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Chris Barnes winner of the Mark Roth MVP-PBA League Award



Top PBA50 Tour Titlist John Handegard

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Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Summer Swing Pro-Am Tickets on Sale

Welcome to another year of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike, Spare Columns and Tenth Frame . The **Messenger** . The **Strike Column** takes a look at the PBA50 All-Stars. The **Spare Column** looks at the Elias Cup Finals. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the PBA50 Tour.

Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.



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On April 18, 2014, the PBA announced that tickets for the Summer Swing at Oklahoma's Grand Casino Resort, Pro-Am entries, and the Bear, Wolf, Badger, and Oklahoma Open are on sale.

There will also be a 9-game sweeper for bowlers interested in winning a spot into the Summer Swing. The Badger, Wolf, and Bear patterns will be used on April 27. The top four players will earn a paid entry into the Summer Swing. To join the win-a-spot event, it only costs \$150.

For the televised finals, which will be taped on May 24-25, bowling fans can purchase general admission all-day passes for \$25/day for the weekend's shows. Special VIP lane-side passes will be \$80. There are also tickets available for practice sessions, qualifying, match play rounds, and pro-am days. These are \$10/day or \$30/week.

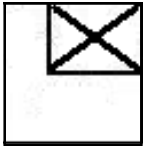
All fans planning to attend the Summer Swing are encouraged to use the special \$99/night room rate. To get this discounted room rate through the PBA, visit usgrc.webhotel.microsdc.us and enter "140516SUMM" in the group code box.

Bowling fans will have a chance to bowl with some of the bowling greats on May 17. The entry fee for the pro-am is \$65, but entrants wanting a high-performance ball package will need to spend \$165.

For more information, visit www.pba.com.

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Strike Column – PBA50 Tour All-Time Stars

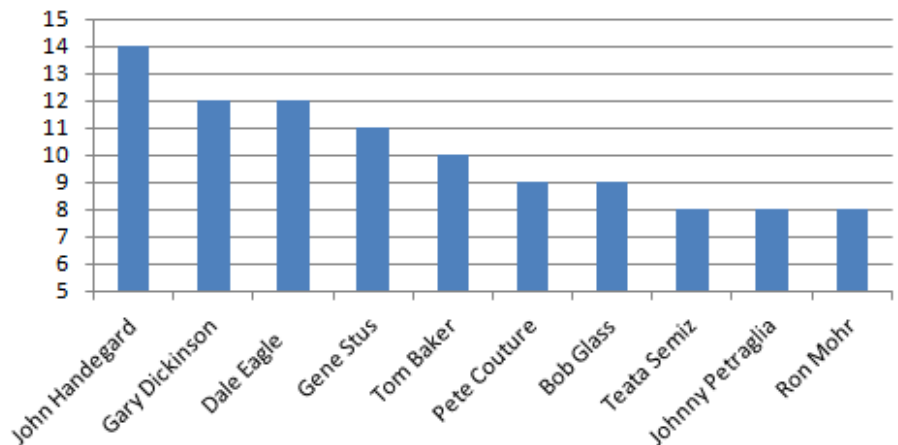
The PBA50 Tour is for current PBA bowlers whose age 50 or above. A good bowler that could not make it on the PBA Tour they can go out and test their skills on the PBA50 circuit. The PBA 50 Tour is formally known as the PBA Senior Tour. Some of the PBA50 stars are from the past PBA Tour.

Some of the PBA50 stars like Walter Ray Williams Jr, John Handegard, Ron Mohr, Tom Baker, Gary Dickinson, Dale Eagle, and Gene Stus. These bowlers have multiple titles on the PBA50 Tour. John Handegard leads the way with 14 PBA50 titles. Second best is Gary Dickinson with 12 PBA50 titles. The chart at the right shows the records for pinfall in PBA50 Tour. Johnny Petraglia holds the number of records in this PBA50 category. Walter Ray Williams Jr. holds the 51 game record in pinfall at the Senior U.S. Open. Walter Ray Williams Jr also holds the record for having the highest season average for one season. The PBA50 Tour is more relaxed and more competitive than the regular PBA Tour. There are some great bowlers on the PBA50 Tour today. It is like seeing the PBA Tour from the 90's over again. The anticipation is exciting to see with Walter Ray and Pete Weber dueling it out for PBA50 titles. This year two new PBA50 rookies have burst on the scene. PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III and Norm Duke have both done a superb job in the first few events of the 2014 PBA50 season. It will be interesting to see how both of these players on the PBA50 Tour. Walter Ray Williams Jr still proves that he is one of the best at bowling on the PBA50 Tour with having a couple of Player of the Year honors. No other PBA member has multiple Player of the Year honors. Bob Glass was a great PBA50 bowler in the early 2000's. Ron Mohr had a outstanding resume winning a number of tournaments early on. The PBA50 Tour has major tournaments and awards just like the regular PBA Tour. At the fifth WSOB the PBA50 Tour had a televised finals. The three bowlers that made that show were all PBA Hall of Famers. Amelto Monacelli, Walter Ray Williams Jr and Pete Weber. It was like watching a show from the past.

PBA50 Pinfall Records

- 6-GAME BLOCK:**
1,557, Johnny Petraglia (The Villages, FL, 2009)
- 8-GAME BLOCK:**
2,160, Ron Mohr (Columbus, OH, 2010)
- 9-GAME BLOCK:**
2,371, Dick Baker (Boise, ID, 1999)
- 12-GAME BLOCK:**
3,031, Johnny Petraglia (The Villages, FL, 2009)
- 16-GAME BLOCK:**
4,243, Ron Mohr (Columbus, OH, 2010)
- 18-GAME BLOCK:**
4,598, Dick Baker (Boise, ID, 1999)
- 27-GAME BLOCK:**
6,282, Johnny Petraglia (Las Vegas, NV, 2008)
- 36-GAME BLOCK:**
8,969, Johnny Petraglia (The Villages, FL, 2009)
- 36-GAME BLOCK (including bonus pins):**
9,395, Johnny Petraglia (The Villages, FL, 2009)
- 42-GAME BLOCK:**
10,457, Dick Baker (Boise, ID, 1999)
- 42-GAME BLOCK (including bonus pins):**
10,921, John Handegard (Lady Lake, FL, 1991)
- 51-GAME BLOCK:**
12,030, Walter Ray Williams Jr.
(Senior U.S. Open, Las Vegas, NV, 2012)
- 51-GAME BLOCK (including bonus pins):**
12,510, Walter Ray Williams Jr.
(Senior U.S. Open, Las Vegas, NV, 2012)

All-Time PBA50 Titles



Moments in History

Oldest and Youngest to win a PBA Title

In the 1983 Cleveland Open, Norm Duke qualified for the televised finals on ABC Sports. He would have to beat Earl Anthony, Steve Cook, John Wilcox, and Tom Milton for the title. In the first game he beat his long-time idol, Earl Anthony, 244-212. In the next match, he faced Steve Cook. Who he defeated easily by a score of 247 to 187. In the semi-finals, he would face John Wilcox who he took down by a score of 237 to 192. He would then take on the tournament leader. Tom Milton. Once again, Duke would take him down 238-204. This made him the youngest bowler to win the PBA Tour title. He had a very bright future on the Pro Bowler's Tour, however it would take him 8 years to win again. For his first title he averaged 241.25, beating four great bowlers on the PBA Tour. His closest opponent was the great Earl Anthony. He would beat his opponents by a total of 171 pins an average of 42.75 per game. He was proud, elated, and even a little shocked...

Twelve years later at the Northwest



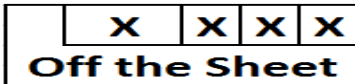
Classic the oldest bowler won a PBA Tour Title John Handegard he would have to climb the ladder. Mike Aulby had just won back to back majors. Aulby was looking to win 3 straight tournaments in a row. Handegard was going to have to face Aulby in the opening game. He defeated Aulby by ten pins 215 to 205. The next match was against Norm Duke. Duke was hooking the lane however Handegard was playing up the gutter. This favored Handegard as he took down 239 to 225. Once again Bryan Goebel was trying to hook the lane. John Handegard just did what he does best going down the boards in playing straight. It worked again as Handegard defeated Goebel by only two pins 237 to 235. The tournament leader was two time champion of the TOC Mark Williams. This match would be a high scoring affair with Handegard winning over Williams 278 to 247. Again Mark Williams was hooking the lanes, but hooking the ball was not working this night as Handegard could play straight and outscore his opponents. Which made him the oldest player to win a PBA Tour Title.

On April 9, the PBA announced that Jason Belmonte is the fastest bowler to join the 100,000 pinfall club. It only took five seasons and 456 games to accomplish this feat.



Walter Ray Williams Jr. has the highest career pinfall at 5,019,834 as of Dec. 31, 2013 over 22,926 games. His lifetime PBA average is 218.95

The second highest spot is held by Pete Weber with 4,650,511 over 21,482 games. His lifetime average is 216.48.



This column is dedicated to the Bowlers Journal International. They just celebrated their 100-year anniversary this month. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.

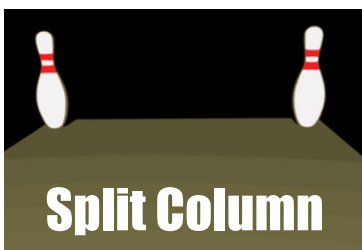
Last month, the Bowlers Journal did an article on the 63 history of the USBC Masters Tournament. They did numerical statistics on different aspects of the tournament. The number 39 was used to show how long the length of the pattern or how many

Off the Sheet - Almanac USBC Masters

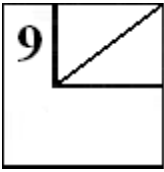
feet long the oil was. There were seven bowlers that have won the masters more than once. Mike Aulby won three. Eight people have won two or more masters titles. There have been six amateurs that have won the Masters. Tournament leader EJ Tackett had the lowest winning score at 604. Tom Smallwood could only muster up a 569. There was a total of \$108,000 earned between the five finalists who made the television show. Bowlers Journal did not discuss that it took 57

years for a bowler to successfully defend his Master title.

Tournament leader EJ Tackett's highest three game series was a 793 in six matches to claim the top seed for the television. 45.71% percent of the tournament leaders have gone on to win the event. Over all it was a good analysis of the UCBS Masters.



There have been a total of eight bowlers who have won the Masters multiple times.



Spare Column

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

Elias Cup Semi-Finals

Semi- Finals 1	Singles	Alternate Shot Doubles	Baker Trios	Team	Final Score / Average
NYC WTT Kingpins Pete Weber Scott Norton Stuart Williams John Szczerbinski Jake Peters	Weber (208)	Weber Szczerbinski (216)	Norton Peters Williams (249) (1 Point)	Weber, Norton Stuart Williams, Szczerbinski, Peters (204)	1 Point 219 average
L.A. X Jason Belmonte Parker Bohn III E.J. Tackett Mika Koivuniemi Andres Gomez	Belmonte (234) 1 Point	Koivuniemi Bohn III (299) 1 Point	Belmonte Gomez Tackett (235)	Belmonte, Bohn III, Tackett, Koivuniemi, Gomez (218) 3 Points	5 Points 247 average
Semi-Finals 4	Singles	Alternate Shot Doubles	Baker Trios	Team	Final Score / Average
Philadelphia Hitmen Bill O'Neill Josh Blanchard Ryan Ciminelli Dan MacLelland Mike DeVaney	O'Neill (236)	Ciminelli Blanchard (226)	Ciminelli O'Neill MacLelland (216)	O'Neill, Blanchard, Ciminelli, MacLelland, DeVaney (224)	0 Points 226 average
Silver Lake Atom Splitters Bryon Smith Chris Barnes Dom Barrett Wes Malott Tommy Jones	Barnes (248) 1 Point	Barnes Smith (228) 1 Point	Jones Barrett Malott (233) 1 Point	Smith, Barnes, Barrett, Malott, Jones (247) 3 Points	6 Points 239 average

In the first semi-final, the L.A. X was going up against the defending Elias Cup champions WTT Kingpins. Jason Belmonte got off to a quick start, defeating Pete Weber 234-208. The next game was alternate-shot doubles. Koivuniemi and Bohn III had the front eleven strikes against Ciminelli and Blanchard, as they bowled a 299. This gave the L.A. X a two-point advantage going into the trios. The Kingpins were able to pull out a victory with a 249 by Norton, Peters, and Williams over Belmonte, Gomez, and Tackett, who bowled a 235. Still, L.A. X had a one-point lead going into the last game. In the final game, L.A.X pulled out a victory by only bowling a 218. The Kingpins only mustered up a 204 game, eliminating them from their chance to defend their title.

In the second semi-final match, the Philadelphia Hitmen were facing the Silver Lake Atom Splitters. Chris Barnes got off to a good start, bowling a 248 against Bill O'Neill. The second game was closer; however, the Atom Splitters out-bowled the Hitmen by two pins, 228-226. Silver Lake once again had a two-point advantage heading into the trios. Jones, Barrett, and Malott bowled a 233 to take a 3-0 lead into the team finals. The only thing the Hitmen could do was to win the game and force a one-ball roll-off. The hot streak continued for Silver Lake as they again won, sweeping the match with a 247-224 victory in the final game. This would set up them up for an Elias Cup finals matchup with the L.A. X.

Spare Column, Continued

Elias Cup Finals

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Silver Lake Atom Splitters Bryon Smith Chris Barnes Dom Barrett Wes Malott Tommy Jones	Barnes (259)	Barnes Smith (268) 1 Point	Jones Barrett Malott (190)	Smith, Barnes, Barrett, Malott, Jones (225) 3 Points	4 Points 235.5 average

In the Elias Cup Finals, Jason Belmonte had the front nine against Chris Barnes. Chris did not go down easy, as he had a 259 in the singles. This gave LAX the early lead. In the next match, he evened the score by shooting a 268 with Bryon Smith. The match was tied up 1-1. In the Trios, Belmonte, Gomez, and Tackett won the Trios with a 216. Jones, Barrett, and Malott could only muster up a 190 after going 250, 260. It all came down to the final game when Silver Lake Atoms out-bowled the LAX 225-203. This was Tommy Jones' second Elias Cup victory. The match was closer than what the Silver Lake Atom Splitters were used to, after they won their previous two matches by a combined 11-1. Barnes was the leader of the team, as he only lost one match in the singles event. This propelled the Atom Splitters to dominate the PBA League.

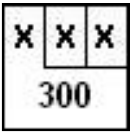
Barnes Named Mark Roth Elias Cup MVP

Chris Barnes was named the Mark Roth MVP. He only lost two games with one of those games being 259. He was glad to win the award since it was named after Mark. Chris Barnes was definitely the leader of the Silver Lake Atom Splitters. He would open his matches with the front five or six in a row. He earned a number of points throughout the whole PBA League competition. He was 2-1 in the Singles event. In the Team event, he was 3-0. In the matchup against the Hit men, his team swept all the events.

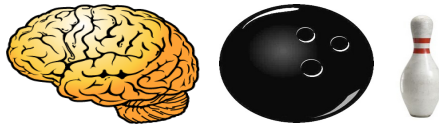
Chris Barnes is one of the six bowlers to earn the PBA triple crown. He is the third player to earn a Player and Rookie of the year awards. Barnes Averaged 257 to earn his points for the game. The second semi-finals they were able to sweep the Philadelphia Hit men 6-0 which propelled Barnes to get the Mark Roth MVP Award. He was clearly the most dominant player in the PBA league competition.



2014 Mark Roth
Elias Cup MVP
Chris Barnes



Thoughts on the PBA50 Tour



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

BOWLOLOGY

Fine Tuning A Bowler's Game

Watching the first PBA50 Tour event on Xtra Frame reminded me of watching the PBA Tour when I was growing up, seeing Walter Ray Williams Jr, Parker Bohn III and Pete Weber. The PBA50 Tour is getting the legends of the PBA Tour from just a few years ago. It is interesting to watch what these great bowlers can do with a bowling ball. These players are still the best bowlers in the world. It is hard to imagine that they are on the PBA50 Tour. Some of these bowlers still compete on the regular PBA Tour. The second event of the 2014 PBA50 Tour had all top five finishers in the PBA Hall of Fame: Parker Bohn III, Walter Ray Williams Jr, Norm Duke, Tom Baker, and Pete Weber. These five bowlers were the top stars of the PBA in the 90's and the 2000's. The PBA50 Tour is getting new high caliber players that are competing on the PBA50 circuit such as Ron Mohr and Mike Dias. Both of these bowlers did not try bowl in the regular PBA Tour. Both Mike and Ron are proving that they can compete at a high level with the some of the top pros of today. Once again this proves that there is always going to be top talent no matter on which side of 50 they are at.

It is that time of year where Winter leagues are ending. It is a perfect time to work on a bowler's game, so do not put the ball in the closet. Get back down to the lanes once or twice a week to work on the details of a bowler's game! If a bowler is seeing that they are averaging lower than what they were last year, then it is a perfect time to work on their game. If they are not making spares as what they need too, they can go out and practice the low ball game drill to help their spare game. If a bowler is falling off balance, they can work on their timing. If a bowler's ball is worn out, now is the time to clean and resurface the ball. Another thing to look for is if the bowler's trail leg toe is in contact with the lane. These are some of the ideas that will be discussed in greater length in future issues.



PBA50 PASCO COUNTY OPEN

In the PBA50 season's opener Norm Duke made his PBA50 debut. He qualified for his match play his first match he had to bowl PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber. In the first game Norm was able to defeat Weber by 2 pins. The score was 278 to 276. The next game Weber ran into transition this time Duke was able to defeat Weber quite nicely with a 250 game. While Weber could only muster up a 190 game. It was a great season opener as the three of the four players were PBA Hall of Famers. Amleto Monacelli, Walter Ray Williams Jr, and Norm Duke. In the title match Monacelli defeated Duke 259 to 190. This was Amleto's third career PBA50 title.

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