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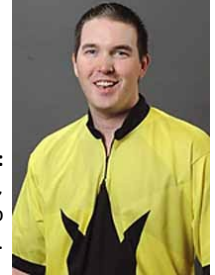
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**Pictured at left:**  
Jason Belmonte,  
First bowler to 3-Peat  
USBC Masters



**Pictured at right:**  
Sean Rash,  
First bowler to bowl two  
300's on national tv.

## Practice Pair

## Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

### Notable Moments at the 2015 Majors

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** discusses the 2015 PBA Tour Schedule. The **Strike Column** takes a look at the two greatest bowlers in the PBA. The **Spare Column** highlights the 2014 Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. The **Tenth Frame** is a final word on the TOC. The **Open Frame Column** talks about me earning an USBC Bronze Coaching Certification.

A number of notable moments have happened during this year's major tournaments thus far. Here is my list:



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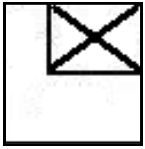
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- Mike Fagan won his second Major at the 2015 PBA World Championship by defeating Wes Malott 252-212.
- Jason Belmonte joined Mike Aulby as being the only bowler to having three USBC Master's titles.
- Jason Belmonte became the first bowler to three-peat the Master's by defeating A.J. Johnson 202-157.
- Jason Belmonte became the second player in PBA history (behind Jason Couch) to successfully defend his ToC title by defeating Rhino Page 232-214.
- At the 50th Barbasol Tournament of Champions, Sean Rash bowled his second perfect game on television, the first bowler to accomplish this feat.
- Rhino Page led the whole ToC in the qualifying and match play rounds.
- Belmonte captured his fifth Major at the 2015 ToC - faster than any bowler before him.
- There were 21 - 300 games at this year's Tournament of Champions.
- Dom Barrett threw 2- 300s in the first round of match play at the ToC.
- Scott Norton struck out to get to the stepladder finals at the ToC.
- Parker Bohn,III was the highest-ranked PBA Hall-of-Famer in the Tournament of Champions.
- Barb Wilt became the second woman to be inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame.
- Chris Peters was inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame. In 2000, he purchased the PBA along with Rob Glaser and Mike Slade boosting its popularity and image.
- Bob Glass was named to the PBA Hall of Fame for his performance on the PBA50 Tour.

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## Strike Column - The Two PBA G.O.A.T.S.

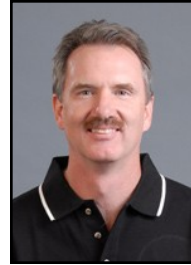
In 2008, the PBA came up with the 50 greatest bowlers in PBA history. Bowling fans could only guess between five and twenty bowlers. We knew that Earl Anthony, Walter Ray Williams, Jr., and Dick Weber were going to be at the top. What we did not know what order these greats would fall in. These three greats know how to get the job done to win a PBA title. The top two bowlers of all-time came from different eras. The sport of bowling was going through an evolution during that time, with much of that change being in equipment and lane changes. Walter Ray may have been the best at adapting his game to these changes. Here are some reasons why Earl and Walter Ray are the best two bowlers in the history of the PBA.

Anthony was the first to make \$1 million in career earnings and was the first bowler to make \$100,000 in one year on the tour. When he won a major, he won the title twice. During his career, he made the television show 15 times in two different seasons. One of his major accomplishments is that he won a title every year for 15 consecutive years. Indeed, he was definitely one of the best in professional bowling.

Williams is the first bowler to win over the \$2, \$3, and \$4 million in career earnings. Though some suspected that Williams' career was done as he entered the new millennium, in his 2002-2003 season, he set another record by earning the most money in one season and two majors—the US Open and the

PBA World Championship. Williams set a tour record by converting every single-pin spare (475-for-475) in 2005-06, unheard of for any bowler. In the 2006 PBA World Championship, he tied Anthony with 41 titles. At the beginning of the 2006-07 season, he beat Pete Weber at the Japan Cup to surpass Anthony with 42 titles. Ironically, no player has had more 300 games bowled against them than Williams has. Petraglia, Hoskins, and Duke all bowled perfect games on TV against Williams.

Anthony and Williams know how to strike, and they are the best bowlers that the PBA has ever seen. Williams is the better of the two because he had to adapt to a greater variety of equipment changes in the game. Anthony had very little equipment adaptation that he had to face in his bowling career; however, he was still one of the great bowlers of his era. Both of these bowlers know how to double in the tenth to win a PBA Tour title, but Walter Ray Williams, Jr. is the greatest bowler to throw a bowling ball.



Walter Ray Williams Jr



Earl Anthony

Walter Ray Williams Jr	Earl Anthony
7 Player of the Year Awards (1986, 1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002-03, 2009-10)	6 Player of the Year Awards (1974, 1975, 1976, 1981, 1982, 1983)
8 High Averages (1993, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002-03, 2004-05, 2007-08, 2009-10)	5 High Averages (1973, 1974, 1975, 1980, 1983)
9 PBA50 Titles	7 PBA50 Titles
8 Points Leaders (1993, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2002-)	PBA Hall of Fame (1981)
PBA Hall of Fame (1995)	USBC Hall of Fame (1986)
USBC Hall of Fame (2005)	43 Career Titles
47 Career Titles	10 Career Majors
8 Career Majors	
PBA50 Rookie of the Year (2010)	
PBA50 Player of the Year (2012, 2013)	

# Breakpoint

## TOC Top Five Moments

During the telecast of the 2015 Barbasol Tournament of Champions, the PBA announced the top 5 moments in TOC history. First was Kelly Kulick's win in 2010 as she defeated Chris Barnes 265 to 195. Second was Pete Weber winning at the age of 50. Also, his win was 26 years after his first (which was the longest span between TOC titles). It also tied him with Earl Anthony, both having won the most major titles. Weber became the first bowler to complete the Triple Crown twice. Third was Mika Koivuniemi winning the title and \$250,000. In the semifinals, Koivuniemi shot a 299 to Tom Daugherty's game, making it the most lopsided game in TOC history. Don Johnson's memorable 299 game is fourth of the top five. Last, but not least, was Jason Couch's three-peat. In 2002, it made him eligible for the PBA Hall of Fame, as it was his tenth PBA Tour title.



**Clockwise from upper left:**  
 Kelly Kulick (2010),  
 Don Johnson (1970),  
 Jason Couch (2002),  
 Mika Koivuniemi (2011),  
 Pete Weber (2013).

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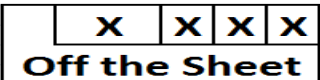
## PBA Charter Member Passes Away

On January 23, 2015 PBA Hall of Famer and Charter Member Chuck Pezzano passed away at the age of 85. He was in the USBC Hall of Fame and the PBA Hall of Fame. He was also named to 12 other Hall of Fames. Pezzano wrote thousands of bowling articles in several bowling publications. Chuck also founded the PBA Regional program. Pezzano was a great PBA historian, a founding member of the PBA and a director for the Eastern Region. Chuck was the first collegiate bowler to bowl an 800 series. One of his proudest accomplishments was that he, along with all four of his sons - Charles Jr., Craig, Curt and Clay - rolled a 300-



game. He will be greatly missed in the bowling world.

*Chuck Pezzano, PBA Hall of Famer and Charter Member*

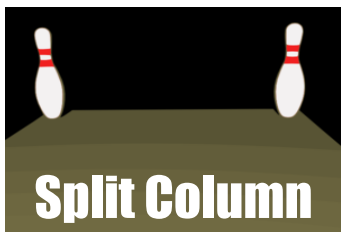


*This column is dedicated to the Bowlers Journal International. They just celebrated their 100-year anniversary this month. I will be summarizing BJI articles periodically in the Josh Hyde Bowling Newsletter.*

Gianmarc Manzione wrote about the TOC turning 50 in the February 2015 of the **Bowler's Journal International**. The article included great moments in TOC history, such as Don Johnson's 299 in 1970. It talked about how Dick Ritger responded, and that no bowling fan remembers how Dick shot a

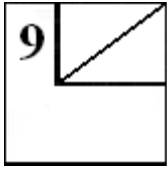
268 in that same game. One of the other key moments was Kelly Kulick becoming the first woman to win a PBA Tour title. Another great moment was Johnny Petraglia winning three straight weeks on the television. No other bowler has done that in the history of the PBA. Another memorable moment was when Dave Ferraro won with his spare ball - a Columbia 300 Yellow Dot. The first TOC was held in Indianapolis. Carmen Salvino was relaxing when he found out they were ready to go live on television. He says

that his opponents took advantage of him not warming up before the show. They ended up beating him. Gianmarc said that the bowlers were known around the world because they aired the show in Japan. The article also mentioned that 50 years ago, pro-bowlers were making more money than Jack Nicklaus at Augusta. The article was a great resource for the historical content of the TOC.



**Sean Rash became the first bowler to bowl to 300 on National Television in PBA competition and Jason Belmonte became the second bowler to successfully defend his TOC Title at the 2015 TOC.**





# Spare Column

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

## Belmonte Earns Second Consecutive Player of the Year Honor

Jason Belmonte became the fifth player in PBA history to go back to back Player of the Year. He did it by winning the first two majors of the 2014 at the Tournament of Champions and the USBC Masters. He was the first bowler in 56 years to successfully defend his USBC Masters title. He would add a third title at the Oklahoma Open during the Summer swing. He led in every statistical category. He was a threat every time when the PBA had a tournament. He led in average, points and earnings.

Belmonte has taken the game to the next level, with a two handed style. He has already won the first two majors again this year by becoming the first bowler to three-peat the USBC Masters and becoming the second player in PBA History his TOC Title. It would appear that he will three peat the Player of the Year Honor. However there is a number of PBA Tournaments to go into the 2015 season.

Belmonte is the best bowler on the PBA Tour today. He thanked his family for supporting him and said that they deserved as much as he did.



Jason Belmonte  
2014 Chris Schenkel PBA Player of the Year

He is definitely becoming the next Walter Ray Williams Jr and Earl Anthony of the PBA Tour. With already having 12 titles under his belt, five of them being majors at the age of 31. That is an impressive start to a hopefully long PBA Tour career.

## Kent Earns Rookie of the Year

Marshall Kent a former collegiate star at Robert Morris-Illinois University, earned the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year award. He become a PBA member at the 2014 Summer Swing. He would qualify third in the Badger Open where he would lose to Brian Valenta 236 to 165. For the PBA World Championship he would only miss the cut by 11 pins. He was a spectacular rookie of the year. He would end up winning his first title overseas.

In 2013 he got a commissioner's exemption to bowl the PBA World Series of Bowling. He would go on to lead the Scorpion Championship. However he lost to Tom Smallwood by only 5 pins 221 to 216. He would also be the highest amateur in 2013 U.S. Open only losing to the eventual champion Wes Malott 200 to 193. He would end up winning the Brunswick Euro Challenge as an amateur in 2013. He was well deserving of this award. Already Kent has quite the resume for the PBA Tour and earned a spot on the 2015 Team USA .

“(Winning Rookie of the Year) was the main goal when I joined and to be able to accomplish that feels great,” said Kent. He also said maybe he would get back to back Player of the Year honors. Kent won the Saudi Arabia Kingdom International Open in December making him eligible to bowl in the 50th Barbasol Tournament of Champions. Kent will be great player in the PBA. He averaged 217 for his first season on the PBA.Tour. He joins Jason Couch, Tommy Jones, Mike Aulby, Pete Weber and Jason Belmonte as one of the select few to have received this award.



Marshall Kent-2014 Harry Golden Rookie of the Year



## Mastermind Scholar

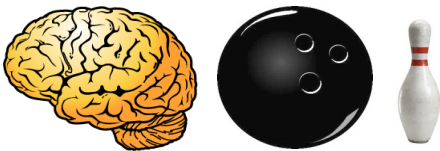


<b>Core Type</b>	Mastermind Ultra Low RG
<b>Coverstock</b>	Honor Roll A+ Pearl Reactive
<b>Color</b>	Blue, Silver, and Gold Pearl
<b>Finishing Steps</b>	500 Siaair Micro Pad, Royal Compound, Royal Shine
<b>Weight</b>	12-16 Pounds
<b>RG Max</b>	2.540
<b>RG Min</b>	2.488
<b>RG Differential</b>	0.052
<b>RG Average</b>	3.7
<b>Hook Potential</b>	220
<b>Length</b>	135
<b>Breakpoint Shape</b>	150

## Gold Rhino Pro



<b>Core Type</b>	High Differential Vintage Symmetric
<b>Coverstock</b>	Fortify Pearl Reactive
<b>Color</b>	Gold Pearl
<b>Finishing Steps</b>	500 Siaair Micro Pad; Royal Compound
<b>Weight</b>	12-16 Pounds
<b>RG Max</b>	2.568
<b>RG Min</b>	2.520
<b>RG Differential</b>	0.048
<b>RG Average</b>	4.4
<b>Hook Potential</b>	190
<b>Length</b>	110
<b>Breakpoint Shape</b>	120



## BOWLOLOGY

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

### Wrist Position

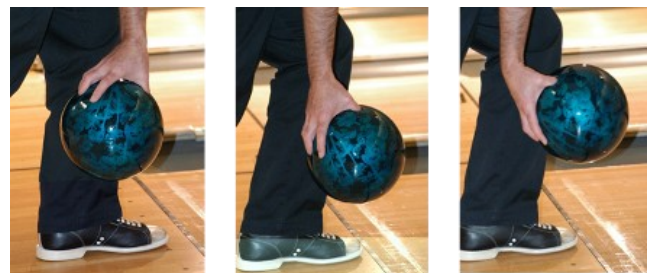
Wrist position is very important in bowling. There are three basic wrist positions that a bowler can have:

First, there is the collapsed position. This creates the minimal amount of revolution on a bowling ball. The collapsed wrist position is great for shooting spares. When the lanes start to get dry, this is another way that the ball can get down the lane longer

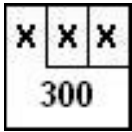
before hooking.

Second, there is the straight position. This is ideal for the beginner bowler. This creates an average amount of revolutions. When they have a low oil volume or are very dry, this position is good for when the ball is hooking too much for a bowler. Third, there is the cupped position. This position creates the most revolutions on a bowling ball. It is great for when the lanes are tight, when the ball really needs to read the lane earlier to get into the 1-3 pocket (RH) or 1-2 pocket (LH). This is a powerful position. If the bowler is muscling the ball while using a cupped wrist position, it

may decrease the hook potential as the bowler's wrist may collapse going into the release. If the ball is going straight when a bowler starts with a cupped wrist position, that means their wrist is collapsing prior to the delivery or their rotation degree is lower making the ball roll more end over end which makes the ball go straighter.



From left to right: collapsed, straight, and cupped positions.



## A Final Word about the 2015 TOC

It was honor to be at the 50 anniversary of the Barbasol Tournament of Champions in Indianapolis. Both times that a player has successfully defended his TOC title was there to witness it. Seeing Sean Rash being the first bowler to bowl two 300 on television was exciting to watch. However it was so sad that Rhino Page did not win the Tournament of Champions. He led it wire to wire but Belmo had something to say about that.

The final game of match play was special because Scott Norton struck out to get on the live step-ladder television finals it almost seems like he was going to win the Tournament. Seeing Dom Barrett bowl two perfect games in the first round of match play was exciting to watch. Parker Bohn III was the highest PBA Hall of Famer in the TOC. Seeing Parker bowl that good in the TOC and witnessing his 34th title tied him with the great Mark Roth was also special because he did it in sudden death roll off. He tied Ronnie Russell at 237. It only took him two strikes to win the title. Ronnie had an excellent opportunity to double in the ten to beat Parker. However he could not do it because he left a ringing ten pin. In the second ball of the sudden death, he left another ringing ten pin to lose to Parker. In the first frame Parker left a pocket 7-10 split, at that point I thought he had lost. In the ninth frame Parker left a ringing seven pin once again I thought he was done. However he struck out and

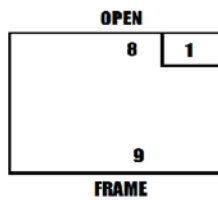
did what he needed to do. Parker was elated to tie the great Mark Roth as Mark helped him with his game.

The Tournament of Champions is a special tournament because only a PBA champion can bowl in the TOC. It is indeed the best the bowling tournament in the world. It was a thrill getting to do the PR kit for the TOC. This has been my greatest bowling accomplishment so far.



**Above:** Jason Belmonte, winner of the 2015 Tournament of Champions with Josh Hyde at Woodland Bowl in Indianapolis.

### Josh Hyde USBC Bronze Coach



In January, I had the opportunity to take the USBC Coaching Exam. Normally, people would have to go to a seminar and learn over a weekend how to coach bowling. I was able to talk with Theresa Ross (Coaching/eLearning Specialist for the USBC) and Steve Padilla (Director of Coaching, Team USA Assistant Coach, USBC Gold Coach) who told me that they would allow me to take the actual exam on-line. If I passed, I would be required to go to the conference to sit in on it. I am planning to go to a Bronze Level Coaching Conference sometime in the summer. On my exam, I scored 80% on the physical, 80% on the coaching aspects and 100% on the mental game. My plan is to have a clinic with Bob Learn, Jr. in the late summer. Bowling fans can stay tuned on [joshhydebowl.com](http://joshhydebowl.com) to see when and where the clinic will be held. It is essentially like getting my Associates Degree in bowling knowledge. I would encourage any bowler who is having trouble to e-mail me at [josh@joshhydebowl.com](mailto:josh@joshhydebowl.com). I am also working with a local home-school group to teach kids bowling. Bowling is a lifetime sport for all ages, so I want to help anyone interested in the sport of bowling!



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