



**At Left:**  
Ronnie Russell,  
2014 WSOB MVP.  
**At right:** Sean  
Rash leader with  
thirteen CRA ap-  
pearances at the  
WSOB



## Practice Pair

Hello, Bowling Fans!

Welcome to another edition of *Josh Hyde's Bowling Newsletter*. **Messenger** discusses the 2014 WSOB. The **Strike Column** analyzes the bowlers that have the most championship round appearances in the WSOB. The **Spare Column** highlights Eugene McCune twentieth career regional title. The **Tenth Frame** is about voting for the PBA Hall of Fame. There is a new column called the **Open Frame Column**. It features what is happening on [joshhydeb bowling.com](http://joshhydeb bowling.com). Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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

- Josh Hyde

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## Messenger

### 2014 WSOB Highlights

In the 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling, there were three bowlers that are making their first television debut: Anthony Pepe, Connor Pickford, and J.R. Raymond. Another history-making moment happened during the Cheetah Championship as Liz Johnson became the first female bowler to make multiple televised finals on the PBA Tour.

There were 93 different bowlers that cashed during the WSOB which is an increase of 4% (35% in 2013 vs. 39% in 2014). The tournament leader has averaged 226.76-243.03.

There were a total of 12 perfect

games during the sixth PBA World Series of Bowling.

Jason Belmonte held the honor of being the only player that cashed in all of the events. Ronnie Russell was the leader in making televised finals (3). Sean Rash beat Belmonte by earning his 13th career televised final. Mike Fagan and Sean Rash are the only two bowlers that have made televised finals in all six of the WSOB tournaments.

A record 6,324 Xtra Frame subscribers tuned in to the 2014 WSOB.

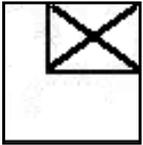
As bowling fans realize, many significant milestones have happened during the World Series of Bowling.

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### TELEVISION SCHEDULE WSOB VI

GEICO WSOB VI PBA CHEETAH CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY PBA BOWLING CHALLENGE MOBILE GAME	Sunday, December 14, 2014	1:00 PM ET	ESPN
GEICO WSOB VI PBA VIPER CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, December 21, 2014	1:00 PM ET	ESPN
GEICO WSOB VI PBA CHAMELEON CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, December 28, 2014	1:00 PM ET	ESPN
GEICO WSOB VI PBA SCORPION CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 4, 2015	1:00 PM ET	ESPN
GEICO WSOB VI PBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP	Sunday, January 11, 2015	1:00 PM ET	ESPN (LIVE)
GEICO WSOB VI PBA CHALLENGE PRESENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BOWLING MUSEUM AND HALL OF FAME	Sunday, January 18, 2015	3:00 PM ET	ESPN
GEICO WSOB VI WBT FINALS	Sunday, January 25, 2015	1:00 PM ET	ESPN



## Strike Column - CRA in the WSOB

The PBA World Series of Bowling is the best PBA tournament that the PBA has to offer. A number of history-making moments have happened at the WSOB. The first one was in Detroit, Michigan where Tom Smallwood went from being unemployed to being a PBA major champion. Many bowlers have earned their identities at the WSOB. Just recently, Sean Rash overtook Jason Belmonte as having thirteen championship round appearance. There have only been two players that have ten championship round appearances. These are Sean Rash and Jason Belmonte. Just three years ago, Sean Rash made every televised final at the WSOB. He really was on his game that week! Later he would become player of the year, even though Belmonte won three events at the WSOB.

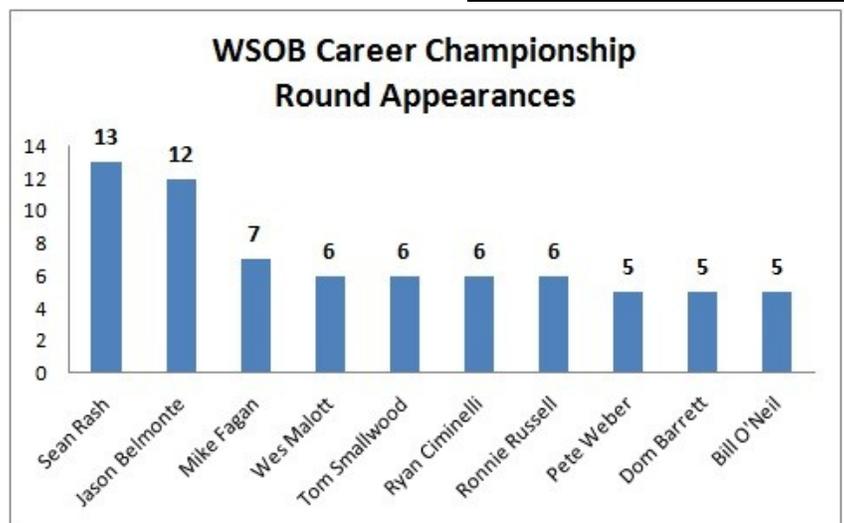
There have also been a number of great players that have multiple championship round appearances in the WSOB. These are some of the best players of today. Mike Fagan has seven CRAs in the WSOB. Another great player in the WSOB is Wes Malott who has six CRAs. The great Pete Weber has five CRAs in the WSOB. All of these players are the best bowlers on the PBA Tour.

There are a total of 32 players that have one or more championship round appearances in the WSOB. The PBA World Series of Bowling is the pinnacle bowling tournament in professional bowling. In years past, the WSOB MVP has made multiple CRAs in that years tournament. A record setting number of countries have been bowling in the PBA World Series of Bowling. The tournament has become where the best of the best compete on PBA Tour. It is crucial that a pro-bowler has an astonishing WSOB if he or she wishes to become a great bowler. In 2011, Chris Barnes made PBA history as he became the sixth bowler to complete the triple crown at the PBA World Championship. Parker Bohn III won his

second major at the 2013 PBA World Championship. Just last year Dom Barrett won his first major title at the PBA World Championship in the WSOB. Bill O'Neill has become one of the greatest bowlers of today. He won his first title in the very first WSOB. He has become one of the dominate pro-bowlers on the PBA tour today. Chris Barnes along with his World Championship has bowled a 300 in the Championship Round on a very challenging pattern.

There have been multiple bowlers that have bowled well in the PBA World Series of Bowling.

Bowler	No.
Sean Rash	13
Jason Belmonte	12
Mike Fagan	7
Wes Malott	6
Tom Smallwood	6
Ryan Ciminelli	6
Ronnie Russell	6
Pete Weber	5
Dom Barrett	5
Bill O'Neil	5
Stuart Williams	4
Osku Palermaa	4
Rhino Page	3
Norm Duke	3
Mike DeVaney	3
Mika Koivuniemi	3
Ildemaro Ruiz	3
Chris Barnes	3
Andres Gomez	3
Walter Ray Williams, Jr	2
Tommy Jones	2
Ryan Shafer	2
Parker Bohn III	2
Mike Scroggins	2
Martin Larsen	2
Josh Blanchard	2
Jason Couch	2
Jack Jurek	2
Dick Allen	2
Dan MacLelland	2
Brian Kretzer	2
Brad Angelo	2



## Moments in History

### Pencak's Amazing Run

Bowling fans might have expected Jim Pencak to be the next Earl Anthony, it all started when he won his first title at the 1989 La Mode Classic where he climbed the ladder to win.

In the 1990 PBA National/World Championship he would dominate by winning the first match thru the championship match. It was an amazing run. He would go on to win the next week having back-to-back titles. In this whole process he averaged almost 225, beating the best at that time, Dave Ferraro, Amleto Monacelli and Tony Westlake. Over this period of time he would end up winning 4 PBA tour titles, including one major. Earlier in 1989, he led the U.S. Open only to lose to Mike Aulby in the championship match. This really set the stage for his dominance on the PBA tour. Jim did not even get Player



of the Year after becoming the first 2 time and 3 time champion of that year. Amleto would go on to learn his 2nd consecutive Player of the Year. He would win a few weeks later at the Showboat Atlantic where he once again go through the field. His last winning match would be at the 1991 La Mode Classic, where two years prior his winning streak started. The last match he would only bowl a score of 210 while Dave Wodka could only muster a 162. What could have a been a long career

only lasted a brief 3 years but it was an amazing run for the PBA Tour record books.



Jim Pencak, winner of 16 straight televised games

## Breakpoint

### AFN to Air PBA Finals

The PBA announced that the American Forces Network (ANF) will be able to televise PBA bowling. This will allow people in the armed forces to watch PBA bowling in 175 world-wide locations. This programming will not cost AFN anything.

Andy Scott, AFN spokesman told the PBA, "Without the ongoing support of the PBA...our nation's troops would not be able to watch quality programming from home while serving their nation abroad."



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, the *Bowlers Journal* wrote about 10-time PBA Tour Champions. If a PBA member achieves this great accomplishment, their inclusion in the PBA Hall of Fame is guaranteed. All of the great players, like Walter Ray Williams, Jr.,

## 10-Time PBA Tour Champions

Earl Anthony, Pete Weber, Norm Duke, Parker Bohn III, and Mark Roth have all achieved this feat. There have only been 49 members of the PBA that have accomplished this milestone. That equates to 1.14% of the total PBA membership. *Bowlers Journal* also mentioned that three top bowlers had the chance to gain their 10th title going into the sixth WSOB: Wes Malott, Sean Rash, and Mike Scroggins. These bowlers are

among the best on the PBA Tour today.

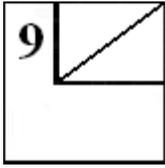
**Below:**  
43-time titlist,  
Earl Anthony.



**Below:**  
47-time titlist,  
Walter Ray Williams, Jr.



**There are 49 bowlers that have a total of 10 or more PBA Tour titles.**



## Spare Column

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

### McCune Wins 20th Title

There were a total of 56 entries in the Cheetah Classic at Pro Bowl West in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The scores were quite high as it took +229 by Jeff Grego and Tony Johnson. They had to have a 1 game roll off between Tony and Jeff. Tony defeated Jeff Grego 258 to 201. The last place cash spot was James Knoblauch with a score of +221. Eugene McCune led the qualifying round with a score of +332. It took a score of + 281 by Dave Fleming to receive a one round bye. The highest senior not cashing went to Harv Pallas who shot a score of +126. He would earn a \$160 for his efforts. It took a score of +221 to get the last cash spot by James Knoblauch.

In the first round of match play Jeremy Delcamp defeated Dale Traber 2 games to none. The second match Delcamp only won by one pin 226 to 225. A local bowler Doug Cutler defeated Ron Profit 2 games to one. Jeff Zaf-

fino defeated reigning PBA Rookie of the Year E.J. Tackett 2 games to one.

In the round of 8 Eugene McCune defeated Jeff Zaffino 2 games to 0. Anthony Kennard defeated Jeremy Delcamp 2 games to 0. Nathan Michalowski defeated local bowler Doug Cutler 2 games to one. That match was the only match that took three games. Dave Fleming would go on to defeat Carleton Chambers 2-0.

In the semi-finals Eugene McCune would defeat Dave Fleming 276 to 236. Both semi-finals were high scoring games as Nathan Michalowski ousted 268 to 187. This setup for the championship match saw McCune take on Michalowski to win his 20th career PBA regional title. He did it by bowling a perfect game to win his 20th career regional title the final score was McCune 300 over Michalowski's 233. He would also be the only bowler to bowl 2 perfect games in the tournament.

<u>Tournament Stats</u>	
7 Game Cash # +/-	James Knoblauch, +221
7 Game Cut # +/-	Tony Johnson (roll-off winner 258-201), +289
7 Game Cut # (1 RD Bye)	Dave Flemming, +281
7 Game Leader (1 RD Bye)	Eugene McCune, +332
7 Game High Senior	Harv Pallas, +126
300 Games	(2) Eugene McCune

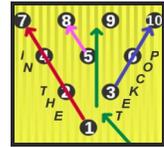
<u>Championship Round Statistics</u>
<b>High Game:</b> 300, Eugene McCune
<b>Low Game:</b> 187, Anthony Kennard
<b>High Match:</b> 300-233, McCune v. Michalowski
<b>Low Match:</b> 268-187, Michalowski v. Kennard
<b>Average Winning Game:</b> 281.33

Eugene McCune - 276	Eugene McCune - 300
Dave Fleming - 236	
Nathan Michalowski - 268	Nathan Michalowski - 233
Anthony Kennard - 187	



Eugene McCune

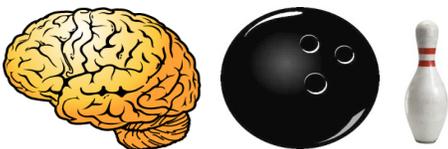
**Champion**



*A condensed Top 10 Moments that have happened in bowling history or on the PBA Tour*

## 2014 PBA World Series of Bowling

- 10.** 93 different players or 39% cashed. This is up from 2013 when 83 players or 35% cashed
- 9.** Liz Johnson became the first women to make multiple TV finals, 2014 Cheetah and 2004-05 Banquet Open
- 8.** Sean Rash tied Jason Belmonte for the most career WSOB Championship round appearances (14)
- 7.** Jason Belmonte is the only player to cash in all five events during the WSOB
- 6.** Wes Malott led the World Championship after a total of 52 games by 118 pins
- 5.** Walter Ray Williams Jr. had a final match game of 287 to vault him ahead of Pete Weber and onto the show
- 4.** Ronnie Russell made three championship rounds; Viper, Chameleon, and World Championship
- 3.** There were three bowlers who made their first championship round debut at the sixth WSOB
- 2.** Mike Fagan bowled a 300 game during the second round of the PBA World Championship
- 1.** Sean Rash bowled a perfect game in the PBA World Championship



### BOWLOLOGY

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

#### Ball Motion - Part I

Bowling ball motion is important for bowlers to understand so that they recognize what their ball is doing on the lane. There are 3 phases that the ball goes through before it hits the pins.

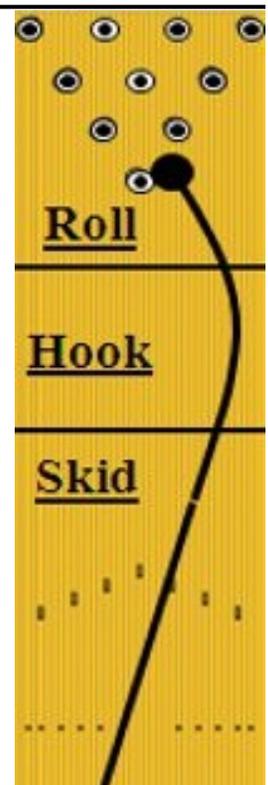
The first phase is called the skid phase. The characteristics of this phase are: ball speed is at its highest, the revolutions are at their lowest, and friction between the ball and the lane are

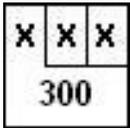
also at its lowest. In the second phase, which is known as the hook phase, the ball speed decreases, revolutions increase, and friction between the ball and the lane increases. The ball, in this phase, changes direction. Lastly, the final phase is called the roll phase. In the roll phase, the ball speed is at its lowest, revolutions are at their highest, and friction between the ball and the lane are at its maximum. At this point, it is rolling in a straight line therefore losing its hitting power.

There is a myth about the roll phase - that the ball rolls before it hooks. However, it has been proven through video research that the roll phase occurs after the hook phase.

Understanding ball motion will help bowlers understand what their ball is doing when it travels down the lane.

**At right:** The 3 phases of ball motion: skid, hook and roll.





## PBA Hall of Fame Voting Opportunity

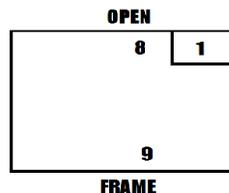
This year, I had the opportunity to vote for the PBA Hall of Fame inductees. It was a great honor. The PBA sent me the names of the nominees listing all of their bowling accomplishments. To me this was an excellent opportunity because I have always wanted to be a part of the PBA Hall of Fame in some shape or form. It meant that the PBA values my opinion and hard work over the past few years. The nominees that I had a chance to vote for Bryan Goebel, Steve Hoskins, Mike Scroggins, Pete Couture, and Bob Glass. The nominees were Pete Couture and Steve Hoskins. These two bowlers were the two very best bowlers that deserve this award.

Steve Hoskins was the Harry Golden Rookie of the Year in 1989. He bowled a 300 game on TV. He even won two majors which was the Bayer/Brunswick Touring Players Championship. By the fall of 1997 he would win two titles he probably could have been Player of the Year had he not broke his wrist after hitting a wall because a left a stone eight pin to lose the match in Tucson. Early in his career he would win his first two titles at the Quaker State Open. In 1994 he would defeat Pete Weber to earn second PBA Tour title.

Pete Couture would earn 9 PBA50 titles. He has a couple of records. One is the most money

earned the most money for one season on the PBA50 Tour. He also won the most titles in one season with a total of four, including the 1998 USBC Senior Masters. It did not stop there for Pete Couture as he had a total of five PBA Tour Titles . He had a stunning PBA Tour career. One of the greatest bowlers to throw a bowling ball.

These two players were my choices inducted into the PBA Hall of Fame for the class of 2015. I felt I had a really good case in favor of these two bowlers getting inducted into the 2015 PBA Hall of Fame.



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

### 2015 Tournament of Champions Media Kit

Over the latter half of the summer I designed a media kit for the 2015 Tournament of Champions to be held at Woodland Bowl (owned by Royal Pin Leisure Centers) in Indianapolis. I finally finished the project, near the end of September. I sent a draft copy to Tom Clark, PBA Commissioner. He said it was “awesome” and that the PBA would put the media kit on Twitter, Facebook, and PBA.com. They would also use it at the actual tournament. After the first of the year, the media kit will be available on JoshHydeBowling.com.

Bowling fans can expect a special edition of the Josh Hyde’s Bowling Newsletter along with the regular February edition of the newsletter. The special edition will be about the Tournament of Champions. I will be attending the 2015 TOC as well as the PBA Hall of Fame ceremony in Indianapolis. See more details in the January Newsletter and on JoshHydeBowling.com.



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