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Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the "2011-2012 Exempt Tour Preview". The **Strike Column** will feature "The Legends of the Past Decade". In the **Kingpin Column**, I will discuss "Finishing 2nd at the Handicap Championship Tournament". **Interview of the Month** is going to be part 1 of an interview with Tommy Jones where he shares some of his thoughts about the state of bowling. The **Split Column** will feature another player in bowling's 5-decade club. The **Spare Column** highlights both the Fort Wayne Regional Open and the Senior Regional Open. New column **Balls of the Lane** features Brunswick's Massive Damage. Lastly, I will discuss "Bowling Physics—Yesterday vs. Today". I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

Messenger—2011-2012 Exempt Tour Preview

Exempt Players Range All Ages

For the first time in PBA history, the 4-player exempt field will have a unique group of players ranging from 22-59 years old.

This will be an interesting field as the PBA starts its competition on Nov. 4, 2011. It will also be interesting as there are five players that have won the Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year award twice and nine players all together who have won. This exempt field might be the toughest field in bowling. With all the talent that the exempt field has to offer, it will be an interesting Player of the Year race.

Kerry Painter of Henderson, NV, became the oldest player to ever earn the PBA Tour exemption at age 58 when he finished eighth in the 2010 PBA Regional Player Invitational in Reno, NV. There will be eight first-time exempt players next season: Tom Hess, Martin Larsen, Dan MacLelland, Steven Black, Jonathan Bower, Paul Gibson, and Tyler Genson. These players cannot win Rookie of the Year honors because these players have only bowled in seven total tour events in their career.

Brian Valenta was the point leader in the 2010-2011 PBA Tour qualifying round. He will also be exempt for 2011-2012. Rhino Page got the Golden Parachute exemption. PBA Hall of Famer Amleto Monacelli will be exempt for the first time in five years, based upon his competition point performance as a non-exempt player last season. There are a total of 28 players from the competition point list.

Xtra Frame Pregame Previews

On Oct. 4, Xtra Frame will provide a six-hour pre-game show for the third annual PBA World Series of Bowling (WSOB), beginning at 9 p.m. (EST).

The show will be hosted by Mike "Mike J Landslide" Jakubowski, Jeff "The Bowling Doctor" Mark, and Jason "Uncensored" Thomas. The WSOB show will cover the component events, formats, and schedules for the PBA WSOB.

As an added bonus, Xtra Frame is offering a two-month non-subscriber \$29.99 special, good through Nov. 30 for fans to watch the WSOB.

Xtra Frame will be providing even more opportunities for fans to interact by giving them access to live fan feedback on Facebook and Twitter the entire show. Also, through Facebook and Twitter, bowling fans will have a chance to ask questions to PBA COO and Deputy Commissioner Tom Clark during the program. Clark will also participate in live on-camera fan chats.

The Bayer Viper Open, Chameleon Open, Scorpion Open, Shark Open, PBA World Championship, Carmen Salvino Class, PBA Exempt Players Championship, and Mark Roth-Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship make up the PBA World Series.

For more information on Xtra Frame, please visit www.pba.com.

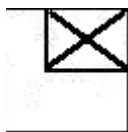
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MISSION STATEMENT:

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 — The Legends of the Past Decade

In the 70s, it was Earl Anthony, Mark Roth and Marshall Holman. The 80s had Earl Anthony, Mike Aulby and Wayne Webb. In the 90s, it was Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Pete Weber and Parker Bohn.

There were four legends in the past decade: Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Tommy Jones, Chris Barnes and Norm Duke. These bowlers were always on television. Jones had a great success rate early on as he won nine titles in two seasons. All four of these players were a definite threat in every PBA Tour stop.

Bowling fans might have suspected that Walter Ray Williams, Jr. was at the end of his career, but this was not so. There still had to be somebody that could catch Earl Anthony in titles. Walter Ray did just that by winning titles and a lot of majors during the last decade. During the '02-03 season, he made the most money in a single season as he won two majors: the U.S. Open and the PBA World Championship. This exemplifies a great bowler.

Jones was probably by far the best player when the PBA went exempt back in '04-05. He got off to a quick start in 2004 by winning the Japan Cup and then winning in Tulsa a couple of weeks later. He was definitely looking like he would become the next Tiger Woods of the PBA. Every professional was saying how good he was on the lanes. He won two majors.

The first of his two majors was the U.S Open. This is a hard major to win. His last major was the 2006 Tournament of Champions. This is an especially tough tournament to win when you are only bowling against bowlers that have won PBA titles. Jones was becoming the next superstar of the PBA.

Barnes was laying down the ground work for becoming a PBA superstar by making a lot of shows during the past decade. This is what a great bowler does. Even though he might not have won a lot of tournaments, if you make a lot of shows, you are giving yourself a chance to win a lot of titles. It is awfully hard to compete against the great players of the PBA. Barnes was definitely doing this by making shows week in and week out. He was in the title match of the Tournament of Champions twice during the last decade. Barnes was definitely going to be a superstar on the PBA Tour and his game speaks for itself.

Norm Duke was by far the best Majors bowler of the past decade. He won three majors in a row, a feat no other exempt player has accomplished. Duke also bowled a 300 game against Walter during the 2003 Seattle Championship round on television. Just when we thought that Duke was done, he won the last two Majors of the 2007-08 season. During the last decade, he became the fourth player to win the Triple Crown and the second player to win Grand Slam. He was setting the pace to become one of the four legends of the past decade.

All four of these players made a lot of shows during a past decade and won a lot of tournaments. These four bowlers are definitely legends of the last decade. This is what legends do to become the greatest bowlers of the PBA. Williams, Jr., Barnes, Duke, and Jones know how to strike when they need to and know how to win majors. This is what a legend does on the PBA tour. They win titles, make a lot of shows, and win majors.

Four Legends of the Past Decade



Walter Ray Williams, Jr.

Tommy Jones



Chris Barnes

Norm Duke

Bowler	Events 2000-2010	Cashes 2000-2010	Cash %	Match Play Appear.	Match Play %	Champ. Round Appear.	Champ. Round Appear. %	Titles	Champ. Round Title %	Title % by Decade Event
Walter Ray Williams Jr.	212	197	92.92%	164	77.36%	61	28.77%	17	27.87%	8.02%
Norm Duke	190	174	91.58%	126	66.32%	42	22.11%	16	38.10%	8.42%
Tommy Jones	193	177	91.71%	141	73.06%	25	12.95%	13	52.00%	6.74%
Chris Barnes	213	201	94.37%	166	77.93%	65	30.52%	10	15.38%	4.69%

Moments in History

Finishing Second at a Handicap Tournament

About an hour away from my house, there is a tournament series that is a handicap tournament. At each tournament, you bowl and you get a certain amount of points. The tournament format is three qualifying games, and they take the top 30% into match play. Then you bowl a two game match in the match play portion of the tournament. If you win your match, you advance to the next round. Each match is a two game match.

During the '09-10 season, I had missed two tournaments and only made one cut. The cut I made I ended up in the top four. By that time, I had earned enough points to advance to the handicap championship tournament. It was there that I was able to make my spares and hit the pocket halfway decent.

The first match was a little bit challenging as my opponent bowled a 250 against me. I had to beat him scratch in the next game. In the second game of our two game

match, he ended up missing a couple of 10-pins. By this time, I had the pocket figured out, and I was able to strike. I ended up winning the match to advance to the finals. This was a great win, since I had been down by so many pins.

In the round of 4, I switched pairs, and I had a harder time finding the line. If I could have made my spares, I would have won and gone on to the championship match. Even though I did not advance to the championship match, I was still happy. As an end result, I was able to advance to the championship tournament.

It was there that I had figured everything out with my game. I knew what I needed to do on every shot. The fact was that nobody was playing where I was playing on the lane, so I had that whole line to myself the whole day. In the qualifying portion, I ended up qualifying second. In my first match, I was able to make my spares and get some strikes.

In the round of eight, I won my match



and I shot the highest of anybody in that round. In the second match, I moved pairs, and I was able to figure out the lanes quickly. It was a close match, but I was able to overcome and win my match by making my spares. My opponent could not make his spares. Therefore, I was able to overcome with my spare game.

The championship saw me and Omar Tackett battle it out for the championship. In the first game of the championship, Omar bowled a 299 against me. Going into the last game of the championship match, I was down 55 pins with my handicap. To make a long story short, I made him double in the 10th and get good count to beat me.

It was a great experience, and I felt like I bowled great all day. I had a 209 average for the day. This is one of the highest moments of my personal bowling game career. The last game I bowled was a 249. I felt like I had the line all day.

Interview of the Month—Tommy Jones— Part 1:

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

and other great bowlers of the world from the other countries. So hopefully it happens, and we'll see.

A: I think the World Bowling Tour would probably be a fairly good idea with the exception of the cost of traveling and everything else. We have got to make sure that the prize money goes up a little bit before we start flying all around the world to bowl for \$25,000.

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

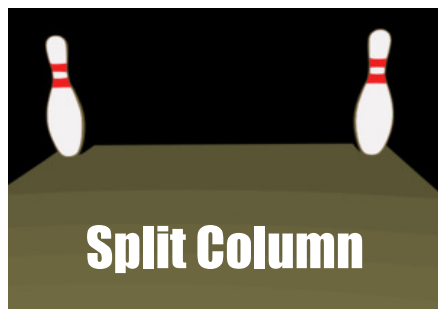
A: I think it went pretty well. You know it was almost full which was a good thing. There were probably some changes that could be made to it as far as time frames, days off, and everything else— prize funds and then paying more spots. The

actual event was handled and run very well. In that matter, it was a very big success.

Q: If you had to bowl against Mika or Barnes, who would you pick and why?

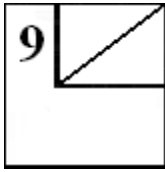
A: I don't really have a preference of who I would rather bowl. Obviously, I bowl a lot with Chris, so if Chris is bowling good, I have a better idea of how to line-up off Chris since we both bowl for Team USA. Probably be Chris, because if he is striking, I kind of know what is going on.

We would probably have a really good match. Where Mika brings something different to the table. He can do something that is completely different. Sometimes he has a lot better look than other people do.



George Pappas became the 7th player in PBA history to have titles in 5 decades by winning the PBA East Region Howell Lanes Senior Open. This was his 13th senior regional title and 23rd overall.





Spare Column: From My Perspective

This column is going to focus on PBA tournaments that I have attended. October's newsletter will look at the Regional and Senior Regional that I went to last month.

PBA Central/Midwest Region 26th Annual Bud Light Fort Wayne Open Summary

This year's PBA Bud Light Fort Wayne Regional Open was very interesting as it took a 200 average to make the finals. Nobody was doing well for this year's tournament. If a bowler was making his spares and catching a double in the game, he was holding his own. A few bowlers started off well, but then struggled to finish their block to make the cut. There was only a few guys that managed a score of +100. The lane pattern was very difficult, and bowlers had a hard time adjusting their game. The characteristics at Georgetown Bowl are such that with each shot thrown, the lanes get tighter. The last cash spot was -26. That was how the first day ended.

Sunday saw tournament leader Jimmy Cook struggle to win a game during the round robin. Anthony LaCaze got lined up and started winning games and took the lead. He wound up winning the tournament by 180 pins. Nobody could catch him after he started winning. In the last game, he went in with a 150 pin advantage and never looked back. This was his first Regional Title.

Note: The cut was +4 by Justin Howard. The last cash spot was -26 by Jesse Buss. The qualifying leader after 8 games was Jimmy Cook at +151.

Oil Pattern—Chameleon

The 2009-10 Chameleon maintains its tradition of utilizing a "retro" approach to pattern design. Instead of "smoothing out" the oil on the lane, increased volumes are placed in "zones" encouraging players to choose a specific area of the lane to play. This is a multiple-angles pattern allowing the bowler to choose what part of the lane best suites their particular game. The scoring pace remains medium to low as the primary challenge faced by bowlers is the large number of adjustments which are needed to move from "zone to zone". Large moves, more than five boards at a time, are common to stay out of trouble and to conquer the Chameleon. 2009-10 Lumber Liquidators PBA Tournaments Using Chameleon: Chameleon Championship – Allen Park, MI Eliminator Championship – Columbus, OH PBA Marathon Open – Baltimore, MD

Final Match Play Standings

Name	Pins	W-L-T	Bonus	Prize
Anthony LaCaze	4210	9-3-0	270	\$2500
Jimmy Cook	4186	6-6-0	180	\$1400
Jeff Zaffino	4071	8-4-0	240	\$1200
Tom Hess	4017	9-3-0	270	\$1000
Jason Wojnar	4000	7-5-0	210	\$ 900

PBA Central/Midwest Region Bowling Gift.com Senior Open Summary

On Saturday, in the one squad of the tournament, Ron Mohr had a hold over the whole tournament. It took a score of -73 to advance to Sunday's round. Local bowler Greg Smith bowled a 230 in his last game on Saturday to get him past the cut. This speaks measures about how hard the lanes were. There were a total of 47 bowlers competing in the tournament with the top 16 advancing to Sunday's round robin match play.

On Sunday, when many thought Ron Mohr would continue his reign, he struggled to shoot a game over 200. He was only able to win three games. The eventual winner, Kenny Parks, made a run close to the end of the tournament. Going into the position round game, he was leading by a substantial margin. This was his eighth Regional Senior Tournament Title.

Note: The cut was -73 by Dave Manderson. The qualifying leader after 8 games was Ron Mohr at +123. Roy Buckley and Emilio Mora, Sr. were the Super Senior cashers. It took -83 to advance to Sunday's match play round.

Oil Pattern—Regional Senior Pattern #3

This pattern measures 41 feet, and can yield a wide variety of strategies depending on the type and condition of the lane surface. However, Regional Senior Pattern #3 incorporates a larger volume of oil placed further down lane which often demands a more direct line. The scoring pace is normally medium to low for this pattern.



Left:
Anthony LaCaze,
winner of the 26th
Annual Bud Light
Fort Wayne Open



Right:
Kenny Parks,
winner of the
BowlingGift.com
Senior Open

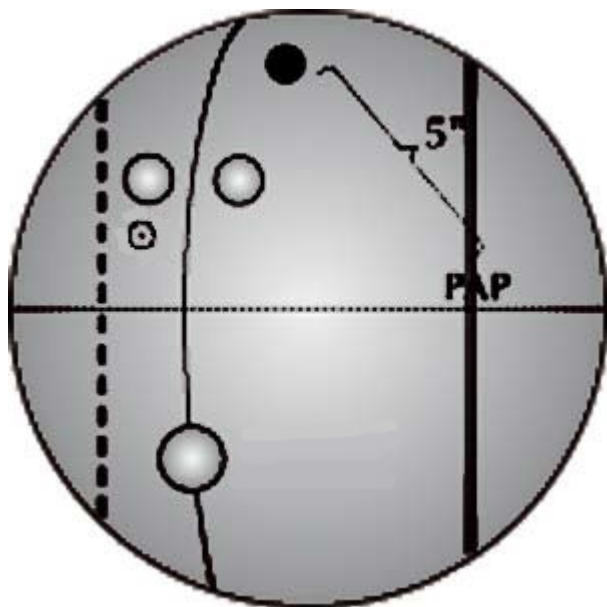
Final Match Play Standings

Name	Pins	W-L-T	Bonus	Prize
Kenny Parks	4169	9-3-0	270	\$1500
Harry Sullins	4030	8-4-0	240	\$1100
Timothy Kauble	4027	7-5-0	210	\$ 900
Ron Profit	3948	7-5-0	210	\$ 800
Marc Lineberry	3921	7-4-1	225	\$ 750



Ball: Brunswick Massive Damage

Favorite Layout from a Brunswick Pro Staff Player



THE SPECIFICATIONS

Hook Potential: 155
Length: 105
Breakpoint Shape: 75
RG Differential: .050
RG Average: 3.7

-Low RG Performance Core
-Activator Plus Coverstock
-Rough Buff Finish
-2-Color, Navy/Silver Pearl
-500 Siaair Micro Pad

Hardness: 76-78
Chart Position: P-12
Part No. 60-105381-93X
Availability date: 8/1/11

How Chris Loschetter will use this ball on the PBA tour:

"When using this ball on tour, I plan to use it mainly on some shorter patterns or late in the block on longer patterns. I like this ball because it keeps me out of trouble, but also allows me to open up the lane when I need to. The patterns I would prefer using this ball on are Viper, Scorpion, and Chameleon. I also think this ball will be a winner on the U.S. Open pattern. Overall I like to use this ball when I am playing inside on tougher patterns. It always rolls well during transition, and yet it still creates the angle I need when I have to go around the lane."

"The diagram above is similar to what I would normally prefer except the cg would kicked out farther than the pin. I would say my pin would be a 4 1/2 distance from my axis with the cg kicked out about 1 1/2 inches out from the center line. I try keep the cg about an inch right of the thumb. This is usually a 75 degree layout."

-Chris Loschetter



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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

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

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.

Bowling Physics—Yesterday vs. Today

The system of bowling of today and yesterday has changed drastically. While some might say the scores are too high, others might say that the sport of bowling is fine the way it is.

Back in the '50s there was mainly one style of bowling. The game was somewhat easier because when they oiled the lanes they had made a darker board so bowlers could score and do well. Today we do not have that. We have to throw at least one ball to see what the lane is doing.

Fifty years ago, bowlers only had one ball. Many of the bowlers did not know you could change the surface of the ball to make it hook. Today is a whole other game. You may argue that it is easier today than back fifty years ago, because you may drill your ball to make it hook early or make it go longer down the lane then hook. However, the fact still remains that you still have to throw the ball.

I have watched earlier television matches where the bowlers only had one ball. Yes, they were good, but that is all they knew how to do. Today, our favorite bowlers out on the PBA Tour have multiple options of throwing the bowling ball. This is what makes bowling a sport.

Bill Taylor might have been a great coach fifty years ago. He even experimented with different layouts of how to drill a bowling ball. However, the fact of the matter is, as bowling was getting more high tech, pros were experimenting with how they drilled their bowling balls. No matter what you prefer, the game is changing rapidly, and bowlers must adapt. Yes, Brett Wolfe won with a Blue Hammer bowling ball in the 2002 ABC Masters. When he became a PBA member, he did not do anything on the PBA Tour. So what exactly did he do that was so great by throwing a Blue Hammer bowling ball?

Parker Bohn will drill a stronger ball for when the lanes are dry, because he can maintain control with the ball and is still able to score. Jason Couch told my dad one time, that you "over shell."

What that means is that you pull out the most aggressive bowling ball, throw the ball as hard as you can at the pocket, and watch it strike.

Bowlers who have bowled for a long time may think that Taylor's idea of bowling is the right one. John Davis,

president of Kegel Bowling Solutions, started a foundation that is trying to make bowling better by having a variety of lengths of oil on the lanes. This is so that bowlers do not only go to the high-performance bowling balls.

Yes, the game is changing, and it is imperative that bowlers adapt to a changing game. If they do not, they will be at a disadvantage. Like it or not, Taylor was not a bowler. To have an opinion about the sport of bowling, it is necessary to be a bowler. Taylor was also not the governing body of bowling.

However, Mo Pinel is making the game too technical. By doing this, bowling ball drilling is much more complicated. There needs to be a balance between Taylor and Pinel.

The reason why we should love the game of bowling is to see all the pins go down in one shot. You make the choice between which is better: today's game or yesterday's game.

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



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 3 majors in a row?
2. Name one of the seven players that have titles in 5 decades.



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mike Durbin or Jason Couch
- 2.) Earl Anthony

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