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Right: Pete Weber,
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Champion Winner

Left: Josh Hyde
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Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** highlights the Pete Weber winning his 10th major Championship. The **Strike Column** analyzes the 2013 Tournament of Champions top five. In the **Kingpin Column**, PBA CEO Geoff Reiss is the "Interview of the Month." **Breakpoint** covers a new PBA award and a new player development program. The **Split Column** talks about the only player who has completed the Triple Crown twice.. The **Spare Column** talks about the Elias Cup Finals and how Walter Ray won his fifth PBA50 title. In the **Pocket** is the Top Ten 2013 ToC Moments. **Bowlology** explains oil absorption and how much time the ball takes to absorb the oil. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** has my thoughts on the 2013 Tournament of Champions. A new column called **Xtra Frame Spotlight** is an interview with me during the 2013 ToC in the first round of matchplay. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

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Messenger

Weber Wins 10th Major

Pete Weber left his mark on this year's Tournament of Champions.

The opening final of the championship round saw Osku Palermaa versus Tommy Jones. Palermaa really struggled. He could only shoot a 189 against Jones' 217 game. In the next match, Tommy took on the defending champion, Sean Rash.

This was a high scoring affair. Tommy and Rash were striking frequently with Rash prevailing 247-233. In the semifinals, Rash struggled, and could only muster a 171.

Belmonte started out with the front five and never looked back defeating Rash 229-171.

In the championship match, Weber was trying to go for a second Triple Crown, opening up with a double. Belmonte opened up with a double, but in the third frame left a 4-10 split. Weber was able to stay clean and throw three doubles to capture his tenth career Major and his 37th career PBA Tour title.

Weber defeated Belmonte by a score of 224-179.

TOURNAMENT STATS	
24 Game Cut Bowler +/-	+517 Lonnie Waliczek
24 Game 5 th Place +/-	+770 Stuart Williams
24 Game Leader	+1077 Osku Palermaa
48 Game Cut Bowler +/-	+1875 Osku Palermaa
48 Game Leader	+2212 Pete Weber
300 games-7- Mike Scroggins, Scott Norton, Scott Newell, Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, Andres Gomez	

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND STATS	
High Game: Sean Rash (247)	
Low Game: Sean Rash (171)	
High Match: Rash/Jones (247/233)	
Low Match: Belmonte/Rash (229/171)	
Average Winning Game: 229.25	

Champion		
1. Pete Weber - 229	Pete Weber	
2. Jason Belmonte - 229	Jason Belmonte - 179	
3. Sean Rash - 247	Sean Rash - 171	
4. Tommy Jones - 217	Tommy Jones - 233	
5. Osku Palermaa - 189		

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Strike Column – ToC Top 5 Analysis

At this year's Tournament of Champions, the top 5 that made the show were some of the best bowlers of the PBA Tour today. The top five had three past champions of the step ladder finals. The defending champion, Sean Rash, was trying to become the second bowler to successfully defend his title. Pete Weber was trying to do two things: first, joining Earl Anthony at winning the most majors with ten; and second, becoming the first player to complete the Triple Crown twice. Jason Belmonte was to accomplish two back-to-back Majors at the ToC. All of the players had at least one Major on their resumé. It was one of the best ToC Finals to date.

This season, Belmonte led the tour with nearly a 235 average. Sean Rash is second with a 232 average. Pete is in third with nearly a 230 average. During the last five years, these finalist have averaged between 224–220. Belmonte leads the pack with a 224 average.

In the ToC Tournament, the high game average was 289 which elevated by Belmonte's and Weber's perfect games. Tommy Jones had a high game of 290. Sean Rash had a high game of 279. Osku Palermaa rounded out the top five with a high score of 280. All of these finalists knew how to strike and knew how to get the job done.

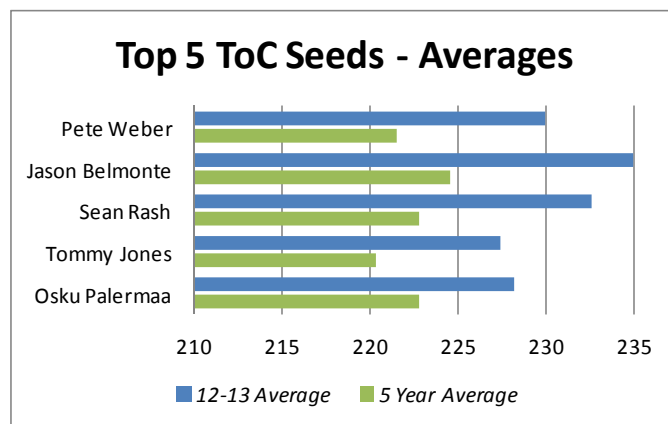
The low game average was tallied at 173.8. However, there were some low game scores amongst these bowlers. Belmo had the lowest score at 152. Of the low scores, Pete Weber led the way with a 186. Between all of the finalists, they averaged 173 on the low end.

As mentioned before, every player in the championship round at the ToC had at least one major title—three of which had one ToC title. Having three former ToC title holders in the championship round forced the other two players to step up to the plate. With Weber tying Anthony for the most majors, it is obvious that he knows how to strike in major tournaments.

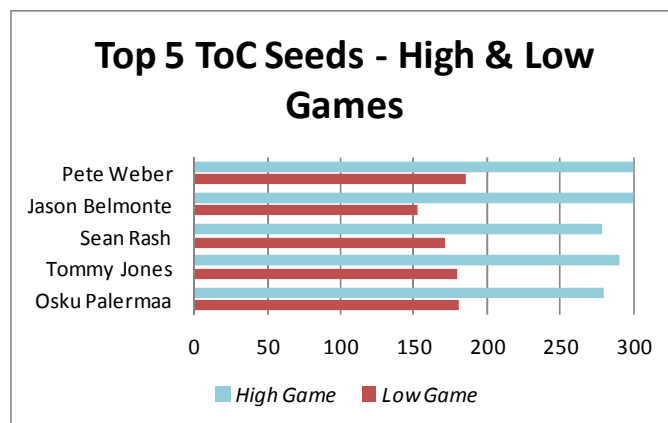
The Top 5 of this year's Tournament of Champions made up the best Championship Round that has been seen in the past several ToCs. Every one of these Top 5 finalists have a winning championship round record in their career. On top of that, the worst career winning percentage for championship matches is .500 by Jason Belmonte. Tommy Jones has the best championship match record at 76% wins. Pete Weber is second in championship match winning percentage with 71%.

The top five at this year's Tournament of Champions

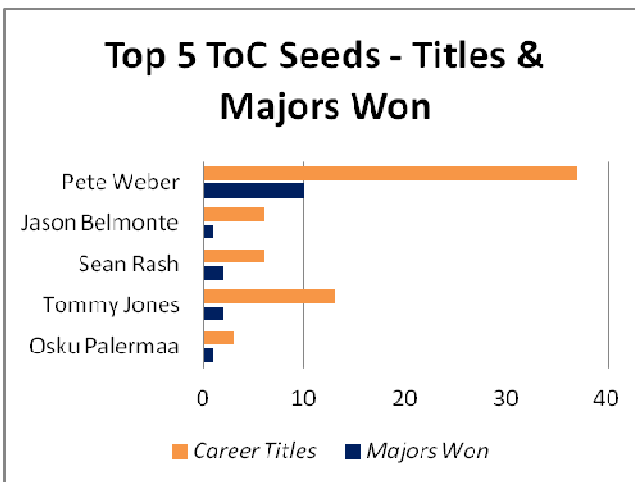
definitely know how to bowl on the PBA Tour. Weber was going to have his hands full to win his tenth career major and the first player to win two Triple Crowns in his career. With this win, Weber is definitely the best bowler on the PBA Tour without a Player of the Year honor.



ABOVE: '12-'13 AVERAGE & 5-YEAR AVERAGE AMONGST ToC FINALISTS



ABOVE: HIGH GAME & LOW GAME AMONGST ToC FINALISTS



ABOVE: CAREER TITLES & MAJORS AMONGST ToC FINALISTS



New Development Program Announced by BowlU

On April 16, the PBA announced the formation of a new series of PBA Development Camps starting this summer. These camps will be in partnership with Bowl U, created by Rick Benoit designed to create programs to assist bowlers improve through training programs.

Five development areas will be targeted through the program: skill development, strategic development, practice mode, competition mode, and monitoring the elite athlete. Once a month, a different PBA region will host a weekend camp.

To become a member of the BowlU program, camp fees will be \$200 per person and yearly online memberships cost \$75.

More information is available at BowlU.com or pba.com.

June: West Region, Double Decker San Francisco (Contact: Curtis Woods);
July: East Region, Brad Angelo Lanes, Lockport, N.Y. (Contact: Brad Angelo);
August: Northwest Region, Ten Down Bowling & Entertainment Center, Roseburg, Ore (Contact: Bryon Smith);
September: Central Region, All-Star Lanes, Indianapolis (Contact: Dan Smith);

Tony Reyes Community Service Award Created

On April 1, the PBA announced the creation of the new Tony Reyes Community Service award.

This award will be given to a PBA member for their community service and charitable contributions to bowling. The PBA member must also be in good standing.

Nominations can be made until the Nov. 15 deadline. The Tony Reyes Community Service Award will be announced with other 2014 PBA awards and will be selected by a PBA committee.

Interview of the Month: PBA CEO Geoff Reiss

Q: How do you think the PBA League is going?

A: I'm incredibly happy with how we've launched the league. The players and fans are totally into it and we've been able to recruit a dream team of team owners. We're in the early stages but I'm very encouraged where we are.

Q: What's the future plan?

A: We need to meaningfully grow our revenue by improving the way our TV deals are structured and by growing our sponsorship base to realize our objectives for the future. As we grow revenue we can once again commit ourselves to growing prize funds and holding a larger number of events in more locations across the country.



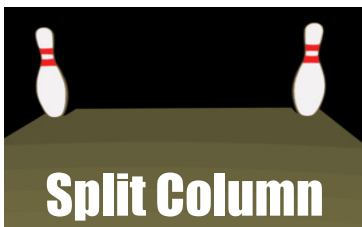
Q: What are your goals for the PBA?

A: My long-term goals are pretty simple. Return to the PBA to profitability by growing our audience and making us a more attractive proposition to sponsors and TV partners. On a personal note my goal is that years from now, when I'm long-gone from the PBA, I can turn my TV or iPad on and watch guys competing in a PBA event for lots of money and know that the work we're doing now helped en-

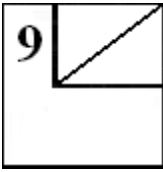
sure that our organization will be strong for a long time to come.

Q: How do we get more sponsors?

A: First we have to significantly improve the value proposition we offer them. Adding elements like team sponsorships to complement our commercials starts to get that job done. 2nd, we have to change the perception of what it means to be connected with bowling and the PBA. Associating brands with guys like Chris Paul, Kevin Hart and Terrell Owens helps us dramatically shift the perception of who we are in the marketplace. Last, we have to deliver a larger audience of fans that brands want to reach. Fix the value proposition, improve the product and grow the audience.



Pete Weber became the first and only bowler to complete the triple crown when he won the 2013 Tournament of Champions.



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region—top player stats, tournament highlights, interviews, and occasional updates from Bobby Jakel about what is going on in the Central Region.

PBA League Finals

In the opening match of the PBA League Elias Cup Finals, the Dallas Strikers got lined up and threw strikes, defeating the Brooklyn Styles 217-172. BROOKLYN STyLES struggled in the opening match against the Dallas Strikers. The Dallas Strikers lived up to their name striking at every opportunity at the end of the first game.

Motown Muscle teammate Mike Scroggins was replaced by supplemental player D.J. Archer due to Scroggins' injury at the Tournament of Champions. The Motown Muscle was able to find a way to strike and go on to face the NYC WTT KingPins in the championship game.

In this championship match, it was a two-game total pinfall format. After the first game, the Motown Muscle was down 21 pins (202-181), going into the last game. However, in the final game, the KingPins threw the last seven strikes. With the match in hand, Weber subbed in supplemental player Kulick to throw the last two shots of the game. Kulick struck both shots to claim the first inaugural Elias Cup for the NYC WTT Kingpins.

Williams, Jr. Wins Fifth PBA50

Walter Ray Williams, Jr. won his fifth PBA50 title against two-time Player of the Year Amleto Monacelli. He won 276-216 in the championship game. In the first round of the tournament, Joe Scarborough rolled the first 900 in PBA competition. This was the first three games of this tournament. Also, Darrell Ducat became the oldest competitor in PBA history at age 87. There were 20 300-games shot during the course of the tournament. The other finalists that made the top four were: Pete Weber and Bo Goergen.

In the opening match of the stepladder finals, Weber started with the front six. However, Goergen had something to say when Weber left seven on his fill ball to give Goergen a chance. Goergen needed the first two strikes and eight pins to advance to the semifinal game. Goergen prevailed beating Weber 259-256.

In the semifinal game, Goergen started out strong but could not keep up with Walter Ray. Goergen ran into transition while Walter Ray was striking. Walter Ray never looked back and had the opportunity to face Amleto Monacelli in the championship game. The rest is history.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND STATS
High Game: NYC WTT KingPins (238)
Low Game: BROOKLYN STyLES (172)
High Match: NYC WTT KingPins/Motown Muscle (202/238)
Low Match: Dallas Strikers/BROOKLYN STyLES (217/172)
Average Winning Game: 224.25

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND STATS
High Game: Walter Ray Williams, Jr. (276)
Low Game: Bo Goergen (191)
High Match: Bo Goergen / Pete Weber (259-256)
Low Match: Walter Ray Williams, Jr. / Bo Goergen (258-191)
Average Winning Game: 264.33

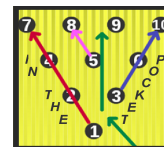
PBA League Finals

			Champion
		1. NYC WTT KingPins - 440	<i>NYC WTT KingPins</i>
	2. Motown Muscle - 216	Motown Muscle - 407	
3. Dallas Strikers - 217	Dallas Strikers - 190		
4. BROOKLYN STyLES - 172			

PBA50 Sun Bowl at The Villages (Presented by Hammer)

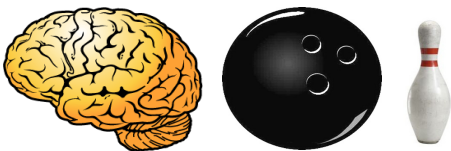
			Champion
		1. Amleto Monacelli—216	<i>Walter Ray Williams, Jr.</i>
	2. Walter Ray Williams, Jr.—258	Walter Ray Williams, Jr.—276	
3. Pete Weber—256	Bo Goergen—191		
4. Bo Goergen—259			

A condensed Top 10 Moments that have happened in bowling history or on the PBA Tour



Top Ten 2013 Tournament of Champions Moments

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| <p>10. Johnny Petraglia shooting 299 in the first round of qualifying.</p> <p>9. Bowling with the great Pete Weber in the pro-am, and him showing interest in how I bowl with a ramp.</p> <p>8. Being able to bowl with Doug Kent my first game in the pro-am.</p> <p>7. Watching Kent shoot 280 against defending champion Sean Rash in the first game of Match Play</p> <p>6. Witnessing Doug Kent and Danny Wiseman being inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame.</p> | <p>5. Witnessing the first inaugural PBA League Elias Cup Finals (the Kingpins won).</p> <p>4. Weber leading the Tournament of Champions at the end of 48 games.</p> <p>3. Jason Belmonte making a 4-10 split in the championship game.</p> <p>2. Having three former champions in the ToC championship round.</p> <p>1. Pete Weber winning his tenth career major and his second Triple Crown.</p> |
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BOWLOLOGY

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

Oil Absorption

Bowling is a surface sport. When the bowling ball goes across a lane, it picks up oil from it. This oil is eventually absorbed into the bowling ball. The rate of absorption

depends on the surface of the ball. The more surface a bowler has on a ball, the faster the oil will absorb into the ball.

The four pictures below illustrate how oil on a ball was absorbed over the course of under four minutes after one thrown ball. In this case, the first picture indicates 100 percent of the oil removed from the lane. In the second picture, approximately 60 percent of the oil is absorbed into the ball after one minute. The third picture shows that after two

minutes, approximately 80 percent of the oil is absorbed. In the fourth and final picture, nearly all the oil is completely absorbed after just over three minutes of elapsed time.

The less surface that is on the ball, the slower the process takes. There are a lot of others variables that go in this process. Some of these are: the surface of the bowling ball, how fresh the lane oil is, how many games the ball has been used, and chemical makeup of the ball's coverstock.



L to R: (1) When the ball returns, (2) A minute after, (3) Two minutes after, (4) Three minutes after

X	X	X
300		

Thoughts on the 2013 Tournament of Champions

As I was watching the Tournament of Champions, Pete Weber is by far the best bowler in the world. Not even in the world now, but of all time, because he has won ten titles with plastic, ten titles with urethane, and ten titles with resin. He has won five U.S. Opens in three different decades. He has a chance to become the first player to complete the PBA Triple Crown twice.

Just seeing all the greats under one roof gave me chills. I can only imagine what will become of Belmonte, Palerma, Barnes, Mika, Jones, O'Neil, Fagan, Malott, Norton, and Rash. What records might these men break?

On his first television show appearance, Weisman went 21–5 on television. That is a hard feat to do. I remember when Pencak was winning every show in 1990, and remembering how tough he was.

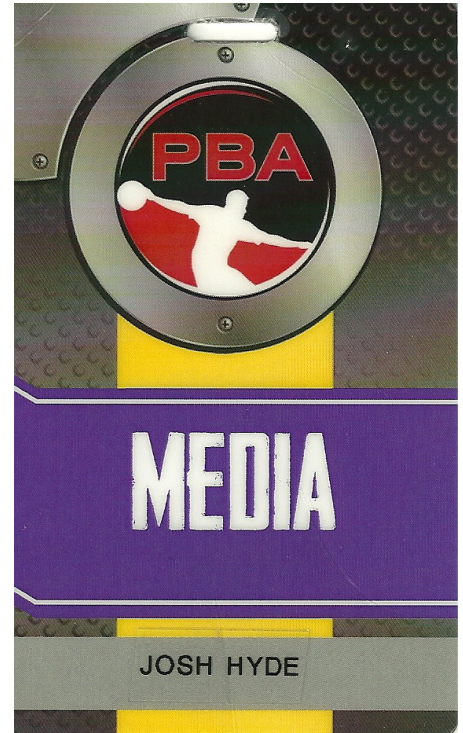
Being involved with the bowling media is the greatest job I can have. Seeing a great tournament play out was also phenomenal. Watching Johnny Petraglia shoot 299 on Xtra Frame was amazing. Talking with PBA CEO, Geoff Reiss, and him liking my strike column was a big thrill for me. I really did not get to see Parker Bohn III bowl much, but did I get to see some great bowling.

Getting a PBA registry is another dream I have. This would enable me to use the PBA logo and other trademarks legally. Finally, being on Xtra Frame was special in being able to promote my newsletter.

The 2013 Tournament of Champions was my 25th major and my 58th PBA tournament. Meeting the pros in the pro-am was a good feeling, especially bowling with Doug Kent, Scott Norton, Jason Sterner, Pete Weber, and Mike DeVaney. Reiss was also generous enough to let me write for PBA.com.

Going to the PBA Hall of Fame ceremony and seeing Doug Kent and Danny Wiseman inducted in was spectacular. They were perhaps two of the best bowlers going in the PBA Hall of Fame. Wiseman had early success on television, while Kent had later success in his professional bowling career. To go to my second PBA Hall of Fame ceremony—my first as a writer—was an honor. The ToC had a great ending, with Weber winning his tenth career major. This was one of most memorable moments of my bowling career.

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



My 2013 Tournament of Champions Media Pass

X-Tra Frame Spotlight



During the first round of match play at the 2013 Tournament of Champions, I had a chance to get an interview on Xtra Frame. I talked about my newsletter and how I was attending my 58th PBA Tour stop and my 25th major tournament.

It was interesting because Michael Machuga helped me promote the newsletter. He also translated for me and helped me to express to others my love of the game. Thanks, Michael!



A photo with Doug Kent (right) and Danny Wiseman (left) and the Hall of Fame induction ceremony.