



From L to R: Bob Glass, Chris Peters, Barb Wilt.

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. Highlights for this edition will be the Strike Column, Spare Column and Tenth Frame. The **Strike Column** discusses the 2015 PBA Hall of Fame. The **Strike Column** analyzes the first time player won in the Championship round. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary on the sixth about the WSOB.



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

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Messenger

2015 PBA Hall of Fame Class

On October 20th the PBA announced the class of 2015. The class includes Bob Glass, Chris Peters, and Barb Wilt.

Bob Glass was a dominant player in the early 2000's on the PBA50 tour, formerly known as the Senior Tour. He won 9 titles between 1997 and 2007 and appeared in the top 5 thirty-eight times out of seventy-eight tournaments. Close to a 50% appearance rate in the top 5 players during tournaments. He would earn three Senior Player of the Year awards during 2000, 2001 and 2004. He had 2 career PBA Senior Majors at the 2000 Brunswick PBA Senior Championship and the 2001 United States Bowling Congress Senior Masters. He was a dominant force on the PBA scene circuit. He will be inducted into the Veterans/Senior category of the PBA Hall of Fame.

Back in 2000 Chris Peters along with two other ex-Microsoft executives bought the PBA for the price tag of a minor baseball team. He wanted to pursue professional bowling but he could not get his game up to bar. He hired two former Nike executives and re-launched a more fan-

friendly PBA website. Peters also introduced the PBA Exempt Tour for the 2004-2005 season. This created an elite tour which showcased the greatest bowlers in the world. He also made negotiations with ESPN to keep professional bowling on television. Peters commented, "I was very excited when Tom Clark (PBA Commissioner) called. It's great. I'm a bit overwhelmed, but obviously this is shared with co-owners Rob Glaser and Mike Slade". Chris Peters along with Barb Wilt will be inducted into the Meritorious Service category of the PBA Hall of Fame.

Barb Wilt joined the PBA in 1970. Her span of 4 decades was well deserving of this honorary award. "I'm overwhelmed. I never believed this would happen," said Wilt. "It's pretty overwhelming and I'm very, very honored." She did an amazing job being the PBA Membership Services Director.

Induction of these members into the Hall of Fame will take place February 10th, 2015 at the Tournament of Champions, prior to the start.



Strike Column – First Time Winners in CRA

Every bowler has to win to get their career started. However, some of the greatest, like Dick Weber and Don Johnson, managed to win in their first championship round appearance. It is a very hard task to win in the championship round on the first time. A bowler most likely face off against the other great bowlers of that era. The stakes are even higher when the tournament is a Major. At a Major, the pressure is intense and all the bowlers want the title. These are ten bowlers that performed great at their first championship round appearance.

Mika Koivuniemi faced Pete Weber in the championship game of the 2000 USBC Master. Pete needed this title to become the second bowler in PBA history to earn the Grand Slam and Super Slam. Pete was hungry for this title. In the end, Mika only beat him by one pin, 236-235. He would end up winning his second title 2001 US Open. Mika was taking his place among the greats by making these two tournaments his first two titles.

Mike Aulby is perhaps the greatest bowler to win Majors. He has every Major; 3 Masters, 2 PBA World, 1 US Open, 1 TPC, and 1 ToC. For his first win, he beat Earl Anthony at the PBA World. It is an incredible a bowling career. He would end winning the Rookie of the Year award in the same year.

Dave Davis had to bowl a three game match against Jerry McCoy to win the 1965 PBA World. Davis would end up averaging 227. This was a high score. In his career, he would go on to earn another PBA World and two ToC titles. He would also go on to win two Player of the Year honors.

Brian Davis was a one hit wonder, however it was a really good hit against Walter Ray Williams Jr. Walter was doing well in the tournament and already four 300 games. Davis would end up bowling a 299 against Walter's 267 in the final game. It was his first tournament as a PBA

member. He did not have any other highlights in his PBA career.

Sean Rash looked like the greatest bowler ever. He went undefeated his first seven games on television. During that stretch, he won seven PBA Tour titles along with his first Major at the 2007 USBC Masters. A couple years back, he made every show at the third WSOB. He would go on to earn Player of the Year Honor. He would end up winning his second major at the 2012 Tournament of Champions.

All of the bowlers have had great careers on the PBA Tour, except for Brian Davis. However, Davis beat the greatest bowler of all time- Walter Ray Williams Jr. He would end up bowling a 299 against the legend. What a way to start a PBA career. These bowlers are the greatest bowlers to ever throw a bowling ball. It is so fascinating to watch these exceptional bowlers.



Bowler	Games	Total Pins	Average
<i>Dave Davis</i>	3	681	227
Sean Rash	2	440	220
Don Johnson	1	254	254
Dave Soutar	3	739	246
Brian Davis	3	758	253
Jon O'Drobinak	4	971	243
Mike Aulby	3	727	242
Norm Duke	4	965	241
Mika Kovuniemi	2	482	241
Dick Weber	2	432	216

Italics for Majors

Moments in History

Weber's first PBA title

Pete Weber is perhaps the greatest bowler in history without Player of the Year honors. In 1980 he was the PBA Rookie of the Year but was yet to win a PBA title. In 1982, Weber had qualified 3rd for the Television Finals. Pete Weber averaged a score of 220.2 for the week. The top 24 included Mark Roth, Mike Durbin, and Dave Soutar. He was going to have to win three games in a row to capture his first title. Marshall Holman had made the show. Holman was in his prime at this stage in his career, however Weber had other ideas. The first game Jeff Bellinger defeated Marshall Holman 213 to 192. Bellinger was facing Weber in the second match. Weber was able to defeat him quite nicely with a 226 to 170 score. In the next match



Weber had to face Jeff Mattingly. In the semi-finals Weber once again won with ease, bowling 238 to Mattingly's 169. In the championship match, two non-champions were looking for their very first title and the chance to go to the Firestone Tournament of Champions the following week. The match was a little closer as Weber defeated McCordic 210 to 199. This was Pete Weber's first career PBA Tour Title.

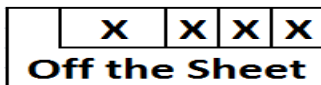
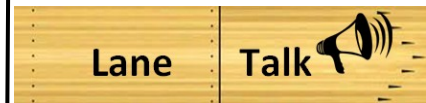


Peter Weber's first title

Breakpoint

Lane Talk

On Joshhydebowl.com there is a new feature called Lane Talk. Lane Talk is a round table forum where pro bowlers, people in the bowling industry, and writers of bowling comment on the hottest topics in bowling. This month I had a chance to sit down with Parker Bohn III, Dennis Bergendorf and Lyle Zikex. Every month it will be three different people discussing the hottest topics in bowling. For more information on lane talk, log on to joshhydebowl.com.



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.

In October edition of the Bowler Journal International, a story was done on the PBA Membership Services. Barb Wilt had worked for the PBA for more than 40 years. The article talks about her past experience with bowling and how she always watched it on

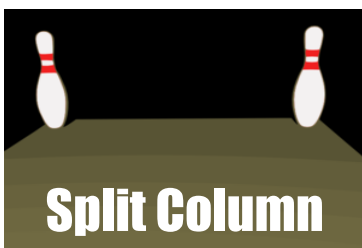
Barb Wilt's PBA Career

Saturday afternoon when ABC had bowling. It also explained how her mother would give her and her siblings a couple dollars each to get a candy bar and to bowl a couple games. She was also able to come out to some of the PBA tournament sites. This enabled her to put a name with the face. She will be greatly missed in the PBA. She was a great coordinator for the PBA. She loved her job and she will be getting inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame in February of 2015 at the 50th PBA

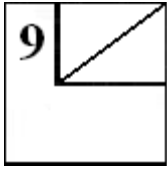
Anniversary Tournament of Champions. A fitting celebration of a wonderful career in bowling. The PBA will surely miss this irreplaceable membership coordinator.



Barb Wilt, PBA Membership Coordinator from 1972-2014



Mika Koivuniemi's first two PBA Tour was the 2000 USBC Masters and the 2001 US Open. He is the only bowler to win his first and second PBA Tour title as Majors.



Spare Column

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

Loschetter wins Kokomo Shoot Out

There were a total of 59 entries for the Kokomo Central Shootout. Josh Conner started off with a high game of 235. After the first game, the cut was +12 by T.J. Schmidt. Pete Weber had only shot a 155 game, while Ronnie Russell shot a 216 game. In the second game, Chris Loschetter was in the lead at +94 and never looked back. The cut down by five pins. In the third game, Loschetter shot a 752. Russell rose to third at +84, and Eugene McCune shot a 651 to be 11 pins behind him. Weber made a comeback, as he went from -45 to -3 in just two games. The cut was at +14. by Chris Hartung of Goshen, Ind. In game four, Loschetter averaged 20 pins more than his nearest competitor, Russell, at 244.75. Perry Crowell IV had the high game of the tournament at 289 in game four. Hall of Famer Pete Weber climbed up the leader board to ninth by the end of game four. Loschetter had a 103 pin lead after five games of qualifying. In game six, Eugene McCune overtook second with a score of +145, but still 89 pins behind leader Loschetter.

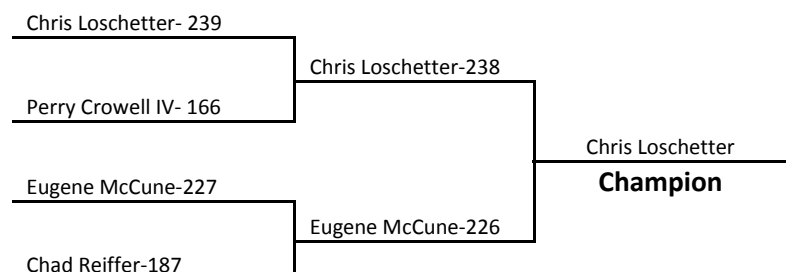
In game six, Chad Reiffer shot a 265. By game seven, Loschetter had stretched his lead to 131 pins. McCune, David Williams, Jr. and T.J. Schmidt (+161) rounded out those earning byes. The cut would take a score of +59 by Perry Crowell. The last cash spot took a score of +46 by Ted Rosenquist, Jr. Kokomo native Wes Gambin just missed cashing at No. 21.

In the first round of match play, Tom Smallwood defeated Patrick Dombrowski 2-1. Pete Weber defeated Josh Conner 2-0. Perry Crowell upset Ronnie Russell 2-1. In the second round of match play, Crowell was the only bowler to take three games to win. Others who advanced were Loschetter, McCune, and Chad Reiffer. In the round of four, Loschetter defeated Crowell 239-166 and McCune defeated Reiffer 227-187. In the finals, Loschetter took down McCune in a close match 238-226. This was Loschetter's 12th career PBA Regional title.

<u>Tournament Stats</u>	
7 Game Cash # +/-	Ted Rosenquist Jr. +46
7 Game Cut # +/-	Perry Crowell IV +59
7 Game Cut # (1 RD Bye)	TJ Schimdt +161
7 Game Leader (1 RD Bye)	Chris Loschetter +312
7 Game High Senior	Harry Sullins +12
300 Games	0

Championship Round Statistics

High Game: 239 Chris Loschetter
Low Game: 166 Perry Crowell IV
High Match: Chris Loschetter vs. Eugene McCune 238-226
Low Match: Chris Loschetter vs. Perry Crowell IV 239-166
Average Winning Game: 234.66





Internet Bowling Personality

pins rules that have been ingrained in bowling culture over the years. Still, if you think beyond those who are already bowling fans and consider general sports fans who don't yet watch bowling, it takes a lot less time to get to the excitement of the finals in a short-format tournament. There are virtues to long and short formats, but at the end, there's always a winner. Someone performs the best, and whoever that is deserves the recognition.

Q: How did you get involved in the bowling industry?

A: I'm a writer, and writers get opportunities. I own and operate my business, so I have the flexibility to choose what I want to do. I'd always been a PBA fan and bowled recreationally, so when an opportunity came up to apply for a contract writing about bowling for About.com, I went for it. Through that, I attended a couple World Series of Bowling events, introduced myself to the PBA brass, joined the Xtra Frame team and here I am, getting to talk to people like you. That's the extremely short version, but the point is I'm glad I'm here.

Q: What do you like most about doing Xtra Frame?

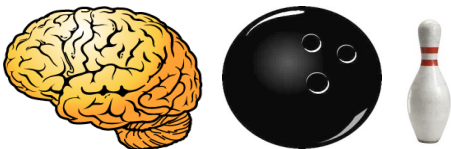
A: Making it work. It's fun to travel the country, see different bowling centers and see these tremendous athletes compete up close, but the best part about doing Xtra Frame is putting out the feed so our subscribers can see the qualifying and match-play rounds that were never broadcast in the past.

Q: What is your opinion on the current shorter tournament formats?

A: For sports fans, they're great. I fully understand why bowlers (especially those who have competed) and bowling fans might not be enamored with the short formats, as it's not the bowl-100-games-and-see-who-piles-up-the-most-

Q: What is one funny experience/mistake you have had on Xtra Frame?

A: Any time I'm sitting next to Matt Freiberg, it's a funny experience. He and I enjoy trading good-hearted insults, and last year at the World Series, I tried to set him up for one at my expense, but being the fine gentleman he is, wouldn't take the shot. We were talking about Amleto Monacelli and his influence on Venezuelan bowling. On one of our featured pairs, Ildemaro Ruiz was bowling, so it was an appropriate discussion at the time. I don't remember if Andres Gomez, who I know is from Colombia, was on Ruiz's pair or a nearby pair, but I mentioned Gomez in the conversation, giving Freiberg the perfect chance to call me out on not knowing South American geography. Except he didn't take it. Freiberg let that comment hang out there, which was actually a far better zinger than had he called me on it. I intentionally made an error to give Freiberg a free shot at me, and he intentionally ignored my intentional error to take an even better shot. Well done, Freiberg.



BOWLOLOGY

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

Deep Knee-Bends

In bowling, bending the knees in the approach is essential to the bowler's game. This way, the ball can get into a roll earlier. Similarly to a pilot landing a plane, the smoother the ball gets down, the better.

The knee-bend enables a bowler to release the ball into the lane properly, without a "thud." It also keeps the bowler well balanced during their fin-

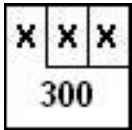
ishing position. If the bowler's knee is straight, the bowler's upright position will cause them to pull up on their shot, causing the ball to be off target. This will not allow the ball to read the lane properly.

In a four-step approach, the third step has to be shorter and rapid. This will enable the bowler to be more efficient in their release. A long third step will hinder this from happening. The power step is used to push of



into the slide. Again, the knee-bend is crucial here for balance. If a bowler stands up on the shot, there is a greater chance they will injure themselves with all the pressure on their knee. Many of the great players have great knee bends.

*Left: Norm Duke's knee bend
Above: Parker Bohn's knee bend*



The Sixth World Series of Bowling

Watching the sixth World Series Of Bowling, this tournament is probably the greatest in which professional bowlers can bowl. It brought out the best in the tournament. There were a record number of countries represented during the sixth WSOB tournament. One thing, Jason Belmonte did not own the WSOB as bowling fans might expect he would. He did not make any of the animal pattern championship finals nor did he make the PBA World Championship. He really was struggling at the WSOB. He did make the Cheetah semi-final. Bowling fans might have expected him at that point to really dominate the sixth WSOB. However, this was not the case.

The scores were somewhat low during the WSOB. It was great hearing Marshall Holman during the semi-finals of each round with his expertise knowledge of bowling. He gave some great insight as to what the bowlers were going through during the transitions of the lanes. Marshall Holman is perhaps one of the fathers of the modern bowling power game.

Mark Baker was another great set of eyes. He is one of the best bowling coaches of today. Although his knowledge about covers, cores and the bowling ball dynamics is vague, he knows more about the physical game, and what a player needs to do during competition.

Mark was a great bowler during his short PBA career. However, his back injury shortened his professional bowling career. He was then able to become the greatest bowling coach of today, because of his bowling experience on the PBA tour.

The WSOB has become the greatest professional bowling

tournament in the world. Even though, the animal pattern championship is a sprint, it still does promote the greatest bowlers in the world. This is what professional bowling is all about.

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



PBA Challenge

The first event that happened during the sixth PBA WSOB was the PBA Challenge. The event featured eight Regional Point Leaders, eight PBA50 Point Leaders, and eight PBA Women's Point Leaders. The two teen masters winners already advanced to the televised finals. The PBA50 Point Leaders came down to the last game as Walter Ray Williams Jr. bowled a 287 game to vault himself in the televised finals. Pete Weber only missed the finals by twenty pins. The undefeated tournament leader for the PBA50 was Amleto Monacelli. The PBA50 finalist will be two former PBA Players of the Year. In the Regional Division EJ Tackett and Scott Norton will be advancing to the finals. These players are two former Rookies of the Year. Finally, but not least, in the Women's Regional Division, Clara Guerrero and Missy Parkin will be advancing to the televised finals. The tournament was a low scoring affair and the PBA World Championship pattern was being used.

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