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Top Left: PBA League Logo

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Top Right: Walter Ray Williams, Jr., South Shore Open Winner

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** highlights the new changes for the PBA League in 2014. The **Strike Column** takes a look at the early legends of the PBA. In the **Kingpin Column**, Scott Norton Part 2 is the "Interview of the Month." **Breakpoint** covers a legendary coach who passed away. The **Moment In History** discusses the owners of the PBA. The **Split Column** mentions the first bowler to win a event in an arena. The **Spare Column** recaps the PBA50 South Shore Open. **In the Pocket** is the Great Minds of Bowling. These individuals have studied the game of bowling and they are knowledgeable in particular subject of bowling. **Bowology** discusses using the PAP to the Max. Finally, the **Tenth Frame** talks about my project on the 2012-13 Season. **X-tra Frame Spotlight** highlights the last tournament of the PBA50. The opening round of matchplay. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

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Messenger

PBA League Changes 2014 Format

On August 2nd the PBA announced changes to the 2014 PBA League format rules. It promises to be a more exciting format. There will not be any teams added to the original teams. There will still an Elias Cup to the team that wins the league. The franchise layers will still be the same. However there will a manager that will deal with the all trades. They will also handle the lineup for what players are bowling at what event. The format will be a round robin with singles, doubles, and trios. Additionally they have added Mark Roth MVP Award for the player who has the most points at the end of the season. Players who are not signed with a team are free agents.

In the format for the PBA League, it will be a Ryder Cup format which involves singles, doubles, trios and teams. It will be a round robin match play format. There will also be a Mark Roth MVP award for the player who receives the most points. In the regular league format there will be a total of eight rounds with a position round being the last round. After eight rounds of league play the top three teams will advance to the Elias Cup finals. Seeds four through seven will enter the Playoffs with six and seven bowling the first game. The winner of that game will advance to bowl the fifth seed, and the winner of that game will proceed likewise to face the fourth seed. The last match will be determined by a two

game baker total pinfall with the winner advancing to the Elias Cup finals. The Elias Cup finals will feature the top three teams along with the winner of the Playoffs becoming the fourth seed. The first match of the Elias Cup finals will feature the third seed along with the winner of the Playoff. The winner will advance to the semifinals to face the number two seed. In the championship match the number one seed will bowl the winner of the semifinals. The championship match will feature a two game baker total pinfall match with the winner being awarded the Elias Cup.

2014 PBA TEAMS

Brooklyn Styles

Manager: Johnny Petraglia
Franchise Player: Sean Rash

Dallas Strikers

Manager/Franchise Player: Norm Duke

L.A. X

Manager: Andrew Cain
Franchise Player: Jason Belmonte

Motown Muscle

Manager: Del Ballard Jr.
Franchise Player: Mike Fagan

New York City WTT Kingpins

Manager: Carolyn Dorin Ballard
Franchise Player: Pete Weber

Philadelphia Hitmen

Manager: Jason Couch
Franchise Player: Bill O'Neil

Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits

Manager: Tim Mack
Franchise Player: Osku Palmera

Silver Lake Atom Splitters

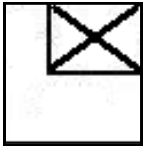
Manager: Mark Baker
Franchise Player: Chris Barnes

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To provide bowling fans important bowling news, thoughtful analysis, and keen observations about professional and regional bowling tournaments.

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Strike Column – Early Legends of the PBA

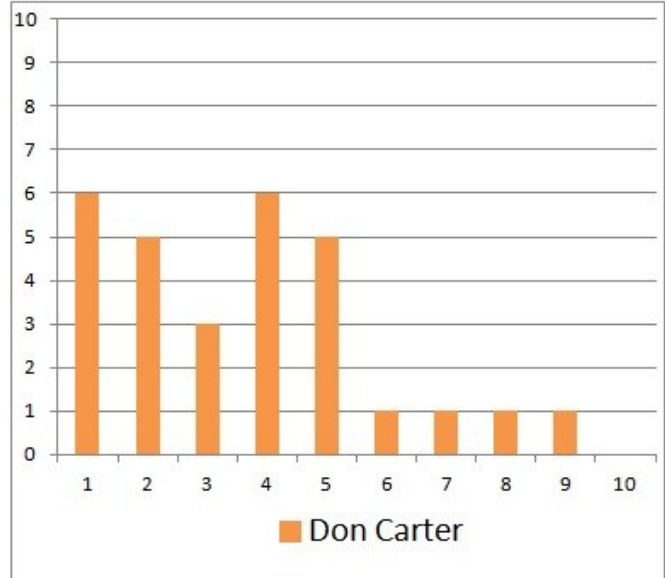
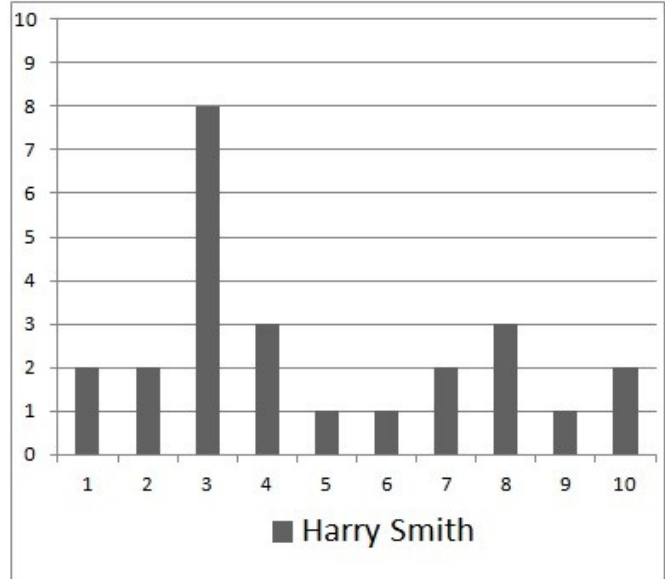
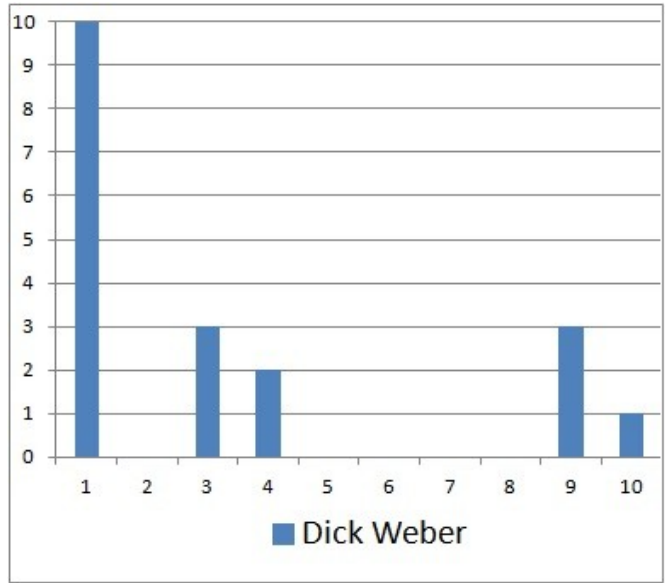
During the early years of the PBA, they were going to have early Legends. In the All Star Tournament Don Carter was always a threat in that event. Bowling fans might have thought that he might be a dominant bowler on the PBA Tour. He also had five World Invitational. These were the two major tournaments of that era. Both Dick Weber and Don Carter were the favorites to become the PBA superstars. Also a threat was Harry Smith, who had already won a Masters in all star title. These were perhaps the biggest three threats on the PBA Tour. All three of these bowlers had already proven themselves that they could bowl in the big tournament. As the three charts to the right show how times they placed in each position of the top ten. In this analysis it will be explained how all three of these bowlers were definitely the early legends of the PBA Tour.

Dick Weber was the first bowler to win multiple titles on the PBA Tour. He did this by winning the last two of the first season, in existence of the PBA, already he was saying I am ready to bowl with the best bowlers on the tour. By the end of the third season he had already earned nineteen top ten finishes including ten first place titles. He was setting the standard of being the best bowler on the PBA Tour.

Harry Smith had twenty-five top ten finishes including two first place titles by the end of the third season. He was in the top ten on a regular basis. This is how the best bowlers become the greatest. He had more finishes in the top five. If a bowler finds himself in the top that many instances he is destined to win a multiple of times.

Just like Dick Weber Don Carter was winning on a consistent basis having six titles of seven career titles. It looked like Carter was going to dominate the PBA Tour. He had twenty nine top ten finishes including twenty-five top five finishes. Bowling fans might have thought that Don Carter was going to be the best bowler ever, which was in 1970.

All three of these bowlers were establishing the bar for what it would take to become one of the great bowlers on the PBA Tour.





Moments in History

Owners of the PBA

The PBA was struggling to get a full tour schedule in 1999 for the year 2000.

I was at the 1999 Track/Dexter Open. There, I remember that Kevin Shippy was having a phone conversation with someone about getting more tournaments for the 2000 season. I did not understand why they were so concerned.

A couple of months later, an article appeared in the Wall Street Journal about Chris Peters buying the PBA. Chris, Rob Glaser, and Mike Slade had bought the PBA for about the same price as a minor league baseball franchise. This was going to be a great investment for the PBA.

When *The League of Ordinary Gentlemen* came out, there was a scene about the Chris Peters' purchase. A business broadcaster stated that Chris

would rather try to pick up a 7-10 split than to continue his career making new computer programs—a reference to him buying the PBA.

Chris, Rob, and Mike were all ex-Microsoft employees who worked for Bill Gates. Their goal was to make the PBA better.

In the 2000 Tournament of Champions, the PBA had already hired a new commissioner (Ian Hamilton) and a new president (Steve Miller). On November's cover of the *Bowler's Journal* International, it showed both Miller and Hamilton and said "Nike's Loss, PBA's Gain". Interestingly, I soon made myself known to Chris Peters, Steve Miller, and Ian Hamilton.

Chris did get things rolling at the helm of the PBA, wasting no time. And today, the PBA is getting better and better.

Breakpoint

Legendary coach John Jowdy passes away at age 93

On August 1st John Jowdy passed away at age 93. He was a Columbia 300 representative since 1962. Jowdy coached a number of great bowlers and written a couple of books. He began in the 1940s. Since the late 1960s he has coached more than 100 professional and amateur bowlers. He was inducted in the PBA Hall of Fame in 1988. He was also inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame in 2001. His recent Bowling Coaches Hall of Fame induction in 2010. His columns appeared in dozens of bowling publications.



At left:
Legendary Coach John Jowdy 1920-2013

Interview of the Month: Scott Norton Part 2

Q: What do you think of the new PBA league and how could it improve in the future?

A: I love the new PBA league, and hope it continues. The biggest way I could see it improving is to get more sponsorship for it and make it more of an actual season where we travel around to the different hometowns and actually compete in front of hometown fans to more to give it a sense of many other team sports. More live shows would come with this as well.

Q: How many bowling balls do you carry to a PBA tournament?

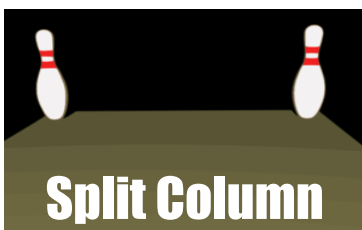
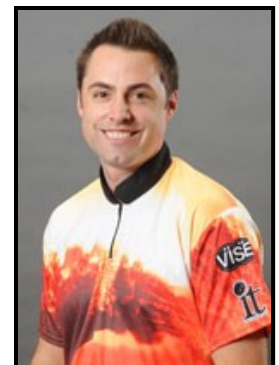
A: I generally only take about 3 with me. I have many that are taken from stop to stop on the PBA truck, probably about 10. In addition, I generally drill 2-3 at each tournament site and give away ones I don't want to fans or youth bowlers.

Q: When did you decide to turn pro and what was the deciding factor?

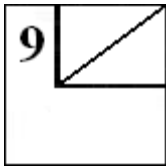
A: I've always wanted to turn pro. My mother was out on the Ladies profession tour for 30 years and I grew up around it. Watching her get inducted into the Hall of Fame was

an incredible experience, and I hope I can repay the favor for her someday :). Being out on tour is the realization of a lifelong dream and even times are tough, I'd rather be doing that than anything else.

At right: *PBA Rookie of the Year 2011-2012 Season, Scott Norton*



Dennis Horan captured the first-ever arena finals at 1994 Splitfire Spark Plug Open.



Spare Column

The Spare Column is a column focusing on the PBA Central Region and other miscellaneous information about the PBA.

Williams Jr wins PBA50 South Shore Open

In the opening round of the South Shore Open Pete Weber had a high game of 269, he was able to lead the first round with a score of 260. Walter Ray Williams Jr. was in second of + 237. There were only three scores that were over 200 as Jeff Richgels scored + 223. Tenth was at + 130 by Paul McCordic. After the first eight games the cut was + 45 by Mike Edwards. The second round of qualifying saw Pete Weber take a commanding lead by 314 pins over Walter Ray Williams Jr. There was only one 300 shot by Ron Mohr in the second round of qualifying. There was a tie for 32nd place as Sammy Ventura and Steve Stein both scored +74. They had a one game roll off to decide the final spot in match play. Sammy Ventura defeated Steve Stein 194 to 164. The last cash spot was Don Blatchford with a score of + 46. Match play rounds started out with the round of 32. PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb was defeated by Hara 3-0. Sammy

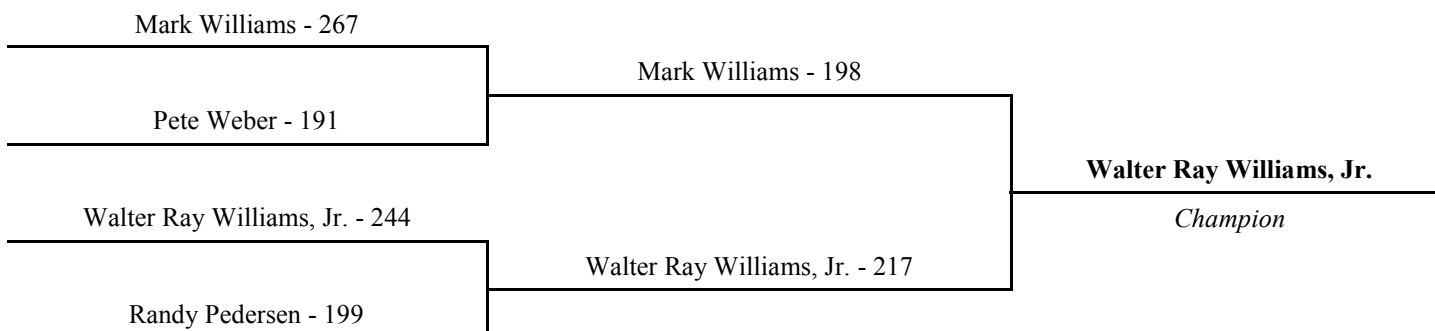
Ventura also was eliminated 3-2 by McCordic. Tom Baker defeated Dale Csuhta 3-1. The round of 24 saw McCordic defeat Darryl Bower 3-1. Pedersen defeated Tom Baker 3-0. Boersch defeated Tom Carter 3-1. Miner defeated Dale Traber 3-2. The Round of 16 saw tournament leader Pete Weber defeated Paul McCordic 3-0. In another match PBA Hall of Famer Walter Ray defeated Christopher Keane 3-0. Pedersen defeated Bryan Goebel 3-1. The next round saw 8 players battling for the four spots for the championship round. These matches were best of

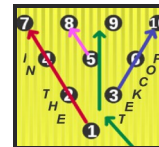
three. Weber defeated Dave Bernhardt 2-0. Pedersen defeated Ron Mohr 2-1. Mark Williams defeated Harry Sullins 2-0. Walter Ray defeated Mike Edwards 2-0. In the championship round defeated Pete Weber 267 to 191. In the other semi-final match Walter Ray defeated Mark Williams 244 to 199. In the championship match Mark Williams had a chance to win but left a 7-10 split to give Walter Ray the title. The final score was Walter Ray defeating Mark Williams 217- 198. This gave Walter

Tournament Stats	
16 Game Cash Number +/-	+46 Don Blatchford
16 Game Cut Number +/-	+74 Sammy Ventura & Steve Stein
16 Game Leader +/-	+653 Pete Weber
16 Game Super Senior Leader +/-	+ 28 Don Silvia
16 Game Cut Super Senior	-11 Henry Gonzalez
# 300's	(1) Ron Mohr

Championship Round Stats

High Game: 267 Mark Williams
Low Game: 191 Pete Weber
High Match: M Williams (267) P Weber (191)
Low Match: Walter Ray Williams Jr (217) Mark Williams (198)
Average winning game: 242.66



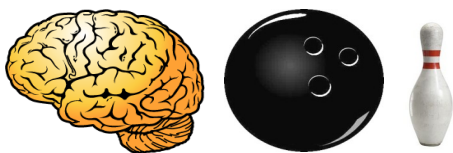


A condensed Top 10 Moments that have happened in bowling history or on the PBA Tour

Great Minds in Bowling

- 10.** Ray Edwards—Bowling ball designer for Brunswick
- 9.** Rick Benoit—Founder of BowlU
- 8.** Del Ballard Jr.—13 time titlist on the PBA Tour
- 7.** Johnny Petragila—14 time titlist on the PBA Tour
- 6.** Del Warren—Vice President—Kegel Training Center

- 5.** John Jowdy—Sales rep for Columbia 300 and a great bowling coach for the pro bowlers
- 4.** Mo Pinel—Revolutionized the sport of bowling and founder of MoRich
- 3.** Carmen Salvino—17 time titlist on the PBA tour
- 2.** Bill Taylor—Great student of the game
- 1.** Fred Borden—Former head coach of Team USA



BOWLOLOGY

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

Maximizing a Bowler's PAP

Understanding the bowler's positive axis point (PAP) is vital in understanding the ball reaction and pin placement in relation to the PAP.

If a bowler drills a strong pin and does not have very much surface on the ball, it still will not react strongly because there is not much surface on the ball. To get the strongest drilling layout, a bowler must understand all three of these elements to get the proper ball motion.

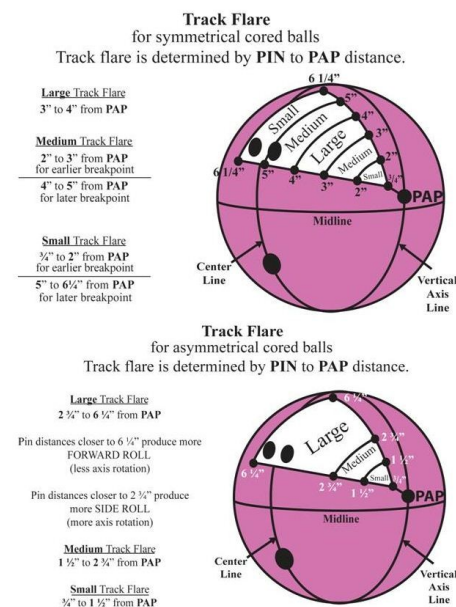
The closer the pin is to the PAP, the less back end reaction the ball

will have. The strongest layout is 3 3/8" from a bowler's PAP. This layout will give the ball the most flare potential. The closer the pin is to the PAP, the earlier the ball will get into a roll and the less reaction the ball will have on the back end on the lane.

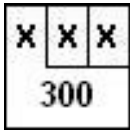
A 6" pin will result in a ball storing more energy, going longer, and being more angular, provided the ball sees friction down the lane. Drilling is a 5" pin from a bowler's PAP will result in more flare than a 6" pin drilling, which equates to a slightly earlier roll and the closer the pin is from the PAP (down to 3 3/8"), the more flare the ball has given friction, so the 3 3/8 drilling has the most flare potential.

Friction is the main component that controls how much a ball hooks and flares. The surface plays a big part in how strong a ball will react. If a bowler

wants to see their ball hook earlier they must put the pin as close to the PAP as they can so it uses its energy at the front of the lane. The surface of the ball also influences the amount of friction that the ball can react.



This picture shows two examples of track flare: the top a symmetrical PAP layout, the bottom asymmetrical PAP layout



PROJECT: Josh Hyde's PBA Media Guide

In all of my years of following the PBA Tour I have always wanted to summarize a full season of the PBA Tour, plus tell the history of the PBA. My ranking as well as the PBA's ranking top 50 of all time is included in this media guide. It also includes the yearly and career stats in the history of the PBA. Instead of only talking about the championship round I have discussed about what happens in the qualifying match play portion of the tournament. The media guide includes all of the PBA50 tournaments and the RPIs of each region. I have done a perspective of what pro-bowling means to a major bowling fan. In the history part of the media guide, I show the likelihood of what the player winning a major tournament. Keep in mind some players have only won one major and have not been in another championship round.

Also, I am adding each year's money leader and major tournament winner. Additionally, I will describe each tournament format that the players bowled on all three tours—the PBA, the PBA50, and PBA Major Regionals.

I will include a chart that shows each award on the PBA Tour, and it will show the number of times that they received a given award.

For the Hall of Fame section, I will show how many times a player won a title, made the championship round, made match play, and cashed in their career.

In the statistic section, it will be similar to the Hall of Fame section, but it will be for the 4th WSOB, the Winter Swing, the Summer Swing, the 5th WSOB and a combination of all of those in conjunction with the PBA season.

I have come up with tournament

statistics that include the number of perfect games at each tournament, the highest cash average, the lowest cash average, the highest championship round average, the lowest championship round average, the highest tournament leader average, and the lowest tournament leader average. There will be a summary on the whole PBA season.

I included the inaugural PBA League stats and what happened in each round.

Other items I included are: the first trade in the PBA League, the PBA League format, and the inaugural Elias Cup winner.

I purposely omitted the International tournaments because they were not run by the PBA, and they are difficult to follow.

Each one of my PBA cards can be found within the pages of the guide, as well as my PBA media credentials. These credentials are my pass into any PBA Tour stop.

Another page in the guide talks about the different tournaments that I have had the opportunity to attend.

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



X-tra Frame Spotlight

*PBA50 Treasure Island Resort & Casino Open
presented by MOTIV: Round of 24*

During the first round of 24, there were a few interesting matches involving players with a chance to win. In the match between USBC Hall of Famer Jeffery Richgels and Kerry Painter, Jeff had a chance to win the second game by doubling in the 10th. He threw a great first shot and ten were in the pit. The second was an excellent shot but left a solid nine forcing into a one-ball roll-off. Painter went first and struck forcing Richgels to strike. Richgels left the 5 pin and lost the game.

In the Dale Eagle v. Jim Knoblauch, Knoblauch was down 0-2 and then game back in the next two games to even the series. In game 5, he was unable to seal the deal because Eagle bowled a 269 game. In game 4, Eagle bowled a 265, but still lost by 4 pins. These were a couple of high scoring matches.