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Pictured at right, (L to R): Team Storm members Pete Weber, Jason Belmonte, and Osku Palermaa.



Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans! Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** talks about Team Storm wins GEICO PBA Summer Shoot Out. The **Strike Column** talks about the **PBA Prize Funds**. In the **Kingpin Column**, I talk about my 2011 year in review. This month instead of an interview is a new feature called **Breakpoint** which talks about breaking news in the bowling world. The **Split Column** talks about the player who had the most consecutive seasons with at least one television show. The **Spare Column** summarizes the 4th PBA World Series of Bowling. **Balls of the Lanes** talks about the new Nexxus ball by Brunswick. Bowlology talks about the Rule of 31 and finding a bowler's breakpoint. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about my new book *Bowling From Another View*. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

Messenger

Team Storm Wins GEICO PBA Summer Shootout

Team Storm won the Geico PBA Summer Shootout. They led the field by 15 points over 900 Global going into the stepladder finals. After elimination of round robin the top 4 teams advance to the stepladder finals. The bottom 5 teams had a shot of getting into the 5th and final spot of the stepladder finals round. Columbia 300 won the "elimination shootout" which gave them a last chance at the title except team Track had something to say about it.

Final Results:

1. Storm 244 (1game) \$45,000
2. Brunswick 724 (3 games) \$30,000
3. 900 Global 184 (1game) \$25,000
4. Track 471 (2games) \$20,000
5. Columbia 300 -222 (1game) \$15,000

Playoff Results:

1st match: Track defeated Columbia 300 236-222

2nd match: Team Brunswick defeated Track 256-235

Semi-finals: Brunswick defeated 900 Global 253-184

Championship match: Team Storm defeated Brunswick 244-233

In the opening game of the stepladder finals, team Track defeated team Columbia 300 236-222. Track went on to face team Brunswick. Team Brunswick defeated team Track 256-235. Brunswick went on to advance to team 900 Global . Brunswick defeated 900 Global 235-184.

In the championship match Brunswick ran into tournament leader team Storm. There they could not defeat team Storm. Team Storm won with a score of 244-233. Team Storm took the prize of \$45,000.

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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—Prize Funds of the PBA

Every bowling tournament has a prize fund. Even our favorite pro bowlers have to compete for prize winnings. Over the years, the PBA has tried to entice the best bowlers in the world to compete for the top dollar. There has only been one tournament that has had a 1 million dollar purse. That tournament was the 2011 Tournament of Champions. The winner got two hundred fifty thousand dollars for winning the tournament. In the history of the PBA, the prize funds have increased. Recently, lack of sponsorship has decreased the funds. Hopefully, that will change in years to come.

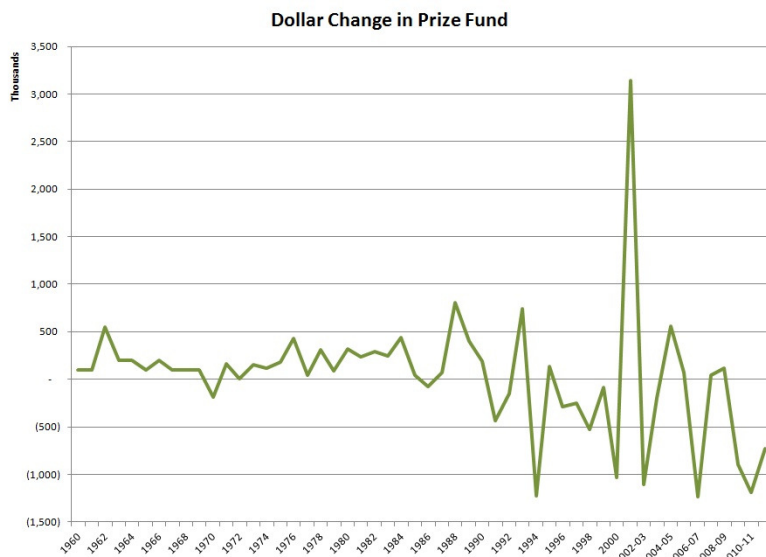
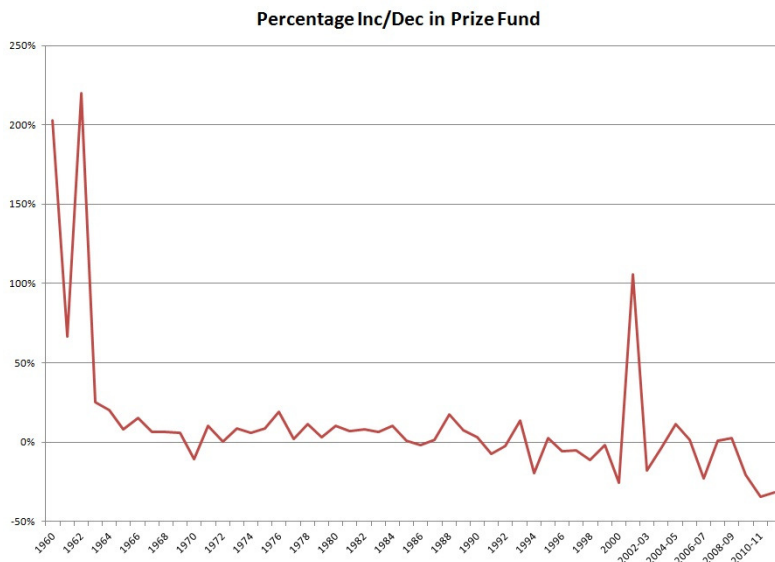
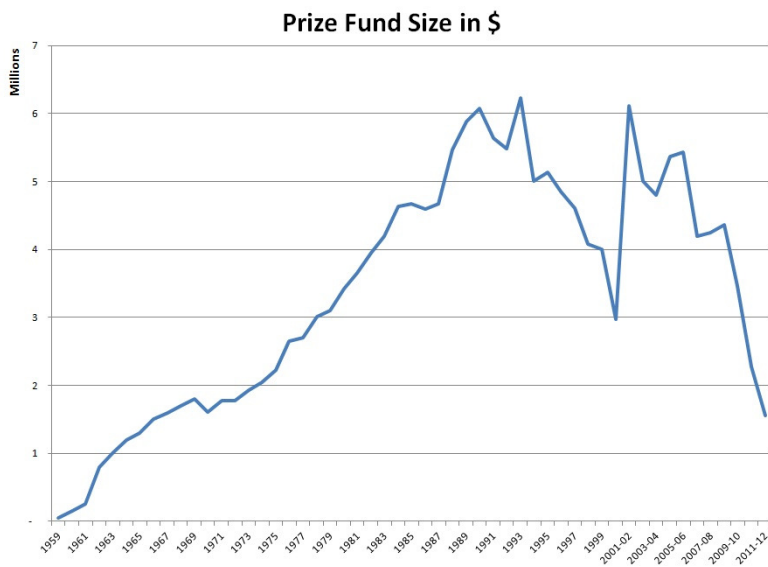
In the 1993 season, the PBA had the highest total purse that the bowlers could compete for. The amount was a little over 6 million dollars in prize money. This allowed a lot of pro bowlers to make a decent living. No matter how great a pro bowler is, he/she has to make a living.

The prize funds have steadily increased since the first meeting of the PBA in 1958, though the first tournament was not until 1959. 1963 brought a major drop in prize funds and stayed fairly steady until about 2002. In 2002-2003, there was an increase in sponsorship in the PBA. Therefore, the prize money also increased accordingly. From 1990 to 1994, the PBA had a steady amount of prize funds that the pro bowlers could compete for, averaging approximately 5 million dollars per year. The pros had a great four year stretch where they could make a decent living at throwing a bowling ball. The biggest jump was in 1962 at 225%. The lowest falls were in 2000 and 2007 at close to 25%.

For years, the PBA has been trying to come up with more prize money for the best bowlers in the world. However, if the lack of sponsorship is the problem, then the PBA has to figure out how they can best provide prize money for the bowler who wins a PBA title.

At the start of the millennium, bowlers and bowling fans were hoping that when Chris Peters, Rob Glaser and Mike Slade purchased the PBA that the prize money would increase. At the start of the new ownership, it was great, but in the past 2 years it has sadly gone back down.

In closing, the PBA prize fund has historically been good. Usually the winner gets 20-25% of the total purse. This is a good rule of thumb to go by for professional bowling tournament prize funds. Bowlers would rather see the prize money be spread out than to have one big tournament with a large purse. The PBA is by far the best bowling tournament in the world.



Moments in History

2011 Year Review

The 2011 year went well for me. I started out writing about an area tournament that is held approximately one hour away from me. I had intended to add it to the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter as a column.

I received 3rd place for my feature article that I submitted for the Bowling Writers' Association of America writing contest.

I attended my 100th PBA tournament, the Fort Wayne Regional.

Johnny Petraglia came to Warsaw, IN, when one of the local bowling alleys reopened for the installation of a new lane surface—Brunswick Anvilane.

I was invited to the Classic Trade Show at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne,

IN. There, I sat and talked with Norm Duke about his views on the major tournaments.

Brunswick furnished me with a new Brunswick bowling bag. Upon receiving the bag, I decided to recognize Brunswick by incorporating them in my newsletter. As a result, I started a new column titled "Balls of the Lanes" in which I summarize the characteristics of new Brunswick bowling balls.

Another column that I introduced was "Bowology". In this column, I share my bowling knowledge.

I had my difficulties in the Classic Tournament in Huntington, IN; however, I did learn what I needed to do to improve my game.

I went to the inaugural Dick Weber PBA Playoff Tournament where I was



caught on TV. Some of the pro bowlers in attendance were: Mika Koivuniemi, Bill O'Neill, Chris Barnes, Jason Couch, Tommy Jones, and Rhino Page.

At the Fort Wayne Regional Tournament, I got to interview several pros: Judy Soutar, Mitch Beasley, Derek Sapp, Guppy Troup, and Ron Mohr.

I also created a mission and vision statement for my newsletter. Additionally, I decided to name the last page of my newsletter the "Tenth Frame". This column is a commentary or an editorial on what is happening on the PBA Tour. I share my point of view on recent professional bowling news.

All in all, this was a great year!

Breakpoint—Classic EXPO

Last month, I was given the opportunity to showcase my newsletter with a booth at the Classic Expo in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at Pro Bowl West. I was able to pass out 25 brochures, and I got 22 new subscriptions to my newsletter. In my booth, I had bowling memorabilia that I have collected over the years. I also brought a binder that had all of the newsletters from Year 4 and the first newsletter for Year 5. I was able to tell pro shop operators that I would email them brochures so that they could put the brochures in their pro shops.

The original idea for

the booth was to promote my new book, **Bowling From Another View**. It was not yet available from the printer. Fortunately, Bob Gudorf, the president of Classic Products, enabled me to promote my newsletter along with the book which will be available soon. I was grateful for his flexibility.

If I had to guess, I probably got 10% of the people who attended the expo to visit my booth.

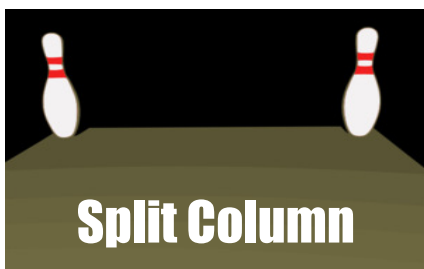
I also got to see how the new Nexxus™ ball worked on the lanes. From the video on Brunswick-Bowling.com, I was able to

understand the ball better. The Brunswick people said basically echoed what was said on the video. The reaction of the ball was phenomenal. This is one piece of equipment that a bowler must have in their arsenal. One neat thing about the ball is the bowler can use the ball for the whole time he is bowling. The ball is not going to overreact or under-react due to the lane conditions. Bowlers are able to use the ball on the fresh oil or when the lanes get burned out. This will be a great ball to have for a bowler. In my opinion, this ball is what bowlers have been looking for.

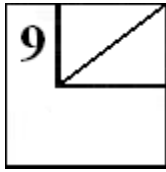


Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter booth at the Classic Products EXPO in Fort Wayne, Indiana at Pro Bowl West.

Having my own booth at the expo was a dream come true. Thank you again Classic Products for letting me have the booth to promote my newsletter. Thanks to the new subscribers and the new people I met at the expo.



For twenty-six seasons, Walter Ray Williams Jr. has made at least one championship round appearance from 1986 to 2011.



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.

World Series of Bowling IV

The Fourth PBA World Series of Bowling will take place Nov. 2nd-11th at South Point Bowling Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. It will be the third consecutive time that South Point has held the World Series of Bowling.

Some historical events have taken place during the PBA WSOB. Tom Smallwood won the PBA Championship after being laid off from GM. In 2011, Chris Barnes became the 6th player in PBA history to complete the triple crown by winning the PBA World Championship. Just last year, Jason Belmonte had a breakout year by winning 3 titles during the WSOB.

This year's WSOB has 4 Animal Pattern Championships that include Cheetah, Viper, Chameleon and Scorpion along with the PBA World Championship pattern. Each Animal Pattern Championship will feature all the players bowling 8 games of qualifying with the top 16 heading to the finals. Those 16 players will then bowl 8 more qualifying games with the top 4 advancing to the stepladder finals. The PBA World Championship format includes the 32 games of qualifying of the Animal Pattern Championship with the top 24 advancing to round robin. After 24 games of round robin, the top 4 bowlers will advance after 56 games of qualifying and match play.

For the second consecutive year, the PBA will host the finals of the World Bowling Tour Finals based on the top 3 point leaders. This will be another major that the bowler can win. There are 4 Standard titles and 2 Major titles that a bowler can win. The entry fee for the WSOB is \$750.00. For more information about the WSOB log on to pba.com.

2012 PBA World Series of Bowling Schedule
South Point Bowling Center, Las Vegas, Nov.2-11.

Fri. Nov. 2
9am-Squad A practice session
1pm-Squad B practice session
3:30pm -Xtra Frame PBA All-in Showdown

Sat. Nov 3 (Cheetah Championship)
7:30am- 8 qualifying games, Squad A
2pm- 8 qualifying games, Squad B
8pm- Top 16, 8 qualifying games



Sun. Nov 4 (Viper Championship)
7:30am-8 qualifying games, Squad B
2pm-8 qualifying games, Squad A

8pm- Top 16, 8 qualifying games

Mon. Nov 5 (Chameleon Championship)
7:30am- 8 qualifying games, Squad A
2pm- 8 qualifying games, Squad B
8pm-Top 16, 8 qualifying games

Tue. Nov 6 (Scorpion Championship)
7:30am- 8 qualifying games, Squad B
2pm- 8 qualifying games, Squad A
8pm-Top 16, 8 qualifying games

Wed. Nov 7 (PBA World Championship)
11am- 8 games, round robin match play
6pm-8 games, round robin match play

Thur. Nov 8 (PBA World Championship)
2pm- 8 games, round robin match play
3pm- South Point All-Region Open practice session

Fri. Nov 9 (PBA All Region South Point Open)
8am-7 qualifying games
1:30pm- 7 qualifying games

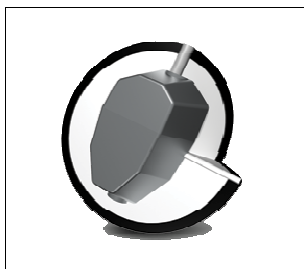
Sat. Nov 10 (PBA All Region South Point Open)
8am- Round of 16, best of 5 game, single elimination match play.
10am- Round of 8, best of 3 game single elimination match play
11am- Semifinal Round (1game)
11:30am- Championship Match (1 game)
2pm- PBA West Region Member/Non-member Doubles

Sun Nov 11 PBA West Region Member/ Non-member Doubles
8am-Round of 16
11am-Round of 8
1pm-Semifinal round
1:45pm- Championship Match



Nexxus™f (P+S)

Summary of Brunswick Video on brunswickbowling.com



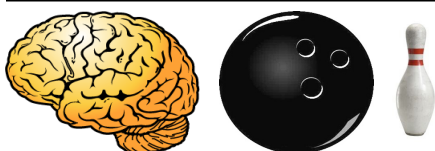
Available August 8, 2012

PART NUMBER	60-105471-93X
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COLOR	2 - Color, Bronze and Graphite Pearl
FINISHING STEPS	500 Siaair Micro Pad; Rough Buff
WEIGHTS	12 - 16 Pounds
RG MAX	2.546
RG MIN	2.490
RG DIFFERENTIAL	0.056
HOOK POTENTIAL	Low (10) 185High (200)
LENGTH	Early (25) 120Long (235)

The new Brunswick Nexxus™f (P+S) offers outstanding versatility with maximum backend reaction. "Even though it is a pearl coverstock ball, this new ball easily keeps up with a solid ball in medium to heavy oil," said Chris Lo-schetter. He also stated that the versatility of the new Nexxus™f (P+S) may also allow him to use it for the whole block. The Nexxus™f (P+S) bowling ball is a powerful ball featuring the asymmetric arrowhead core matched up with the new f(P+S) coverstock. Brian Graham, Director of Sales and Marketing for Brunswick Consumer Products, wanted a ball that could hook in oil, and Carmen Salvino delivered as a result of extensive coverstock development in his lab. This new Brunswick formula allows bowlers to strengthen their arsenal because it provides easy projection and outstanding snap on the backend. One amateur bowler said that he could do different things with his hand to make the ball react differently on the lanes. All of the bowlers that were on the video were excited about what Brunswick accomplished with this new ball technology.

For more information on the Nexxus™f (P+S) ball, check their website:

www.bowlwithbrunswick.com/balls/detail/nexxus-f-ps/



BOWLOLOGY

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

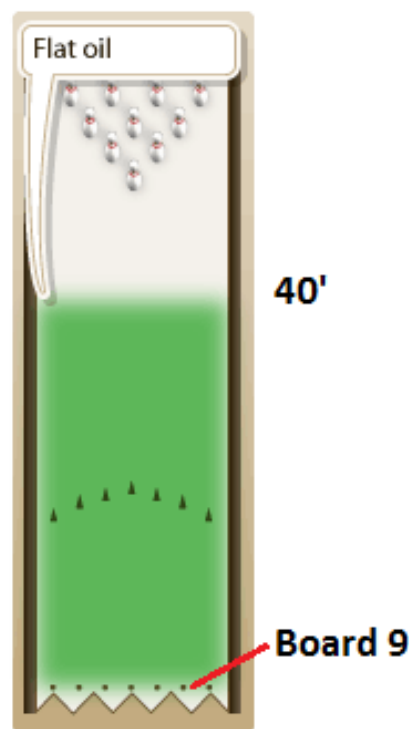
Rule of 31 - Finding a Bowler's Breakpoint

Every bowler wants to be a better bowler. In bowling, a bowler has to throw at least one ball to determine what the lane condition is. However, if the bowling center posts how long the pattern is, there's a system that a bowler can use in order to get lined up. The system is called Rule of 31. The Rule of 31 is

a guide, however, it does not necessarily mean that the bowler should play there. It also depends on the bowler's ball and what kind of surface the bowler is on.

The Rule of 31 says that a bowler takes the length of the pattern minus 31. If the length of the pattern is 40 feet, then the bowler's breakpoint would be 9. Breakpoint is the farthest away from the pocket. If a bowler is on a wood surface, the lanes are going to play a little bit drier. However, if a bowler is on a synthetic surface, the lanes are going to play a little bit tighter. This is important for a bowler to know so that the bowler can have a guide to hit the 1-3 pocket. Many of our favorite pros will use this system in order to hit the 1-3 pocket.

It is also important to realize that the lanes are going to change during the course of the block. Hopefully, this article can help bowlers adjust better.



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Bowling From Another View

I have been writing a book about my passion for the sport of bowling. The 104-page book is entitled "**Bowling From Another View**". It is basically about my bowling career and what I think about the game of bowling. Many of my bowling moments in history are covered in this book. I had always wanted to write a book about my bowling career, and I have spent the last two years fulfilling that dream.

I dedicated this book to my Mom and Dad as they have inspired me by taking me to bowling tournaments and explaining the sport of bowling to me. By watching the greatest bowlers in the world at different bowling centers, I learned a great deal about the sport that I love.

It was a lot of fun coming up with different chapters. It includes a slim collection of my bowling memorabilia. I also share about how I bowl on a ramp utilizing the knowledge I have learned about lane conditions. The book describes the relationship between the pro bowlers and myself. The newsletter is also discussed in this book.

There is a timeline of my bowling accomplishments starting at age 5. It was a thrill to become a PBA member in 2001 which I also share in my book. All of the people that I have met in the bowling industry are called out—from bowling manufacturers to professional bowlers.

I talk about going to the Major tournaments as well as PBA tournaments. I have also participated in Fantasy Bowling, and I have been successful in that arena.

My personal bowling high games and high scores are included in this book. I designed a bowling board game which is described within the pages of my book.

I talk about the greatest tournament that I had ever attended: the 2006 PBA World Championship in Indianapolis. I analyze the greatest bowlers on different areas of the PBA. I discuss "*Bowling at Home*" (one of the chapters). I also talk about my views on the PBA and bowling in this book.

In writing this book, I hope that bowling writers will sit down and write

about the PBA in an analytical way. Bowling writers should be able to explain to the average bowling fan how and why the best bowlers are the best bowlers.

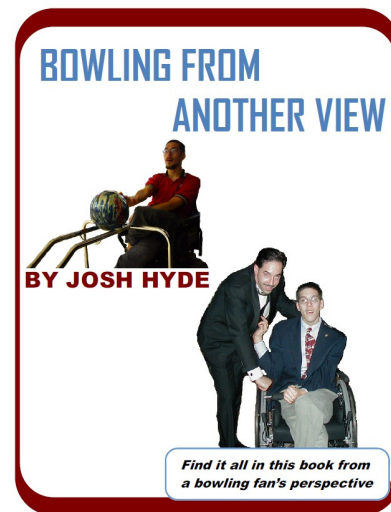
My book has been printed and will be available soon. To order your copy, see details to come on my website: josh-hydebowling.com.

There was a golfer named Bobby Jones. He won all four Majors in one year in 1930. He loved the game of golf. He chose to stay an amateur because he felt that if he turned pro he could not love the game. However, he told Jack Nicklaus that in order to be the best you have to compete with the best. I am an honorary PBA member. I love the sport of bowling. I feel like I can connect with Bobby Jones. However, I really disagree with Bobby Jones - that a professional can't love the game. I think that it is imperative that a professional loves the game. I love the sport of bowling and what it is about. I think that bowling can be a lifetime sport for anybody. I really think bowling needs to be looked at as a sport and not just a recreational sport. In this book, I hope to convince more people that bowling is a sport.

I truly love the sport of bowling. It brings me great joy to write about the sport of bowling. I will also continue to bowl myself and get better at my bowling game. Winning awards for bowling writing is a great honor. As a bowling writer, I feel that I am part of the bowling industry. Bowling makes me feel like I don't have a disability. The hours I spend bowling and writing about bowling take away my disability. This is a very important aspect of my life.

The subscribers to my newsletter have helped me write this book. Their encouragement to share my knowledge of bowling has been a driving force in completing the book.

Thank you for reading this month's edition of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. Next month, we will be talking about a local bowling tournament in my area and another new ball from Brunswick. We will also be interviewing somebody from the bowling industry. Thank you to all the subscribers at the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.



PBA TRIVIA WIZARD

Please submit your answers via e-mail to: josh@joshhydebowling.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. If the oil pattern is 45 feet what is the breakpoint?
2. What major tournament had a 1 million dollar prize fund and how much did the winner get?



Last Month's PBA Wizard Trivia Winner

Winner Awarded—Not Awarded

Last Month's Answers:

- 1.) Mike Aulby
- 2.) Jason Belmonte and Chris Barnes