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**Mohr wins 4th title of the year and clinches his 2nd PBA Senior Player of the Year honors.**

## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the 2011 Senior Jackson Open. The **Strike Column** will feature three great bowlers that have won one major at least three times. In the **Kingpin Column**, I will discuss my greatest bowling vacation. Also, the **Interview of the Month** is going to be part 2 of an interview with Rhino Page where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Split Column** will feature bowling's first millionaire. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2011-2012 *Hammer King of the Hill* Bowling Tournament. There will be a new column called Balls of the Lane. It features the newest balls for Brunswick. Finally, I will discuss how we can make bowling better in our local associations. I hope you enjoy this edition!

## Messenger

### It's Mohr's Year—He Clinches 4th Title and Senior Player of the Year Honors

Ron Mohr won his 4th Senior Title of the year and clinched Player of the Year Title in the PBA Senior Jackson Open. He did this by averaging 247 and going undefeated in match play. His high game the day was 268. Only two players have won 4 PBA Senior Titles in a season: Pete Cou-ture and Ron Mohr. In the round of 16, Kent Wagner stopped Walter Ray Wil-liams, Jr., by defeating him 3-2. Walter Ray would have had an opportunity to become the Senior Player of the year, but Wagner stopped him. Mohr was doing what he knows best by winning matches and not having a game under 200. In the semi-finals, Mohr defeated Harry Sullins 268-227. His low game of the day was 217.

The 55-year old Mohr said, "This is the way I wanted to win it. I wanted to earn it and not back into it. To do it here where I have a lot of fond memories made it special because this is where I won my first Senior Tour title."

The veteran of the PBA Senior Tour won 3 standard tournaments and one ma-jor Senior Tour titles. This feat translated to Mohr's 2nd PBA Senior Player of the Year. This was the 7th PBA Senior Tour

title in his career. Additionally, he holds 8- and 16-game Senior qualifying re-cords. Mohr has made every match play appearance in the 2011 PBA Senior Tour season. This definitely supports the no-tion that Mohr is one of the greatest PBA Senior Tour bowlers in it's history. He is only 7 titles behind John Handegard at having the most PBA Senior Tour titles.

Some of the other PBA Hall of Fam-ers that were in the match play were Tom Baker, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Wayne Webb, and Dale Eagle. Eagle, Baker, and Webb were able to win in the round of 16. In the round of 8 however, Baker was able to beat Webb 2-1.

Also noteworthy, the runner-up, Rick Vittone, bowled above 200 for the entire match play portion of the tournament. Unfortunately, Mohr bowled just that much better to overtake his opponent.

Championship Round	
Semi-final Match #1:	Rick Vittone defeated Tom Baker 205-172.
Semi-final Match #2:	Ron Mohr defeated Harry Sullins 268-227.
Championship Match:	Mohr defeated Vittone 226-203.

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#### 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 — Three Majors Equate to One Great Bowler

In the late part of last year and the early part of this year, I decided to talk about each of the four majors that the 50 greatest bowlers have won.

There are three great bowlers that have won the same major three times. They were in the middle of the pack among the 50 greatest bowlers of all time. If you add their careers together, they have won more titles than the great Earl Anthony—and even one more major than Anthony.



Jason Couch

Two of these great bowlers have won 3 Tournament of Champions. One of them (Jason Couch) has won it back-to-back-to-back TOCs. One of PBA's most intense competitors, Couch

has won 16 titles in the last 18 years on tour.

Couch is likely not done. He has led a lot of tournaments by hundreds of pins. Couch has made the championship round at every Major at least once in his career. Couch still has plenty of bowling left in his young career.



Dave Husted

Dave Husted might be one of the most underrated players of the game. He won three U.S. Opens (two of which were back-

to-back) with its demanding lane conditions. His first U.S. Open was his first PBA title. At his 1996 U.S Open win, he bowled a 300 in the last game of match play. With this resume, it is hard to not argue that Husted is a great bowler. He was considered a power player when he came out in the late 70s. He earned more than \$1.6 million on tour which was very good money at the time he was bowling.

Who knows, Mike Durbin might have been a great player had he not interrupted his career. With the talent of having multiple approaches to the line (5-step, 4-step, 3-step), Durbin won professional tournaments employing all 3 styles. He made a total of 8 championship rounds appearances at the Firestone TOC.



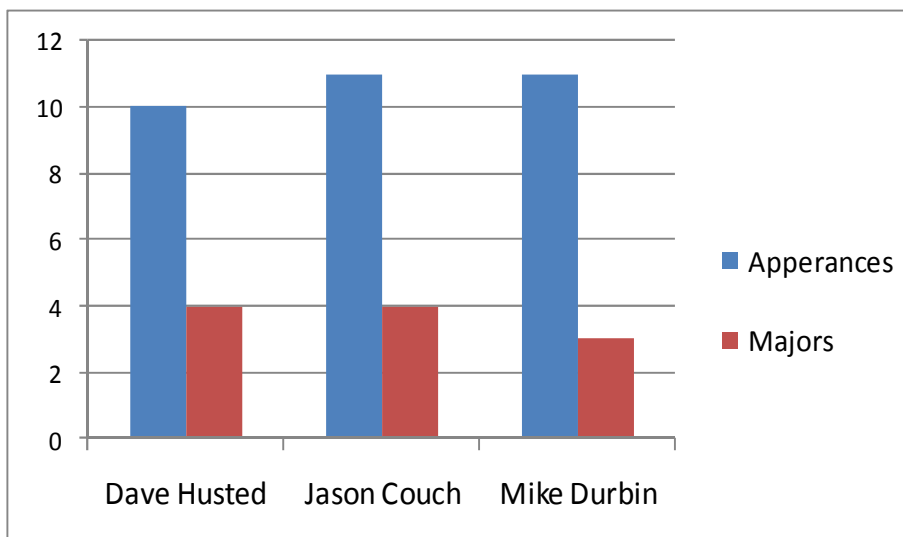
Mike Durbin

All of these tournaments were at Rivera

Lanes and that's why the 50 Greatest named him the "King of Rivera Lanes." With three Tournament of Champion titles in all, Durbin won his second title a decade after his first. The 1967 Rookie of the Year, he made an immediate impression in the bowling world by finishing 10th on the earnings list his freshman year. Early on, Durbin was proving himself to be a great pro bowler. Even with all of his accomplishments, he was never awarded "Player of the Year" by the PBA members.

As seen, all these players will good at one major. That major highlights what they did in their careers. Winning one Major is hard enough for any one, but winning three of the same Major is a task much like climbing Mount Everest. It can be done, but by very few people.

At this time, Durbin and Husted are in the PBA Hall of Fame, with Couch almost a shoo-in to follow them—all because of one major.



This graphs shows the number of appearances for each bowler and the number of wins.

Bowler	Events	Cashes	Cash %	Match Play Appearances	Match Play %	TV Appearances	Championship Round %	Titles	Champ Title %	Win %	Majors
Dave Husted	585	428	73.16%	259	44.27%	57	9.74%	14	24.56%	2.39%	4
Mike Durbin	535	336	62.80%	185	34.58%	37	6.92%	14	37.84%	2.62%	3
Jason Couch	395	274	69.4%	190	48.1%	55	13.9%	16	29.1%	4.1%	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1515</b>	<b>1038</b>	<b>68.51%</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>41.85%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>9.83%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29.53%</b>	<b>2.90%</b>	<b>11</b>

## Moments in History

### My Great Bowling Vacation

The year was 1991, and I was ten years old. My family and I decided to take a trip to St. Louis, MO, to see the Bowling Hall of Fame before the US Open Tournament.

During the HOF visit, I saw a lot of bowling memorabilia about the great sport of bowling and learned much about the history of bowling. It is the oldest sport in the world.

The HOF had a display of the original equipment from bowling back 5,000 years ago. There were modern lanes and lanes from the past. I had an opportunity to bowl on one of those modern lanes, and that day I bowled my first high game of a 173.

The HOF also had a computer that visitors could enter anyone's name; and if a player had ever bowled a 300 game or an 800 series, their name would pop-up.

They also had an exhibit of bowling shirts from the past. Most interesting to me was seeing Mike Aulby's shirt. In the last couple of years, the HOF was moved to Arlington, TX, to be included in the US Bowling Congress.

After our visit to the HOF, we continued on to the BPAA US Open Tournament in Indianapolis, IN.

A few weeks earlier, I had decided that I wanted to be a bowling writer. My mom and dad went to Indy to pick out a hotel that would work for me for my personal needs. While they were there, they went to Woodland Bowl where the tournament was going to be held. They saw a retired Public Relations person, Bud Fisher, from the PBA and they told him that I wanted to be a writer. He said that when we got to the tournament to look him up, and I would be able to interview him.



It was there that I got my first interview with the bowler, Parker Bohn, III. At the tournament, I received a blue pro-staff Hammer towel signed by Chris Warren.

Earlier that week, I went down and watched him. Having me behind the lane got him pumped up. He started to bowl well and he said to me, "If I make the show, you'll be on television with me." Unfortunately, that never happened because he finished 12<sup>th</sup> overall, but I received an old bowling shirt and towel from Parker.

I also met Don Johnson's son, Jimmy Johnson, who gave me an Ebonite glove. Recently, I did some research and realized that Mark Roth, Marshall Holman and Earl Anthony all made the top 24 that week. In hindsight, I realize that I may have been amongst the best top 24 bowlers (Superstars of the 1970's) ever assembled.

## Interview of the Month—Rhino Page: Part 2

**Q:** Do you like having all of the patterns be a part of the World Championships or would you rather have them separate?

**A:** I would much rather have a separate World Championships. The reason being - a lot of bowling is matching up on a particular surface. For that particular center, if you have had a rough week, your ball didn't roll the right way in that center, and you had no chance to be competitive. I would prefer to have just a separate event all together for that. I

think the World Series is a good idea, but I would like the World Championships to be a separate major by itself like it used to be.

**Q:** Has your game changed in the last 5 years?

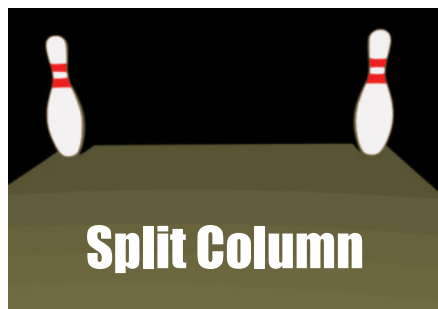
**A:** My game has changed significantly. When I first came out here, I had a much higher rev rate. I got around the ball a lot more. Much like most amateurs, I try to get my ball to hook down the lane. Out here, what I learned was the part of the lane that changes the fast-

est, the most, is the back part of the lane. So if you get around it, it goes too far past the pattern, and you're reaction becomes sporadic and carries. It becomes a big issue. To give you an idea, my axis point has changed from 4-1/4 (inches) by 3/8s up to 5-1/4 (inches) by 1/8 in 3 years. I have gotten much more up the back of the ball, so I try to get my ball to read the lane the right way, kind of like what you see Chris Barnes do quite a bit. I have also lowered my back swing. It keeps it more in control. I'm not so much of that

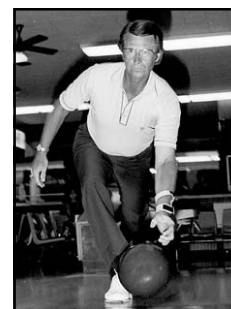
power cranker on it. I'm more of a roolly, keep the ball in play. On the left side, it's not always good to have a higher rev rate.

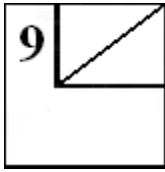


In 2007-2008, Rhino was the Rookie of the Year; and for 2011-2012, he has the Golden Parachute exemption.



**Earl Anthony (1938-2001) became professional bowling's first millionaire when he won the 1982 PBA National.**





# Spare Column: Hammer King of the Hill Report



The 20011-2012 Hammer King of the Hill tournament promises to bring a new era with a different format. Instead of bowling three games and cutting the field in half, everyone will now bowl five games with the top eight making the finals bracket. Just like last year, one in five bowlers will cash.

Bowlers will skip a pair of lanes after every game. This ensures every bowler will cross the entire center.

These changes will ensure that every player will have a chance to better their score. It will also cut the time between the first and second rounds. Bowlers will be able to bowl and get out if they have not had a good qualifier. All the brackets and side pots will be able to get paid right away, relieving the bowlers from having to wait.

Points will be awarded as follows: 3 points to bowl, 5 points to cash, 7 points for first round of match play, 9 points for the second round, 11 points for second place, and 13 points for winning.

\$1.00 brackets for games 1-3 are unlimited. \$2.00 brackets for games 1-3 are limited to 99 per person. \$2.00 brackets for all 5 games limited to 99 entries. \$10 pot games will pay out at \$2.00 per entry per game for the 5 games.

Hammer will still provide a ball each month to raffle off, with half of the money raised going into the end-of-the-year prize money and half going to the point leaders.

Date	Practice	Start
September 11, 2011	10:45	11:00
October 2, 2011	10:45	11:00
November 6, 2011	10:45	11:00
December 4, 2011	10:45	11:00
January 8, 2012	10:45	11:00
February 5, 2012	10:45	11:00
March 4, 2012	10:45	11:00
April 1, 2012	10:45	11:00
May 6, 2012 (double points)	10:45	11:00



## FIRST ANNUAL Handicapped Eliminator Bowling Tournament

**Saturday, October 8, 2011, 1:30pm**  
**Fraternal Order of Eagles No 248 -**  
**Bowling Center**

4940 Bluffton Road  
 Fort Wayne IN 46809

**Entry fee: \$40/Brackets \$1/Side pots \$5**  
**Handicap: 100% of 200**

Format:

- First Round: Bowl 3 games on same pair of lanes. Qualifying scores are dropped after first round. Top 8 or 16 advance to the finals.
- Quarter-finals: Bowl 2 games. Top 8 advance (if 16) or top 4 (if 8).
- Semi-finals: Bowl 1 game. Top 3 advance to Game 2. Top 2 from Game 2 advance to Finals.
- Finals: Bowl 1 game. Top two bowlers battle for the championship.

Rules:

1. This is a handicapped tournament.
2. Limit two re-racks per game. If more re-racks are wanted, you must ask tournament official.
3. Everyone that enters in this tournament will receive a free subscription to the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.
4. Tournament Director Josh Hyde and Dave Oswalt have the right to refuse any bowler that enters in this tournament.
5. If no handicap is established, 170 will be used.

For more information, contact Dave Oswalt at 260-478-2483 or Josh Hyde at 574-306-2076



## Ball: Brunswick: Lethal Revolver

### PROPELX™ SOLID COVERSTOCK

The Lethal Revolver maximizes its performance by using Propel X Solid reactive coverstock technology. Propel X Solid features an enhanced pore structure to provide Xtra consistency from shot to shot and Xtra workability on a wider variety of lane conditions.

### CORE

The Jack™ core was designed as a low RG symmetric core with a high differential. The low RG engages in the mid-lane assisting in ball motion, and the high differential increases track flare potential giving the ball more opportunity to grip the backend while using standard layouts.

### BALL MOTION

With its 2000 Siaair Micro Pad finish, the Lethal Revolver unites the proven Propel X Solid coverstock and the Jack low RG core to produce a ball motion that clears the front part of the lane and produces a strong yet predictable ball motion from the breakpoint through the pins especially for bowlers with lower rev rates.

### REACTION SETUP

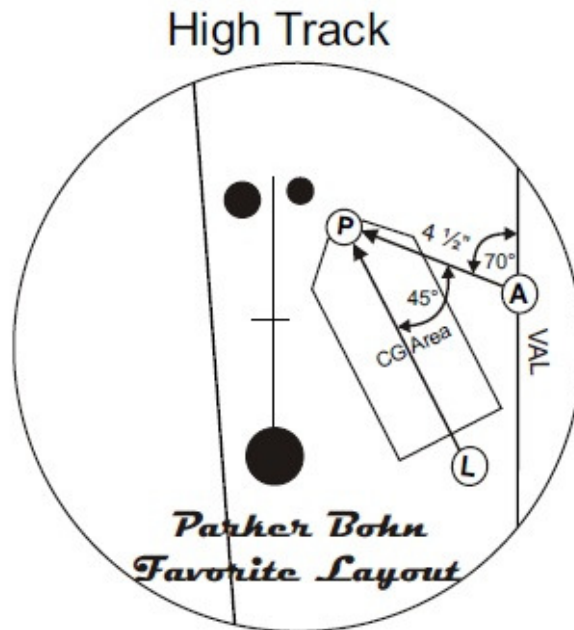
The Lethal Revolver can be drilled using the standard drilling techniques developed for symmetric bowling balls.

### LIGHTWEIGHT ENGINEERING

At Brunswick, the unique core shape of each individual ball is used for weights from 14 to 16 pounds. This approach to lightweight ball engineering provides bowlers with consistent ball reaction characteristics across this weight range. At 12 and 13 pounds, Brunswick uses a generic core shape with a RG-differential that is close enough to the 14 to 16 pound shape so the same drilling instructions can be used.

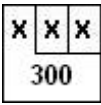
### How a Brunswick pro staff member will use this ball on the PBA tour:

"It's going to read the lane sooner" states Parker Bohn III. "The Lethal Revolver will bring my breakpoint a little bit closer to me. Also, it'll make it less violent down the lane, and more predictable. This ball will read the lane soon enough." For starters, Parker plans to use this ball on the Shark and Scorpion patterns (since these are tighter), maybe even the Chameleon. According to Parker, this ball is well-suited for the Tournament of Champions.



### SPECIFICATIONS

- Low (10)
- Early (25)
- Smooth Arc (10)
- Low (0)
- Center Heavy (1)
- High (185)
- Long (235)
- Angular (100)
- High (.060)
- Cover Heavy (10)
  
- Jack Core
- Propel X Solid Coverstock
- 2-Color, Red/White Solid
- Hardness: 76-78
- 500, 1,000 & 2,000 Siaair Micro Pad Finish
- Chart Position: R-10
- Part No. 60-105385-93X
- Available date: 8/1/11



# Tenth Frame — Editorial

## Making Bowling Better

We all care about the sport of bowling. Everyone who is a member of the United States Bowling Congress has an opportunity to make bowling better. Whether it be in our league or our local association, we can do something about making the sport of bowling better.

For an example, if you think that the championship tournament should have a harder pattern for the tournament, then you could advocate that your championship tournament should have a more challenging pattern. You can also come up with different challenges for your local bowlers by being one of the officers of your local bowling association.

This is your chance to make the sport of bowling better in your area. Creating more tournaments and creating more bowling opportunities so that bowlers get a chance to bowl like the pros is what bowling should strive for.

Unfortunately, the reality is that nobody really focuses on the welfare of bowling. Any more it has become a social sport rather than a competitive one. Bowlers like you and me have a chance to save bowling as a sport.

There are all kinds of ways I feel we can do this. The first is by joining our local association and starting to voice what we think bowling needs. If your city has not had a Master's tournament and there are a lot of good local bowlers, then you can suggest a local Master's tournament. This is a way that you can help the sport of bowling improve in your area. You might not be able to help your favorite pro bowlers get more TV coverage, but you can help at the local level.

Coming up with ways that amateur bowlers could bowl like the pros is not a bad idea. In my opinion, our local associations should entice the PBA as much as they can. Our city championships most likely do not have a cut, and

maybe they should. It could improve the way people perceive bowling. Now local bowling officials may look at you a little funny, but if you are trying to make bowling a true sport, they may take a second look. These are some of the ways that we can make bowling better. The idea of bowling as a sport has digressed. It has progressed into a social sport rather than a competitive sport.

Please take an opportunity to contact your local bowling association and make some of the suggestions in this article or one of your own. Together, let's make bowling a sport again!

Thank you for reading this addition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. If you want to contact me, you can email at [josh@joshhydebowlng.com](mailto:josh@joshhydebowlng.com).



### PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: [josh@joshhydebowlng.com](mailto:josh@joshhydebowlng.com). The first person that answer this correctly will get a 10% coupon sponsored by [bowlinggift.com](http://bowlinggift.com). Thank you [bowlinggift.com](http://bowlinggift.com) for contributing to the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

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

1. Name one of the two players that have three ToC titles.
2. Who became the first millionaire on the PBA tour?



#### Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

- Last Month's Answers:
- 1.) Mark Roth
  - 2.) Del Ballard, Jr.

2011-2012 season
<b>WSOB Viper Open</b> Saturday, November 05, 2011 - Friday, November 18, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>WSOB Chameleon Open</b> Sunday, November 06, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>WSOB Scorpion Open</b> Monday, November 07, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>WSOB Shark Open</b> Tuesday, November 08, 2011 - Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>PBA World Championship</b> Wednesday, November 09, 2011 - Friday, November 18, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>Carmen Salvino Classic</b> Friday, November 11, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>PBA Exempt Players Championship</b> Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>Mark Roth-Marshall Holman Exempt Doubles</b> Tuesday, November 15, 2011 - Sunday, November 20, 2011 in Las Vegas, NV
<b>PBA Cheetah Open</b> Friday, January 20, 2012 - Sunday, January 22, 2012 in Fountain Valley, CA
<b>United States Bowling Congress Masters</b> Monday, January 23, 2012 - Sunday, January 29, 2012 in Henderson, NV
<b>PBA Don Johnson Memorial Open</b> Friday, February 17, 2012 - Sunday, February 19, 2012 in Columbus, OH
<b>69th U.S. Open</b> Monday, February 20, 2012 - Sunday, February 26, 2012 in North Brunswick, NJ
<b>PBA Detroit Open</b> Friday, March 09, 2012 - Sunday, March 11, 2012 in Allen Park, MI
<b>PBA Dick Weber Playoffs</b> Friday, March 30, 2012 - Sunday, April 01, 2012 in Indianapolis, IN
<b>PBA Tournament of Champions</b> Sunday, April 08, 2012 - Sunday, April 15, 2012 in Las Vegas, NV