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At left:
Amleto Monacelli,
PBA50 Rookie of
the Year.



At right:
Dave Soutar,
Dick Weber Sportsman-
ship Award winner.

Practice Pair

Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

PBA50 Award Winners Announced

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** talks about the PBA50 awards. The **Strike Column** talks about *Stats for the PBA Hall of Fame*. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about Mike Aulby getting his Super Slam and winning his third Masters. **Breakpoint** covers the newly-formed RPI in each region. The **Spare Column** covers the 35 players going to the WSOB. The **Split Column** talks about the bowler who won both the USBC Senior Masters and the USBC Masters and also talks about the bowler who won both sportsmanship awards on the PBA and PBA50 Tours. **Balls of the Lanes** talks about the Karma Urethane ball by Brunswick. **Bowlology** talks about understanding axis rotation. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about some of the memorabilia I have acquired at PBA tournaments. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

On September 10th, the PBA announced the PBA50 Rookie of the Year and the Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award winner.

won his first Senior Tour title, he beat Walter Ray Williams, Jr. 255-247 in the Championship match.

Amleto Monacelli was awarded the PBA50 Rookie of the Year honor. He won the PBA Senior U.S. Open as his first PBA50 title. "I quickly found that you still have to be bowling at a top level to do well on the Senior Tour, stated Monacelli. "The competition was very tough and I feel fortunate to do as well as I did in my first year." Amleto was the first International star to bowl on the PBA Tour.

Winning the Dick Weber Sportsmanship Award was Dave Soutar. Dave's bowling career spanned five decades. He won 18 titles, and he is the first bowler to win both Sportsmanship awards (Steve Nagy—Regular Tour; Dick Weber—Senior Tour) on both tours. "I've always respected my competitors and felt that if someone beat me they bowled better than I did and they did the job they were supposed to do," said Soutar.

Other candidates included Bob Learn, Jr., Mike Edwards, and Lenny Boesch who also won titles on the PBA50 Tour. During his PBA Tour career, Amleto won 19 titles. He is the only foreign-born bowler to be in the PBA Hall of Fame. Also, Amleto won back-to-back Player of the Year honors in 1989 and 1990. When he

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Walter Ray Williams, Jr. won his first PBA50 Player of the Year award. He was the only multiple winner of the PBA50 Tour this year.

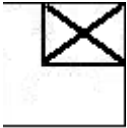
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To be the highest quality bowling publication that the author can create using the best of his knowledge and observation.



Strike Column – Stats for the PBA Hall of Fame

Every great player belongs in the PBA Hall of Fame. They know how to strike when they need to and have phenomenal statistics over their careers. When the PBA announced the 50 Greatest Bowlers in the history of the PBA, a lot of them were already in the Hall of Fame. These are the best of the best.

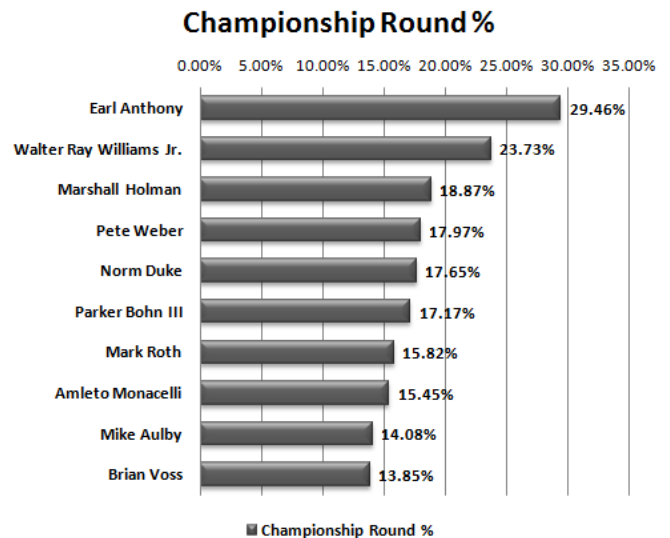
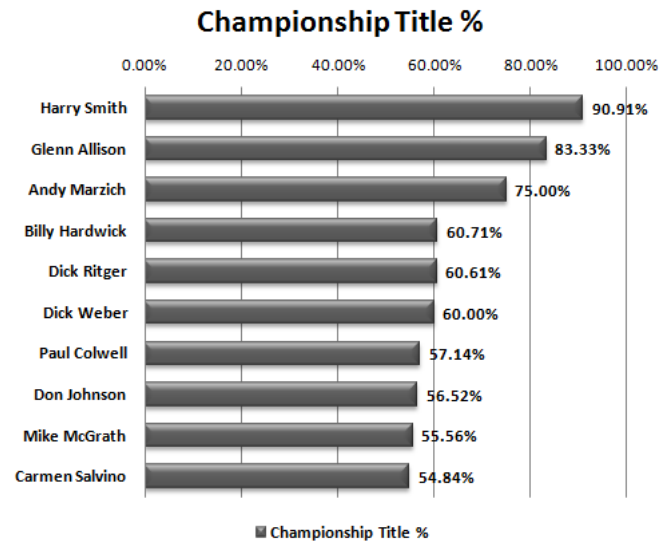
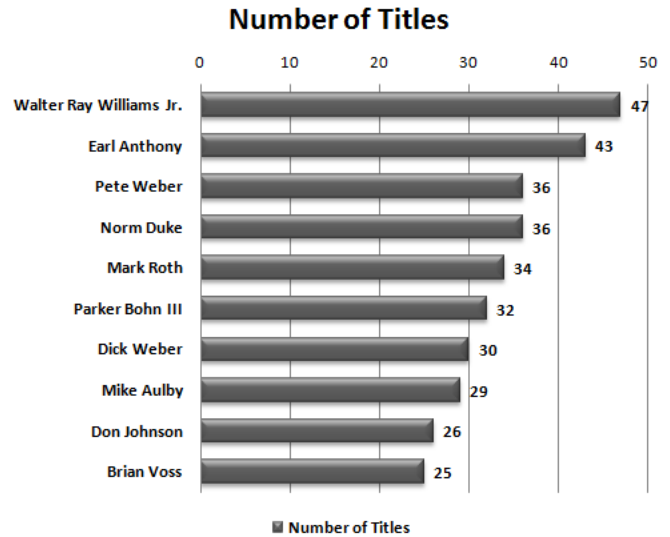
The PBA Hall of Famers are going to be on television week in and week out. This is what makes a great candidate for the PBA Hall of Fame. They are going to also win a lot of titles. When they need to throw a double to win a game or title, bowling fans can count on them doing so.

The first graph has some of the most dominant players. They dominated the PBA Tour on a weekly basis. This is what great players do. Bowling fans can expect this top ten list to be on television week in and week out. These players are going to have a chance to win when they put their bowling shoes on at a PBA tournament. In order to become considered one of the greatest bowlers, a player has to win at least 25 titles. There have only been ten players who have accomplished this feat and only six who have won 30+ titles. This shows how tough the competition is in the PBA to be one of the greats.

Harry Smith is the top player in the championship title win percentage, as the second graph shows. This means that for every 10 shows Smith made, he would win nine. However, his career was short, so he did not make many championship round appearances. Some of the other top players in this category are Billy Hardwick, the great Dick Weber, and Don Johnson. Weber was the first superstar of the PBA Tour. Another good player in this category is Carmen Salvino, who rounded out the top ten at nearly 55 percent. All of these players knew how to get the job done in order to win titles.

The top ten players with the highest career championship round appearance percentage are seen on the third graph. These players definitely are making shows consistently. They are the best at doing this feat on a regular basis. The top bowlers are going to be in the championship round often. They will figure out what they have to do in order to have their shot at the show during the last round of match play. More than likely they will throw a big game as their last one of the round to be in the top five. This is what great players do.

Finally, this article has talked about what the PBA Hall of Famers have done in their careers. They knew how to strike when they needed to most. They are a definite threat when they enter a PBA tournament. Time and time again, these charts demonstrate how great these players are on the tour.



Moments in History

Aulby Gets Super Slam and Wins Third Masters

The Super Slam is not available for the PBA bowlers today. However, if Pete Weber won the USBC Masters and Walter Ray William Jr. won the Tournament of Champions, then they would have the Super Slam title. Mike Aulby is the only player to accomplish this feat. He has won every Major on the PBA Tour that there is to win. To do this is extremely rare. To be the one bowler that has accomplished this title defines him as one of the best players.

In the 1996 Touring Player Championship, Mike Aulby had to double in the 10th to win and he did. He became the only bowler to win every Major tournament that a bowler could win. This made him one of the greatest bowlers in the

history of the PBA. Winning one Major is a hard task for a pro bowler. Winning all five Majors proves a great level of skill. The Major Tournaments are difficult tournaments to win because of the demanding lane conditions.

Mike Aulby won his 3rd Masters on May 9, 1998. He was going to have his hands full as Parker Bohn III bowled a 300 in the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, Parker Bohn III (300) defeated Mike Mullen (246) and Chris Sand (191). All three players started out strong, except Bohn could not stop striking.

While it looked like Bohn had it under control, he started out in the championship game with two opens back to back. This gave Aulby an early advantage; and just like a great champion, he started off with a double in the championship game.



However, Aulby ran into transition during the middle of the championship game. In the 8th frame, he left the 6/7 split, but then he recovered by making it. This gave him a good lead going into the

10th frame. He was then able to seal the deal by shutting out Bohn with the score of 224-192. This gave Aulby his 3rd Masters title and his 26th PBA Tour title.

It looked like Bohn had the advantage when he entered the championship game of the 1998 ABC Master's. He had just bowled a 300, and his line to the pocket was a great line. However, Mike Aulby being Mike Aulby had something to say about that. Time and time again, I saw Aulby strike when he needed to win a title, and I knew Bohn was going to have his hands full.

Breakpoint—Regional RPI

On August 28, the PBA announced that they would have a Regional Players Invitational (RPI) for each region instead of having one tournament for all regions.

This will ensure that bowlers will not have to make special arrangements to fly out to Reno, NV each year. In these tournaments, the winners will receive an entry into the World Series of Bowling.

How this will work is from September 1-July 15,

each region will have a separate point list that the top 48 overall players (in competition points) will be able to compete at the end of the season RPI. The top 15 players from each region, based on seasonal points standings, will also be invited with free entry. The top 16-32 will be invited, but will have to pay an entry fee of \$220.

The top prize of each RPI will be \$6,000 to each winner, with a total purse of \$25,000. PBA members living outside of the United States

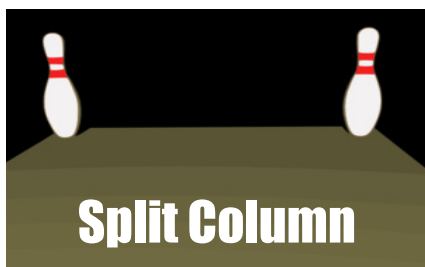
will be eligible based on their participation in events in any given region.

The West and Northwest Regions will have different entry rules. Free entries will be given to point leaders 1-10 in the West Region and 1-5 in the Northwest Region. Paid entries by invitation will be given to point leaders 11-23 in the West Region and 6-9 in the Northwest Region.

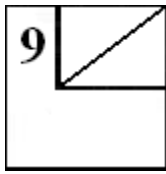
Finally, each RPI will consist of a Friday Pro-Am and two six-game qualifying

rounds on Saturday. After Saturday's qualifying rounds, the top four qualifiers will receive a two-round bye, while 5-8 will receive a one-round bye in Sunday's elimination matches. They will bowl best-of-five game matches, with the winners joining 5-8. The winners of those matches will bowl the top four qualifiers.

For more information on this change, feel free to visit pba.com.



Dave Soutar is the only player to win the USBC Masters and the USBC Senior Masters. Also he is the only player to win both Sportsmanship Awards on the PBA and Senior Tour.



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.

35 Players Sent to the WSOB

On the 10th of last month, the PBA announced the 35 players that got a free entry into the 4th World Series of Bowling. Each region had 4 animal pattern tournaments: the Cheetah, Scorpion, Viper, and Chameleon. The bowlers had a couple of ways in which they could win a spot in the WSOB. The first way— they could pay a \$50 entry fee in each of these tournaments , and the highest finishing position would get the spot for the WSOB. The second way — if a bowler thought he could do well on all four patterns and be the point leader after all four tournaments, he would then receive the spot and not have to pay the \$50 entry fees.

The chart shows the winner in each of the four tournaments for each region. It also shows the bowler who got the entry in each tournament.

In the Central Region, for the Viper tournament, Ronnie Russell won the tournament and also won the spot for a free entry in the World Series of Bowling.

Chris Warren dominated the Northwest Region, winning three of the four tournaments. He won the Chameleon, Cheetah, and Viper tournaments. If that isn't domination, I don't know what is. Chris Warren is probably the greatest player in the Northwest Region. He has also won six PBA Tour titles, including a USBC Masters. He is one of the greatest bowlers of the PBA without having 10 titles. Bryon Smith was the point leader for the Northwest Region.

Some of the other great bowlers that won these tournaments were Pete Weber, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Mike Scroggins, and Wes Malott. All of these bowlers have won on the

Region	Pattern	Winner	WSOB Entry Spot
EAST	Chameleon	Adam Baer	Greg Ostrander
EAST	Viper	Ryan Shafer	Brad Angelo
EAST	Scorpion	Greg Bruff	Joe Paluszek
EAST	Cheetah	Bill O'Neill	Bill O'Neill
EAST	Points		Ryan Shafer
SOUTH	Viper	Zach Brown	Kyle Troup
SOUTH	Chameleon	Rhino Page	Scott Newell
SOUTH	Cheetah	Jason Mahr	Walter Ray Williams Jr.
SOUTH	Scorpion	Walter Ray Williams Jr.	Mike Williams II
SOUTH	Points		Jason Sterner
CENTRAL	Viper	Ronnie Russell	Ronnie Russell
CENTRAL	Cheetah	Jack Jurek	Jack Jurek
CENTRAL	Chameleon	Connor Pickford	Brian Himmler
CENTRAL	Scorpion	Joe Ciccone	Joe Ciccone
CENTRAL	Points		Jeff Zaffino
SOUTHWEST	Viper	Chris Hibbitts II	Kevin Mitchell
SOUTHWEST	Cheetah	Mike Scroggins	Mike Scroggins
SOUTHWEST	Chameleon	Mike Scroggins	Chris Barnes
SOUTHWEST	Scorpion	Nathan Bohr	Dino Castillo
SOUTHWEST	Points		Nathan Bohr
MIDWEST	Scorpion	Jason Wojnar	Anthony LaCaze
MIDWEST	Chameleon	Pete Weber	Tom Hess
MIDWEST	Viper	Dave Traber	Dave Beres
MIDWEST	Cheetah	Dave Traber	Eugene McCune
MIDWEST	Points		Dave Traber
WEST	Cheetah	Dennis Horan Jr.	Dave Wodka
WEST	Scorpion	Jim Pratt	PJ Haggerty
WEST	Viper	Allen Blansette	Allen Blansette
WEST	Chameleon	Sean Rash	Sean Rash
WEST	Points		Jeff Frankos
NORTHWEST	Chameleon	Chris Warren	Chris Warren
NORTHWEST	Cheetah	Chris Warren	Tony Reyes
NORTHWEST	Scorpion	Wes Malott	Wes Malott
NORTHWEST	Viper	Chris Warren	Thomas Ault Jr.
NORTHWEST	Points		Bryon Smith

PBA Tour and know how to strike.

This shows what kind of talent is coming up in the World Series of Bowling. It will be exciting to see if Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. can be the MVPs of the WSOB IV. If this happens, what a great World Series of Bowling it will be! Bowling fans want to see the great Pete Weber and Walter Ray Williams Jr. go at it for maybe one of the last times.

The 4th WSOB takes place November 2-11 at Southpoint in Las Vegas, NV.



Karma Urethane



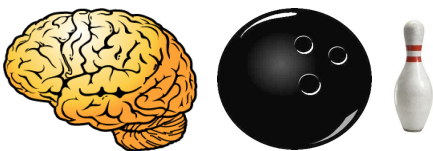
“My first impression of the new Karma urethane is that I have a true old school urethane reaction. It’s smooth and continuous in the oil and dry parts of the lane. A couple of things I like about this ball is how controllable it is when the lanes are extremely tough and the pin action. It’s like I have the best of both worlds—control of urethane, but powerful hitting power of reactive.”

- Bill Orlikowski

“ In practice sessions, don’t just automatically hit the reset button if wood is left standing; roll your conversion shot.

- Parker Bohn III ”

CORE TYPE	MEDIUM RG PERFORMANCE
COLOR	1-COLOR, NAVY SOLID
COVERSTOCK	URETHANE SOLID
WEIGHTS	10 - 16 Pounds
RG MAX	2.567
RG MIN	2.527
RG DIFFERENTIAL	0.04
RG AVERAGE	Center (1) 4.9 Cover (10)
HOOK POTENTIAL	Low (10) 60 High (200)
LENGTH	Early (25) 170 Long (235)
BREAKPOINT SHAPE	Smooth Arc (10) 40 Angular (100)



BOWLOLOGY

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

Understanding Axis Rotation

This month I will address axis rotation, which is the horizontal measure of the angle of the ball’s revolutions. Closely associated, and often confused with axis rotation, is axis tilt. Axis tilt is defined as the vertical angle at which the ball rotates. I will cover axis tilt in the November newsletter.

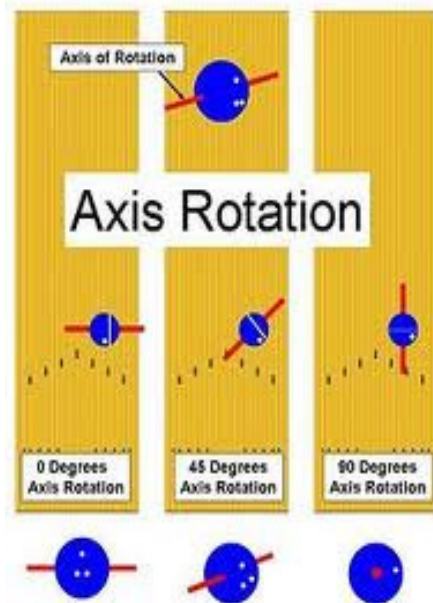
The release position of the fingers dictates the amount of axis rotation, known also as side roll. A 0-degree axis rotation is when the fingers exit the ball at a 6 o’clock position, and the ball rolls end-over-end. This creates minimal or no hook.

If the fingers exit the ball at the 3 o’clock position, the result will be a 90-degree axis rotation. This will introduce more hook.

Right-handed bowlers rotate their hand at release in a counter-clockwise motion; while left-handers release the ball in a clockwise motion.

Most bowlers have a release somewhere in between 0-90 degrees. The halfway point would be 45 degrees which is considered the most versatile release position.

As a bowler, knowing the amount of your axis rotation can help you determine what your ball’s drilling needs are.



Above: The different axis rotations that a bowler can have.

Tenth Frame — Commentary

Bowling Memorabilia

Over the years, I have collected lots of bowling memorabilia. Sports enthusiasts can go to a sports collectable store and buy a baseball or football with Babe Ruth's or Peyton Manning's autograph on it. However, with regard to my own collection of bowling memorabilia, the items have been from PBA tournaments that I have attended.

I have been collecting bowling memorabilia for 25 years. Most of my collection has been given to me by professional bowlers. These pictures are from the actual bowling tournaments' television shows that they were displayed at. I had requested to get some of these signs. These featured items are just



Above: I got this from the Brunswick World Tournament of Champions (TOC), where Jason Couch won his second consecutive TOC. This was given to me by PBA tournament director Kirk Von Kruger. He said that I could go into the tournament office and get the sign signed by Couch.

a small part of my collection. I am happy to have these signs from the three major PBA tournaments—the best tournaments that I have been to.

Sports fans can go online and buy memorabilia. However, I have been fortunate enough to go to these tournaments and see the greatest bowlers bowl in tournaments. It is also great to know these great bowlers and to see their reactions after they win or lose. It is better to be there in person—that way the bowling fan can actually see what is going on.

I wish bowling memorabilia was at sports memorabilia stores. It is one thing to go out and buy a jersey, it is another to go to a tournament and get memorabilia. However, this scarcity makes the



Above: I have always wanted something from the U.S. Open. Of all the majors I have attended, I have been to more U.S. Opens than any other major. I have items from other majors I was at, but not from the U.S. Open. I wanted a sign from the tournament. In 2010, asked Janay Leddy (Hagerty) if I could have the sign and she said I could and was able to get the winner, Bill O'Neill, to sign it.

bowling fan want to go to PBA tournaments. Having gone to 101 PBA tournaments myself, I have acquired a lot of bowling knowledge, as well as memorabilia that helps me write my newsletter every month and show pictures of this memorabilia. This is how I get more knowledge of the great sport of bowling. Thanks for reading this month's edition of Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Below: The gold pin is from the first show that the gold pins were used at. In the 1998 Bayer Brunswick Touring Players Championship, won by Dennis Horam, Jr., it was given to me by Parker Bohn III. I feel very fortunate to receive one of these pins. They are heavier than a standard pin to make it harder for the pros to strike. (See also the scratches from game use!)



Below: At the 2002 PBA World Championship, this sign was on the ball return in the championship round. One of ex-PBA tournament directors was at the show and he had a pin sweep was able to give me this sign and get it signed by all the finalists on the show.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydeb Bowling.com. The first person that answers 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 was the first bowler to shoot a 300 using the gold pins?
2. What year did Mike Aulby win the Touring Players Championship?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner
Winner Awarded: Not Awarded

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Pete Weber
- 2.) Johnny Petraglia