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Pictured left: ProBowl West proprietor Dave Small and PBA HoF Pete Weber

Practice Pair

Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

PBA Champions Challenge Television Show

Welcome to another season of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike, Spare Columns and Tenth Frame . The **Messenger** looks at the Champions Challenge Show. The **Strike Column** takes a look at the future Hall of Famers. The **Spare Column** looks the PBA50 ProBowl West . The **Tenth**

Frame is a commentary about the PBA50 ProBowl West.

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



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On June 25, the PBA announced that there will be a PBA Champions Challenge television show. This show will include the top boys' and girls' champions from the Teen Masters. The other competitors will include the top eight points leaders on the PBA50 Tour from the 2014 season as well as the top points leaders from each region, both men and women.

The television show will feature the top two competitors from each - PBA50, PBA Regionals, PBA Womens Regionals and Teen Masters Boys and Girls.

This PBA Challenge television show will be broadcast on ESPN in conjunction with the WSOB VI. The WSOB VI will take place in Las Vegas Oct. 24- Nov. 2, 2014.

There will be eight PBA Regional points leaders including the Northwest, West, and Japan. The Northwest and West will each get one. The top point earner from the Japan series will get one, making it eight entries. There will be a eight-game round robin match play format for each of the divisions. After the competitors complete their eight games of round robin match play, the top two of each division will advance to the television show.

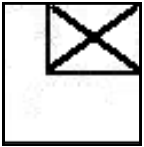
Commissioner Tom Clark stated, "The new PBA Champions Challenge telecast gives us an opportunity to showcase the diversity of competition the PBA provides."

This will be a two-hour television broadcast. Dates and times of the broadcast will be announced later.

For more information log on to PBA.com.

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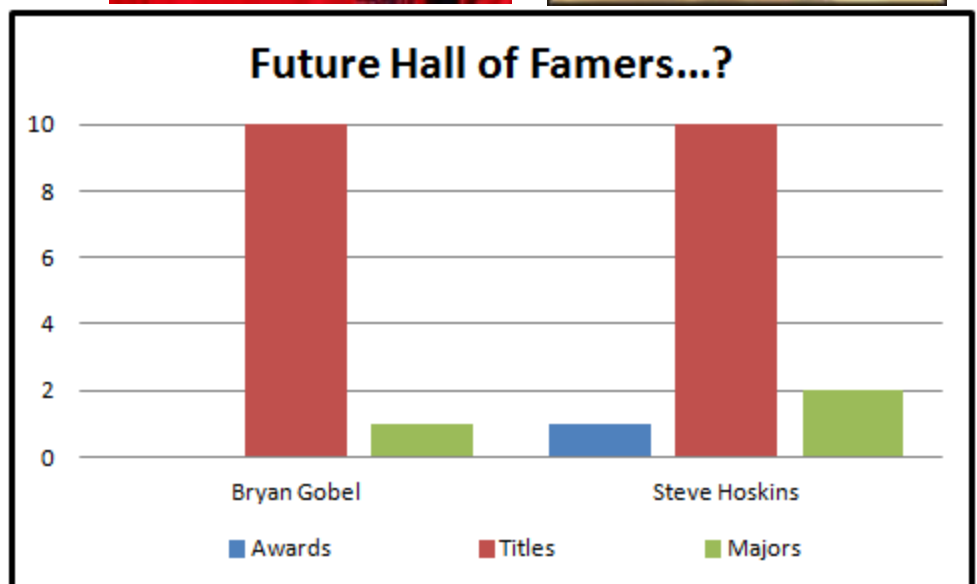


Strike Column – Potential Hall of Famers

The 2015 Class for the PBA Hall of Fame might include these bowlers - Steve Hoskins and Bryan Goebel. Both have had ten PBA tour titles and have at least one Major. Steve Hoskins could have been the Player of the Year in 1997. He was a bowler with a powerful strike ball. He broke his wrist after leaving a stone 8-pin when he needed to strike. After two months off, he went back out on tour and struggled on the first few tournaments. By the fall, he was back in form winning two tournaments including a Major. During that time he even bowled a perfect game on National television. His first two titles were at the Quaker State in Grand Prairie, Texas. Steve successfully defended his title in 1994. The last four years of the Touring Players Championship, he won two of them, 1997 and 1999. He was the Rookie of the Year in 1989 when he made the show at the Showboat in Atlantic City, New Jersey. He beat Pete Weber during his first match. Steve retired from the PBA tour in 2004.

Bryan Goebel had a high backswing and took six steps in his approach. He is famous for beating

Norm Duke's 280 game on National TV. On his last ball he had a six count to shoot a 296. In the 1998 Brunswick World Tournament of Champions, he beat Steve Hoskins for his lone Major. He won back-to-back titles in Tucson Arizona in 1995 and 1996. His last title at the 2003 Medford Oregon Open, he only lost one game during the whole tournament. This title gave him ten career PBA titles.



Moments in History

First Bowler to Win 5 Titles in 5 Decades

Dick Weber was the first super-star of the PBA. In the 1990's he was setting out to do what no other bowler has done, winning a title in five different decades.

Entering the 1992 Touring Pro/Senior Doubles, Weber qualified for the top 18 that would make the round robin match play. He would be paired up with Justin Hromek. The two would end up leading for the PBA televised finals. In one game, Hromek missed a 10 pin in the tenth frame to beat Dick Weber by one pin. The final score was 245 to 246. Hromek apologized, and Weber told him



he beat him and it was no big deal. In the championship game, the two met Nelson Burton Jr. and Bob Benoit. Both teams started out strong, but Burton and Benoit could not keep on striking. In the ninth frame, Burton left the 4-7-10 split. This sealed the deal, as Hromek and Weber were striking. It was a historic finish as Justin Hromek helped Dick Weber became the first bowler to win in five decades. The final score was 248-200.



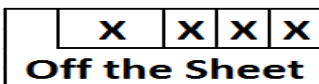
Dick Weber:
The First Bowler to win PBA titles in five separate decades.

Breakpoint

Xtra-Frame Tournament Schedule

The PBA announced the upcoming Xtra Frame schedule for PBA50 Tour and the PBA Regional Tour. Xtra Frame will cover the remaining tournaments for the PBA50 Tour and Regionals. Here is the list of the following tournaments.

- PBA Grand Hotel, Casino, & Resort South West Region Invitational
September 5th-7th.
- PBA Diamond Jo's Casino Midwest Region Open
September 13th-14th.
- PBA Heritage Lanes Central Region Open
October 18th-19th



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.

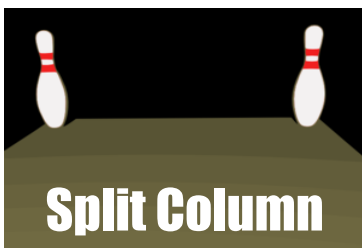
Lyle Zikes talks about the 2015 PBA Tour schedule as a side bar in the July issue of the Bowlers Journal. Things are looking up for the PBA.

Book It Sooner Better for PBA

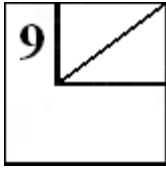
The first thing that was interesting is the Tournament of Champions will be coming back to Indianapolis. The Summer Swing will return back to Tulsa at the Grand Resort Hotel and Casino. PBA officials are also trying to schedule something in Portland, Maine.

There is still no word on the 2015 US Open. The USBC Masters will be February 2nd -8th in Green Bay Wisconsin.

This sidebar article led PBA fans to believe that there will be more of a PBA Tour schedule than in 2014.



There are a total of seven bowlers that have titles in five different decades.



Spare Column

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

Weber Wins Indiana Slam at PBA50 ProBowl West Classic

In the first round of qualifying at the PBA50 ProBowl West Classic in Fort Wayne, IN, PBA Hall of Famer Wayne Webb opened the round with a score of +403. Pete Weber was in 2nd place with a score of +369. Some of the other Hall of Famers that did well in the first round were Randy Pederson and Parker Bohn, III. Mark Lineberry was the number after the first 8 games with a score of +209.

In the second round of qualifying, Pete Weber dominated the field with a score of +782. Both days of qualifying, Pete Weber started the day with a 289 game. In 2nd place was Randy Pederson with a score of +723. Wayne Webb, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Johnny Petraglia, Dale Eagle, and Parker Bohn III were the other Hall of Famers that would make match play and receive early round byes. It would take a score of +378 by Bob Caruso to make match play. Dale Csuhata would be the low to cash with a score of +375. Kerry Painter would be the leading super senior with a score of +370. Low to cash for super seniors was Steve Ferraro with a score of +307.

In the first round of match play, USBC Hall of Famer Lenny Boesch would beat Sammy Ventura 3-2. Bill McCorkle would go undefeated against William Peters 3-0. Bryan Goebel would defeat Bob Caruso. That match would take 5 games to decide the winner.

In the next round, Sam Lantto would defeat Walter

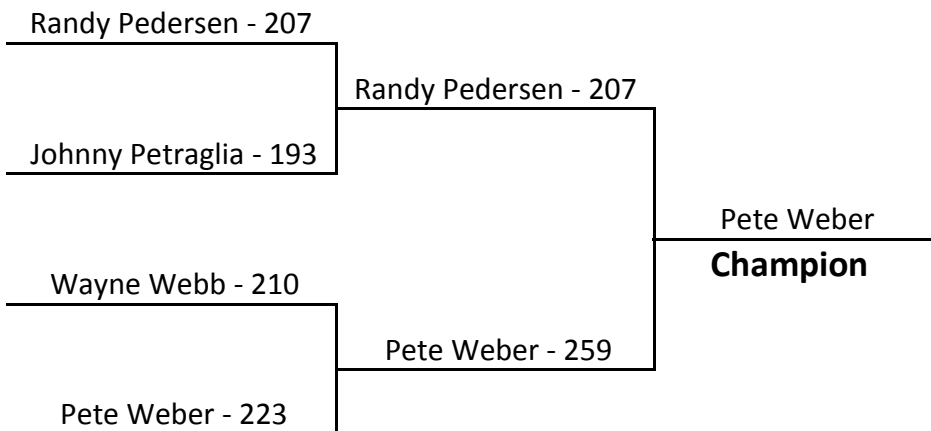
Ray Williams, Jr. 3-1. PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III would defeat Ted Staikoff 3-0. PBA Hall of Famer Johnny Petraglia would bowl a 300 to go on to defeat Ross McDonald 3-1.

In the next round, PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pederson defeated Dale Traber 3-2. Johnny Petraglia would defeat "The Legend" Harry Sullins 3-0. Parker Bohn III would defeat Mike Edwards 3-0. Bill McCorkle would defeat Kent Wagner 3-2.

The round of 8 saw a battle of Hall of Famers between Petraglia and Bohn. Petraglia prevailed and beat Bohn 2-0. PBA Hall of Famer Randy Pederson beat Bill McCorkle 2-0. The other two matches each took 3 games to decide the winner. Wayne Webb defeated Ralph Brunt, Jr. 2-1. In the other match-up, Weber defeated Sam Lantto 2-1. This would set up classic Hall of Fame showdown.

In the first match, Pedersen defeated Petraglia 207-193. In the other match, Weber would defeat Webb 223-210.

In the championship match, Weber put on his striking shoes by bowling a 259. Pedersen could not match up as he only had 207 in the championship game. This gave Weber his third career PBA50 title.



Championship Round Statistics	
High Game:	259, Pete Weber
Low Game:	193, Johnny Petraglia
High Match:	259-207, Weber v. Pedersen
Low Match:	193-207, Pedersen v. Petraglia
Average Winning Game:	229.67

Tournament Stats			
16 Game Cut # +/-	+378, Bob Caruso	16 Game Cut 2nd Round Bye+/-	+548, Ron Mohr
16 Game Cut 1st Round Bye+/-	+523, Jim Starks	16 Game Leader 2nd Round Bye+/-	+782, Pete Weber
16 Game Leader 1st Round Bye+/-	+546, Walter Ray Williams, Jr.	16 Game Super Senior Cut # +/-	+370, Kerry Painter
300 Games (7):	Randy Pedersen, Michael Henry, John Chapman (2), Frank Gallo, Jr., Johnny Petraglia, Lee Brosius	16 Game Super Senior Leader +/-	+307, Steve Ferraro

Interview of the Month - Johnny Petraglia

Q: What was your most special achievement?

A: A 300 game on television. It was the 1994 PBA World/National Championship which helped put my kids through college.

Q: What was your greatest achievement?

A: Winning in 6 different decades on the PBA National Tour/PBA50 National Tour.

Q: As a Triple Crown bowler what did that mean to you?

A: It's very special due to only five other bowl-

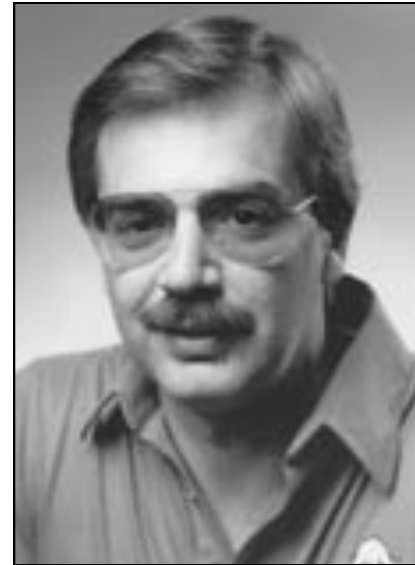
ers having experienced this achievement. Any Major that a bowler wins is more important than a regular tournament.

Q: Were you surprised at the outcome of this year's Masters?

A: Yes, he's the oldest to finish in the Top sixteen.

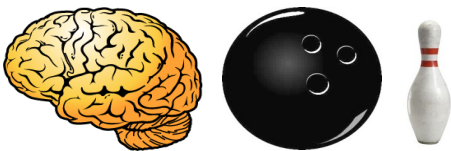
Q: Would you share a Dick Weber story?

A: When I was sixteen years old they built two lanes in Madison Square Garden and Dick Weber and Don Carter did an exhibition. That's



Fourteen-time PBA Tour champion Johnny Petraglia. One of six players to complete the Triple Crown.

when I decided to become a Pro Bowler.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Pro Bowlers Scoring System

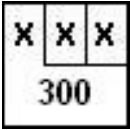
In professional bowling, there is a par of 200. In golf, it is good to be under par and saving strokes. However, in bowling it is better to be over par. When bowling fans go to a PBA Tournament and they see a +/- beside a bowler's name, they can understand if a bowler is having a hard time on the lanes or if he is striking. If a bowler shoots a game of 259, his score is +59. Unfortunately, if he shoots 179, his score would be -21.

The minus score is usually displayed in red and the positive score is in black. The pros will have a cumulative total after their total qualifying games are over. The PBA tournament officials will be able to tell the bowlers and bowling fans what the cut score will be.

In match play, it is a little bit different because bowlers can earn 30 bonus pins for winning their game. The bonus pins are split between the two bowlers when there is a tie. No bonus pins are added if a bowler loses their game. If they happen to bowl a 270 game and win their match, it is like they bowled a perfect game. This is how they score in a PBA Tournament.

	Score	game +/-	total +/-
Qualifying			
Game 1	259	59	59
Game 2	245	45	104
Game 3	225	25	129
Game 4	194	-6	123
Game 5	179	-21	102
Game 6	279	79	181
Game 7	268	68	249
Game 8	237	37	286
	Score	game +/-	total +/-
Match Play			
Match 1	259	W 30	89
Match 2	245	W 30	75
Match 3	225	T 15	40
Match 4	194	W 30	24
Match 5	179	L 0	-21
Match 6	279	W 30	109
Match 7	268	W 30	98
Match 8	237	L 0	37

This is a sample pro score sheet showing the difference between Qualifying and Match Play. Each of the game scores are the same, but the total +/- is very different because of the W/L/T



Final Thoughts on PBA50 Pro Bowl West Open

As I was going to my 107th PBA bowling tournament, I was reminded of my past experiences. With the likes of Walter Ray Williams, Jr., Parker Bohn III, and Pete Weber competing, it felt like I was going to a PBA Tour stop, rather than a PBA50 Tour stop. It was great to see these bowling icons competing so fiercely. The final four bowlers were all PBA Hall of Famers. I could not ask for any better final four matchups.

I told Pete Weber to win the Indiana Slam, and indeed, he did! Pete Weber is the one of the greatest bowlers of all time. He is, perhaps, throwing the ball better now than ever. He has won 10 titles with plastic urethane resin and particle balls. He knows how to bowl on the PBA Tour. Even though he has never won Player of the Year honors, this shows how great his accomplishments have been. He has won 5 U.S. Opens in 3 different decades. He has definitely filled (and then some) his Dad's shoes.

Watching the PBA50 Tour now reminds me of when I watched the PBA Tour growing up. The competition and quality of players are just as strong on the PBA50 Tour. I am certain that I am joined by most avid bowling fans in feeling good about the state of PBA50 bowling.

I love my job!



2013 IBMA awards to Josh Hyde, editor of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter

2nd place for a newsletter

3rd place for a news feature



JHB Editor Appears on Xtra Frame

During the early stages of match play at the Pro Bowl West PBA50 Open, I had a chance to be on Xtra Frame. I correctly answered some PBA trivia questions. I was able to promote my book, website, and newsletter. If a bowling fan stumped me on PBA Trivia question, they would have received a free autographed copy of my book. I also bashed Parker Bohn III during the interview. I enjoyed my experience on Xtra Frame.

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