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At left:
Mike Aulby

At right:
Chris Barnes



Practice Pair

Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** summarizes the 2013 PBA50 Tour schedule. The **Strike Column** analyzes the Shark pattern. In the **Kingpin Column**, the moment in history discusses 2012, the year in review. **Breakpoint** explains PBA membership options. The **Split Column** describes the only player who won the Player of the Year and the Sportsmanship Award. The **Spare Column** talks about RPI winners that will qualify for a chance for one spot in the TOC. Also, one day regionals will be described in the **Spare Column**. **In The Pocket** is about the top ten championship matches of the '90s.. **Bowlology** explains bowling ball surfaces. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** is the editor's bucket list for bowling. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

2013 PBA50 Tour Schedule

The 2013 PBA50 Tour schedule is getting more and more exciting. At the end of the season, the top 3 point leaders will have a chance to bowl for one more time—a 3-Player Stepladder Finals on ESPN at the 5th World Series of Bowling. They have also added more stops to the PBA50 schedule: Tampa, FL and Welsh, MN. Some of the up and coming rookies are Parker Bohn III, Pete Weber, and television analyst Randy Pedersen. Also, the PBA is

adding to the Super Senior cash spot with a minimum of 8 cashing spots and a maximum of 10 cashing spots.

Some of the tournaments attracting 120 or more entries will have a revised format resulting in more bowlers advancing to match-play. The PBA50 will still have the two majors: PBA50 U.S. Open and the USBC Senior Masters.

For more information on the PBA50 Tour, go to pba.com.

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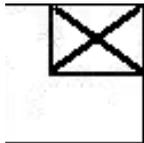
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|----------------|--|------------------|
| April 14-17 | TBA (Tentative) | Tampa, FL |
| April 20-23 | PBA50 Sun Bowl in the Villages (Hammer) | The Villages, FL |
| April 28-May 1 | PBA50 Greater Birmingham Open (Ebonite) | Trussville, AL |
| May 5-8 | PBA50 Miller High Life Classic (Columbia 300) | Mooreville, NC |
| May 13-16 | PBA50 Dayton Classic (Roto Grip) | Kettering, OH |
| June 2-7 | Suncoast PBA Senior U.S. Open (Storm) | Las Vegas, NV |
| June 9-14 | USBC Senior Masters | Las Vegas, NV |
| June 16-19 | PBA50 Northern California Classic (Track) | Brentwood, CA |
| August 5-8 | PBA50 South Shore Open (DV8) | Hammond, IN |
| August 10-13 | PBA50 Decatur Open (Brunswick) | Decatur, IL |
| August 18-21 | PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open (MOTIV) | Welch, MN |
| TBA | PBA50 Tour ESPN Finals | TBA, USA |

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To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional and regional 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 – Shark Pattern Analysis

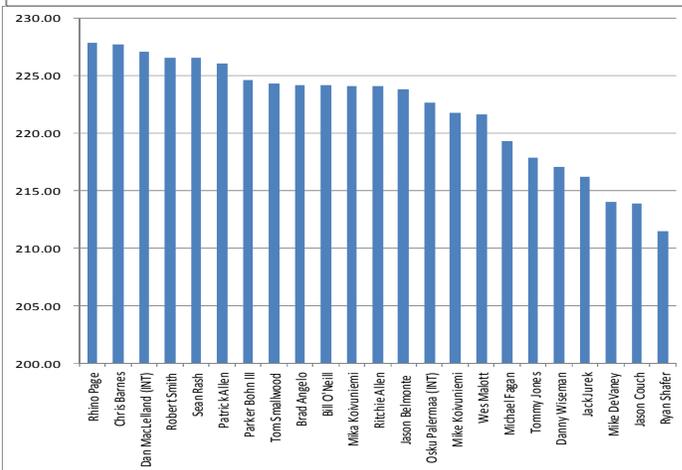
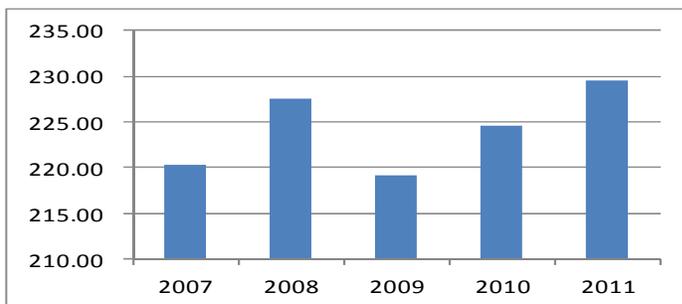
This month's Strike Column analyzes the Shark pattern. The Shark pattern is the longest pattern of them all being 43 feet long. In past years, this has proven to also be one of the toughest patterns due to its length. For this pattern, the Rule of 31 is 12. This is where bowlers would want to see their ball begin moving toward the pocket. Jason Belmonte dominated this pattern during the '11-12 World Series of Bowling. Chris Barnes shot a 300 on television in the final round of the Geico Shark Championship.

This pattern is going to favor the high rev rate players, because they can stand left and throw the ball right. Players that have dominated this pattern are: Rhino Page, Chris Barnes, Dan MacLelland, Robert Smith, and Sean Rash.

The first year (2007) in this data indicates that the Shark pattern yielded the lowest scores. Robert Smith held the top average for 2007 at 226.58. There have been a number of players that have made multiple Championship round appearances on this pattern—for instance, Chris Barnes, Patrick Allen, Mika Koeivuniemi, Mike Fagan, Wes Malott, and Tommy Jones. All of these players definitely know what it takes to be able to hit the pocket successfully on this difficult pattern. It is not the easiest pattern as the highest average is held by Rhino Page at 227.85. No pro can average above 230 on this pattern. In 2008, the average went way up from 219 to 228. Even then, the top players could not average over 230 on this pattern. This speaks volumes as to how challenging the Shark pattern is. Even though this is one of the toughest patterns, it has produced two high scores: Chris Barnes (2011—300 game) and Wes Malott (2008—290 game). To bowl a 300 on this pattern is quite an accomplishment.

Robert Smith is probably the “Mark Roth” of the 2000s. His last title was in 2007. He was throwing the ball over the gutter cap, and nobody else was doing that. He was hitting the pocket quite regularly. Brad Angelo was trying to win his first title. However, it was a too little too late as he ran into red-hot Robert Smith. In the first two matches of that tournament, Brad had 250-230 to beat Ritchie Allen and Mika Koivuniemi, respectively. In game 3, it was a low scoring match, as Angelo won 162-151 over Barnes. Robert Smith was the leader going in to the Championship game, and he knew what he needed to do. When your opponent shoots a 160 in their prior game, the bowler's arm swing becomes looser. Smith jumped right on Angelo as he threw a 4-bagger in the middle of the game. Angelo could not get going and struggled in the battle. In contrast, Smith was able to find the pocket and strike.

All of the top bowlers would likely agree that the Shark pattern can be one of the toughest patterns on the PBA Tour.



| Bowler | Average | # Tours. | Last |
|----------------------|---------|----------|------|
| Rhino Page | 227.85 | 1 | 2008 |
| Chris Barnes | 227.72 | 3 | 2011 |
| Dan MacLelland (INT) | 227.09 | 1 | 2010 |
| Robert Smith | 226.58 | 1 | 2007 |
| Sean Rash | 226.56 | 1 | 2011 |
| Patrick Allen | 226.06 | 2 | 2008 |
| Parker Bohn III | 224.62 | 1 | 2008 |
| Tom Smallwood | 224.33 | 1 | 2010 |
| Brad Angelo | 224.19 | 1 | 2007 |
| Bill O'Neill | 224.15 | 1 | 2009 |
| Mika Koivuniemi | 224.13 | 1 | 2011 |
| Ritchie Allen | 224.09 | 1 | 2009 |
| Jason Belmonte | 223.85 | 1 | 2010 |
| Osku Palermaa (INT) | 222.65 | 1 | 2010 |
| Mike Koivuniemi | 221.82 | 2 | 2007 |
| Wes Malott | 221.62 | 2 | 2009 |
| Michael Fagan | 219.32 | 2 | 2010 |
| Tommy Jones | 217.84 | 2 | 2007 |
| Danny Wiseman | 217.10 | 1 | 2007 |
| Jack Jurek | 216.20 | 1 | 2009 |
| Mike DeVaney | 214.03 | 1 | 2007 |
| Jason Couch | 213.91 | 1 | 2009 |
| Ryan Shafer | 211.46 | 1 | 2007 |

Moments in History

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

This past year, I went to my 101st PBA tournament at the Dick Weber PBA Playoffs. While there, I discovered that my book *Bowling From Another View* could be published. In order to do that, I had to write four stories for the *American Bowler* newspaper. I was also able to promote my newsletter at the Classic Expo Trade Show. At the end of the day, Parker welcomed me to the bowling industry. I felt like I was a part of the bigger picture of bowling. I ended up getting 22 subscriptions to my newsletter. *Bowling From Another View* was published. Both Mike Aulby and Parker Bohn III wrote comments on the back of my book. I was also blessed to do a book signing in Wabash, Indiana, where I discussed my bowling game with high school seniors. I was able to sell 5 books

there. Furthermore, I did a bowling ball raffle for the Humane Shelter raising \$487.00.

I was fortunate enough to shoot my high game of 277 on the Chameleon pattern. I also shot my second 700 series—702. I was able to do well on all of the PBA patterns.

I added a few columns to the newsletter. I had started the Bowlology section in late 2011 where I talk about my knowledge of the sport of bowling. This allowed me to get my certificate of completion for the bronze, silver, and gold coaching for USBC. On my first exam, I got 22/25 questions right dealing with components of a bowling ball dynamics. I also won in the editorial division of the Bowling Writers' Association of America within the Amateur Writers' competition. Parker accepted my award in Reno, Nevada, for me.

I also figured out how I can make my



ten pin and started to make more of them. For the first time, I did a special edition of my newsletter. I talked about the 300s on the PBA tour. In the "Spare Column" I am writing about the PBA

Central Region.

I also came up with the "In the Pocket" column. It is a condensed version of top 10s that make up some of the greatest moments in the history of the PBA or Bowling.

I also witnessed Pete Weber win his 5th U.S. Open. It was the most exciting tournament I have seen in a long time. He needed a strike on the last ball to win by one pin. Pro bowling cannot get any better than that.

I also came up with a column called "Breakpoint." This column is about breaking news in the bowling world.

Yes, 2012 was, indeed, a big year!

Breakpoint— PBA Membership Options

To be a PBA member, a bowler must have reached an average of 200 in a house pattern league for at least 36 games in that league or a 190 on a sport league. The sport league uses the PBA patterns.

There are four different options of PBA membership: Standard, Full, PBA24, and PBA International.

The Standard membership allows the PBA member to bowl up to one PBA tour event and three regional events. Also, they can bowl in the U.S. Open, the Senior

U.S. Open, and the USBC Senior Masters.

Next comes the Full Membership. This option is a \$300 annual fee or \$25/month. They can bowl in an unlimited amount of PBA tournaments. If they own a pro shop, they can advertise on pba.com.

Those 18-24 year olds joining the PBA for \$49/year fall into the PBA24 membership option. PBA24 members receive all of the benefits of the Standard membership. They will receive \$50 off of their first PBA tourna-

ment. Once they reach the age of 25 or win a PBA title, they will be required to upgrade to a Standard or Full membership level.

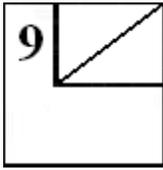
The PBA International option is open to any member in good standing with the WTBA. This costs \$99/year. They will have an opportunity to bowl in one PBA Tour event, the U.S. Open, or the USBC Masters, WSOB, or any other designated PBA Tour open field event. However, if they win a PBA title, they will be required to upgrade their membership.

If a PBA member happens to bowl a 300-game during competition, they will receive a 14K gold ring (1st occurrence). For each successive 300-game, the bowler will receive a diamond. Also, they will receive a free subscription to *Bowlers Journal International*. For being a PBA member, they will get a discount of \$0-\$2 at a PBA-bowling practice center. Additionally, PBA members will receive will receive a PBA newsletter.

For more information, go online to pba.com.



Mike Aulby is the only player to win Player of the Year and Steve Nagy Sportsmanship Award in the same year (1995).



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.

RPI Winners Qualify for Chance in TOC

On November 20, 2012, the PBA announced that the Regional Players Invitational winners of each region would bowl for one spot in the Tournament of Champions. How this will work is that winners in the regional will advance to the ESPN televised finals. This will insure that at least one winner will advance to the T.O.C.

After September 29, the field will be set with a total of six winners advancing to the one hour televised final. The first match will feature East, Central and South winners with the top score advancing to the championship match. The semi-final will consist of the Midwest, Southwest, West-Northwest winners. Top score advances to the championship match. The championship will feature the winners of the previous two matches. The winner of the Championship match will earn a spot in the T.O.C.

One Day Regionals

On November 26, 2012, the PBA announced that they were going to offer a one day regional tournament at a reduced rate. The Midwest Region will hold four regular and four senior events for a reduced rate of \$155 for PBA members. The lower rate for non-members will be \$225. Also, instead of 1 in 3 cashing, it will be a 1:4 payoff ratio. The top prize will be \$2000 for the regular regional. The last spot to make match play will be \$450; with the last spot to cash being \$350. The PBA50 regional offers \$1500 for first place. The last spots for match play and to cash are the same as for the regular regional.

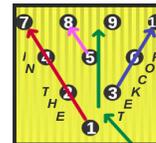
Each event will include a practice and a pro-am day. They will also include the season point race for the RPI at the end of the season.

Furthermore, the PBA plans to assess these test tournaments and perhaps roll them out to other regions.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>REGIONAL PLAYERS INVITATIONAL SCHEDULE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------|
| August 2-4 | South Region Regional Players Invitational (Break Point Alley) | Tavares, FL |
| August 31-September 2 | Midwest Regional Players Invitational (Super Bowl) | Peru, IL |
| September 6-8 | Southwest Regional Players Invitational (Firelake Bowling Center) | Shawnee, OK |
| September 13-15 | Central Regional Players Invitational (Thunderbowl Lanes) | Allen Park, MI |
| September 20-22 | East Regional Players Invitational (tba) | tba |
| September 27-29 | West/Northwest Regional Players Invitational (National Bowling Stadium) | Reno, NV |

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ONE DAY REGIONAL SCHEDULE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| February 9-10 | Senior Event | Elk Grove Village, IL |
| March 15-17 | Senior Event (2- One day events) | Milan, IL / Carpentersville, IL |
| April 5-7 | Senior Event (2- One day events) | Poplar Creek, IL |
| April 20-21 | Regular Event | Madison, WI |
| May 24-26 | Senior Event (2- One day events) | tba |
| June 1-2 | Regular Event | Sioux Falls, SD |
| June 21-22 | Regular Event (2- One day events) | Oak Forest, IL |
| June 29-30 | Regular Event | Wheaton, IL |

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



Top Ten Championship Matches of the '90s

10. 1993 Wichita Open
Aulby (300) vs. Ozio (279)

5. 1993 Touring Players Championship
Couch (238) vs. Bohn (214)

9. 1991 Tournament of Champions
Ozio (236) vs. Monacelli (203)

4. 1999 Track/Dexter Open
Bohn (274) vs. Williams, Jr. (246)

8. 1996 Touring Players Championship
Aulby (268) vs. Bohn (259)

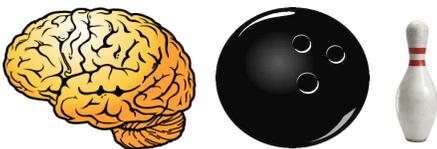
3. 1996 Ebonite Open
Holman (246) vs. Webb (235)

7. 1999 Tournament of Champions
Couch (197) vs. Barnes (193)

2. 1997 St. Clair Classic
Williams, Jr. (206) vs. P. Weber (196)

6. 1993 Detroit Open
Duke (247) vs. Williams, Jr. (179)

1. 1995 IOF Foresters Open
Roth (233) vs. Williams, Jr. (189)



BOWLOLOGY

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

Understanding Bowling Ball Surfaces

Bowling is a surface game. What does this mean, you may ask? Well, in golf, the ball is in the air. In football, the ball is in the air. However, in bowling, the ball is going to touch the lane causing friction between the ball and the lane. Of course, the entire ball surface is not in contact with the lane at any one time.

A bowler can do lots of things to make the ball hook more or less on the lane. They can drill their holes in different places to make it go longer or hook earlier down the

lane. One of the ways they can accomplish this is by sanding or polishing the ball. Now, there are Abralon pads so that a bowler can alter the surface of the ball. As you can see below, the higher the grit, the less friction it creates on the lane. Conversely, the lower the grit, the more friction it creates on the lane.

A bowler can alter the surface of the ball all the way up until the first frame of the competition. When the lanes are fresh—that is when bowlers are going to desire more ball surface contact with the lane. When the lanes are dry—this is when bowlers use a more polished ball.

During transition, they might go to a matte ball, which reacts somewhere between a sanded and a polished ball.

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|---|
| 180 for deepest scratches |
| 360 for deep scratches |
| 500 for medium scratches |
| 1000 to return to average factory sanded finish |
| 2000 for a mild luster with texture underneath |
| 4000 for a high luster with smooth texture |

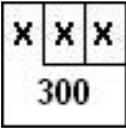
At right:
Example of a sanded bowling ball.



At left:
Example of a matte bowling ball.

At right:
Example of a polished bowling ball.





Tenth Frame — Commentary

Bucket List For Bowling

Over the years I have done a lot in the sport of bowling - such as: bowling a high game of 277, watching a great player tie a leg-end, watching a 300 game by my favorite player, and bowling a 700 series. There are still some goals that I would like to accomplish. These dreams include bowling a perfect game, going to 100 PBA national tour stops, going to every major at least twice, and going to one major 10 times. I have already gone to 7 U.S. Opens. Also, I have attended 101 PBA tournaments. However, I would really like to go to 100 PBA tour stops. The 101 PBA tournaments I have attended include the Regionals, PBA50 Regionals and PBA50 Tour. In my personal bowling game, I would like to bowl a 300. I have come just shy of that elusive perfect game by bowling a 277. I will pursue bowling until I get all of these accomplished. I would like to be there when Parker Bohn III wins another major. I think that would be sweet. I would like to also shoot an 800 series. A guy who bowled with a ramp has shot 840, so I know I could do it.

Bowling in a national tournament would be another thing that I would like to accomplish. I would also like to average 200 for an entire season. To become a PBA member, a bowler must have a 200 average. If I did this, I would feel so gratified!

Getting a column in a bowling magazine is another dream. I have already written articles for *American Bowler*. I would really enjoy getting an article in the *Bowlers' Journal International*.

I have never been to the USBC Open Championships. This is where a number the top bowlers have done well, and I would like to witness it firsthand.

I would also like to go to the Peterson Classic. This is the toughest tournament in America. The tournament has crazy lane conditions and some hard racks to shoot. A bowler can hit the pocket all day and leave an 8-10 split.

Getting inducted in a bowling Hall of Fame would be huge personal honor. This would make me feel like I was a great contributor to the game that I love.

In addition, I would like to bowl in a PBA Regional tournament and see how well could pair up against some of the best bowlers in the world.

I would like to do an exhibition with the a pro bowler, like Mike Aulby or Parker Bohn.

I would like to establish a bowling award that someone in the bowling industry could receive on a yearly basis—something like the Dick Weber Bowling Ambassador Award. The recipient would be selected based on their success in promoting bowling and drawing more bowlers to the sport.

Going to a High Roller tournament would also be on my bucket list.

Running a big bowling tournament is another goal of mine.

These are some of the things that I would like to accomplish in my bowling career.

Thank you for reading this edition of this month's bowling newsletter.

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| 11/13/2012 | | | | | | | | | | | 10:17 PM | |
| SCORE Total Games: 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TEAM: Team 1 LANE: 1 GAME: 2 11/13/2012 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Player | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Total | |
| HDP 0 | X | 9 | / | X | X | X | X | X | X | 9 | / | 18 |
| A | 20 | 40 | 70 | 100 | 130 | 160 | 190 | 219 | 239 | 257 | 257 | 257 |
| TOTAL: Team 1 | 20 | 40 | 70 | 100 | 130 | 160 | 190 | 219 | 239 | 257 | 257 | 257 |

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| A | 20 | 50 | 80 | 109 | 129 | 147 | 166 | 186 | 206 | 226 | 226 | 226 |
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| A | 30 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 149 | 169 | 188 | 197 | 212 | 219 | 219 | 219 |
| TOTAL: Team 1 | 30 | 60 | 90 | 120 | 149 | 169 | 188 | 197 | 212 | 219 | 219 | 219 |

Conqueror 702

Above: My second 700 series shot on November 13, 2012, of 702.



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?

- Who won the 1999 Tournament of Champions?
- In what year did the highest scoring match occur?



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

- Last Month's Answers:
- Mark Roth
 - Bob Learn, Jr.