

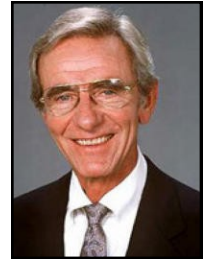


Member since 2006

Volume 7 Issue 7
JANUARY 2015



Picture at left: Anthony Pepe, winner of the PBA Mobile Cheetah Challenge



Picture at right: Chris Schenkel, 2014 Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame inductee

Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Happy New Year and welcome to another edition of **Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter**. **Messenger** discusses the 2015 PBA Tour Schedule. The **Strike Column** takes a look at a father and son duo in the PBA Hall of Fame. The **Spare Column** highlights Anthony Pepe's first career PBA Tour title. The **Tenth Frame** is a commentary about the upcoming PBA World Championship. The **Open Frame Column** talks about the Tournament of Champions media kit being on joshhydeb bowling.com.



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

- Josh Hyde

Honorary Member since 2001

Messenger: 2015 PBA Tour Schedule	1
Strike Column: - Father and Son PBA Hall of Famers	2
King Pin Column: -Moment in History -Year in Review	3
Breakpoint: - 2015 Bowling's US Open	3
Off The Sheet: -A Childhood Bowling Dream Comes True	3
Split Column: - Voice of Pro-Bowling Inducted into Sportscaster Hall of Fame	3
Spare Column: - Pepe Wins Mobile Challenge	4
Balls of the Lane: - Fortee Intrigue - Melee Jab	5
Bowlology: - Ball Motion - Part 2	5
Tenth Frame: Commentary - Some words about upcoming PBA World Championship	6
Open Frame Column: - 2015 TOC Media Kit on joshhydeb bowling.com	6

Messenger

2015 PBA Tour Schedule

The PBA announced the PBA Tour schedule for 2015 on December 19. There is an increased number of 2015 tournaments as compared to 2014. They are having more PBA Xtra Frame events.

It has been four years since the PBA World Championship has been live. The tournament will be televised on January 11 at 1 PM. on ESPN. The schedule includes the 50th Tournament of Champions and the USBC Masters. Jason Belmonte will try to become the first three-peat champion of the masters. He will be joining Mike Aulby as the second bowler to have three Masters titles. With a win, Jason Belmonte will be one of

two bowlers to successfully defend their TOC title (the other being Jason Couch).

There will be a PBA50 and a PBA Doubles Tournament, exclusively on Xtra Frame, in Hammond in late summer. From July 31-August 2, there will also be a Mixed Doubles tournament exclusively on Xtra Frame. The Summer Swing will once again be in Oklahoma in May. The last tournament of the 2015 PBA Tour Schedule will be the Detroit Open at Thunderbolt Lanes in Allen Park, Michigan, December 11-13. Once again that tournament will be on Xtra Frame. For more information, log onto pba.com.

2015 PBA Tour Schedule January thru May

- [PBA World Championship Finals](#)
Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV
- [PBA World Championship Finals](#)
Sunday, January 11, 2015 in Las Vegas, NV
1:00 PM ET on ESPN
- [DHC PBA Japan Invitational 2015](#)
Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - Sunday, January 18, 2015 in Tokyo, Japan
- [PBA Players Championship](#)
Monday, January 26, 2015 - Friday, January 30, 2015 in Wauwatosa, WI
- [Mark Roth/Marshall Holman PBA Doubles Championship](#)
Monday, January 26, 2015 - Friday, January 30, 2015 in Wauwatosa, WI
- [United States Bowling Congress Masters](#)
Sunday, February 01, 2015 - Sunday, February 08, 2015 in Green Bay, WI
- [50th Barbasol PBA Tournament of Champions](#)
Tuesday, February 10, 2015 - Sunday, February 15, 2015 in Indianapolis, IN
- [PBA League Playoffs and Elias Cup Finals](#)
Saturday, March 28, 2015 - Monday, March 30, 2015 in Portland, ME
- [PBA Xtra Frame Maine Shootout](#)
Monday, March 30, 2015 - Tuesday, March 31, 2015 in Portland, ME
- [Oklahoma's Grand Casino and Resort PBA Summer Swing](#)
Saturday, May 09, 2015 - Sunday, May 17, 2015 in Shawnee, OK

"The Professional Bowlers Association, LLC ("PBA") is not affiliated with Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter. The opinions set forth herein do not reflect the opinions of the PBA."



Strike Column - Father and Son PBA Hall-of-Famers

Both Pete and Dick Weber are legends in the sport of bowling. They both are in the PBA Hall of Fame and the USBC Hall of Fame. Together, they have 9 U.S. Open titles (formerly BPAA All Stars). Pete has 5 U.S. Open titles. These two bowlers know how to get 10 pins down in one shot.

Dick Weber was the first superstar of the PBA. He paved the way for bowlers to make a living by throwing a bowling ball. Weber was the first bowler to win a title in five different decades. This shows how great he really was. In his PBA career, Weber had one Player of the Year award and one High Average award. He became the first bowler to win three tournaments in-a-row. However, they were in two different seasons. Still, he won.

Dick Weber was an intimidating player on the lanes. He was one of the first players to hook the ball. In his era, nobody could do this better than Weber. In the earlier years of the PBA, many PBA members would leave a lot of 5-pins—except Dick Weber, who figured out how to knock it down. Players would be envious of Weber, because it looked like Weber would not have a chance, but then he would strike. To become a great bowler, the player must take advantage of the breaks that present themselves, which is what Weber did.

Pete Weber was a bowler like his father, but he was not Dick Weber. At first, bowling fans were reluctant to embrace him because of his antics on the lanes. However, he could still get the job done. He is one of the best bowlers on today’s PBA tour. He is the best bowler without a PBA Player of the Year to his credit. With five U.S. Open titles, no one can debate that Weber is a great bowler. In fact, his last ball for his 5th U.S. Open title was probably the greatest strike that bowling fans ever witnessed. He became just the third bowler to win the Triple Crown, which consists of the U.S. Open, the PBA World Championship, and the Tournament of Champions. To have all three of these titles is something to be proud of. Only six bowlers have accomplished that feat.

During the phone interview just after he tied his father with 26 titles, Pete asked his father on TV how he was doing in the PBA50 Tournament. During the PBA50 championship, Dick said he qualified for the casher’s round. Pete said “come on now and become the first player to win a title in six different decades.”

Pete Weber’s first major title was at the 1987 Tournament of Champions. To have that for the first major is quite an achievement. It showed that Weber could definitely bowl and win in the Majors.

In 2013, Pete Weber made PBA history by becoming the first player to capture the Triple Crown twice. Just the year before, he became the first bowler to win 5 US Opens. Also in 2013, he became the first player to capture the Rookie of the year on both the PBA and the PBA50 Tours. Pete Weber has won 10 titles with plastic, urethane, resin, and particle bowling balls showing his versatility as a bowler.

Dick and Pete Weber are the best father-son combination the PBA has ever seen. These bowlers know how to strike in the most challenging tournaments the PBA has to offer. Both bowlers know how to strike in the tenth to win a title. This makes the Webers two of the top bowlers in PBA history.

Pete Weber	Dick Weber
37 PBA Titles	30 PBA Titles
3 PBA50 Titles	6 PB50 Titles
10 Majors	4 Majors
PBA Hall of Fame (1998)	PBA Hall of Fame (1975)
USBC Hall of Fame (2002)	USBC Hall of Fame (1970)
1980 Rookie of the Year	1965 PBA Player of the Year
	1965 PBA High Average Award
1989 PBA High Average	
2013 PBA Rookie of the Year	6 PBA50 Titles
3 PBA50 Titles	



Pete Weber-First Bowler to capture the Triple Crown twice at the 2013 TOC and the first bowler to win 5 U.S. Opens (2012).

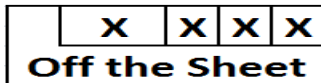


Dick Weber-First Bowler to win PBA Titles in 5 different decades.

Moments in History Year-in-Review

2014 was another good year in my bowling career. In the '13-14 USBC league season, I finished with a 182 average. That has been my highest season as an adult league bowler. I also had my highest sanctioned game of 237. I also was fortunate to get a couple 30 clean series. I had the opportunity to write for Bowlers Journal Interactive about the PBA50 Tour. Also, I began writing PBA Tournament reports.

This year's newsletter and website have had new features with **Lane Talk**, **The 300 Game**, and **Open Frame** columns. Also, I designed the Headpin Champion Foundation Frame Point System which rates the strength of PBA tournaments.



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 December's issue of the Bowlers Journal International, Bob Johnson wrote an article about a teenager bowling with PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III. The article was about how Matt Russo was an idol of Bohn. It also discussed how Matt's bowling



I had the honor to write for **Stars and Strikes**. This publication is an online magazine. I was able to witness Pete Weber's 3rd Career PBA50 title in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at Pro Bowl West. I was blessed to go to three PBA Regional Tournaments. Witnessing Bill McCorkle's first PBA50 Tour title (PBA50 Dick Weber Super Senior Event) was a treat. At the PBA50 Pro Bowl West tournaments, I had the privilege of selling my book. I created a PBA Media Guide for the 2012-13 PBA Tour season with special features. I also was able to write a media kit for the 2015 Tournament of Champions.

My dream has been fulfilled for being able to provide information to be a part of the PBA tournaments. All-in-all, it was a great bowling year for me.

A Childhood Bowling Dream Comes True

career was taking off quickly. Matt also bowled in Bohn's scholarship tournament at a younger age. At the beginning of the article, it talked about how a kid that played baseball would have a dream of playing next to Derek Jeter. However, playing alongside a teenager's hero in baseball is not as likely as it is in bowling. Professional bowlers are more accessible to the fans. The author wrote about how Matt had a great spare game and his school

grades matched his bowling game.

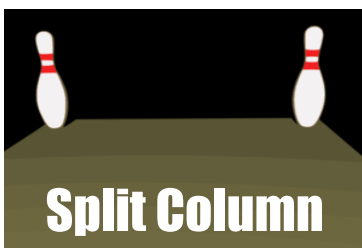


Matt Russo bowls with PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III in the members/non-members PBA Regional doubles at the 6th PBA WSOB.

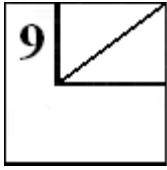
Breakpoint

2015 Bowling's U.S. Open

On December 11, 2014, bowl.com announced that there will be a 2015 US Men's and Women's Open. AMF BowlMor will be the title sponsor for the tournament. The Tournament will feature 3 rounds of 8 games with the top 1/3 advancing to the casher's round. Those bowlers will come back and bowl 8 more games of qualifying. Then, the field will be cut to the top 24. The top 24 bowlers will bowl 24 games of round robin match play. After a total of 56 games, the fields will be cut at the top 5. For the televised stepladder final, a top prize of \$50,000 will be awarded to the winner. Log onto bowl.com for more information.



Chris Schenkel was inducted in the Sportscaster Hall of Fame on December 16th. For 36 years, he was known as the voice of professional bowling.



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

Pepe Wins in Fashion at the Cheetah PBA Mobile Challenge

In the Cheetah PBA Mobile Challenge opening round, the scores were high taking a score of +280 by Liz Johnson to claim the last spot in the semi-finals. It took a score of + 249 by Joe Findling to earn the last cash spot. Dick Allen led the first round of qualifying with a score of + 369, that is averaging 252 for the first 7 games of qualifying. There were a total of four perfect games during the course of the tournament, including one from the eventual champion Anthony Pepe.

In the second round of qualifying, Dick Allen kept charging to claim the top spot. Johnson was trying to become the first woman to make PBA history, by making multiple television shows on the PBA Tour. She did that by being the last person to make the cut, then going on to make the championship round. Another bowler was trying to make history by winning

his first title at the PBA World Series of Bowling. Anthony Pepe qualified third to make the Championship round. Brad Angelo came back from injuries to qualify second. PBA Hall of Famer Pete Weber just missed the championship round by 19 pins. It came down to the last frame.

The championship round was set with Dick Allen, Brad Angelo, Anthony Pepe, and Liz Johnson. Three bowlers - Brad Angelo, Anthony Pepe and Liz Johnson - were featured in the first game. Pepe made PBA history as he became the first bowler to shoot a 295 to win the first game. Pepe would defeat Angelo's 226 and Johnson's 224. This would setup the championship match with Anthony Pepe and Dick Allen. Dick Allen could never get anything going as he left a couple of splits late in the game. This would propel Pepe to win his first PBA Tour title.



Anthony Pepe-Winner

Cheetah Open			
7 Game Cash Bowler +/-	Joe Findling	+	249
7 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Liz Johnson	+	264
7 Game Leader +/-	Dick Allen	+	369
14 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Liz Johnson	+	597
14 Game Leader +/-	Dick Allen	+	621
300 Game Bowlers:			
4	Jason Sterner		David Haynes
	Stuart Williams		Anthony Pepe

1	1. Dick Allen	-	206	Anthony Pepe
4	2. Brad Angelo	-	226	Champion
1	3. Anthony Pepe	-	295	
1	4. Liz Johnson	-	224	

Championship Round Statistics

High Game: 295 Anthony Pepe
Low Game: 206 Dick Allen
Average Winning Game: 259.50

Fortera Intrigue



PART NUMBER 60-105674
 CORE TYPE Fortera Flip
 COVERSTOCK Fortify Hybrid Reactive
 COLOR 2 - Color, Red Pearl / Black Solid
 FINISHING STEPS 500 Siaair Micro Pad; Royal Compound
 WEIGHTS 12-16 Pounds
 RG MAX 2.562
 RG MIN 2.512
 RG DIFFERENTIAL 0.050
 RG AVERAGE Center Heavy (1) 4.3 Cover Heavy (10) HOOK POTENTIAL Low (10) 215 High (250) LENGTH Early (25) 130 Long (235) BREAKPOINT SHAPE Smooth Arc (10) 145 Angular (150)

Melee Jab

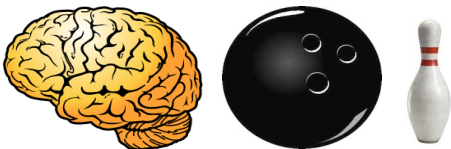


PART NUMBER 60-105676
 CORE TYPE Melee Low RG Symmetric
 COVERSTOCK Savvy Hook Pearl Reactive
 COLOR 1 Color, Deep Bruise Pearl
 FINISHING STEPS 500 Siaair Micro Pad; Royal Compound
 WEIGHTS 12-16 Pounds
 RG MAX 2.537
 RG MIN 2.487
 RG DIFFERENTIAL 0.050
 RG AVERAGE Center Heavy (1) 3.6 Cover Heavy (10) HOOK POTENTIAL Low (10) 170 High (250) LENGTH Early (25) 135 Long (235) BREAKPOINT SHAPE Smooth Arc (10) 90 Angular (150)

Ball Reviews

These ball reviews are from PBA Hall of Famer Parker Bohn III. Below are his comments about both new balls from Brunswick, the leader in bowling ball technology.

Fortera Intrigue- This ball is “more mellow and best for lighter oil. It will not be as jumpy on the back end of the lane when the ball changes direction. It is not as angular as the Melee Jab. The ball will go though the pins with plenty of punch,” stated Parker.
Melee Jab- “This ball has strong angular motion as it goes down the lanes . At the end of the lane it goes through the pins with a ton of authority ,” stated Parker. He also recommended that it is a “highly productive ball to keep in a bowler’s arsenal.”



BOWLOLOGY

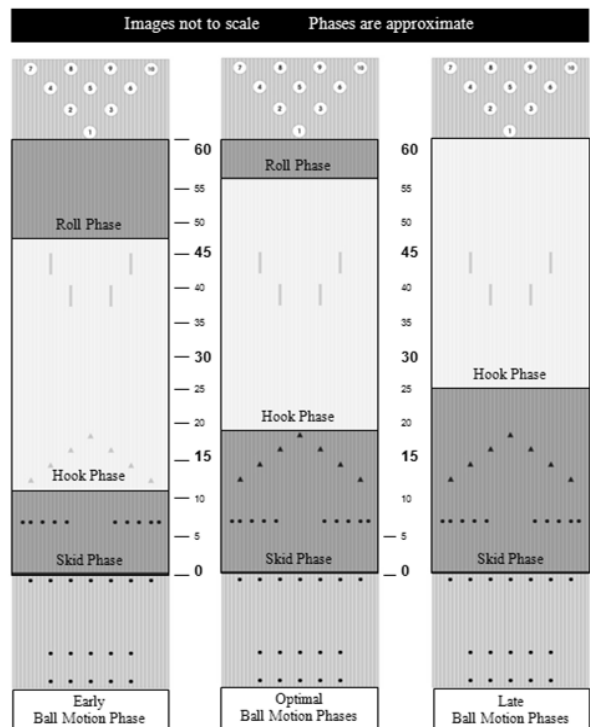
In this section, a topic will be picked based on the bowling knowledge of Josh Hyde.

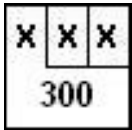
Ball Motion - Part 2

Last month, Bowlology covered the skid, hook, and roll parts of a ball’s travel down the lane to the pins. This month’s article goes further with three different types of ball motion phases.

A bowler must select the right phase for the length of the pattern. These three different phases will help the bowler decide what they want to accomplish. In the early phase, the ball’s motion has more hook, less skid, and more roll. This phase would be best for

the Badger pattern. The next phase is called the late ball motion phase which has more skid and more hook. It has little to no roll at all. This phase would be good for the Wolf pattern. The bowler would want the ball to skid more and be more angular at the backend. The last one is called the optimal phase., being a combination of all three. This would be best used for a medium length condition where a bowler would encounter all three of these features. For more information, bowlers are encouraged to discuss ball motion with their pro-shop operator.





Some Words about the Upcoming PBA World Championship

For the first time in three years, the PBA World Championship is going to be live on television. Yes, these players have had to wait for a couple of months. However, the first couple of PBA World Series of Bowling tournaments were like that also. Wes Malott came back from his knee surgery and has been on top of his game. Bowling fans can expect him to be a dominant factor during this tournament. He will join several players as winning the PBA World Championship and the U.S. Open. At the 2014 Tournament of Champions, he came within one pin of winning his second major. Mike Fagan is another threat. He will join Mike Aulby and Norm Duke who have won the PBA World Championship and the USBC Masters. Three bowlers are looking for their first major. Todd Book is looking to win his first PBA Tour Title let alone a major. Professional bowling has a positive outlook for 2015, with more PBA tournaments than 2014. What a way to open the 2015 season with a live televised PBA World Championship.

The PBA World Series of Bowling has become the greatest bowling tournament in professional bowling. It has provided the international bowlers a place to compete at the highest level in professional bowling. A number of PBA history-making moments have happened during the PBA WSOBs.



Wes Malott,
Tournament
Leader



Mike Fagan,
Second Place



**Ronnie
Russell,**
Third Place



Todd Book,
Fourth Place



**Stuart
Williams,**
Fifth Place

OPEN	
8	1
9	
FRAME	

This column describes
upcoming features
and major events
on JoshHydeBowling.com &
in Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

[2015 TOC Media Kit joshhydebowling.com](http://joshhydebowling.com)

On January 10th, 2015 bowling fans can take a sneak peek at the 2015 TOC Media Kit on joshhydebowling.com. The media kit contains a story about the Tournament of Champions. This year is the 50th anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. The Media Kit contains a roster who bowled at Riveria Lanes, where the Firestone Tournament of Champions was hosted for 28 years. The kit also contains a page of facts concerning the TOC, and all of the 300s bowled during the TOC through the years. There are also storylines for the upcoming 2015 tournament - tournament champions, statistics, and non-champions along with a stepladder analysis. There is a section listing my bowling achievements. I will be attending the TOC. This will be my first whole PBA tournament that I have attended since 2006.



2015 MEDIA KIT

Presented by:



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.