

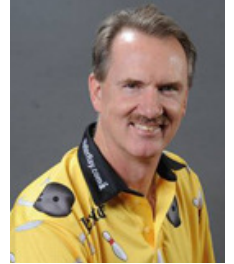


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Ron Mohr (left) and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. (right) are the top two Seniors on the PBA Senior Tour



Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the "2012 Senior Tour Schedule". The **Strike Column** will feature "The MVPs of the World Series of Bowling". In the **Kingpin Column**, I will discuss Duke's quest in winning three major titles in a row. There will be two **Interviews of the Month**—one with Ron Mohr, the other with Guppy Troup where they will share their thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Split Column** talks about a bowler winning three majors in a row. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2011 PBA World Championship at WSOB. New column **Balls of the Lane** is a summary on You Tube that Sean Rash did with Brunswick. **Bowlology** talks about the best way to make spares. Lastly, I will discuss the television formats. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

Messenger: 2012 Senior Tour Schedule

On December 28th of last year, the Senior Tour was announced. The PBA Senior Tour will be starting in April with the PBA Senior Sun Bowl at The Villages, FL. Two majors are included in the Senior Tour schedule. A couple of veterans will be eligible to bowl on the PBA Senior Tour. These players are Amleto Monacelli and Mike Edwards.

Ron Mohr had a dominating performance on the 2011 Senior Tour claiming 4 titles in one season and having a 69% winning percentage. This may be hard to

top in 2012. With Amleto coming out on the Senior Tour, bowling fans can expect another dominate player on the Senior Tour. It will also be interesting to see if Mike Edwards can rise to the occasion and be a winning player on the PBA Senior Tour. In the Interview of the Month (see page 3), Ron Mohr states that it will be difficult for him to maintain his dominance with more superstars of the PBA joining the Senior Tour. For more information, log in to pba.com.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOURNAMENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
April 21-24	PBA Senior Sun Bowl	Spanish Springs Lanes The Villages, FL
April 28-May 2	PBA Senior Don Carter Open	Carter Family Bowl Winter Garden, FL
May 6-9	PBA Senior Miller High Life Classic	George Pappas Victory Lanes Mooresville, NC
May 14-17	PBA Senior Dayton Classic	Capri Lanes Dayton, OH
June 3-8	Etonic PBA Senior U.S. Open	Suncoast Bowling Center Las Vegas, NV
June 10-15	USBC Senior Masters	South Point Bowling Center Las Vegas, NV
June 17-20	PBA Senior Northern California Classic	Harvest Park Bowl Brentwood, CA
August 6-9	PBA Senior South Shore Open	Olympia Lanes Hammond, IN
August 11-14	PBA Senior Decatur Open	Spare Time Lanes Decatur, IL

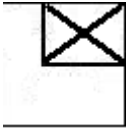
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To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.

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Strike Column — MVPs of the WSOB

The three MVPs of the World Series of Bowling are Chris Barnes, Bill O'Neil and Sean Rash. During the first two World Series of Bowling events, it was a tight race between the leaders. In contrast, this year, Rash dominated the WSOB as you can see by the chart below.

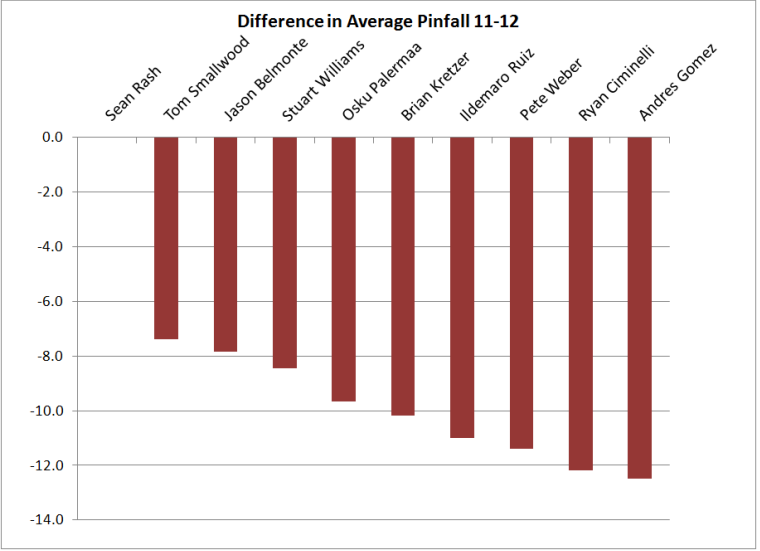
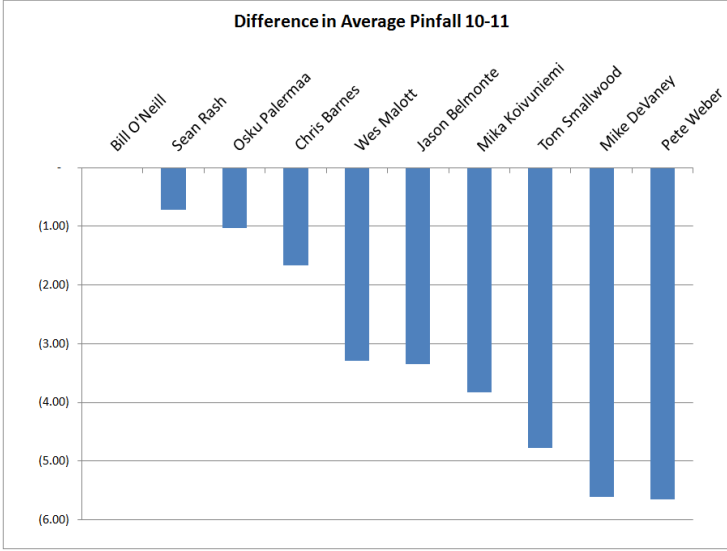
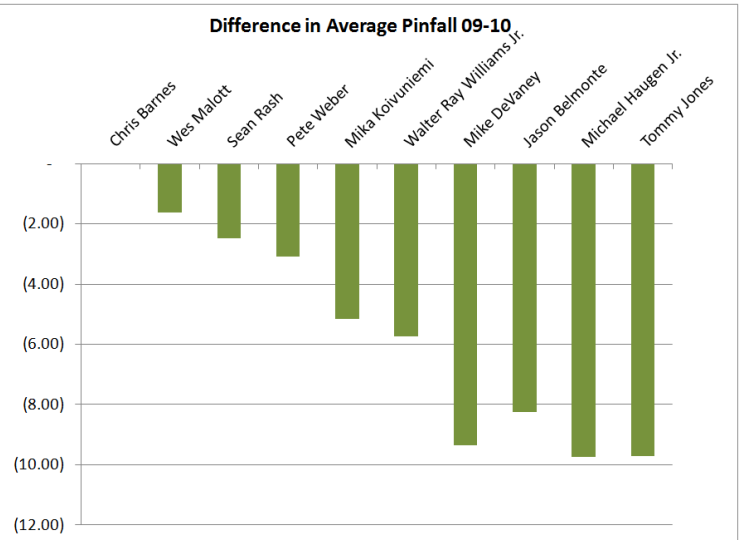
The first WSOB had all of the animal patterns championship plus the World championship. Chris Barnes was the first player to dominate the World Series of Bowling (2009-2010). However, he only finished qualifying with a 167 pin lead. This amounts to two marks per game. His average gain was 23 pins per event that he bowled. Barnes was the high qualifier after 103 games, but it was a tight race all the way going into the last round. Anybody had a shot at the bonus during the first WSOB. No one player dominated the qualifying portion of the WSOB. The charts below indicate how much the top ten bowlers were behind the leader (in pinfall average).

The second WSOB saw Bill O'Neil taking charge during the event. He made all of the finals of the Pattern Championships and he led the World Championship. However, he only led the World Championship by 43 pins over Sean Rash which is less than a one pin average. This is an average of 8 pins per event that he bowled. He was then able to pick the pattern for the World Championship finals. This was an important aspect for the World Championship. The first two WSOBs were a tight race. Anybody could have been the leader.

This year we saw a dominating performance by Sean Rash as he out-averaged the field by nearly 8 pins per game. At the end of qualifying, he led the field by 296 and was even the cumulative leader after

each round. After 32 games, Rash was averaging an even higher 10 pins per game over second place Belmonte. This amounts to an additional almost perfect game that he managed to find in the 40 games of qualifying. He didn't bowl any perfect games, but he bowled consistently every round and only had his low round at the end. To average 8 pins higher than the field is unheard of during a tournament, and it made the players think about their equipment.

The first two WSOBs had a much tighter field than the last one. Bill O'Neil, Chris Barnes, and Sean Rash are definitely the top three bowlers. All three of these bowlers know how to stay clean and push on the gas. You can see that Rash definitely improved with each World Series as he finished the qualifying in third, second and first.



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Moments in History
Duke Wins Three Major Titles
in a Row

During the 07-08 PBA Tour season, Norm Duke was having his worst season ever. He was showing no progress. This ended at the 2008 PBA World Championship. Just when you thought Duke was done with his career, he made his first show at the 2008 PBA World Championship. He had to beat Ryan Shafer for the title, and he did so. In his first semi game, he beat the great Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

Beating the great Walter Ray Williams, Jr. is not an easy thing to do because Walter Ray has three World Championship titles. Norm was going to have his hands full in his first semi-final match. He managed to overcome Walter Ray by beating him 208-180. Walter was struggling that day because he left some splits and couldn't get striking.

Duke was able to stay clean and hit the pocket during his first semi-final match. The lanes were hard to score on. During the championship match, Ryan Shafer couldn't get lined up and had a hard time finding the pocket.

However, Duke was staying clean and was doing what the best bowlers do to win major championships.

Duke had never won the U.S. Open in his career. This is the only major title that eluded him. In the 2008 U.S. Open, he had to climb the ladder to become the fifth player to win the Triple Crown and the second player to win the Grand Slam. He did so by averaging above 242 in his quest to win the U.S Open title. In the final frame, he made the bucket to win the title. He did so like every great champion does. He beat two major champions, Doug Kent and Mika Koivuniemi.



Going in to the 08-09 season, the PBA Tour had its first major as the PBA World Championship. Duke was going to have his hands full as all four finalists were major champions. The four

finalists on the show were Norm Duke, Chris Barnes, Steve Jaros, and Sean Rash. Sean Rash had never lost a game on television. Chris Barnes was trying to become the sixth player to win the Triple Crown. The championship match was a history-making match because if Duke would have won, he would have been the only player to win three major titles in a row. If Barnes would have won, he would have become the sixth player to win the Triple Crown. Duke ended up crushing Barnes with a 259 over Barnes 189. This made Duke become the first bowler to win three major titles in a row.

Ron Mohr

Q: Do you think you'll beat Handegard's record of 14 Senior titles?

A: No. The competition will only get tougher with Bohn, Weber, Duke, etc. turning 50. It's unrealistic to expect to win as often as I've been fortunate to do.

Q: Why didn't you turn pro earlier?

A: I was chicken. Got a job as an air traffic controller and chose a career instead.

Q: Do you like high or low scores and why?

A: Prefer higher scoring - more head oil which favors my game.

Q: What are your remaining goals?

A: To bowl as long as I can remain competitive. Would love to win 10 PBA events and be considered for the Hall of Fame.

Ron also stated that he practices more than anyone he knows. He bowls his local association and state.



Ron Mohr, 2011 PBA Senior Player of the Year, winning 4 titles.

Interviews of the Month

Q: What was your best memory?

A: Beating Dick Weber for my first National title. There was no TV, and I was 276 ahead going into position round.

Q: Who was your best cross?

A: Probably Earl. He was so awesome. He was so smooth, and bowled good when other lefties had nothing.

Q: What majors did you want to win?

A: The Tournament of Champions—it was the tournament

Guppy Troup

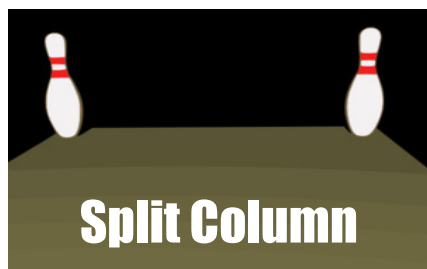
to win. I qualified second one year in qualifier. However, the next day, I couldn't win a game and finished 22nd.

Q: What changes in bowling would you like to see?

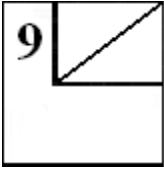
A: Get rid of the bionic balls.



Guppy Troup has 8 PBA National titles.



Norm Duke was the first player to win three major titles in a row. He won the 2008 PBA World Championship and the 2008 U.S. Open. At the start of the 2008-2009 PBA season was the PBA World Championship. He ended up winning that tournament to win his third major title in a row and win his third World Championship title.



Spare Column: Carter and Hardwick Quarterfinals

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the author's perspective on PBA tournaments that he has attended or watched.



The Carter Division was lower scoring as it only took an average of 187 to advance to the finals. Jack Jurak had a hard time while only shooting a 169. Dom Barrett had the first round high game of 258. What looked like Barrett quarterfinal degraded to a sparefest. Stuart Williams made his American debut, but could only advance one time. Jack Jurak was the only American, but he was eliminated in the first round to make the Carter Quarterfinals an international group.

Osku was able to get lined up to shot a 223 in the final while Dom lost his line and was only able to get a 189. Osku was able to stay off the bottom of the group and come back in the final game. Scores were quite low for the Carter Quarterfinals as only one from the group was able to average over 200. On a historical note, this quarterfinal is named after Don Carter who won the very first PBA World Championship.

Carter Quarterfinals	PATTERN	Pinfall	Games	Average	Wins	Loss
Stuart Williams	Viper	385	2	192.50	1	1
Osku Palemaa	Viper	598	3	199.33	3	0
Dom Barrett	Viper	646	3	215.33	2	1
Jack Jurek	Viper	169	1	169.00	0	1

It took an average of 214.5 to advance to championship match during the Hardwick Quarterfinals. The first game saw Ryan Shafer having the high game at 267. As the one of the top qualifiers, Tom Smallwood picked the scorpion pattern, but was the first man out. He only bowled a 194 which was easily beaten by Andres Gomez who had a 222. The first game was strikefest between Shafer's 267 and Ildemaro Ruiz's 258.

The second game it took a score of 207 to survive. What started with a strikefest between Ruiz and Shafer turned into a struggle for Ruiz as he only scored 180 and was eliminated. Gomez followed with a consistent second game by shooting a 219.

The final of the Hardwick Quarterfinal saw Shafer and Gomez struggling as both left open frames. Shafer made Gomez double in the 10th for a shot in the finals, but Gomez failed to get the double. Ryan now moves on to the finals.



Hardwick Quarterfinals	PATTERN	Pinfall	Games	Average	Wins	Loss
Tom Smallwood	Scorpion	194	1	194.00	0	1
Ildemaro Ruiz	Scorpion	438	2	219.00	1	1
Andres Gomez	Scorpion	618	3	206.00	2	1
Ryan Shafer	Scorpion	665	3	221.67	3	0



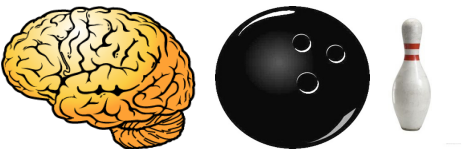
You Tube Interview with Sean Rash

Sean Rash dominated the World Series of Bowling with the two new Nexus balls from Brunswick. He discusses how he drilled them up in order to attack each of the animal patterns during the World Championship. He also discusses when he got in to some trouble, he was able to get another ball and attack the lanes very successfully. He also discussed that every bowler wanted to have these balls upon witnessing his dominant performance. Each ball that he drilled allowed him to maintain the upper hand against his opponents. He credited his success at the WSOB partly upon the fact that he had been bowling well prior to the tournament. Sean mainly used three balls which allowed him flexibility so that he could dominate the World Series of Bowling. He was definitely confident going into the World Series of Bowling. On You Tube, you can see the three main layouts that Sean was using during the tournament. Everybody was asking how they could obtain these bowling balls. He also credited the fact that he was able to not leave very many 10-pins. He was able to get the 6-pin to go into the 10 which is important in order to strike. This was the main part of his success that he had.

For more information, log on to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7ZUIF9pE8E>.



These are the 3 balls that helped propel Sean Rash to the lead at the World Series of Bowling. Note the layouts that he decided to use. Nexus *f* (P): ball on the right and left above. Nexus *f* (P+F): ball in the middle above.



BOWLOLOGY

In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of the great Josh Hyde.

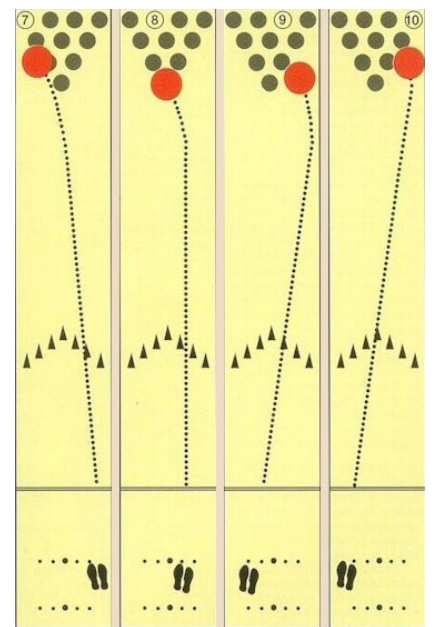
Making Spares is Crucial

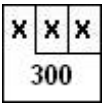
As much as we like to throw strikes, spares are important to the sport of bowling. This is important because if you make your spares you are more than

likely going to score higher. In order to do this, the best option is to throw the ball straight and hard at the spares. By throwing the ball straight at your spares, this will eliminate the lane conditions. All you must do in order to make your spare is touch the pin and knock it down. In other words, make the pins go 180 degrees. This will make your scores go up, and you will be a better player because you make your spares.

The best ball for your spares is a plastic ball. This ball does not hook as much as your strike ball.

The diagram at the right shows the best way to make spares more easy.





Tenth Frame — Editorial Television Formats

In the past years of the PBA Tour, there have been step ladder, round robin, and eliminator formats. For the 2011-2012 season, the PBA decided to go with the eliminator formats. This is an exciting format because the tournament leader does not have an advantage. The winner of these eliminator formats is forced to grind out the game in order to advance. Everybody is on the same playing field and nobody has an advantage or disadvantage. Bowling fans are seeing more of a tournament now than in years past because of the fact that everybody has to bowl at least one game in order to advance. However, this format is kind of a disadvantage to the tournament leader because in year's past the tournament leader only had one game to bowl in this traditional step ladder format. It's a matter of surviving two games, then winning the last game to win the tournament. In my opinion, this is the best format because bowling fans are now able to see what the bowlers go through in tournament competition. It does not make a difference if a bowler is leading a tournament. In this sense, I don't like it. However, I do like it in that the bowler has to survive two games, then win the last game to win the tournament. If the PBA can only get an hour and a half of television coverage, then I think this eliminator format is the way to go. It may not be the best format, but bowling fans are able to see more of a tournament now than ever before. Also, it creates more drama. Instead of two players, you're seeing three players try to advance after the first game. Bowling fans want to see more of a tournament on television rather than the traditional step ladder format. What would be better is if the



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tournament leader could get a one round bye, then three bowlers would bowl for two spots. This way the tournament leader does have an advantage. However, all you had to do during the 2011 World Series of Bowling was get to the top 4 in the animal pattern championship tournaments.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

2nd place Scratch City Team Tournament 1996



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydeb bowling.com. 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. Who is the only bowler to win three major titles in a row?
2. Who won the first PBA World Championship?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mark Roth
- 2.) Wayne Webb

2011-2012 PBA Tour Television Schedule

PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, January 08, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, January 15, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
BAYER VIPER OPEN Sunday, January 22, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
UNITED STATES BOWLING CONGRESS MASTERS Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 12:30PM ET
CHRIS PAUL PBA CELEBRITY INVITATIONAL Sunday, February 05, 2012 at 4:00PM ET
WSOB CHAMELEON OPEN Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
WSOB SCORPION OPEN Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
69TH U.S. OPEN Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
GEICO SHARK OPEN Sunday, March 04, 2012 at 3:00PM ET
MARK ROTH-MARSHALL HOLMAN PBA DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 2:30PM ET
CARMEN SALVINO CLASSIC Sunday, April 01, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PEPSI PBA ELITE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP Sunday, April 08, 2012 at 1:00PM ET
PBA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS Sunday, April 15, 2012 at 1:00PM ET