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Bill O'Neill, Sean Rash, and Jason Belmonte, MVP Bowlers of the WSOB

## Practice Pair

## Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. The **Messenger** announces the new PBA Dyed Oil to be featured at the upcoming WSOB. The **Strike Column** looks at WSOB Statistics. In the **Kingpin Column**, the **Moment In History** is by Bowlers Journal International Senior Correspondent Dennis Bergendorf on the greatest season. **Breakpoint** talks about the passing of legendary bowler Billy Hardwick. **Off the Sheet** discusses legendary bowling centers according to Bowlers Journal International. The **Split Column** highlights the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown. The **Spare Column** recaps the Pro-Bowl West Regional. **In the Pocket** is about '12-'13 season highlights. **Bowlology** describes bowling game variations to improve spare conversion. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary entitled "Recap of the '12-'13 Season". Finally, **X-tra Frame Spotlight** highlights the PBA League draft. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Josh Hyde

## PBA Dyed Oil Featured at Upcoming WSOB

During the 5th WSOB, bowling fans will be able to see where the oil is on the lane. The PBA and Brunswick worked together by adding blue dye to the oil which will enable fans to see where the oil has been applied to the lane. This will educate bowling fans and the general public on how challenging these patterns are to bowlers. In this sense, it will make the pattern more invisible, like the rough, ponds, bunkers, and trees in golf.

The dyed oil patterns will be Cheetah (35 feet), Viper (39 feet), Chameleon (43 feet), and Scorpion (47 feet).

"Throughout the PBA history it has been difficult to describe the challenges players face in our sport," said PBA Commissioner Tom Clark, according to a PBA press release.

Per the report, PBA Hall of Famer Carmen Selvino added, "A lot of credit has to go to PBA for taking what I believe is a huge step for the sport, and to Brunswick for doing the extensive research and development that was necessary to have the oil ready for this event."

### ESPN Show Times

- December 1st with the Cheetah Championship starting at 1:00PM.
  1. Parker Bohn III
  2. Pete Weber
  3. Wes Malott
  4. Clara Guerrero

- December 8th with the Viper Championship at 1:00PM.
  1. Ryan Ciminelli
  2. Chris Barnes
  3. Stuart Williams
  4. Jason Belmonte
- On December 15th with the Chameleon Championship starting at 1:00PM.
  1. Dom Barrett
  2. Brian Kretzer
  3. Ryan Ciminelli
  4. Tom Smallwood
- December 22nd with the Scorpion Championship starting at 1:00PM.
  1. Marshall Kent
  2. Tom Smallwood
  3. Josh Blanchard
  4. Tommy Jones
- December 29th with the PBA World Championship starting at 1:00PM.
  1. Dom Barrett
  2. Sean Rash
  3. Mike Fagan
  4. Tom Smallwood
  5. Pete Weber

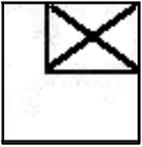
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### MISSION STATEMENT:

*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.*



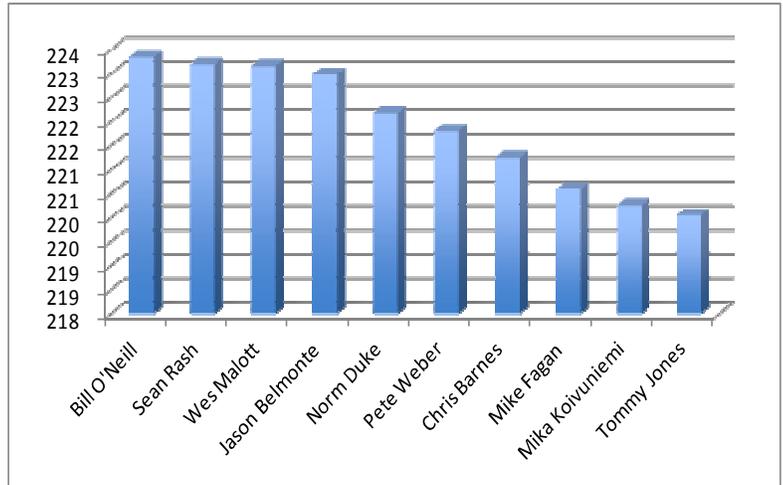
## Strike Column – WSOB Statistics

The best bowlers are going to be able to do well at the World Series of Bowling. This Strike Column will describe who are the best bowlers at the WSOB. During the third WSOB, Sean Rash and Jason Belmonte were dominating the WSOB. The past four WSOBs have produced the top PBA bowlers on the tour. For a player to do well at the WSOB, it says that they are ready to compete with the best bowlers.

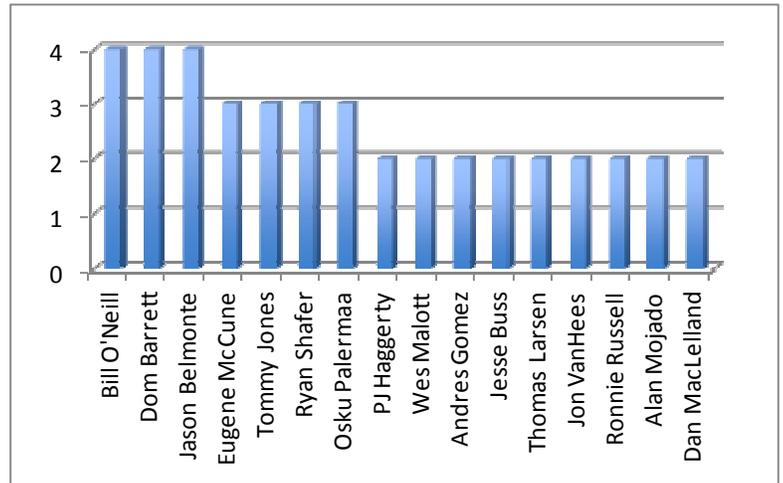
There have been many great stories throughout the PBA WSOB, such as Smallwood winning the World Championship after losing his job; and Chris Barnes becoming the 6th bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the World Championship. This event is where Jason Belmonte became a great player on the PBA Tour.

Bill O' Neill leads in the average category and the most perfect games. All of these great players make multiple shows, and bowling fans can count on them making the cut at each Animal Pattern semifinal. Some of the other top players are Dom Barrett, Jason Belmonte, Sean Rash, and Tommy Jones. These are the fan favorites at the WSOB. Jason Belmonte has the won the most money at the WSOB. These charts show the leaders' high average, perfect games, and the money leaders in each statistical category.

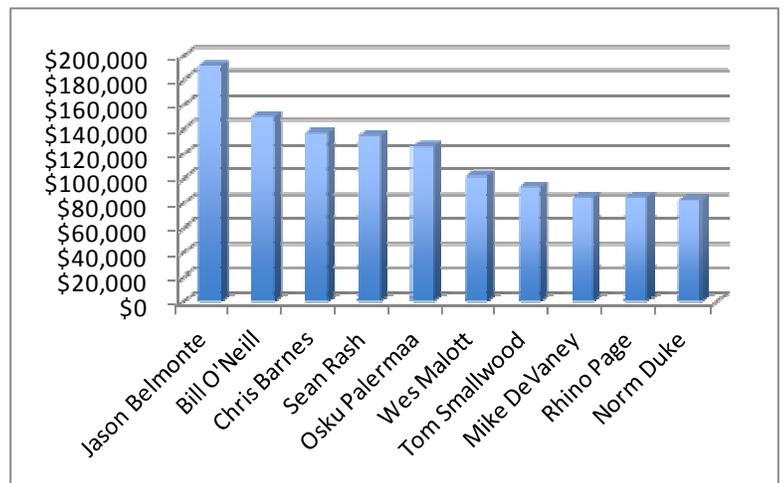
Bill O' Neill, Sean Rash, and Jason Belmonte are the three MVPs of the WSOB. These three bowlers are the greatest at the WSOB. Bill O' Neill leads two of the three categories. Two WSOBs ago, Sean Rash made every Animal Pattern championship round, which is amazing feat. At last year's WSOB, Jason Belmonte dominated the PBA World Championship in qualifying and had a 300 pin lead going into the match play rounds.



Lifetime high averages from 2009-2013 in the World Series of Bowling



Most 300 games bowled from 2009-2013 in the World Series of Bowling



Most money earned from 2009-2013 in the World Series of Bowling



## Breakpoint

## Moments in History

### "The Greatest Season"

By Dennis Bergendorf

It was a season that's never been duplicated, and one that will probably never be duplicated. In 1978, Mark Roth won an astounding eight PBA tournaments, a whopping 21% of the season's 37 events.

Roth's year to remember started appropriately enough at the first stop (in Torrance, Cal.), something that provided a pretty good foundation: a first place check of \$15,000. Three weeks later he would find the winner's circle again—and then again—as he claimed the Quaker State and King Louie titles.

Although he made a couple more shows in the weeks ahead, he didn't taste victory again until Windsor Locks, in April. But that made four titles. After a fourth-place finish in the rich Firestone Tournament of Champions, Roth began his assault on the summer tour. He won in Portland, San Jose and Cranston (Rhode Island).

Then, in the fall, he capped the grand season with a victory in the Regional Champions Classic.

A total of eight titles. Oh, don't forget his fourth-place finish in the National Championship, and sixth in the US Open.

To put Roth's feat in perspective, the legendary Earl Anthony never won more than seven titles in one season.

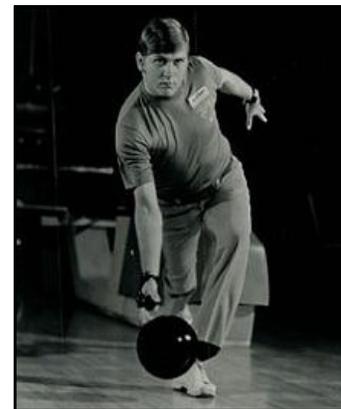
If there was a downside to all his winning, it was that none of the titles paid more than \$15,000. Still, the New York flame-thrower amassed \$134,000 in official earnings, a record that stood until 1982. He was also named Bowler of the Year for the second straight season.



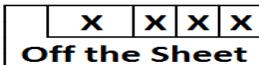
Above: Mark Roth, who had a season that has not been matched since 1978.

### The Passing of Hardwick

On November 17th the bowling world lost another legend. Billy Hardwick who died of a heart attack. Billy won 17 PBA Tour titles including the 1969 BPAA All-Star formerly known as (U.S. Open). He was the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown. In 1969 he won seven titles and earned his second Player of the Year honor. He won two USBC Eagles in 1964 in the Classic All Events and Classic Team Events. He will be greatly missed.



Above: Billy Hardwick, winner of 17 titles



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 *Bowler's Journal International* celebrated their 100th anniversary. There were a number of great articles involving the history of the PBA and the sport of bowling. They also took a look at the megabuck era. Dennis Bergendorf did a great piece about the Golden Era of profes-

sional bowling, when bowling was broadcast on ABC every Saturday and discussed what bowling fans could expect during the 16-week winter tour.

This tour included stops at the Showboat in Las Vegas, Nev., Ducats Imperial Lanes in Toledo, Ohio, Riviera Lanes, near Akron, Ohio, and Forum Bowl in Grand Prairie, Tex. Baltimore, Cleveland, and Kansas City were also major pit stops.

He also mentioned the prominence of these lanes because fans

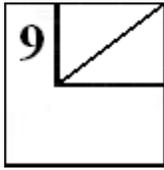
could expect the same tournaments from early January to mid-April. One example of this was the Firestone Tournament of Champions. Every bowler wanted to win this premier event in professional bowling because of its tradition and exclusivity to PBA champions.

This article did an excellent job at highlighting the Golden Era of professional bowling. To find the full article, go to p. 182 in the "Special Anniversary Edition" of the *BJI*.

## Legendary Centers According to BJI



Billy Hardwick became the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown at the 1969 BPAA All-Star (formerly known as the U.S. Open).



# Spare Column

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

## Pro Bowl West Regional

There were 72 bowlers at the PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Open in Fort Wayne, IN, on Sunday, November 17th. The scores were high as it took a 221 average to make the Match Play portion of the tournament. There was a tie between Kenny Parks and Todd Book for the last spot into Match Play. Todd Book won the one-game roll-off 247-226 to advance to Match Play. Brian Robinson was the number to cash with a score of +133. Jeff Zaffino led the qualifying round with a score of +296. The pattern was Cheetah for the tournament.

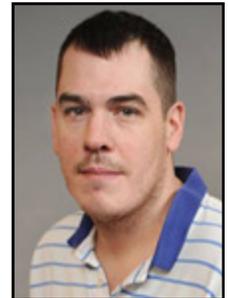
In the round of 16, Zaffino defeated Todd Book 2-0, while PBA Tour champion Jack Jurek bested Ronnie Russell 2-0. Eugene McCune defeated Chad Reiffer 2-0. Carleton Chambers upset Dale Traber 2-0.

The round of 8 saw Jack Jurek top Floyd Raymond 2-1. Chambers defeated Eugene McCune 2-0. Jeff Roche averaged 272 in order to advance to the semifinals after being down 0-1. He defeated B.J. Satkowski. Lastly, Darryl Humphreys lost to Carleton Chambers 2-0.

Next came the semifinals with Jeff Roche able to maintain his pace with a 240 game to advance to the championship match winning over the tournament leader, Jeff Zaffino. In the other semifinal, Carleton Chambers defeated Jack Jurek 232-188.

In the championship game, Roche defeated Chambers 224-208 to claim his first PBA Regional title.

Local bowler, Doug Cutler missed the cut with a score of +119. Brian Cave, Pro Bowl West Manager, and Pro Shop Operator Jason Beck also missed the cut with scores of +51 and +96, respectively.



**At Right:** Jeff Roche, Winner of his first PBA Regional Title—PBA Pro Bowl West Central/Midwest Open (presented by Dexter)

Tournament Stats	
7-Game Cash Bowler +/-	+133 Brian Robinson
7-Game PBA50 Cut Bowler +/-	+88 Mark Medler
7-Game PBA50 Leader +/-	+147 Kenny Parks
7-Game Cut Bowler +/-	+147 K. Parks / T. Book
7-Game Leader +/-	+ 296 Jeff Zaffino

Championship Round Stats:
Low Game: Jeff Zaffino—188
High Game: Carleton Chambers—240
Low Match: Jeff Roche vs. Jeff Zaffino (232-188)
High Match: Carleton Chambers vs. Jack Jurek (240-200)
Avg. Winning Game: 232

13 Jeff Roche—232

1 Jeff Zaffino—188

15 Carleton Chambers—240

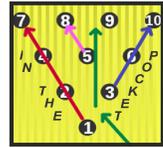
11 Jack Jurek—200

13 Jeff Roche—224

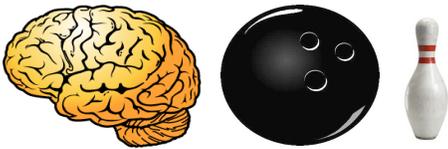
15 Carleton Chambers—208

Jeff Roche

**Champion**

**12-13 PBA Tour Season Highlights**

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| <b>10.</b> | PBA introduces the shortest pattern—the Wolf pattern just 34 feet at the Summer Swing. | <b>5.</b> | Belmonte wins 4 of the 5 titles matches at the season major.                            |
| <b>9.</b>  | Don Barrett made every cut at the 5th WSOB.  | <b>4.</b> | Belmonte wins 4 of the 5 titles matches at the season major.                            |
| <b>8.</b>  | Weber wins his first master's at the 2013 USBC Senior Master's.                        | <b>3.</b> | Parker Bohn III wins his second major at the fourth WSOB in the PBA World Championship. |
| <b>7.</b>  | Joe Scarborough shots the first 900 at the PBA50 Villages Open.                        | <b>2.</b> | WTT King Pins wins the 1st Elias Cup in the PBA League Championship.                    |
| <b>6.</b>  | Rhino Page gets drafted by first Norm Duke in the 1st PBA League Draft.                | <b>1.</b> | Weber completes his 2nd triple crown by winning the TOC.                                |

**BOWLOLOGY**

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

**Bowling Game Variations to Improve Spare Conversion**

This column is dedicated to the study of bowling with the desired result being that the student gains more knowledge of and more respect for the sport.

This Bowlology is to help bowlers improve their spare game. These games focus on attaining spares which, in turn, strengthens the bowlers' game.

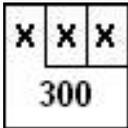
To some, these two games may sound familiar; however, Josh Hyde has added some modifications to further enhance their effectiveness. The two games are: The Low Ball Game and The Ultimate Spare Game.

**The Low Ball Game**

If a bowler is having trouble with shooting their spares, there is a perfect game that they can play called "low ball". Now, the object of the game is to get the lowest score possible without getting the ball in the gutter. If a bowler throws his ball in the gutter on the first ball of the frame, it counts as a strike. If a bowler throws his ball in the gutter on the second ball, it counts as a spare. The lowest possible score that a player can bowl is a 20—a perfect game. Bowlers normally go for the 10-pin on the first shot and for the 7-pin on the second shot. This is a great tool for a bowler to learn to get their spares. A plastic ball would be great for this game as it would allow a bowler's ball to roll in a straight line down the lane. It also takes the condition of the lane out of the equation. By playing this game, bowlers are able to concentrate on picking up their corner spares. A great score to aim for is 40. In a 3-game series, a score under 100 would be exceptional.

**The Ultimate Spare Game**

Another game to improve a bowler's spare conversion rate is the Ultimate Spare Game (coined by Josh Hyde). This game involves making spares after going for one of the corner pins (7 or 10) on the first ball. The left-handed bowler must go for the 7-pin on the first ball of the first frame; whereas, the right-handed bowler must shoot for the 10-pin. On the second ball, the bowler must convert the spare or he/she will score a 0. Also, if the bowler hits the head pin on the first ball, he/she will score a 0. If the bowler knocks down the 7-pin or the 10-pin on the first ball and converts the spare on the second ball, it counts as 30 pins for that frame. The perfect game is still a 300. The bowler will alternate the 7 and 10 pin for each successive frame. The goal is still to shoot a perfect game. This game is to help a bowler have more success when faced with more challenging spares.



## Recap of the '12-'13 Season

During this season, there were a number of history-making moments of the PBA. Here is the season in recap:

- In the inaugural PBA League, the WTT Kingpins won the Elias Cup.
- Jason Belmonte dominated the season's majors, appearing in four of five title matches and made a run at Bobby Jones' infamous season.
- Parker Bohn III won his second major after not making a single cut in the animal pattern championships. He still was able to crack the top 24 for the PBA World Championship to win his second major.
- Pete Weber made PBA history when he won his second Tournament of Champions title and completed the Triple Crown twice. He even tied the great Earl Anthony at winning 10 majors. Later in the season he would win his first Masters at the USBC Senior Masters, and would become the first player to be named PBA Rookie of the Year and PBA50 Rookie of the Year
- The PBA introduced three new oil patterns: the wolf, bear, and badger at the GEICO summer swing. The wolf was sorted at 34 feet long, while the badger is the longest at 52 feet.
- A new concept was discovered at the 2013 World Series of Bowling—putting dye onto lanes in order to have fans be

able to see where the oil is applied.

- Doug Kent and Danny Wiseman entered into the PBA Hall of Fame.
- Norm Duke picked Rhino Page first overall in the PBA League draft.
- Jason Belmonte won his first major at the USBC Masters.
- Joe Scarborough became the first player in PBA history to shoot a 900 series.
- Wes Malott won his first major at the 2013 US Open.
- Unfortunately, the bowling world lost PBA Hall of Famer Billy Hardwick.
- Tony Reyes, PBA Tour champion, passed away in a car wreck.
- Clara Guerrero became the third woman to make a championship round in a PBA tournament.
- Walter Ray Williams, Jr. earned his second consecutive PBA50 Player of the Year honor.
- Darrel Ducat became the oldest PBA competitor at the age of 87 at the PBA50 Villages Open.
- Terrell Owens tried to bowl at the 5th World Series of Bowling.



### X-tra Frame Spotlight PBA League Draft

The last event that took place at the 5th World Series of Bowling was the PBA League Draft. The Pittsburgh Jack Rabbits held the No. 1 overall pick after finishing last in 2013, and manager Tim Mack selected Eugene McCune. The second pick went to the Philadelphia Hitmen, who took Josh Blanchard, the 2011-12 PBA Rookie of the Year. The Silver Lake Atom Splitters drafted Bryon Smith third. The L.A. X team made E.J. Tackett the fourth selection. Michael Haugen, Jr. went to the Brooklyn STyLES at the fifth spot and Dave Wodka went to the Dallas Strikers at the sixth. Runner-ups Motown Muscle picked Tom Daugherty seventh and champions New York City WTT Kingpins rounded out the draft by taking Jake Peters. This completed the second annual PBA League Draft.