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Practice Pair Welcome to this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. The Strike Column is starting a four-part series that breaks down every major that the 50 greatest bowlers have won. The Moment in History will look at two weeks that I spent out on the PBA Tour. Fred Baldwin is the featured interview-of-the-month. The News section will feature Eugene McCune, who just won the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship. This publication will look at what he did in the nine-game record that he broke. A new section has been added called the Spare Column. This will have information about our local scratch tournament. Enjoy this addition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

red-hot Eugene McCune won his second Lumber Liquidator's PBA Tour title. He did not just win it, he dominated it by averaging 274 during the round of 16. His low game was 236, and he had a pair of 300s for his high games. He shattered Walter Ray Williams Jr.'s 9-game scoring record by 101 pins! This was an average of 822 for a three game set. The amazing fact was that he only needed a 166 in the last game to beat Williams 2367 record.

2010 PBA World Series of Bowling - Eugene McCune, Winner of the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship

News In the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship,

After playing McCune in game 6, Parker Bohn III said that McCune struck almost every shot. Out of the 90 frames, he only had 16 that were not strikes. That's an 82% strike rate. He didn't have an open frame. In the 9 games that he bowled, his low series was an 803 (236, 300, 267), and his high was a 837 (279, 279, 279).



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To do this on a PBA pattern and to make it look like a house shot is an amazing feat. Bohn also remarked that he was laying the ball on the 1 board throwing 100 mph, and the ball was always finding the pocket.



**Hammer King of the Hill
Scratch Tournament at
Auburn Bowl in Auburn, IN**

In the championship match of the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship, McCune needed to double in the tenth or at least fill 20 in the tenth to win by one pin over Norm Duke. He did just that, winning 238-237. Here is a rundown of how all the other matches went:

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*First Round: Walicek 228—Haugen 248
Quarterfinals: Haugen 247—Duke 269
Semi-finals: Allen 192—Duke 229
Finals: Duke 237—McCune 238*

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Strike Column— Fifty Greatest Major Analysis—US Open



For the next four months, I will be doing an analysis on each major from the 50 greatest players in PBA history. This month, I will be covering the US Open and what this tournament likely means to the 50 greatest that have won this major.

Twenty-five of the 50 greatest have won one or more US Opens or All-Stars. Eight of those 25 are in the top 10. When the 25 bowlers made the TV show for the US Open, they won the tournament 50 percent of the time. This averages out to 1.6 times that these 25 bowlers have won the tournament.

In my opinion, the US Open is the greatest bowling tournament in the history of the PBA. I have been to seven US Opens in the 23 years that I have been going out on the PBA Tour. Keep in mind that these also are BPAA All-Star Tournaments that they had before the PBA was formed.¹ One of the amazing things is that Don Carter had four BPAA All-Star Tournament appearances and won all of them. This is hard to do because of how difficult the lanes are, and at that time, it was a 100-game marathon that the bowler had to perform. Pete Weber told me it was probably the greatest tournament that you could win as a pro bowler because of the spare combinations that you might have to pick up at the crucial points of the tournament.

The winners of these tournaments are not going to have a lot of big games. They are going to have to grind it out and trust their game in order to win this difficult tournament. More likely than not, a high game in the tournament is going to be between 250 and 300. However, a low game will probably range from 140 to 170. A good score in this tournament can be in the 190s or the low 200s. A great score is between 220 and 240. The likelihood that you will bounce back from a 150 game is very rare. It is our nation's championship tournament. What an honor to win the toughest tournament in bowling.

Dave Husted won three US Opens and his last two were back-to-back. On top of that, this was his very first PBA Tour win. Both Pete and Dick

Weber won four US Opens or BPAA All-Star Tournaments. Between the two of them, they had 15 TV appearances in these tournaments. It is extraordinary that a father and son won the same event four times. You cannot win the same event four times and not be considered a great bowler.

They are unquestionably the greatest father and son pro bowlers in the history of the PBA.

Norm Duke, the last bowler to complete the Triple Crown and the Grand Slam, needed to win the US Open. He eventually accomplished that feat in 2008. Norm Duke and Mike Aulby might be the two greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA Tour because they have won every major.

Johnny Petraglia and Billy Hardwick round out the Triple Crown winners. Petraglia won three tournaments in a row and bowled a 300 game on national television. Hardwick won four titles and was the leading money winner in 1963.

The first bowler to revolutionize how to throw a ball was Mark Roth. He won the 1984 US Open, setting the standard for what a pro bowler has to do to become great. He also holds the record for the most titles in one season, winning eight in 1978. He was the first bowler to convert the 7-10 split on national TV.

Marshall Holman was the first cranker of the PBA. With his fierce competitiveness, he was able to win two US Open titles in his career. Just like Roth, he was one of the bowlers that revolutionized the game of bowling.

Walter Ray Williams Jr., the num-

Bowler	US Open TV Appearances	US Open Wins	Percent of TV Appearances to Wins
Pete Weber	7	4	57%
Don Carter	4	4	100%
Dick Weber	8	4	50%
Dave Husted	4	3	75%
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	7	2	29%
Marshall Holman	5	2	40%
Del Ballard Jr.	3	2	67%
Mike Aulby	2	1	50%
Don Johnson	1	1	100%
Tommy Jones	1	1	100%
Mika Koivuniemi	4	1	25%
Larry Laub	3	1	33%
Chris Barnes	3	1	33%
Joe Berardi	1	1	100%
Nelson Burton Jr.	2	1	50%
Steve Cook	2	1	50%
Gary Dickinson	4	1	25%
Norm Duke	3	1	33%
Billy Hardwick	3	1	33%
Mike McGrath	1	1	100%
Johnny Petraglia	3	1	33%
Mark Roth	3	1	33%
Harry Smith	1	1	100%
Jim Stefanich	1	1	100%
Bob Strampe Sr.	1	1	100%
Averages	3	1.6	50%

ber two bowler in the history of the PBA, has dominated the game during the last 20 years. He has made seven appearances and has won two US Open titles.

Mika Koivuniemi's first two titles were majors. The second, in fact, was the US Open. This says a lot about the bowler when his second title is the US Open. When a bowler wins his first and second titles as majors, with the second being the US Open, this proves that he is ready to bowl on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour.

If the number one greatest player in the history of the PBA (Earl Anthony) cannot win the US Open even with six TV appearances, what does this say about that tournament? The fifty greatest that have won the US Open are arguably some of the best bowlers in the history of the PBA, making the US Open the best major tournament in bowling and on the PBA Tour.

¹Prior to 1971, the US Open was the BPAA All Star Tournament. The BPAA All Star Tournament wins are included above.

Moment in History

"Out on the Tour"

During the summer of 1995, I was able to experience a two-week PBA Tour vacation. It allowed me to see what a bowler would go through during a week.

This was an interesting experience because I saw how the bowlers prepared for the next week's tournament. During the travel time, Parker Bohn III was driving, and we were quizzing each other on the bowlers we knew. I was giving initials of professional bowlers to him and he would give me initials back.

On the way to Cleveland, Ohio we stopped by the PBA office in Akron for a tour. This was something I always wanted to do and it was interesting to see how the PBA operated.

I was given some books on bowling. At the time, the PBA had a fan

Kingpin Column



club. I suggested that I would like to see a number on my PBA fan membership card. This way the PBA fans would feel like they were an actual member of the PBA.

Both weeks, I had the opportunity to stay where the players were staying. This was also a chance for me to see what they were doing in between blocks when they were bowling. I had also brought out the game I had created for the PBA.

This was also an experience

where I could see what the bowlers could drill between blocks so they could read the lanes better. During Pro-Am Day, they had half of the center where they could practice on their shot if they did not like the shot during the practice session. This enabled the bowlers to drill a ball and to practice with the ball they had just drilled.

They had all kinds of surfaces, and they were trying to get the ball into the 1-3 pocket. I really felt like a professional bowler during these two weeks. This was a great opportunity to have as a bowling fan.

During that time, I learned a lot about how a bowler bowls on the PBA Tour. All in all, it was an unforgettable experience, and it was a privilege to learn from the greatest players.

Interview of the Month: Fred Baldwin

Q: When did you start bowling?

A: I started bowling when I was 12 years old. (1942) I got a job as a pin boy I did that through high school.

Q: What is your best tournament finish?

A: My very best finish is hardly memorable. However in one tournament I was top super senior finisher. Just ahead of Dick Weber.

Q: What is your goal during each tournament?

A: My goal is to win. To get a super senior would be a great accomplishment, but something that is in reach.

Q: What notable Bowlers have you crossed with? Who was your favorite?

A: I have crossed with many notable players, Chris Barnes, Dave Davis, Dave Soutar, Kelly Kullick, Mark Roth, Johnny Petraglis, Dale Eagle, Bob Hanley, Roy Buckley, John Hricina, Gene Stus, Bob Glass, Bob Chamberlain. My favorite player is Hookin' Bob Handly.

Q: When you won the Dick Weber Award, how did that make you feel?

A: Winning the very first Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award was the highlight of my bowling career. That's probably when I felt I really belonged with all these great guys.

Q: What do you think of bowling today compared to 15 years ago? 30 years ago?

A: Bowling today is a test of strength and endurance. Speed conquers all. Pins ricocheting back and forth on the pin deck. 15 years ago it was evolving into what it is today. 30 years ago the change had started. When the game was ruled by specific oil patterns bowling was a skill sport. If a player shot 600 he was complimented. The lanes were a challenge to the player's skill. And that kept people active in the sport. It was not equipment, it was the player's skill.

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BEST DEALS

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This issue celebrates our two-and-a-half year mark of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. Each month, this publication tries to bring you information about the best bowlers on the planet. Since I have been doing this, I've learned that I love analyzing the pro bowlers.

After what we saw at the Brunswick Pro Bowling Cheetah Championship and what Eugene McCune did there, we can see that these bowlers are the best. This is exactly why we love the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. What Eugene did last month at the Brunswick Pro Bowling Championship is unthinkable. Shooting an 800 every three games on a PBA shot is unbelievable. This record will be hard to beat, similar to Bob Learn Jr.'s performance in 1996, when he shot 1129 in four games on national television in Erie, PA, in front of his hometown fans. In my opinion, I don't think we'll see anyone break Learn's or McCune's record in our lifetime. They may not be the Walter Rays or Earl Anthonys of the PBA Tour, but they still accomplished an outstanding strike percentage as McCune had an 82 percent rate for strikes.

Is the cheetah pattern a house shot? In my opinion, the Cheetah pattern is still a PBA shot, unlike a house shot when you can miss and still get it to the pocket. With the Cheetah, however, you really can't miss. You may say, "Well, the Cheetah is the pro version of a house shot," but they will tell you that it can still be challenging.

The US Open, I feel, is the greatest bowling tournament in the history of bowling and the PBA Tour. It will make our favorite bowlers the best players that they can be when they win the US Open. As we break down each major in the upcoming months of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter, each major is important in its own unique way. If given the choice of

Commentary

winning only one major, the US Open would likely be the one that most of the players would want to win. Even Earl Anthony did not win the US Open; however, he won all of the other majors at least twice.

It always amazes me what pro bowlers can do with a bowling ball. How they can manipulate the shot in order to get their ball in the 1-3 pocket—this is what we bowling fans love to see on the Lumber Liquidators PBA Tour. This is what keeps us coming back to turn on ESPN every Sunday to watch the PBA Tour. An example of this is the US Open tournament. Bill O'Neill, after the first round of qualifying, was 185th entering the last two days of qualifying. He ended up winning the tournament. This happened at this year's US Open.

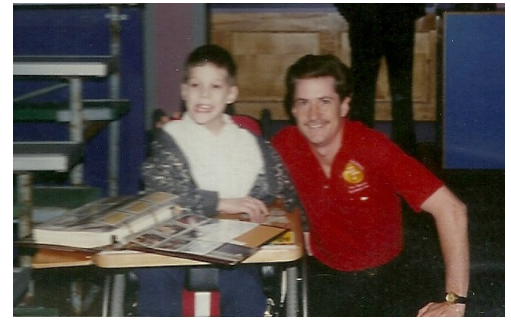
In the 23 years that I have been going out on the PBA tour, I have seen a lot of great bowlers that have thrown a bowling ball for a living. It always amazes me how they can find the 1-3 pocket when you think they are out of the tournament.

In the time that I have been going on the PBA tour, I feel like I have seen it all. From one of our favorite bowlers picking up the 7-10 split to a bowler bowling a 300, and seeing a record shot on a PBA pattern, I have seen it all.

I want to thank all of the bowling fans out there that subscribe to this publication. Have a wonderful holiday season, and we will talk with you guys next year. Thank you for reading this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



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Josh Hyde and Pete Weber at the 1991 US Open which he won. This photo was taken during the practice session day before the tournament.



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. What bowler has the 9-game highest pin fall on the PBA?
2. Who won the 1996 US Open?

PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Last Month's PBA Wizard

Trivia Winner

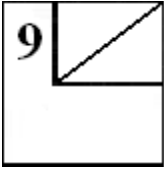
Lyle Zikes October Winner

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mika Koivuniemi
- 2.) Bill O'Neil

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Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report

Date: 11-7-10
 Entries: 70

Round 1

High Game 1: **Art Parker** Game: **267**
 High Game 2: **Tom Dalton** Game: **269**
 High Game 3: **Jack Pierman**
 Game: **290**

Series: **Shawn Fox** Series Shot: **804**
 Cut Number: **625** Bowler: **Tomm Detro**

of 700's shot: 7
 # of 800's shot: 1

Round 2

High Game 1: **Tom Dalton** Game: **290**
 High Game 2: **Jeremy Delcamp**
 Game: 279
 High Game 3: **Terry Clayton and Shawn Fox** Game: **268**

Series: **Terry Clayton** Series Shot: **794**

Cash Number: **664** Bowler: **Emilio Mora Sr. and Jay Narlock**

Finals Number: **674**
 Bowler: **Jeff Hudson**

of 700's shot: 3
 # of 800's shot: 1

The November King of the Hill tournament saw 70 bowlers battling for \$500. Trent Marner defeated red-hot Bob Edwards 236-205 after Edwards shot a 268 and a 289 in the previous rounds.

Marner was not concerned about Edwards because lanes one and two were different than the rest of the center. He led the second round with a score of 808. For the second set he moved two boards to the right and switched to a Brunswick Revolver. With 35 bowlers making it in the second round, it took a score of +74 by Jeff Hudson to make the finals. There were three 700s shot in the second round and one 800 shot by Marner. The last cash spot was between Jay Narlock and

Emilio Mora, Sr. with a 664 score.

The first round saw Art Parker shooting a 267 in game one. Shawn Fox led the field with a 804 series. It took a score of 625 to make the first cut by Tomm Detro. The other two high games were Tom Dalton with a 269, and Jack Piernam with a 290. There were seven 700s shot and one 800 shot.

Arnie Goldman was the first person the beat Pete Weber on television, but failed to qualify the first cut. The 1999 High Roller champion was also a five-time PBA regional champion and Touring Player in the mid-70s to mid-80s. Goldman struggled as he shot a low 600. It was still exciting to watch him bowl at the King of the Hill.

End of Year Prize Fund Update

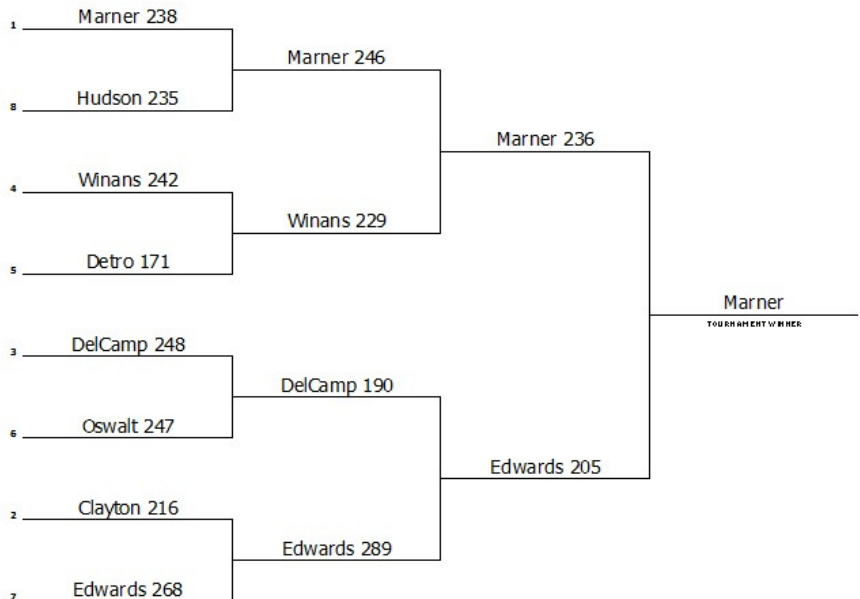
Once again Hammer donated a Hammer Plague and we raffled it off and where able to put an additional \$126 into the sponsor kitty for the end of the year prize fund for the tournament and the points list. The total YTD is \$475 to be split between the two prize funds. We will once again be raffling a Hammer Plague in December.

2010-2011 Points Standings

Through Nov 7

- Trent Marner - 18
- Aaron Winans - 16
- Bill Crane - 15
- Scott Cofer - 13
- BJ Pfeiffer - 13
- Bob Edwards - 13
- Don Boyed - 12
- Tomm Detro - 12
- Tyler Slaugbaugh - 11
- Shawn Fox - 11
- Art Parker - 10
- Jeremy Delcamp - 10
- Bill Burke - 10
- Todd Basinger - 9
- Joey Litton - 9
- Bart Loe - 9
- Jeff Fox - 9
- Thomas Dalton - 9
- Chris Toyias - 8
- Jay Narlock - 8
- Dave Oswalt - 8
- DeWayne Burton - 7
- Jeremy Hogle - 7
- Emilio Mora Sr - 7
- Aaron Hart - 7
- Josh Miller - 7
- Jason Manville - 7
- Jeff Hudson - 7

November Hammer King of the Hill





Hammer King of the Hill Statistics



Bowler	Tournaments Bowled	Total pin fall	# of gms	Ave	Cuts made	Cash	Finals made	Match Play record
Scott Brunner	1	1692	7	241.71	1	1	1	0-1
Scott Tapley	1	1448	6	241.33	1	1	0	0
Bill Crane III	2	3549	15	236.60	2	2	1	2-1
Bill Burke	2	2684	12	223.67	1	1	1	3-0
BJ Pfiefer	1	1874	8	234.25	1	1	1	2-1
Joey Litton	2	3039	13	233.77	2	2	1	0-1
BJ Pfeiffer	1	1867	8	233.38	1	1	1	1-1
Scott Cofer	2	3500	15	233.33	2	2	1	3-0
Dewayne Burton	3	3419	15	227.93	2	0	0	0
Jeffrey Grego	1	1396	6	232.67	1	1	0	0
Don Boyed	3	4369	19	229.95	3	2	1	0-1
Shawn Fox	3	4238	18	235.44	3	2	0	0
Mike English	2	2299	10	229.90	1	1	1	0-1
Derek Smith	2	1923	9	213.67	1	0	0	0
Aaron Winans	3	5082	22	231.00	3	3	2	2-2
Tomm Detro	3	4208	19	221.47	3	2	1	0-1
Jimmy Cook	1	1351	6	225.17	1	1	0	0
Trent Marnier	3	5106	22	232.09	3	3	2	3-1
Art Parker	3	4102	18	227.89	3	1	0	0
Daniel Freeman	2	2687	12	223.92	2	0	0	0
Tyler Slaughbaugh	1	2011	9	223.44	1	1	1	2-1
Bart Loe	3	3522	16	220.13	2	1	1	0-1
Dean Cardella	1	1336	6	222.67	1	1	0	0
Jeremy Delcamp	3	3900	17	229.41	2	1	1	1-1
Jeff Fox	3	3485	16	217.81	2	1	1	0-1
Emilio Mora Sr	2	2617	12	218.08	2	1	0	0
Thomas Dalton	3	3563	16	222.69	2	1	1	0-1
Todd Basinger	2	3081	14	220.07	2	1	1	2-1
Dave Oswalt	2	2913	13	224.08	2	1	1	0-1
Kevin Ryan	1	1317	6	219.50	1	0	0	0
Jay Narlock	2	2638	12	219.83	2	1	0	0
Chris Toyias	3	3308	15	220.53	2	1	0	0
Brian Sharp	2	2695	12	224.58	2	0	0	0
Doug Cutler	2	2663	12	221.92	2	0	0	0
Dean Reed	1	1303	6	217.17	1	0	0	0