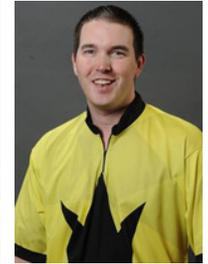




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## Messenger

## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** talks about the PBA Summer Shootout and discusses how a legend of the PBA Hall of Fame became the first player in PBA history to win a PBA title in six different decades. The **Strike Column** talks about *Players With One Title Win—A Major*. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about the highest scoring match. The **Interview of the Month** will be with Ryan Ciminelli. The **Split Column** talks about the player who had the most wins with at least one title consecutively. The **Spare Column** summarizes the 2011-12 PBA Tour Season. **Bowlology** talks about fine tuning your arsenal. The summary on the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter will be discussed in the **Tenth Frame**. Thanks for making this newsletter possible!

## PBA's Summer Shootout Teams Set

The Summer Series has an unique format with 8 eliminator rounds. The top four teams advance based on point total to the step ladder finals. The companies that are participating are Brunswick, DV8, Storm, Track, Roto Grip, Ebonite, Hammer, and Columbia 300.

This Manufacturer's Cup is different because it's a doubles format rather than a team format. Team Ebonite has the most experience with 13 time titlist Tommy Jones and PBA Hall of Famer Jason Couch who has 16 titles. Team Ebonite has a combination of 29 career PBA Tour titles. Team Brunswick is a trio that includes Sean Rash, Chris Loschetter, and Ryan Ciminelli. Team Roto Grip will have Wes Mallot, Carolyn Dorin-Ballard, and Brian Kretzer. Team DV8 has Ronnie Russell, Mike Machuga, and Brian Valenta. Storm brings 36 time PBA Tour titlist Pete Weber and Osku Palerma. Global 900 features Hall of Famer Brian Voss, Missy Parkin, and Robert Smith. Track will pair two timer PBA Player of the Year Mika Koivuniemi and Mike Fagan. Columbia 300 roster features former Player of the Year Chris Barnes and Dan MacLelland. Hammer rounds out the field with four time title winner Mike Wolfe and three time PBA champion Bill O'Neil. These players will compete for the Diverse Manufacturer's Cup.

After 10 eliminator rounds, the field will be cut to the top four teams based on point total for the step ladder finals.

In the eliminator rounds, each player will get to throw one shot. Low score will then be eliminated. The round is completed when one bowler is left standing. Based on how the player does, they will be awarded points accordingly. The eliminator rounds will go through the same process until every team has bowled each other one time. Teams finishing fifth through ninth will compete in a Eliminator Doubles Shootout for a chance at the fifth spot in the step ladder finals. The winning team will collect \$45,000 for the title.

The tournament will be broadcast on July 7, July 14, and July 15 on ESPN. Also, they will re-air on ESPN 2 on July 8, July 21, July 28, Aug 4, and Aug 5. For more information, log on to PBA.com.



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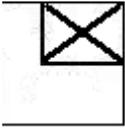
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#### MISSION STATEMENT:

*To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about 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—Players With One Title Win—A Major

Bowling fans might think that winning a Major title as a bowler's first title is comparable to bowling a 300 on your first game. In the history of the PBA, there have been 10 bowlers that have only won one title and that win was a Major. Majors are extremely tough because of the demanding lane conditions. It is hard to believe that 10 bowlers have accomplished this feat – and yet have not won again! They seemed promising at the stage when they won, yet no wins followed. Only one time has a player won the US Open as his only title, and that was Bobby Cooper at the 1970 BPAA All-Star Tournament. It's hard to fathom that these bowlers will not make the PBA Hall of Fame. The competition at the Majors is going to be fierce due to the veterans of the PBA Tour. They are the favored ones to win these tournaments. These bowlers have beaten the best field in these tournaments. If a bowler was only going to win one tournament, winning a Major would be a dream come true.

Tom Smallwood may be the greatest story in bowling. Smallwood had lost his job after working several years in the automotive industry. This prompted him to pursue his dream of becoming a professional bowler. During the 2009 PBA World Championship finals which included Rhino Page, Wes Malott, Bill O'Neil and Smallwood, all four bowlers were looking for their first Major. Tom was going to have his hands full, but he was able to beat the odds and win the 2009 PBA World Championship.

Kelly Kulick may be the only exception as she won the PBA Women's World Championship. This gave her a spot into the Tournament of Champions. She had nothing to lose bowling this tournament in 2010. She had to beat the best bowlers of the PBA. She did so by defeating Chris Barnes in the championship game 265-195. This tournament had all PBA titlists. On top of that, she beat Mika Koiuniemi in the semi-finals 227-223. To beat two of the greatest bowlers of today for your first title in the Tournament of Champions is amazing!

Tom Hess was a great bowler in the PBA Regional Program and fellow bowlers knew he would win a PBA title. To win the USBC Masters is a challenge because of the final day of match play, the bowlers has to bowl 3 games per match. If he/she loses early, he/she will then have to come back from the losers' bracket which translates to more games to bowl. Tom Hess had always wanted to win on the PBA Tour and this was going to be his chance. He ended up

winning the 2011 USBC Masters. His work may be unfinished as his bowling career is still in the early stages.

John Nolen came out of nowhere. He dominated this tournament averaging 229. Nobody foresaw that he would win the USBC Masters. He went undefeated in the tournament. For his first title, Nolen beat former champion Danny Wiseman. To beat a former champion for a bowler's first title is truly remarkable. He shocked everyone in the field. It is hard to believe that he has not won more tournaments. By him dominating the tournament, perhaps bowlers thought he would become a threat on the PBA Tour.

Bryon Smith won the 2003 USBC Masters by defeating the great Walter Ray Williams, Jr. When a bowler beats another great bowler for a title, it puts a little more icing on the cake. For the first bowling win to be a Major tournament is especially sweet. His fellow competitors might have been thinking that this was another threat on the PBA Tour. He had struggled before on television, but this day was a different day. He came out putting pressure on Walter Ray, and that is exactly what a bowler needs to do when beating a great player. Bryon Smith won a Major and beat one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA.

Bowler Name	Year Achieved	Major Won
Tom Hess	2011	USBC Masters
Kelly Kulick	2010	PBA Tournament of Champions
Tom Smallwood	2009	PBA World Championship
John Nolen	2009	USBC Masters
Bryon Smith	2003	USBC Masters
Scott Alexander	1995	PBA World Championship
Mike Lastowski	1983	USBC Masters
Bobby Cooper	1970	BPAA All-Star
Lou Scalia	1967	USBC Masters
Roy Lown	1961	PBA World Championship

# Moments in History

## Highest Scoring Match

Every PBA member wants to be a part of PBA history. It doesn't matter if it is for the lowest game on television or for a 300 in the championship game.

This game was between two of the greatest bowlers of all time—David Ozio and Mike Aulby. Both of these players have lots of titles, and they know how to win PBA tournaments.

This match was going to be a tough one to win. They both started out with the front 7 strikes in a row. Either way a great player was going to win.

As I recall watching this great match take place, Aulby was one of my favorite bowlers. I thought to myself, when was Ozio going to stop striking. In my heart, I knew that Ozio would probably never stop striking because how great of a bowler he is. I knew that Aulby going to have his hands full. However, I also knew that Mike could handle it be-

cause he was a great bowler. Ozio finally left a 7 pin in the 8th frame. Just like a great champion, he made his spare. He then went on to strike out and ended up with a 279. Mike, however, was still striking.

The biggest ball was the first ball in the 10th. Ozio had made Mike strike the first ball in the 10th and get good count to win the title. Mike not only struck in the 10th, but he finished the game with a 300. Early on, Ozio tripped the 4-9 to get a strike; as well, Aulby crumbled the bucket.

This is what professional bowling is all about. Taking advantage of the breaks and making better shots. Every PBA member wants to get up in the 10th and strike the first ball to win a title. Ozio made Mike do this to win the '93 Wichita Open. Mike also stated that the first one in the 10th clenched the title. The last two weren't so bad. However, Mike did



want to shoot a 300 game. He did. This was Aulby's 22nd title and Bo Burton Jr said that Aulby has done it all. I agree with Burton except that he had not won the Tournament of Champions.

That would come two years later. To beat a great player, throw a perfect game at them and answer by striking to beat them. This is how a pro bowler knows that he or she is ready for the PBA Tour. This was the highest scoring match in PBA history. Mike Aulby 300 and David Ozio 279. On top of that, it was in the championship game. For this highest scoring match to be in the championship game of the tournament is phenomenal. Two of the best players of the PBA were in the match. The talent that was in this match was unbelievable. Aulby became the 6th player in PBA history to shoot 300 on television.

## Interview of the Month—Ryan Ciminelli

**Q:** What major tournament would you like to win and why?

**A:** I would love to win the US Open because it is hands down the most prestigious tournament in the world.

**Q:** What do you think of the non- exempt tour next season?

**A:** I think the open fields of a non-exempt tour are much better. The cream will rise to the top anyway so why not get more entries and give oppor-

tunity to the underdogs instead of virtually shutting them out.

**Q:** How many bowling balls do you carry to a PBA Tournament?

**A:** I carry anywhere from 15-25 bowling balls to a given tournament. I am constantly getting rid of balls and drilling newer balls and balls that better suit the pattern that specific week.

**Q:** What do you think of the WBT and the PBA joining

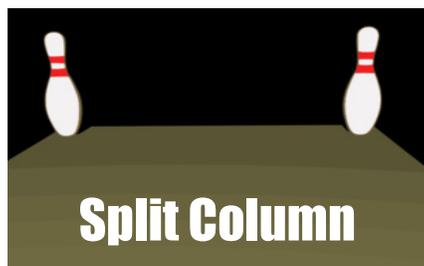
together?

**A:** I think its great that the WBT and PBA have combined because its the only way the new generation can run down the record books. Previously, we didn't have enough tournaments to bowl and the odds were extremely against us. It also gives us the opportunity to bowl more, bowl in different countries, see the world, and continue to bowl virtually year round.

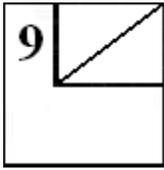
**Q:** What are your plans for the off-season?

**A:** My plans after the ToC will be to keep bowling in regionals and overseas in any tournament I can get to. I only plan on a short vacation in July and August but even then I will still be bowling regionals on week-ends and city sweepers in Buffalo, NY (my hometown) during the week.

**Below:**  
Ryan Ciminelli



Walter Ray Williams Jr holds the record winning at least one title in 17 consecutive seasons. Earl Anthony held the record with 15 consecutive seasons.



# Spare Column:

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

## 2011-2012 PBA Tour Season Review

The season saw three bowlers dominating the World Series of Bowling: Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, and Mike Fagan. All three of these bowlers finally made their mark in the Majors and at the WSOB. They led all of the statistical categories. In fact, they were 1-2-3 in the categories shown at the right. Belmonte, Fagan and Rash made a lot of shows and were a factor in the Player of the Year race. This is what a great bowler does. Time and time again, bowling fans saw all three players week- in and week-out on the television shows of the WSOB.

History was made this season as Pete Weber was the first bowler to win 5 US Opens and the first bowler to win 3 US Opens in 3 different decades. That is one of the hardest things to do.

In the 70s, it was Earl Anthony, Mark Roth, and Marshall Holman. In the 80s, it was Anthony, Holman, Mike Aulby. In the 90s, it was Parker Bohn, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., and Pete Weber. In the 2000s, it was Norm Duke, Walter Ray, and Chris Barnes. In my opinion, these three bowlers may very well be next superstars for this decade.

Rash dominated the Qualifying portion of the WSOB. Bowling fans knew that he was finally going to break through. He finally won at the Tournament of Champions. Probably the most prestigious bowling tournament that a pro bowler can win. He did it by striking and putting pressure on Ryan Ciminelli in the Championship game.

Belmonte, like Rash, dominated the Qualifying portion of the WSOB. Belmonte dominated the shows by

winning three times at the WSOB. He was always a factor. It took a while for him to get a grasp of the PBA Tour, but once he did, he was able to make his mark on the PBA Tour. Belmonte bowled a 300-game in one of the Quarterfinals on television in the PBA World Championship. Bowling fans knew that he was going to be another superstar.

Mike Fagan could have had the highest scoring average in 2011. Having a pro average of 230 for a whole season on the PBA Tour is unheard of. Fagan won his first Major at the USBC Masters. He did it by defeating Chris Barnes. In the Match Play portion of the Masters, he had 5 out of 6 700 series. In the Position Round Match for the top seed, Fagan lost to Barnes 743-806. Bowling 5 out of 6 700 series in a Major is a hard thing to do. He would get his chance to defeat Chris in the Championship Round.

If the PBA had to select three MVP bowlers for this year's PBA Tour, it would be Jason Belmonte, Mike Fagan, and Sean Rash. They all performed consistently. In three of the four Majors, they all were on the television shows. This is what great professional bowling is all about.

**Late breaking news**—the 28th of last month, the PBA announced that Sean Rash won the 2011-12 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year. It was a tight race as Sean received 29.04 % of the vote. In second place, it was Jason Belmonte with 26.61% of the vote; and in third place, Mike Fagan tallied 18.32%. It came down to the top three bowlers of the 2011-2012 season.

NAME	POINTS
1. Sean Rash	201,293
2. Jason Belmonte	187,844
3. Mike Fagan	155,765
4. Pete Weber	149,127
5. Osku Palermaa	131,305

NAME	AVERAGE
Sean Rash	228.13
Mike Fagan	227.53
Jason Belmonte	226.42
Ryan Ciminelli	225.93
Bill O'Neil	225.85

NAME	EARNINGS
1. Sean Rash	\$140,250
2. Jason Belmonte	\$137,375
3. Mike Fagan	\$116,950
4. Pete Weber	\$97,820
5. Osku Palermaa	\$79,110

NAME	CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND APPEARANCES
Sean Rash	8
Jason Belmonte	7
Mike Fagan	6
Norm Duke	5
Pete Weber	4

## Messenger— Continued

## PBA Legend Wins a Title in Six Different Decades

PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia became the first player in PBA history to win six titles in six different decades.

Dick Weber did it, however, he won a regional title not a PBA Tour title. Johnny became the first player to win a PBA Tour title in six different decades.

He did this by defeating Ron Mohr 220 to 204 in the PBA Senior Dayton Classic sponsored by Roto Grip. Brunswick is definitely back on top finishing first and second at the Tournament of Champions last month and now Johnny becoming the first player to win a PBA title in six different decades.

"I guess it shows how old I am. But this is very special to me because it's a part of history and that makes it all worth it." - Petraglia

Johnny led the tournament going into

the step ladder finals.

Petraglia won 14 PBA titles and became the second player to win the Triple Crown. He also became the seventh player to bowl a perfect game on television during the 1994 PBA National Championship.

To his resume, Petraglia added three PBA title wins in a row. Petraglia is definitely one of the greatest bowlers in the history of the PBA. His first title came at a National Tour stop in Ft. Smith Arkansas in 1966 at the age of 19. His last Senior Tour title was at the Sun Bowl in the Villages in 2009.

This was Johnny's eighth career Senior Tour title. It ended a three year drought.

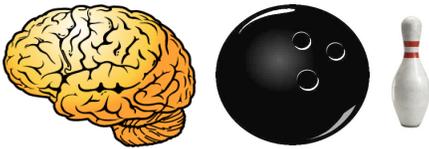
1, Johnny Petraglia, Jackson, N.J., one game, 220, \$8,000.

2, Ron Mohr, Eagle River, Alaska, two games, 442, \$4,500.

3, Ron Profitt, Brookville, Ohio, two games, 465, \$3,000.

4, Bob Learn Jr., Erie, Pa. one game, 217, \$2,500

Match One - Profitt def. Learn, 243-217; Semifinal Match - Mohr def. Profitt, 238-222; Championship Match - Petraglia def. Mohr, 220-204



## BOWLOLOGY

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

### Fine Tuning a Bowler's Arsenal

Many golfers have a full set of clubs. They have a driver, wedges, irons, and a putter. Just like golfers, bowlers need a full set of clubs. Many amateurs want to get the most hookingest ball on the market. They don't realize that they need balls that don't hook as much.

First off and foremost, they need a (putter) plastic ball for their spares. This ball will eliminate the lane condition. The bowler will typically roll hard and straight at his or her spares. By going hard and straight at the bowlers spares they eliminate the lane condition. The best ball to do this with is a plastic ball.

The next piece in your arsenal is the wedge. This ball is for medium to dry lane

conditions. This ball is one above your spare ball. If the lanes are a very dry the bowler can go to this ball.

The next ball is one for medium to dry lanes. This ball is going to be less aggressive. It will be more predictable so that the bowler can read the lanes better. Maybe the bowler is struggling with one of his stronger balls and can't quite read the lane. This ball will be more predictable.

The next piece of equipment is an iron. This ball is meant for medium to slick lane conditions. This ball can also be used as another driver. If the lanes are tighter, the bowler can go to this ball.

Last, but not least the driver. This is the most hookingest ball in the bowlers arsenal. It probably will need a stronger drilling so that it can read the lane earlier. Also, it will have some surface to the coverstock. This ball will definitely be able to read the lane condition a lot sooner than any other ball in the bowlers arsenal. In all of these factors it is important for the bowler to develop a relationship with the pro shop operator.

This can be a real valuable tool in the bowlers game so that the bowler can get a complete arsenal.



Avalanche

Rampage



Avalanche Urethane

T-Zone



Josh Hyde's Arsenal

# Summary of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

Another year has past for the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. It's hard to believe that I have done this publication for four years now.

I remember doing my first issue. It was only one page long. Two years prior, I thought about starting my own newsletter, but I never did. Memorial Day weekend of 2008 is when I did my first issue. I put a logo on the newsletter and named it Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. It was only a page.

As the first few issues came out, I realized that I could cover a lot more. Now the newsletter is six pages long! It focuses a lot on sharing my perspective on what I see going on in the PBA Tour. It is also great fun analyzing the greatest bowlers in the world.

Coming up with different names of the columns is very enjoyable because I get to use my creativity by using bowling terms, such as the strike column or the spare column along with many others.

Information that I have learned about the sport of bowling is passed through the Bowlology column. This column is a column where I share information about what I know on the sport of bowling. It is another way to make readers realize that I know what I am talking about. Sharing insight on what I have witnessed is a great way to share information.

The Spare column is a column where I write about local tournaments that I have attended or watched. Even past PBA tournaments that I have attended are included.

The Strike column is about analyzing the best bowlers in the world. This column is about taking a certain topic and discussing why the best bowlers are the best bowlers on the PBA.

The King Pin Column is a moment in history in which I have been involved in. It also features an interview of the month with a pro bowler or somebody in the bowling industry.

The Split column is a condensed fact about the PBA and/or it's players.

The Balls of the Lanes is a column for Brunswick that highlights the new balls that are coming out.

The Tenth Frame is the last page and it features my view on the PBA or a topic in bowling.

The Messenger column is about an event that happened on the PBA Tour or is going to happen on the PBA Tour.

The Practice Pair introduces what information will be included inside of the newsletter.

Watching the greatest bowlers in the world and being able to report on what happened has been a dream come true. I feel like I am part of the bowling industry and I also feel like I am contributing to the bowling community.

Having pro bowlers subscribe to the newsletter is an awesome thing. Bowlers like Parker Bohn III, Jason Couch, Brad Angelo, and Bill O'Neil are just some of the great bowlers who subscribe to my newsletter. To have some of the greatest bowlers subscribe to the newsletter is an honor.

By doing this newsletter it allows me to be a part of the bowling industry as well has allowed me a few perks along the way, such as getting into PBA Tournaments.

Thank you for enjoying another year of the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter. I look forward to bringing you news about the PBA Tour and bowling.



Above: Josh Hyde's Gemini jersey.



**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. Who became the first player to win a title in six different decades?
2. Who is the only bowler to win the BPAA All-Stars (US Open) as their only PBA title?



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

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Chris Barnes; Jason Belmonte
- 2.) Jason Couch