. I took him up on his bet, and I took Doug Kent and he took Rick Steelsmith. At the end of the night, Hromek owed me a dime.

At the time, I would always wear a



Brunswick shirt to every tournament that I attended. It was at this time that I was watching Mike Miller who was on Ebonite's staff; and he

told me if I wanted to watch him, I would need to wear an Ebonite shirt. He ended up giving me a shirt after the first round of match play, so I could continue to watch him. Later, he gave me two more Ebonite shirts.

Other people were also trying to get me to support other bowling companies besides Brunswick. They would give me key chains and stickers. Pete Weber's wife wanted me to go to Storm, and Harry Sul-lins put a Turbo 2-N-1 sticker on my shirt. None of it worked because I am still a Brunswick fan now.

Interview of the Month—Chris Barnes

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

A: I am generally in favor of it because I think that our game needs to expand worldwide to attract more sponsors and to really grow. There are some smaller tours around the world with the European Bowling Tour, the Asian Bowling Tour, the KPBA (Korean), the Japanese Bowling Tour. If we could combine those and take the best of those events, turning into a worldwide event, then we would have a

truly worldwide tour. That is the best chance for bowling to expand and grow.

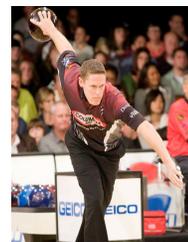
Q: What did you think of the 2010 World Series of Bowling?

A: I thought it was a pretty good idea really in a lot of ways. You can create a lot of shows, you can have some smaller prize funds and daily prize funds, as well as an overall major prize fund at the same time. I think it was a good move for the PBA,

and the current status that we're in, and still an opportunity for us to bowl for some money. It makes it acceptable for guys from Asia, Europe, or the Middle East to come in and bowl and not have expenses through the roof for a chance to bowl for some real money.

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

A: I thought when it was the marathon format, it was more of a world championship than it was before. It was pretty challenging, it felt like a major when we were doing it before, and so I think it fits as a major bowling on all of the patterns.



Craig Barnes became the 6th player in PBA history to win the Triple Crown in bowling with his win at the 2011 PBA World Championship.

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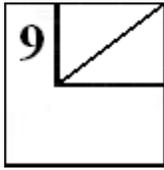
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Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Delcamp Wins First Title in Final King of the Hill Tournament

Jeremy Delcamp won the finals of the 2010-2011 King of the Hill convincingly, giving him his first title.

The Central Region Rookie of the Year used a Teal Rhino Pro to defeat Tom Detro 244-189 in the finals. His three-game set of 769 was the best of the tournament.

There were 51 other bowlers in the final tournament. Terry Rohrer and Mike English started well with a 268 in the first game. Brian Sharp followed with a 290 game. Scott Brunner had a 296 game in the final game of the first

round. The cut took a score of +49 by Jack Pfiermen.

The second round saw 26 bowlers for 10 cash spots. Dave Oswalt, Jeff Fox, Christ Toyais, and Rohrer fired a 258 the first game. English posted a 278 in round two. English led the field with a 754 series.

The finals took a score of +102 by Detro. The cash number took a score of +85 by Rohrer and Dave Rossi. There were eight 700s shot in round two.

This marked the tenth year of the King of the Hill.

Interview with Points Winner Aaron Winans

Q: What did I try to do all year?

A: I made sure I was available for every King of the Hill tournament. I also know coming to these tournaments there is a lot of good bowlers, so keeping my mind focused on my our bowling was a key to my success.

Q: How did I work through the transition?

A: When the shot got tougher and the oil carried down I would go with a more aggressive gall and move deeper so I could carry the ten pin.

Date: 5/1/2011

Entries: 52

Round 1

High Game 1: Mike English, Terry Rohrer (268)

High Game 2: Brian Sharp (290)

High Game 3: Scott Brunner (296)

High Series: Mike English (792)

Cut Number: 649 (Jack Pfierman +49)

of 700's shot: 9

Round 2

High Game 1: Dave Oswalt, Jeff Fox, Chris Toyias, Terry Rohrer (258)

High Game 2: Mike English (278)

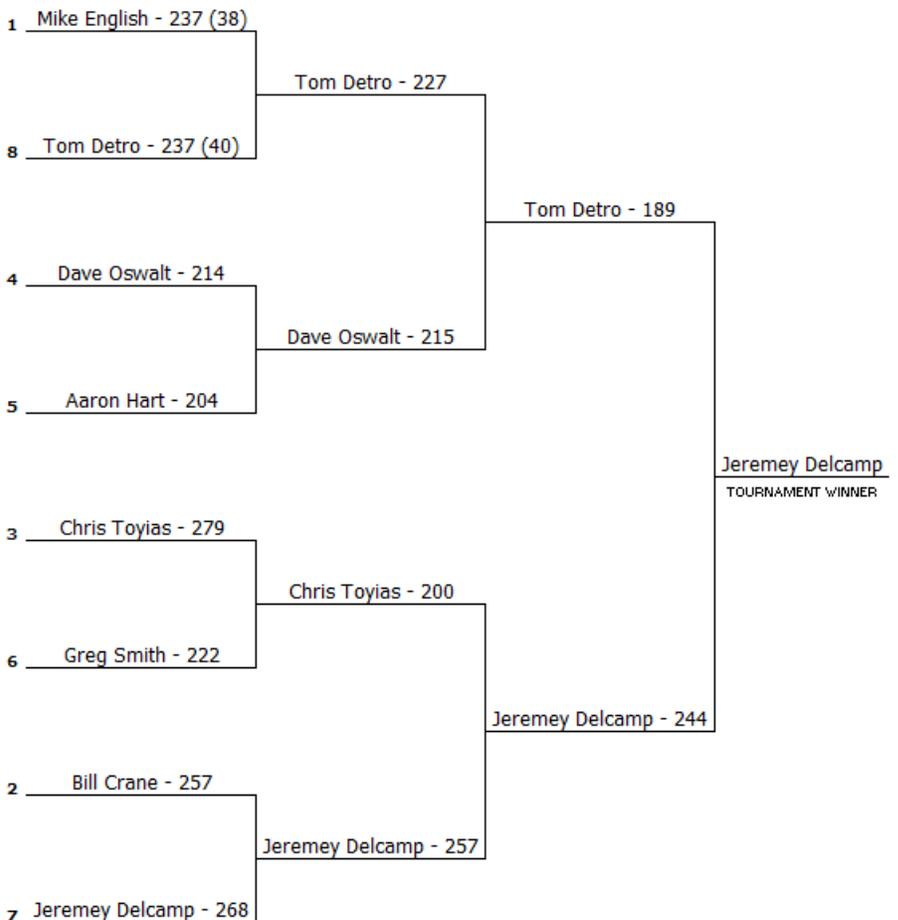
High Game 3: Aaron Hart (266)

High Series: Mike English (754)

Cash Number: 685 (Terry Rohrer and David Rossi +85)

Finals Number: 702 (Tom Detro +102)

of 700's shot: 8





Hammer King of the Hill Statistics									
Bowler	Tournaments Bowled	Total pin fall	# of gms	Ave	Cuts made	Cash	Finals made	Match Play record	Points
Aaron Winans	7	11498	50	229.96	7	6	5	4-5	42
Jeremy Delcamp	7	9458	41	230.68	4	3	3	5-1	41
Bill Crane	6	10180	43	236.74	6	5	3	5-2	40
Chris Toyias	7	10146	45	225.47	6	5	4	3-3	40
Jeff Fox	7	10247	45	227.71	6	4	4	5-3	39
Mike English	6	7687	33	232.94	4	3	3	3-3	34
Tomm Detro	7	8020	37	216.76	4	3	2	0-2	34
Thomas Dalton	7	9912	43	230.51	6	3	3	3-1	31
Don Boyed	6	9043	39	231.87	6	4	3	0-4	30
Shawn Fox	7	9387	41	228.95	6	4	2	1-1	28
Trent Marner	5	6225	28	222.32	3	3	2	5-2	28
Jeff Hudson	7	8074	37	218.22	5	4	2	0	28
Aaron Hart	7	8144	37	220.11	5	2	1	0-1	28
Art Parker	7	9096	41	221.85	6	2	1	1-1	27
BJ Pfeiffer	7	7564	34	222.47	3	3	3	3-2	24
Travis Thompson	6	6688	31	215.74	4	2	2	0-1	23
Dave Oswalt	4	6097	27	225.81	3	3	3	1-2	23
Jack Pfierman	4	5021	23	218.30	3	1	1	0-2	21
Derek Smith	5	5493	25	219.72	3	1	1	0-1	20
Josh Miller	6	7070	33	214.24	5	1	1	0	19
Doug Daniels	6	7045	33	213.48	5	2	1	0	19
Bart Loe	6	6888	31	222.19	3	2	2	0-1	19
Bob Edwards	6	7082	33	214.61	4	1	1	2-1	18
Brian Sharp	4	5305	24	221.04	3	0	0	0	18
John Thomasma	4	5098	23	221.65	2	2	2	1-1	16
Gabe Jacks	5	5648	27	209.19	3	0	0	0	16
Terry Rohrer	4	3935	18	218.61	1	1	0	0	16
Greg Smith	3	4180	19	220.00	2	1	1	0-1	16
Emilio Mora Sr	4	5267	24	219.46	4	3	1	0	15
Tyler Slaugbaugh	4	4424	21	210.67	2	1	1	2-1	15
Jim Thorbin	4	4710	21	224.29	2	2	1	2-1	15
Matt Stewert	5	5095	24	212.29	2	0	0	0	15
Jason Manville	6	5996	28	214.14	3	1	1	0-1	14
Todd Basinger	4	4967	23	215.96	3	1	1	2-1	14
Tim Perkins	6	4923	24	205.13	2	0	0	0	14
Kyle Schultz	5	4997	24	208.21	2	1	1	0	14
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0	13
Joey Litton	4	5677	25	227.08	4	3	2	0-1	13
Brad Wilson	3	3548	16	221.75	2	2	2	0-1	13
Charles Gamble II	6	4807	24	200.29	2	1	1	0	13
Charles Gamble III	1	556	3	185.33	0	0	0	0	13
Doug Cutler	4	5423	24	225.96	4	1	1	0	12
Randy Hawks	6	4089	21	194.71	1	0	0	0	12

X	X	X
300		

In the previous 52 years in the history of the PBA, there has always been a bowler that has won more than one time. The 2010-2011 season broke that streak. Every week there was a different winner. Mika had a chance to become a two-time winner, but he failed to convert a 10 pin at this year's US Open, giving Norm Duke his second US Open title.

The three legends for this year were Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neil, and Mika Koivuniemi. These players did exceptionally well for only having 12 events. O'Neil was the only bowler that cashed in every tournament. Barnes became the sixth player to win the triple crown by winning the 2011 PBA World Championship. Mika made the TV show in every major. He lived up to his nickname; Major Mika. I think he will definitely be a factor in every major. Early in the second half of the season, Barnes said that Mika was bowling exceptionally well. We saw that for the remainder of the season.

It was quite interesting when we thought that Barnes was going to take the Dick Weber Playoff Tournament. It would have been interesting if he did that and did not receive the Player of the Year. O'Neil has really proved himself in the last two seasons. He can definitely win out on the PBA Tour. This is the definition of becoming a great bowler. I really think what we saw this year out of Barnes, Mika, and O'Neil is the new big three of the PBA. These players will continue to dominate the PBA Tour for seasons to come. All three bowlers made the first major championship round.

Walter Ray, on the other hand, did not have a great year. He came off an injury in the off season, but at least he made one show. Every great bowler goes through a period when they are not up to par, but they still can get the job done. It did not look it when Dick Allen bowled a 289 against Walter. The interesting thing

Tenth Frame—Editorial

about Walter is he has had more high games bowled against him than any other player. Yet he has still managed to win 47 PBA Tour titles. This is what a great bowler can do. Looking back on when I started to watch bowling, he would get on TV and then get beat. By '93, he was winning all the time. This was probably the first year that I really became an avid fan of the PBA.

You can say that this was a history making year also—with Tom Daugherty's 100 game and Mika's 299 game. On top of that, Barnes became the 6th player to win the triple crown. For the third year in a row the defending champion of the US Open had another chance to defend the title. However, O'Neil got soft with his ball speed and he was unable to shut the door on Shafer. Scott Norton won his first title and it was his rookie year. Mika had a chance to make the Earl Anthony Memorial Championship round, but he fell only by one pin to miss that show. He did however make the Dick Weber Playoff Tournament. In the Dick Weber Playoff Tournament, we saw the best of the PBA with the regional program and the exempt tour dueling it out for the title. The exempt tour came out on top as we thought it would.

However, from what I heard in Indianapolis at the Dick Weber Playoff, it sounds like the PBA is going to have the same schedule for the next season. I really do not think that a schedule of 12 events is enough for a pro bowler. Rhino Page is not exempt for the next season, but maybe he could have made the Tour if there were more events. We saw Walter Ray finally make a show at the Dick Weber Playoff. If there would have been two more tournaments, who knows—Walter Ray may have had a heck of a run at the end of the season.

The PBA really needs to be the premier bowling tournament as they have been for the past 52 seasons. This is how the PBA can premier the best bowlers in the world by having more tournaments in the season. If you just have 12 tournaments, you are not allowing very many possibilities to happen. We only see our

favorite athletes for 1-1/2 hours each week. If there are only 12 tournaments in the season, this does not allow the bowling fans to see very much of the professional bowlers.

I would propose a few more tournaments be added so that bowlers could make adjustments to improve their games. By only having 12 tournaments, the PBA is basically saying "you only have one shot in order to be a good player." A career year is not 12 tournaments, but rather 20-30 weeks of tournaments. This way allows a player to struggle, then fine tune his game in order to be the best player for that season. When we picture professional bowling, we think of the bowlers who are competing all year long.

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



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

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Who will be the next PBA Trivia Wizard?

1. Who won the 1997 AC-Delco Classic?
2. Who won the 1997 Ebonite Classic in Indianapolis?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Lyle Zikes got the question right, but declined the prize.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Patrick Allan
- 2.) Parker Bohn III