



## Practice Pair

## Messenger

Hello, Bowling Fans!

### Steve Bornstein - New PBA Board Member

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** introduces Steve Bornstein. The **Strike Column** discusses four decades of Weber winning in the Majors. The **Spare Column** highlights the Wolf Open. The **Tenth Frame** is a editorial on the Josh Hyde Bowling. The **Open Frame Column** talks about the 2015 IBMA writing competition and the results.

On May 11, 2015, the PBA announced that there was a new board member, Steve Bornstein. He is joining the PBA with experience in professional sports and broadcasting. In 1990, he became the youngest president for the ESPN networks. He also led ABC and all of their television and radio station networks. He joined the NFL Network where he has been the President from 2003-2013. Bornstein said, "I have always recognized the importance of the PBA on television, going back to my ESPN and ABC Sports days. The PBA has shown great strength and momentum this season. I am very excited to join the board to help the PBA maximize its vast potential."



Fellow board member Mike Slade said, "I've known Steve as a colleague and a close friend for over 20 years. His expertise, enthusiasm and integrity are a huge plus for the PBA. I couldn't be more excited. Together we will achieve great things for the PBA." PBA Commissioner Tom Clark said, "Having Steve join the board is a benchmark moment for the Professional Bowlers Association. His accomplishments in the world of sports and sports entertainment are second to none. The PBA is riding a great wave of momentum and Steve brings an incredibly high level of expertise and connections. I look forward to working with and learning from him as we take the PBA to great heights."

Steve has decades of sports production experience for television and internet media. It will be exciting to see what changes he brings to the PBA experience.

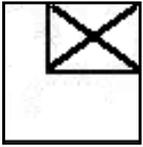


Thanks for reading *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*.

- Josh Hyde

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## Strike Column - Weber at the Majors

Pete Weber has been a top contender at the Majors in the last four decades he has won at least one U.S. Open every decade since the 1980's. The only major missing from his resume is the USBC Masters, and he has twice come in 2nd place in that tournament. He has finished every position in a major (1-5) and three years in 5th at the PBA World Championship. This was before winning in 1989 to become the 3rd player in PBA history to complete the Triple Crown. It is sad to see him not conquer the Masters tournament, the only Major he is missing from his resume. Even Earl Anthony could not win in the U.S. Open.

The charts below show how he has done in each major by decade. The other chart is how many major titles he has won, in each major. In 2000, he came within one pin of winning the Masters, when Mika Koivuniemi defeated him 236 to 235. In 1983, he led the Masters again, only to lose by 13 pins, when Mike Lastowski beat him. Five of his ten majors has been the U.S. Open. He as appeared nine times in the championship round of U.S. Open and won it five times. As comparison, Mike Durbin appeared in the T.O.C.

eight times in the championship round and won three titles. Pete has a greater percentage of winning a U.S. opens than Mike had of the T.O.C.

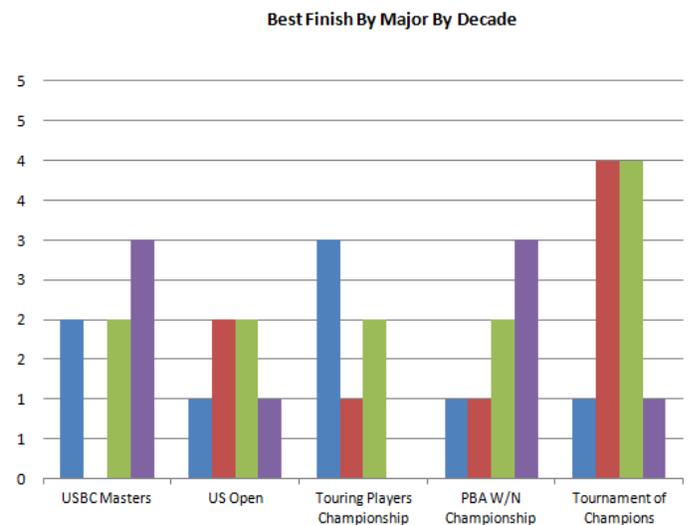
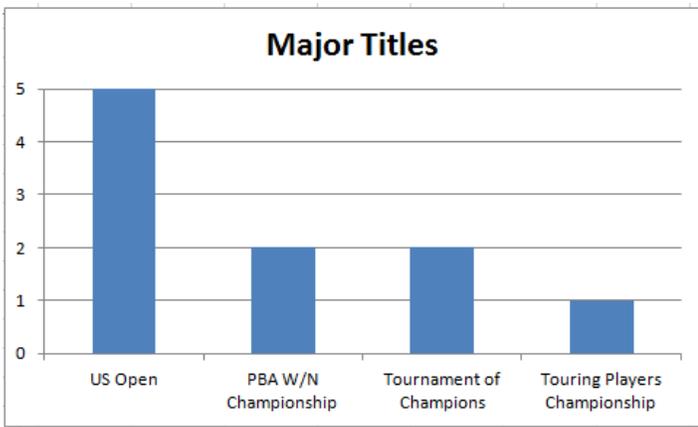
If he does win the USBC Masters, he will join Mike Aulby to become the second bowler to complete the Super Slam as while as joining Norm Duke and Mike Aulby to be the only players to have won the Grand Slam. He has a 31.25% rate of wins for all Majors once he enters the championship round.

Earl Anthony only won all his majors in two decades. Pete has won his majors in over four decades. In the 2000's both of his majors came at

the U.S. Open. His last U.S. Open title he struck on the last ball to claim the title by one pin over Mike Fagan 215 to 214. The phrase "who do you think you are I am"



Winner of the 2012 U.S Open- Pete Weber

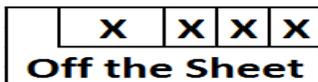


**Decade**  
 1980's Blue  
 1990's Red  
 2000's Green  
 2010's Purple

## Moment in History

### Benoit's Perfect Game

In the late 70s and early 80s, Bob Benoit came out on the PBA tour ready to compete. However, he could not hook the bowling ball. He went back home and learned to hook the bowling ball. By the 1987 season, he was ready to come out and bowl on the PBA tour again. At the 1988 Quaker State Open, he would be the tournament leader going into Saturday's live championship round finals. However, a legendary bowler named Mark Roth, advanced to the title match and was making a statement by initiating the statement "you have to be the best, to beat the best". The first ball that Bob bowled was like



*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 Lyle Zykes wrote about changing the par to 220 rather 200. Although, 200 is easier to achieve, it is also more confusing to the bowling fans. Plus, bowler's would not be happy receiving a +80 score for a perfect game. Maybe it would be better if the PBA had a house condition tournament and set



any other strike. By the 10th frame, he had a chance to make history by becoming the first bowler to bowl a perfect game in the championship match. He also made history by winning his first title by bowling a 300 on television. Bob Benoit looked like no pro bowler could beat him. Earlier in the match, Nelson Burton Jr. made the comment that "Bob was probably being bullied on a playground but put a bowling ball in his hands and he is Super Man." Along with that, he also earned \$100,000 for bowling a perfect game on television. He became the 5th player in PBA history to bowl a perfect game on television.

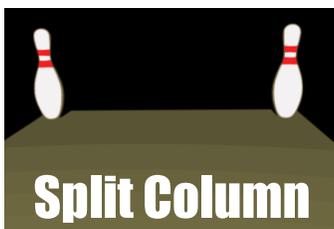
## Why Bowling 'par' Matters

par for each pair of lanes. This way it would be more like golf. If there was a pair that was harder to score on because each lane is different, the par would be lower on that pair than any other pair. When the U.S. Open happens, it wouldn't reward the bowler that would have a 205 game. He would then be 15 under. The U.S. Open is the hardest tournament to bowl a 200. If the bowling community keeps the par at 200 rather than 220, the non-bowling fan would be able to understand what the score are trying

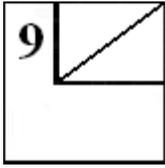
## Breakpoint

### Regional Hall of Famers

PBA Southwest Regional Director Pete McCordic that there will be six elected PBA Southwest Regional Hall of Fame Inductees. Chris Barnes has 26 PBA regional titles along with his 14 PBA Tour titles as well as becoming the sixth player in 2011 to win the Triple Crown. Which includes the U.S Open, Tournament of Champions, and the PBA World Championship. Nathan Bohr is a two time Player of the Year for the Southwest region and winner of 20 regional titles. On a sad note, Sean Swanson, another two time Player of Year SouthWest region and 16-time Southwest titlist in addition to three other regional titles, lost a three year battle with cancer. Inductee Cary Mogard was the region's maintenance director from 1997-2011. Inductees Ed and Virginia Autry hosted 35 PBA Regional events at the College Bowl. The induction ceremony will be on August 28th at the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort in Shawnee, Oklahoma.



**Bob Benoit became the first bowler to bowl a perfect game at the 1988 Quaker State Open in the championship game**



# Spare Column

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

## Kyle Troup Makes PBA history at the PBA Wolf Open.

In the first round of the Wolf Open Patrick Allen had a score of +261 with high games of 276 and 268. He did not bowl well but he had a great ball reaction. This was how he could propel himself to the first round lead. Bill O'Neill was 21 pins behind Allen going into the round of 18. Tommy Jones was in fourth with a score of plus 217. It took a score of plus 150 to advance to the round of 18 by Stewart Williams. Some of the other names that made the cut were Anthony Pepe, Brad Angleo, and Marshal Kent.

The round of 18 saw 2014 Harry Golden PBA Rookie of the Year winner Marshall Kent took the lead with a score of +483. Qualifying second for the championship round was Bill O'Neill with a score of + 436. In third place former 8 time titlist Guppy Troup father of Kyle Troup qualified for the third spot. In fourth place was Andreas Gomez who had a score of +398. The fifth spot went to Tommy Jones who had a score of +390. Missing the top five by four pins was first round leader Patrick Allen who scored +386. Other notable names missing the top five were Rhino Page, Mike Fagan, and Robert Smith.

Kyle Troup was making history by becoming the fifth father and son duo to make the championship round on the PBA Tour. The other four father and son duos were Dick and Pete Weber, Don and Jimmy Johnson, Mike and Larry Lichstein, and Don and Eugen McCune. Kyle was trying to become the fourth father and son duo to have PBA titles. He is a two-hander as Jason Belmonte. It was hard to believe that a two-hander could make a championship round on a short pattern.

In the first match Andres Gomez and Tommy Jones struggled early on, however Gomez was able to throw some strikes in the middle of the game. Tommy Jones could not find the pocket. This gave Gomez the match as he de-

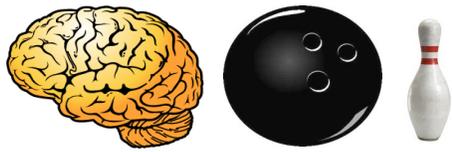
feated Tommy 215 to 195. However in the second match Gomez struggled by only shooting 163. Kyle Troup was able to beat him by 40 pins with a score of 203. In the semi-finals Bill O'Neill struggled early and could not get anything going until late in the game. O'Neill had a chance to force Troup to double in the tenth as Troup missed a ten pin in the ninth frame. O'Neil got the first one but left the stubborn ten pin in the second ball. This gave Troup a chance to win a game by only needing count. He ended up striking out. The final score was 202 to 188. In the championship game 2014 Rookie of the Year Marshal Kent was looking for his first title on U.S. soil. However Troup was getting lined up and throw some strikes. Once again a pro was missing a ten pin by Marshall Kent this gave Kyle some breathing room as he would join his dad as becoming the fourth father and son duo to win a PBA title. He would end up shooting a 229, Kent could only muster a 179. Troup outscored his first and last opponent by 90 pins to win his first title.

Wolf Open			
6 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Stuart Williams	+ ✓	150
6 Game Leader +/-	Patrick Allen	+ ✓	261
12 Game Cut Bowler +/-	Tommy Jones	+ ✓	390
12 Game Leader +/-	Marshall Kent	+ ✓	483
300 Game Bowlers:	Bill O'Neill		
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Wolf Open Championship Round Stats			
High Game	Kyle Troup		✓ 229
Low Game	Andres Gomez		163
High Match	Andres Gomez	Tommy Jones	215 - 195
Low Match	Kyle Troup	Andres Gomez	203 - 163
Average Winning Game	212.25		

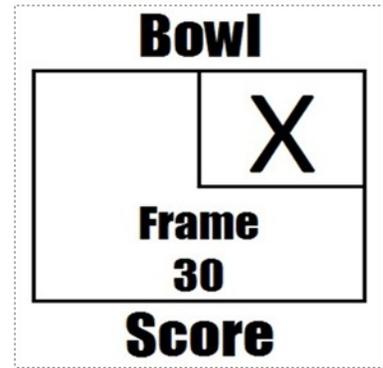
				1.	Marshall Kent	- 179		Kyle Troup
				2.	Bill O'Neill	- 188		Kyle Troup
					Kyle Troup	- 202		<b>Champion</b>
3.	Kyle Troup	- 203						
	Andres Gomez	- 163						
4.	Andres Gomez	- 215						
5.	Tommy Jones	- 195						

# Bowl Frame Score Scoring System



## BOWLOLOGY

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



This is a way for bowlers to evaluate each frame of their game and compare it to previous games and other bowlers. It provides a score that shows a accurate game compared to a lucky game. Hopefully, it will allow a bowler to get more strikes and spares in future games. It is not intended to replace the bowling score, but to evaluate the bowlers consistency.

If a bowler strikes and spares the whole game, they would have a 200 game, which is par in professional bowling. In this scoring, a strike-spare would yield a score of 1,000 and a percentage of 66.6%. The maximum score per game is 1,500 which would give a 100%. Scoring is like bowling. The bowler scores a frame only after finishing the next one. The numbers on the bottom under each frame is a percentage of what a bowler does in each frame. On the last ball in the tenth the bowler must get 7 to 9 to receive a score of a spare. However if a bowler leaves a 7-10 split on his or her fill ball. It will be considered as an open frame.

This is a great way for a bowler to evaluate what he or she needs to work in order to improve their game.

Strike-Strike =150

Strike-Split-Spare or Split-Spare-Strike=125

Strike-Spare or Spare-Strike=100

Split-Spare-Split-Spare= 85

Split-Spare-Spare or Spare-Split-Spare=80

Spare-Spare= 75

Open Strike or Strike Open=50

Open Spare or Spare Open=25

Open-Open =0

Fill ball = 7-9 is a good count . It constitutes as a spare. 6 or less as an open. It also depends on what the bowler leaves 7 -10 split it would be constituted as an open.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
9 /	8 1	X	9 /	X	X	X	9 /	X	X 9 /		
18	27	47	67	97	126	146	166	195	215		
25	50	100	100	150	150	100	100	150	100	1025	68.33%
X	X	6 /	9 /	X	X	5 4	X	3 1	X 3 2		
26	46	65	85	110	129	138	152	156	171		
150	125	80	100	150	50	50	50	50	50	855	57.00%
5 -	7 /	2 /	- 1	7 /	X	4 /	7 /	X	X 5 /		
5	17	19	20	40	60	77	97	122	142		
25	75	25	25	100	100	75	100	150	100	775	51.67%
X	3 /	2 /	X	3 2	7 /	6 /	9 /	5 4	8 / 3		
20	32	52	67	72	88	107	122	131	144		
100	75	100	50	25	85	85	25	25	25	595	39.67%

X	X	X
300		

## Josh Hyde Bowling



Josh Hyde Bowling is a company that is trying to recognize bowling as a sport in more ways than one. Back in April, I had the luxury of being honorary sponsor at the Elkhart Country Club Lanes Open. The Proprietor and Dave Claxton and myself came up with a sponsorship program with different bowling names such as; Be the Pro, The 900 Series, The Perfect Game, The 299 Game and The 7-10 Split levels. All of those names have a different dollar amount. The bowling industry needs to promote bowling better by using its own athletes, experts, and lingo with promoting itself outside of the bowling community. The Josh Hyde's Bowling newsletter is helping with this effort by use of the Strike column, the Spare column and the King Pin column. Again, the columns are bowling terms. JoshHyde-Bowling.com has the Gutter Column, The 300 Game and Lane Talk.

Josh Hyde Bowling has also done some amateur bowling tournament reports as well as professional tournament reports, back in 2009 I was given the opportunity to write a report on a tournament I had attended because the editor of the American bowler saw some of my work and liked it. It was a great day because I got the job of being a bowling writer.

As a kid I had a mock pro shop and a mock bowling ball

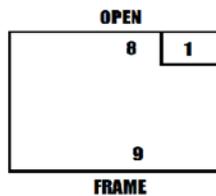
company little did I know that I would be doing my newsletter and website as a career. At the beginning of the 4th PBA WSOB, I decided to recap the 2012-2013 PBA Tour season and try to make a PBA Media Guide. Last summer I decided to do the same thing for the 50th anniversary of the Tournament of Champions. The PBA liked my PR Kit that they used it for the tournament.

The whole goal of Josh Hyde Bowling is showing that bowling is more than just birth-

day parties at a bowling alley or groups of casual Friday or Saturday bowlers just playing for fun, but instead is about serious amateur bowlers and veteran professional bowlers with a passion for a genuine sport.

Thank you for reading this whole season of the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

## IBMA Writing Competition



Two months ago, I received an email from Frenchy Letourneau, Chairman of the 2014-2015 IBMA Writing Competition Committee about receiving a special recognition award for doing the Josh Hyde's **2012-2013 PBA Media Guide**. The committee decided that the Media Guide needed

to be recognized as a special category. He also explained that there would be a press release early last month about the winners of the IBMA Writing Competition. On the 18th of May, I received an email from the IBMA announcing that I had won 1st and 2nd place in the Non-Professional Editorial category, 3rd place in the Non-Professional Newsletter category, as well as winning the Special Recognition award for the above-mentioned **PBA Media Guide**. For me, this is like winning my own Tournament of Champions!

Thank you, once again, for supporting me and the Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter.

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