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Jason Couch (left) & Gene Stus (right): 2012 Class of the PBA Hall of Fame



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Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** will highlight the 2012 PBA Hall of Fame class and a newly formed Global Professional Bowling Tour. The **Strike Column** features the Triple Crown winners. In the **King-pin Column**, "Vocational Opportunity in Bowling" describes an early experience in getting my first article in a local bowling publication. The **Interviews of the Month** will be with Derek Sapp. The **Split Column** talks about US Open winners. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2012 US Open. New column **Balls of the Lane** talks about the new Karma Purple/Pink Pearl and Brunswick Nexxus f(P+R) balls from Brunswick. **Bowlology** talks about grinding out games. Lastly, I will share my bowling fan perspective in a 2-part series. I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter!

Messenger

PBA Hall of Fame—Class of 2012

On the 15th of last month PBA announced that there were going to be two new bowler inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame, Jason Couch and Gene Stus. Both players deserve this honor. They were both the best players on the PBA Tour and the Senior Tour.

Jason Couch, 42, is the only bowler to win three consecutive Tournament of Championships in a row (1999, 2000, 2002). He joins Mike Durbin as the only other three time Tournament of Champions winner (1972, 1982, 1984). Jason became the 1992 Rookie of the Year, his first title came a year after that at Windsor Locks, Conn. His second title came at the 1993 Touring Players Championship in Indianapolis, Ind. With a total of 16 total PBA National Tour titles Jason was ranked 24th on the 50 Greatest Players in PBA History. Couch has more the \$1.6 million in career earnings. He is currently still active on the PBA Tour.

Gene Stus, 71, was the first senior player to roll a perfect game on national television. He won eleven PBA Senior Tour titles. Gene became the 1992 Senior Player of the Year. He had three titles less than PBA senior superstar John Handegard. Gene did not start competing until he was a senior, and finished his career with 50 top five finishes out of 173 Senior Tour events.

They will be officially inducted at the Red Rock Resort in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, April 14, 2012. Congratulations to Gene Stus and Jason Couch for receiving the highest honor in bowling, the PBA Hall of Fame!

Newly Formed Global Professional Bowling Tour

On the 1st of last month, the PBA announced the creation of a global professional tour. This will give the best bowlers in the world a chance to compete in World Bowling Tour events. It will also give players an opportunity to win a spot to the Tournament of Champions. PBA Commissioner Tom Clark states, "This agreement fulfills a dream for all lifelong bowling fans.... is the most significant step our sport has ever taken in creating world-wide awareness and recognition for bowling's best players, regardless of where they live."

For more information, log on to pba.com.

2012 PBA-WTBA WORLD BOWLING TOUR SCHEDULE

- March 15-19 - 9th Kuwait International Open**, Cozmo Bowling Center, Kuwait City, Kuwait
- March 16-25 - Brunswick Euro Challenge**, Plaza Saint Maximin, Saint Maximin, France
- April 19-24 - USBC Queens** (non-PBA event), AMF Euleess Lanes, Euleess, Texas.
- May 14-20 - Bahamas International Bowling Classic**, Mario's Bowling and Entertainment Palace, Nassau, Bahamas
- June 16-21 - Daejeon International Open**, Daejeon World Cup Bowling Center, Daejeon, Korea
- June 22-28 - Bowling's U.S. Women's Open** (non-PBA event), National Bowling Stadium, Reno, Nev.
- Sept. 24-30 - PTT World Bowling Tour Thailand**, center to be announced, Bangkok
- Oct. 2-7 - 10th Columbia 300 Vienna Open**, Plus Bowling, Vienna, Austria
- Oct. 8-27 - AMF Australian Masters**, center to be announced, Sydney, Australia

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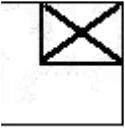
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MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional 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 — Triple Crown Winners Analysis

The Triple Crown is when a professional wins the U.S. Open, PBA World Championship, and the Tournament of Champions. All three of these tournaments are hard to win. To win one of these tournaments is an accomplishment in itself. To win all three of these tournaments is rare. In fact, there have only been six players that have ever accomplished this feat.

These tournaments are hard to win because of the demanding lane conditions that the PBA and USBC put out. The players that have won the Triple Crown did not have a lot of high games in these tournaments. The players that have won the Triple Crown are Billy Hardwick, Johnny Petraglia, Pete Weber, Mike Aulby, Norm Duke, and Chris Barnes. These six players are among the greatest bowlers in the world. All of these players know how to throw strikes and bail out when they need to.

With the demanding lane conditions, players are forced to take a 190 game and probably make harder spares than easier spares. However, it is especially more important to make the easier spares every time. If a bowler misses an easier spare, it's harder to make a comeback. To win one Major is a goal for all pro bowlers.

Billy Hardwick was the first player to win the Triple Crown. He was one of the first bowlers that could bowl well in the Majors. Johnny Petraglia is definitely a legend of the game. He was the first bowler to win three tournaments in a row in one year. He bowled a 298 game on national television as well as a perfect game that was in the PBA National Championship. Pete Weber has won four U.S. Opens and two PBA World Championships. His first Major that he won was the Firestone Tournament of Champions. To have your first Major be the Tournament of Champions is an accomplishment because that tournament has only PBA titlists in the field.



Billy Hardwick, the first Triple Crown winner

Mike Aulby became the first bowler to win the Rookie of the Year and the Player of the Year. Everybody knew that he was going to be a great player. Mike Aulby did not win at Riviera, but he made a lot of shows there. He was also the first player to win the Grand Slam. When he won the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions in 1995, this is what made him the greatest bowler to win the Triple Crown. Norm Duke be-

came the youngest player to win a PBA title. It took him eight years to start winning PBA titles and become a household name. When he won his U.S. Open to become the fourth Triple Crown Winner, in my opinion, he was one of the greatest bowlers that could ever win. This win made him the fourth Triple Crown Winner and the second bowler to win the Grand Slam. Norm Duke is still winning PBA Tour titles even after he won the U.S. Open. Chris Barnes is not even done with his career.



Chris Barnes, the last Triple Crown winner

Winning the Triple Crown this early in his career is a great accomplishment. Becoming the sixth player to win the Triple Crown would definitely put him in the PBA Hall of Fame. When he won at the 2011 PBA World Championship, that sealed the deal for him to be one of the greatest bowlers ever in the history of the PBA. Who knows how many titles he will end up winning at the end of his career.

Three of the Triple Winners have only won each Major one time. However, the other three have won multiple times. Winning these major tournaments is going to be a challenge. If a bowler gets one split it will be better for him to go for the count rather than try to make the spare. If he were to open, it would be hard to get a strike. Same thing with the low game; the bowler will have a harder time coming back from a 150 game. The high scores are not out there in these major tournaments.

There is a reason there are only six Triple Crown Winners.

Order of Majors by the Triple Crown Winners

Bowler	PBA WC	US Open	TOC	Yrs Between Winners
Billy Harwick	1963	1969	1965	
Johnny Petraglia	1980	1977	1971	11
Pete Weber	1989	1988	1987	9
Mike Aulby	1979	1989	1995	6
Norm Duke	2000	2007-8	1994	13
Chris Barnes	2010-11	2004-05	2005-06	3



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Moments in History

Vocational Opportunity
In Bowling

In 2009, at the Ft. Wayne Regional tournament, the editor of American Bowler was there. I always brought my blue bag, which has all my newsletters in it. He looked at them, and asked if I could report on that tournament that I was attending. In looking at the past articles, he liked what I had written. This was a great opportunity for me, because I always wanted to write for a bowling publication. He then gave me a deadline for his next issue.

I had other plans to go bowl at my friend's bowling center, instead I decided that I needed to work on the project that the editor had given me. This was kind of a hard project because I had not taken any notes from the

qualifying portion of the tournament.

The article was going to have to be from my memory. This was another opportunity to see what kind of a bowling fan I was. It had always been a dream of mine to get my work published. I had no quotes from the bowlers who had won, but I did have the standings from the qualifying and the match play portion of the tournament. I could go off of each of those sheets; in that sense, it was easier.

At that time, two tournaments were going on at the same time. I needed to report on both of the tournaments—one was the PBA Regional and the other was the PBA Senior Regional.

Reporting on two tournaments going on at the same time is fun and stressful. This opportunity was a great way to write about professional bowl-



ing. I had always loved the PBA. To have a vocational opportunity was a great chance to promote my newsletter as well.

The very next year, he asked me to report on the same tournament. This time I was able to take notes on both days of the tournament. It was a honor to do this again. He had paid my Pro-Am entry for the article I was writing. However, the Pro-Am did not take place. On the last day of the tournament, he had come and decided to buy me a printer. He told me that if I was to write for him, he would purchase the ink for the printer. I was ecstatic.

It has not worked out the way I was hoping, but I am still able to afford to write my own bowling publication. This is one of the ways I became a bowling writer for my career.

Interview of the Month - Derek Sapp

Q: What are your bowling goals?

A: My goals for bowling are to compete at the highest level which will earn me a little extra money. I look at bowling as a hobby, so if I can make money, it's a bonus. I just try to enjoy it as much as possible and have fun.

Q: What is your best professional bowling accomplishment?

A: My best accomplishment was winning two national

championships in college at Western Illinois. Winning as a team means more to me than individual tournaments. My teammates and I still talk about our titles to this day.

Q: Who was your favorite bowler growing up?

A: My favorite bowler is and always will be Pete Weber. His determination and will to win is unmatched. He could win with pure talent and didn't need help from the equipment or lanes.

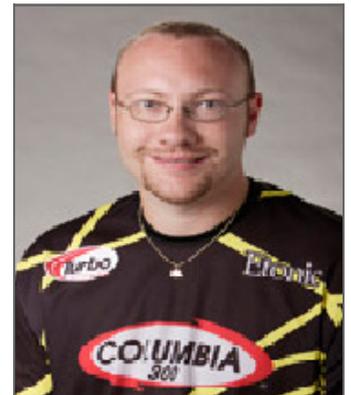
Q: What major tournament would you want to win?

A: I would want to win the U.S. Open. It has the largest and best field along with the toughest lane conditions. The long format insures that the best always end up at the top.

Q: Do you like Single Elimination Match Play or Round Robin? And why?

A: I prefer Round Robin because more games mean the best end up at the top. Match Play has too much luck in-

involved, and I feel if you bowl the best you should win.



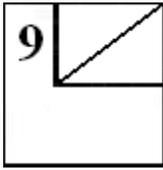
Derek Sapp was the 2008 Midwest PBA Regional Bowler of the Year



Robert Smith is the only bowler to have his first title victory be the US Open in 2000!>>>

Pete Weber won his fifth US Open title just last month; one more than his father, Dick!





Spare Column: Weber Wins His 5th US Open

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

The 2012 US Open was a historic event with Pete Weber surpassing his father. His father won four BPAA All-Star tournaments, which is known as the US Open today. The second major thing happened when 14-year old Kamron Doyle of Brentwood, TN, became the youngest player to cash at a PBA national tournament. Missy Parkin had the highest finish by a woman in a US Open. There was only one 300, shot by Jason Couch, who shot that on the first day of the tournament. The 18-game cut took a score of -66 by John Furey and Danny Wiseman. They would have had a one-game roll off, but Danny decided to forfeit due to an injury. The 18-game qualifying leader was Ryan Shafer who averaged an impressive 230 for his first 18 games of the tournament. He led it by 170 pins going into the Casher's Round. Some of the other past winners that made the Casher's Round were Mika Koivuniemi, Tommy Jones, Mike Scroggins, and Walter Ray Williams, Jr. The past winners that made the Match Play portion were Pete Weber, Chris Barnes, Norm Duke, and Bill O'Neil. Ryan Shafer was the qualifying leader after the Casher's Round with the score of +625. Anthony LaCaze at +176 was the number to make Match Play. Ryan Shafer had a big lead going into the first round of Match Play. It was going to be one of the best US Open top-24 of all time with four former US Open winners. During the first two rounds of Match Play, the top three qualifiers spread themselves out. The position round game of Match Play saw Ryan Shafer, Jason Belmonte, and Mike Fagan as the top three spots for Sunday's live finals. However, Pete Weber still had some work to do. Pete bowled very well to secure himself in the final spot of the show. Below is the final results of the Stepladder format. This was Pete Weber's 35th PBA Tour title, his 9th major title, and his 5th US Open title.

Pete Weber, winning his 5th US Open title, surpassing his father, Dick Weber



2012 US Open Summary Report

2012 US Open Summary Report	Bowler	Number
Entries		396
Pattern		42' Flat
18 Game Cut	J. Furey	-66
18 Game Leader	R. Shafer	+430
26 Game Cut	A. LaCaze	+176
26 Game Leader	R. Shafer	+625
#300	Jason Couch	(1)
50 Game Cut	P. Weber	+1010
50 Game Leader	M. Fagan	+1343



Championship Finals Stepladder

	1. Mike Fagan 214	Pete Weber
	2. Jason Belmonte 213	Pete Weber 215
3. Ryan Shafer 191	Pete Weber 225	
4. Pete Weber 223		



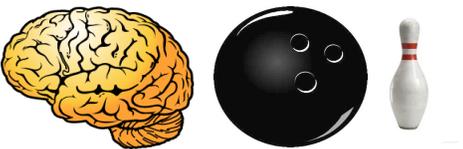
Karma Purple/Pink Pearl and Brunswick Nexxus f(P+R)




PART NUMBER: 60-105446-93X
CORE TYPE: Medium RG Performance Cord
COLOR: 2-Color: Purple/Pink Pearl
FINISHING STEPS: 500 Siaair Micro Pad; Rough Buff; High Gloss
WEIGHTS: 10-16 lbs
RG MAX: 2.579
RG MIN: 2.539
RG DIFFERENTIAL: 0.040
RG AVERAGE: Center Heavy (1) 4.9 Cover Heavy (10)
HOOK POTENTIAL: Low (10) 120 High (200)
LENGTH: Smooth Arc (10) 130 Long (235)
BREAKPOINT SHAPE: Smooth Arc (10) 85 Angular (100)




PART NUMBER: 60-105440-93X
CORE TYPE: Nexxus Rotor
COLOR: 2-Color: Red and Black Solid
FINISHING STEPS: 500 & 1,500 Siaair Micro Pad Finish
WEIGHTS: 12-16 lbs
RG MAX: 2.536
RG MIN: 2.480
RG DIFFERENTIAL: 0.056
RG AVERAGE: Center Heavy (1) 3.1 Cover Heavy (10)
HOOK POTENTIAL: Low (10) 200 High (200)
LENGTH: Early (25) 110 Long (235)
BREAKPOINT SHAPE: Smooth Arc (10) 100 Angular (100)



BOWLOLOGY

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

Grinding it Out

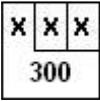
Last month, Pete Weber won his fifth US Open as major bowling fans like myself know. It is tough to win one US Open let alone winning five. When I interviewed Pete Weber a few years back, he said it was a mental grind and a physical grind tournament to win. You are not going to be able to strike a lot in the US Open. You have to be patient and make your spares and know that a low 200 game is a great score. Scoring 220 is a fantastic score. The last round of match play in the

US Open, he bowled three 250 games. This is hard to do because of the demanding lane conditions. In the diagram below, it shows what is a good score in the US Open. Notice there are not a lot of strikes; and when there are, there are not many in succession. If you miss an easy spare in the US Open, it is going to be hard to get frame back. Hitting the pocket is crucial in this tournament. If you have 490 frames with a strike or spare, you will be one of the top bowlers of that week. If you leave a bucket or 2-4-5-8, even though that is a hard spare to make, it is important that you try to make that spare. If you leave baby splits, it is also important to try to make those shots. A double in this tournament is big. Anything more than a turkey, is a bonus. There was only one 300 shot last month in the US Open. That shows how tough this tournament is. It is imperative that bowlers bowling in this tournament make their spares and hit the pocket. Grinding it out means that the bowler needs to learn to be satisfied with only getting a double per game. The winners of the US Open are not going to have very many games over

230. Taking a 190 is another way that the bowler can maximize his success. If a bowler can turn a 150-game into a 190 or even a 180 game, that will be a good thing. It would have been harder to come back from a 150-game rather than a 190 or 180 game. The name of the game of winning the US Open is staying clean and staying out of trouble. Winning five US Opens tells me that Pete Weber does know to throw the ball and capitalize on his good games. Bowlers are not going to have an easy way to get to the 1-3 pocket. If the bowler misses to the right or left, more than likely, the bowler will pay the price. Bowlers cannot win the US Open on the first day, but they can definitely lose it on the first day. If a bowler happens to make a hard split, that is a definite bonus. Making that big split makes the bowler feel like he threw a 5 bagger in this tournament.

“Grinding it out” is a big factor when a pro bowler wins major tournaments. Staying clean and hitting the pocket is going to maximize the chance of a pro bowler winning a major tournament.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
X	9 /	9 /	X	X	9 /	8 /	X	9 /	X 9 /
20	39	59	88	108	126	146	166	186	206



Seeing it All (by a Major Bowling Fan) — Part 1

I have been a PBA member for 11 years and been to 99 PBA tournaments. This is counting PBA National tour events, PBA Senior tour events, PBA Regional events, and PBA Senior Regional events. This is also including 24 Major tournaments that I have attended. Seeing Pete Weber win his 5th U.S. Open was the greatest accomplishment by a pro bowler that I have ever witnessed.

Words can't describe what an honor it is to be there when a pro bowler from the past wins a PBA title. Watching three bowlers win the Triple Crown is one of the greatest accomplishments that a pro bowler can achieve. Being at a PBA Hall of Fame induction for your favorite bowler is awesome! Witnessing a number of 300 by the greatest bowlers in the world under the demanding lane conditions is incredible.

Watching the greatest bowlers on television and being at these PBA tournaments are two completely different things. The bowling fans that can be at these tournaments are able to see what the bowlers go through in a week long tournament.

PBA National tournaments and PBA Regional tournaments are different. The reason that they are different is the PBA National tournaments are the greatest bowlers in the world. Both types of bowlers are great players, but they definitely differ on how the game is played. Their mode of thinking while they are throwing a bowling ball is different because they see the lane and the pins in their unique way. The pros are definitely the best bowlers are throwing a bowling ball. I have seen a 7/10 split made a handful of times in PBA tournaments.

I was inspired to write about this topic because I saw Pete Weber win his 5th U.S. Open. He had to strike on the last ball to win a major tournament which is incredibly hard and that is what made it so exciting to witness. Watching Pete Weber win his 5th U.S. Open was like a clinic because he was doing what he had to do in order to win the game and the tournament.

I also thought about when Mike Aulby bowled his 300 game on national television. Watching him win his 3rd ABC Masters title along with watching Parker Bohn III bowl a 300 on the television show made me want to showcase these great events.

In 1993 Walter Ray Williams Jr had the chance to surpass Mark Roth's 8 titles in one season record. Seeing Walter Ray Williams Jr do this was amazing!

Four years ago Norm Duke won his first of two U.S. Opens. This was the tournament that was going to make him be the 4th Triple Crown winner and the second bowler to win the Triple Crown. He had to make the 2-4-5-8 spare and he did. This is what great bowlers do. They either make their spares or they strike when they have to win a PBA title. This is what professional is all about.

Doubling in the 10th to win a PBA title is hard to do. Winning a major tournament with a chance to become one of the Triple Crown winners is very

hard to do. This is what Mike Aulby did in the 1995 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions. When he did that in my mind he was one of the greatest bowlers ever. This made him become the first bowler to win the Grand Slam. Attending Walter Ray Williams Jr's 41st PBA tour title and him being beating Pete Weber in the 2006 PBA World Championship was one of the greatest major championship matches I had ever been to. It was between the two greatest players of all time.

Thanks for reading this addition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydebowl.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 5 U.S. Opens?
2. Who became the first Triple Crown winner?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Not awarded.

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mike Aulby
- 2.) Ebonite

2011-2012 PBA Tour Television Schedule

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