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Hello, Bowling Fans!

Atom Splitters Successfully Defend Elias Cup

Welcome to another edition of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses the 2015 Elias Cup winners. The **Strike Column** takes a look at how a PBA tournament can be ranked. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2015 Elkhart Country Club Lanes Open Midwest/Central. The **Tenth Frame** is an editorial about becoming a professional bowler. **The Open Frame Column** talks about having an honorary sponsorship at the Elkhart Country Club Lanes Open.

In the Elias Cup Final, the Silver Lake Atom Splitters squared off against the L.A. X in their attempt to repeat as champions at Bayside Bowl, in the PBA Tour's first visit to the state of Maine.

In the first game of the Elias Cup, Chris Barnes defeated Jason Belmonte 223-221 to give the Atom Splitters the first point.

In the second event, Stuart Williams and Patrick Allen evened the score by winning the alternate ball doubles match against Barnes and Mika Koivuniemi.

The next match saw Allen, Craig Nidiffer, and Tom Daugherty hitting the front eleven in a 297-246 win over Belmont, Andres Gomez, and Martin Larsen. Allen left a 2-8-10 split on the Atom Splitter's final frame, but still gave them a 2-1 lead.

In the final game, it was anyone's games, with three points at stake. The whole Atom Splitters team worked together to overcome a 10-pin deficit for a 236-215 victory. The Atom Splitters had a string of six straight strikes to retain the title.

Tommy Jones became the only player to win the first three Elias Cup titles. Allen received the Mark Roth MVP award for his tournament performance. He also won a sudden-death roll-off shot to advance the Atom Splitters in both the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.



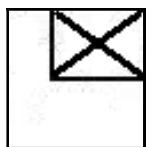
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- Josh Hyde

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Strike Column - Headpin Champion and Foundation Frame System



Over the past year, Josh Hyde Bowling, has designed a point system in which the tournaments are graded by what is called a Headpin Champion. Each Headpin Champion signifies what a PBA member has done on the PBA Regional, PBA50

Regional, PBA Women's Series, PBA Women's Regional, PBA International and the PBA Tour. Next I will divide the number of entrees of the PBA Tournament and come up with a score for the tournament.

The charts below shows the different categories on the far left and the next column over tells the point value. Then, I will total the points up to determine a score. Let's just say that there are a 50 bowlers in a PBA Regional and there are 30 Headpin Champions. The tournament will have a score of Six Bagger in the tournament. Josh Hyde Bowling has done three tournaments: 2014 Summer Swing, 2014 PBA WSOB, and the 2015 Tournament of Champions. This is a good way for bowling fans and bowlers to know how significant the tournament field is.

The first tournament Josh Hyde Bowling did rankings for was the 2014 Summer Swing. The tournament had seventeen PBA Tour Titlists, six PBA Rookies of the Year, nine Major Winners, four Players of the Year, two PBA Hall of Famers, one Triple Crown Winner and one Grand Slam Winner. Bowlers are not eligible to receive multiple Headpin Champions. They are ranked by the highest accomplishment they have achieved in their PBA career.

The scoring system for the headpin champions and foundation frame is based on the following, for each tournament is the sum of scores for each headpin champ divided by a series perfect score of 900. On the bottom of this page an example shows how this scoring system would work in practice, with the 2015 TOC on the far right of the chart showing how a tournament can get a perfect score. The other two tournaments demonstrate different outcomes based on how strong the field is. An 8 bagger score would the equivalent of an 266 average in a 300 game.

For further details bowling fans can go to joshhydeb bowling.com on how the system works.

Headpin Champions Point System	Point Value	2014 Summer Swing	2014 PBA WSOB	2015 TOC
Regional & PBA50 Regional Titlist	2.5		30(75)	46(115)
PBA Regional Rookie of the Year	2.75			
PBA Regional & PBA50 Player of the Year	3			
Regional Hall of Famer	3.75			
PBA Women's Regional Titlist	2.5		4(10)	1(2.5)
PBA Women's Series Titlist	5		1(5)	
International PBA Titlist	3			3(9)
PBA50 Tour Titlist	5			2(10)
PBA Tour Titlist	5	17(85)	22(110)	19(95)
PBA50 & PBA Rookie of the Year	7.5	6(45)	6(45)	9(67.5)
PBA50 & PBA Major Winner	12.5	10(125)	8(100)	15(187.5)
PBA50 & PBA Player of the Year	15	4(60)	6(90)	6(90)
PBA Hall of Famer	20	2(40)	6(120)	6(120)
Triple Crown Winner	25	2(50)	2(50)	3(75)
Grand Slam Winner	30	1(30)	1(30)	1(30)
Total Champion & Score		435(4 Bagger)	635(8 Bagger)	801.5 (Perfect Game)

Rating System = Foundation Frame Points/900

12-Bagger = 80% to 100%

8-Bagger = 65% to 79%

4-Bagger = 50% to 64%

Turkey = 30% to 49%

Double = 20% to 29%

Strike = 1% to 19%

Gutterball = 0%

Moment in History

McCordic's Perfect Game

In 1987, Pete McCordic had the highest earnings without winning a PBA Title. One of the ways he did this was becoming the fourth bowler in PBA history to bowl a perfect game on national television.

In the opening game of the 1987 Greater Los Angeles Open, Wayne Webb started out with a spare-strike-spare. He then had a five bagger, before having a single-pin spare in the foundation frame. He picked up the spare and struck out in the tenth frame to shoot a 249. He was already shut out as McCordic had the front 9 with some questionable strikes. They were al-



ready on the score sheet. In tenth frame Pete was already going to advance onto the next game. He had lost his previous 14 games on national television.

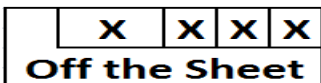
All three balls in the tenth were perfect as Pete became the fourth bowler in PBA history to shoot a perfect game on television. True Value Hardware offered \$100,000 for any bowler that shot a 300 on television. He would later go on to win \$56,000 over the rest of the PBA season, giving him the highest earnings without a PBA Tour title--pretty good earnings for not having won a title.

Breakpoint

XTRA FRAME TO COVER BOWLMOR AMF U.S. OPEN PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

The PBA continues to expand its schedule of live online video streaming events, announcing that Xtra Frame will be the exclusive home for live qualifying and match play coverage of the 2015 Bowlmor AMF US Open, Nov. 2-8 in Garland, Texas. The U.S. Open will conclude with a live telecast on CBS Sports Network.

During 2015, Xtra Frame is providing its growing legion of subscribers with live coverage of all preliminary rounds of PBA Tour events, start-to-finish coverage of a series of new PBA Tour Xtra Frame tournaments, start-to-finish coverage of all PBA50 Tour events (except for the USBC Senior Masters, which will be covered by USBC's BOWL.tv), and complete coverage of all new Professional Women's Bowling Association events (except the nationally-televised finals of the PWBA majors including the USBC Queens, Bowlmor AMF Women's U.S. Open and the end-of-season PWBA Championship).



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 in the Bowler's Journal International, Dennis Bergendorf, wrote a story entitled PB3 come through PBA super fan. It was a story on how I became in love with the game of bowling.

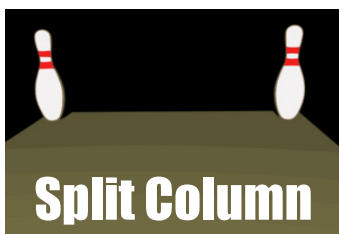
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PB3 Comes Through for PBA Superfan

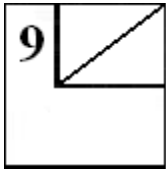
tournaments I have been to and some of my accomplishments, like beating Weber at the 2013 Indy program.

The article also discussed my book that I wrote, *Bowling From Another View*. It also mentioned that I had a newsletter that had 200 subscribers. This article was one of my highlights of my bowling career.

Below: the PBA's Superfan with Tom Smallwood, Eugene McCune, Ronnie Russell, and Pete Weber (from left to right).



Parker Bohn III has won in the 9th and 10th frame roll off and has won in a single ball roll.



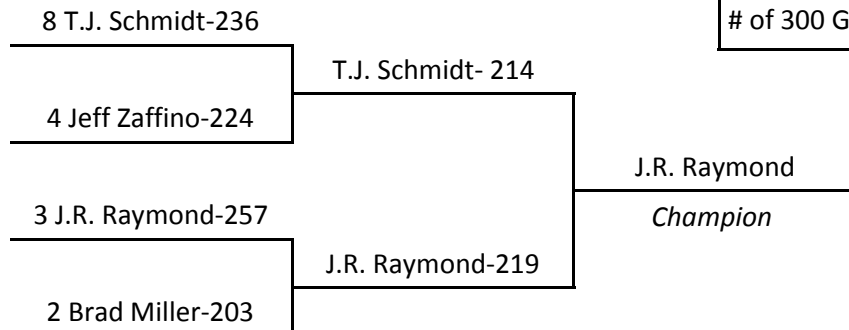
Spare Column

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

Country Club Lanes Central and Midwest Open

In this year's Country Club Lanes Central/Midwest Open, there were 62 bowlers vying for the top prize of \$2,500. J.R. Raymond started things off with a perfect game in his first game. PBA titlist Dave Wodka shot a 278 to take the second game. Local bowler and 2013 Dan Ottman Central Rookie of the Year T.J. Schmidt had a 279 game to take the third game. Michael Steil had the fourth game at 269. PBA Women's Regional titlist Diana Zavjalova had a 287 to win the pot in game five. Dave Wodka won again in game six with a 288. In the final game of qualifying, Michael Steil had a 265 game to win his second pot. Dave Wodka led the qualifying with a score of +255. It took a score of +137 (Aaron Beaver) to make the cut. Kevin Walter took the last cash spot at +126. John Murphy was the highest non-cashing PBA50 bowler, with a score of +58.

In the round of 12, in every match only took two games, with Larry Verble, Brian Gunn, Christopher Hill, and Schmidt advancing. In the round of 8, all top seeds advanced, with the lone exception of T.J. Schmidt upsetting No. 1 seed Dave Wodka. Brad Miller had the lowest winning game of the round, shooting only 169 in his second game against Gunn. In the semi-finals, T.J. Schmidt defeated Jeff Zaffin 236-224, while J.R. Raymond shot a 257 game to win over Brad Miller's 203 game. In the championship game, Raymond took down Schmidt 219-214 to local fan's dismay. This was the low match of the championship round. The title was Raymond's first title of the year, and his second regional career title.



Qualifying

Bowler	Pinfall	+/-	Bye/Cut/ Cash
1. Dave Wodka	1655	+255	1 Bye
2. Brad Miller	1635	+235	1 Bye
3. J.R. Raymond	1590	+190	1 Bye
4. Jeff Zaffino	1579	+179	1 Bye
5. Larry Verble	1574	+174	CUT
6. Christopher Hill	1572	+172	CUT
7. Rocio Restrepo	1561	+161	CUT
8. T.J. Schmidt	1560	+160	CUT
9. David Williams, Jr.	1552	+152	CUT
10. Brian Gunn	1546	+146	CUT
11. Diana Zavjalova	1541	+141	CUT
12. Aaron Beaver	1537	+137	CUT
13. Phillip Rayman	1536	+136	\$350.00
14. Nathan Michalowski	1532	+132	\$325.00
15. Kevin Walter	1526	+126	\$325.00

Tournament Statistics	
7 Game Cash #	+126 Kevin Walter
7 Game Cut #	+137 Aaron Seymore
7 Game PBA50 Non Casher	+58 John Murphy
7 Game Cut for One Round Bye	+179 Jeff Zaffino
7 Game Leader +One Round Bye	+ 255 Dave Wodka
# of 300 Game's	(1) J. R. Raymond

Championship Round Statistics	
High Game:	J.R. Raymond 257
Low Game:	Brad Miller 203
High Match:	Both tied in semifinals
Low Match:	J.R Raymond vs T.J Schmidt 219 -214
Average Winning Game:	237.33



Soul Mate

Soul



Core Type	Soul Medium RG
Coverstock	CPTv2 Flip Reactive
Color	2 - Color, Orange Fire Pearl
Finishing Steps	500 Siaair Micro Pad, Royal Compound, Royal Shine
Weight	10-16 Pounds
RG Max	2.583
RG Min	2.542
RG Differential	0.041
RG Average	3.5
Hook Potential	105
Length	160
Breakpoint Shape	100

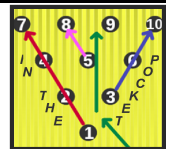
Soul Mate is good for light oil. A very clean ball with a stable back end.

Soul is good for heavier oil. If the lanes are tight, this is a ball that will get into a roll earlier.

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Color	2 - Color, Black Smoke Solid
Finishing Steps	500 Siaair Micro Pad; Royal Compound
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RG Max	2.583
RG Min	2.542
RG Differential	0.041
RG Average	5.0
Hook Potential	120
Length	130
Breakpoint Shape	90

In the Pocket

Josh Hyde's Top 10 Bowling Accomplishments



10. Bowling three 700s series with three different bowling balls.

9. Bowling a 277 on the chameleon pattern, which is a PBA pattern.

8. Having the opportunity to vote for the 2015 PBA Hall of Fame.

7. Witnessing Parker Bohn III beating Walter Ray Williams in the 1999 Track/Dexter Classic.

6. Becoming an official member of a pro staff with Vise Grips.

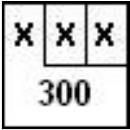
5. Becoming a Bronze-level certified coach through the USBC Coaching Certification program.

4. Witnessing my father win the amateur part of the US Open.

3. Receiving awards in the IBMA armature writing contest.

2. Producing a media kit for the 50th Anniversary of the Tournament of Champions.

1. Becoming an honorary PBA Member.



Becoming a Pro Bowler

In 2001, I asked PBA President Steve Miller how I could be a PBA member at the PBA World Championship. Miller said, "Why not?" A week later I received my PBA card and the message said "Congratulations to our #1 fan." This was step one in beginning a pro bowler. A month ago, I signed my first contract to officially become a Pro Staff member at Vise Grips. This was my second step. In writing this newsletter and maintaining a website, I am able to become a pro bowler. I have bowled three 700 series and a 277 game on the Chameleon Pattern which is a PBA pattern.

Earlier this year I had the honor of writing a PR kit for the 50th ToC. Tom Clark liked the kit and I felt I had successfully become a pro-bowler, Over the past four years I have participated in the IBMA, formally the BWAA, in their amateur writing contest. I have come in first place in a few categories. Only the top three are recognized and I have earned a placed in each year.

A few years back, I came in first and third in one category. I also came in first place in the newsletter category in the first it was introduced. Six years ago, Harry Wolfe asked me to do a story on the Fort Wayne Regional because I had my portfolio at that time. It was at this

time that I realized I had reached my childhood dream of being a bowling writer.

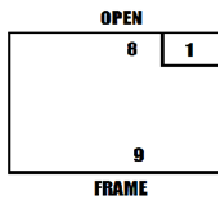
I am not on the PBA Tour, but I feel like I have become a pro bowler. This month I will start teaching a bowling class using my coaching certification.

Thank you to the PBA and the bowling industry for letting me be a part of the great sport of bowling.



This is my High Five Gear jersey with all the logos from my newsletter and website.

Open Frame - Josh Hyde Bowling is Honorary Sponsor at the Elkhart Country Club Lanes Open



Last month, Country Club Lanes in Elkhart Indiana had their third PBA regional. I did reports on the Sweepers that they had for the tournament. In return, they made me an honorary sponsor and put my sign on the scoreboard of lanes 1 and 2. I also developed a sponsorship levels that using

bowling terms instead of the familiar gold, silver, and bronze. The Josh Hyde bowling levels are: Be the Pro, 900 Series, The Perfect Game, The 299, and The 7-10 Split. Each level represent a dollar amount that the sponsor contribute towards the tournament. Thanks to Dave Claxton who made it possible for Josh Hyde Bowling the honorary sponsor of the PBA Regional Tournament.



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